REGULAR MEETING
ROSEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

CIVIC CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS
29777 GRATIOT AVENUE
ROSEVILLE, MI 48066
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TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007

7 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor	Harold Haugh
Councilpersons	
	John Chirkun
	Jan Haggerty
	Bill Shoemaker
	Richard Steenland
	Robert Taylor

ABSENT: Salvatore Aiuto (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Manager	Stephen Truman
City Clerk	Rae Oldaugh
City Attorney	Tim Tomlinson

Mayor Harold Haugh called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMAN RICHARD STEENLAND moved, COUNCILMAN ROBERT TAYLOR seconded to excuse absent Councilman Salvatore Aiuto.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of retirement gift to Captain Charles Renner, Fire Department.

  Mayor Harold Haugh presented Fire Captain Charles Renner with a retirement gift.

I. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting held June 26, 2007.

COUNCILWOMAN JAN HAGGERTY moved, COUNCILMAN BILL SHOEMAKER seconded to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting held June 26, 2007.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2 Approval of Disbursement List.

COUNCILMAN ROBERT TAYLOR moved, COUNCILMAN BILL SHOEMAKER seconded to approve Disbursement List #1, voucher numbers 46043 through 46392.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

II. CORRESPONDENCE

City Clerk Rae Oldaugh received no correspondence.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

James Goldwater, 19346 Brandt, discussed agenda item #10.

City Attorney Tim Tomlinson explained that the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) is available to employees who hold at will positions and agree to the DROP in their employment agreements; the collective bargaining associations have discussed this option in negotiations. Mr. Tomlinson stated that the money an employee would receive in the form of a pension is invested into an annuity and the City does not pay into the retirement system for an employee in the DROP, the employee is also limited to the amount of interest that may be collected in the DROP. Any additional interest earned is collected by the City. The employee may draw the annuity at the same time as a pension when they leave employment with the City.

Terry Mergenthaler, 25801 Wiseman, discussed agenda items #8 and #10.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to block Dale Court between Hill Court and Dale Court on Saturday, July 14 from 1 p.m. until 11 p.m. to conduct a Block Party, Amy Coderre, petitioner.

Amy Coderre, 26322 Dale Ct, appeared to answer any questions Council may have.

COUNCILMAN RICHARD STEENLAND moved, COUNCILMAN ROBERT TAYLOR seconded to approve the request to block Dale Court between Hill Court and Dale Court on Saturday, July 14 from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. to conduct a Block Party.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Request to block LaSalle between 11 Mile Road and Wildwood on Saturday, July 21, with a rain date of July 22, from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. to conduct a Block Party, Sheilia Sniegur, petitioner.

Maria Lappin, 26811 LaSalle, appeared to answer any questions for Council.

COUNCILMAN BILL SHOEMAKER moved, COUNCILWOMAN JAN HAGGERTY seconded to approve the request to block LaSalle between 11 Mile Road and Wildwood on Saturday, July 21, with a rain date of July 22, from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. to conduct a Block Party.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Request to block Hazelwood between Pinewood and Collingwood on Saturday, July 28, from 12 p.m. until 11 p.m. to conduct a Block Party, Derrell Sloan, petitioner.

Carlo Badlamente, 18855 Hazelwood, appeared to answer questions for Council.

COUNCILWOMAN JAN HAGGERTY moved, COUNCILMAN ROBERT TAYLOR seconded to approve the request to block Hazelwood between Pinewood and Collingwood on Saturday, July 28, from 12 p.m. until 11 p.m. to conduct a Block Party.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Request to block Arlington between Frazho and Church on Saturday, July 28, from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. to conduct a Block Party, Wendy Carik, petitioner.

Wendy Carik, 25854 Arlington, appeared to answer questions for Council.

COUNCILMAN RICHARD STEENLAND moved, COUNCILMAN ROBERT TAYLOR seconded to approve the request to block Arlington between Frazho and Church on Saturday, July 28, from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. to conduct a Block Party.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Request to block Hollywood between Wellington and Northview on Saturday, August 4, rain date of August 11, from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. to conduct a Block Party, Eric Houvener, petitioner.

Eric Houvener, 28637 Hollywood, appeared to answer questions for Council.

