SPECIAL MEETING
ROSEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
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TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009
7:24 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor	John Chirkun
Councilpersons	Salvatore Aiuto
	Jan Haggerty
	Frank Maisano
	Colleen McCartney
	Bill Shoemaker

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Robert Taylor (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Manager	Stephen Truman
City Attorney	Tim Tomlinson
City Clerk	Richard Steenland

Mayor John Chirkun called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

1. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Terry Mergenthaler, 25801 Wiseman, is opposed to agenda item #2.

COUNCILMAN FRANK MAISANO moved, COUNCILWOMAN COLLEEN MCCARTNEY seconded to excuse absent Mayor Pro Tem Robert Taylor.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Presentation from MP Tool and Engineering Company regarding Renaissance Recovery Zone.

City Manager Stephen Truman explained that when the City receives this type of a request the petitioner must make a presentation to Council. Mr. Truman introduced Jim Ahee from the Macomb County Economic Development Department who appeared with MP Tool owners Longine & Lawrence Morawski and Margaret O'Reilly, consultant.

Mr. Ahee explained that in 1996 the Tool and Die Recovery Zone was introduced into legislation and created 25 recovery zones; ten were added this year. To qualify for a collaborative in the RRZ a business must lease or own the property, 75% of the business must consist of tool & die and must meet one of six codes set forth by North American International Classification System. Once a business is in a collaborative the business will participate with other businesses throughout the State of Michigan which will allow the businesses to work together to go after larger projects which the businesses cannot handle on their own. Taxes for an RRZ are abated for not less than five years and no longer than 15 years and at the end of the abatement taxes are phased back in at 25% increments. Businesses in an RRZ do not pay Michigan business taxes, state education taxes, personal property taxes, real property taxes and local income taxes; the school taxes are made whole by the State of Michigan.

Ms. O'Reilly explained that if this request is approved it will not impact the City's tax revenues for approximately one year.

Longine & Lawrence Morawski described the operations of their business and explained the reasons for their request and answered questions for Council.

Mr. Truman stated that he has toured this facility and invited Council to tour the facilities prior to making a decision on this item.

3. Discussion regarding Ordinance to amend Chapter 290, Article IV, to expand removal of sidewalk obstructions in all Zoning Districts of the City of Roseville, to provide time period in which to pay costs and expenses, to amend the appeal process, to provide for repealer, severability, and effective date.

City Manager Stephen Truman explained that, due to the number of vacant homes in the City, snow removal has become an issue. The City reviewed the procedure used by surrounding communities to address the snow removal.

City Attorney Tim Tomlinson explained that the proposed ordinance will allow the City to expand into residential districts for snow removal from sidewalks and the ordinance will allow unpaid bills to be added as a lien on the property.

Mr. Truman answered questions for Council about this item.

4. Discussion regarding Fire Hydrant Maintenance Program.

City Manager Stephen Truman discussed this item with Council. An incident in June prompted this issue; the Water Department attempted a new procedure where both the testing and repair crews were sent out to repair a fire hydrant. The testing crew will first come in and flush out a hydrant to diagnose any needed repairs; the repair crews will then make the repairs. On the occasion in June the repair crew

was working on a hydrant while the testing crew was testing another hydrant so two hydrants were open at the same time which created brown water in area homes. All hydrants are inspected within a three-year period to make sure that they are in working order and the inspection process was implemented to maintain the hydrants' working order. Mr. Truman would like to see the hydrant repair program to be completed in a two-year program.

5. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stephen Truman had the following to discuss:

a. Mr. Truman updated Council on the Macomb Mall SMART Bus stop. The parties have not come to an agreement yet; however, the Department of Public Works will collect the stray shopping carts in the bus stop area at the mall.
b. The City is in the process of obtaining shelter structures for the busier SMART bus stops in Roseville; SMART credits may be used to purchase the structures.
c. Council was provided with information about E-Gov Link which provides additional information to the residents about City services.
d. A code enforcement complaint about a property on Utica Road near 13 Mile Road was discussed.
e. Discussion about adding an audio link to include the audio recording of City Council meetings to the City webpage. City Clerk Richard Steenland explained that it will cost approximately $150 to set the audio link up on the webpage which will include Council, Special Council and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings. Council had no objection to proceeding with this item.

Council had no objections to placing the request from MP Tool and Engineering Company on the next Council agenda.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Tim Tomlinson discussed a proposed amendment to the City's resisting and obstructing arrest ordinance which was prompted by a recent court ruling.

Mr. Tomlinson discussed attorney fees for an attorney involved with the City's petition for the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System General Permit. The attorney who was originally retained by 14 local communities is now with a different law firm and is requesting that a new attorney/client fee agreement be executed by the City of Roseville and the other communities. Mr. Tomlinson recommended approval of this agreement. This will be placed before Council on the next agenda for approval.

7. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL

Councilwoman Colleen McCartney had nothing to discuss.

Mayor John Chirkun and Councilpersons Frank Maisano, Jan Haggerty, Bill Shoemaker and Salvatore Aiuto wished Councilwoman McCartney a Happy Birthday.

8. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN FRANK MAISANO moved, COUNCILWOMAN JAN HAGGERTY seconded that the agenda having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:36 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,
Richard M. Steenland, City Clerk