COUNCILWOMAN JAN HAGGERTY moved, COUNCILMAN JOHN CHIRKUN seconded to approve the request to block Hollywood between Wellington and Northview on Saturday, August 4, rain date of August 11, from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. to conduct a Block Party.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Request adoption of Resolution and Abatement of Public Nuisance, parcel number 14-20-383-017, commonly known as 25102 Pearl, Nakia Emerson, owner of record.

City Attorney Tim Tomlinson explained that this home was damaged by a house fire in June 2005. The homeowner is currently involved in civil litigation over this matter and the mortgage company is uncooperative with the homeowner.

Councilman Richard Steenland asked City Attorney Tim Tomlinson what the time period is to resolve this issue. Mr. Tomlinson explained that the homeowners are cooperative, but this will have to proceed through Circuit Court due to the mortgage company being uncooperative.

COUNCILMAN RICHARD STEENLAND moved, COUNCILMAN JOHN CHIRKUN seconded to adopt the Resolution and Abatement of Public Nuisance, parcel number 14-20-383-017 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Building Director for the City of Roseville, Mr. Glenn Sexton, has determined that the property at the following location:

Lot 52, including the adjoining one-half of the vacated public alley at the rear thereof, Plat Macomb Gardens, according to the plat thereof as recorded in liber 3, page(s) 77 of Plats, Macomb County Records.

PP# 14-20-383-017

more commonly known as 25102 Pearl, Michigan has become and does present an immediate and continuous danger and hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Roseville, for the following described reasons: the house was damaged by fire on June 30, 2005; the owner has not taken any steps to repair or maintain the property; the grounds are overrun with tall grass and weeds; the property in its present condition poses a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the general public, and

WHEREAS, the Building Director has notified the owner, Nakia H. Emerson, of the above described property of the condition of the property and has demanded that same be corrected; and

WHEREAS, the owner has failed, refused and neglected to correct said violations and comply with building and health ordinances of the City of Roseville; and

WHEREAS, the existence of the above described property in its present condition is a present, immediate and continuous danger and hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Roseville, and must be abated and removed;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That the property at the afore described location for the afore described reasons is a present, immediate and continuous danger and hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Roseville, and said violations and dangerous conditions must be abated and removed.

2. That the afore described property be and is hereby declared a public nuisance, and it is hereby ordered that all code violations and dangerous conditions existing on said property be abated and removed.

3. That the Attorney for the City of Roseville and the Building Director for the City of Roseville are hereby authorized to commence all necessary actions to clean up the property pursuant to Section 203-9 of the Code for the City of Roseville, and abate said public nuisances; that all costs incurred by the City of Roseville to abate said nuisances, plus interest at seven (7%) percent per annum, shall become a lien for the benefit of the City of Roseville on all or part of the real property where the violations are located, and

such liens shall be of the same character and effect as created by the Roseville City Charter for taxes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Council consideration on adoption of Resolution from Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon of Michigan, Inc. to transfer all stock through merger in 2006 Class C Licensed business, located in escrow at 31450 Gratiot, Roseville, MI 48066, Macomb County, wherein Lone Star Finance, Inc. transfers 100 shares to new stockholder LSF5 Cactus, LLC.

Scott Edwards, 2855 Coolidge, Ste 203, Troy, appeared on behalf of the petitioner. Mr. Edwards explained that this resolution is required by the Liquor Control Commission in order to turn ownership of the license over to the landlord of the property as the restaurant in Roseville is closed.

City Attorney Tim Tomlinson had no objection to adopting this resolution.

COUNCILMAN RICHARD STEENLAND moved, COUNCILWOMAN JAN HAGGERTY seconded to adopt the Resolution from Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon of Michigan Inc to transfer all stock through merger in 2006 Class C Licensed business, located in escrow at 31450 Gratiot, Roseville, MI, 48066, Macomb County, wherein Lone Star Finance, Inc. transfers 100 shares to new stockholder LSF5 Cactus, LLC.

Councilman Richard Steenland asked Mr. Edwards if anyone was taking over the building; Mr. Edwards stated that nothing is going into the vacant building.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Request adoption of Resolution approving request from True Industries, Inc. to be established as a Tool & Die Renaissance Recovery Zone.

Al Aceves, UHY Advisors, appeared with Gary and Greg Kiesgen of True Industries. Gary Kiesgen stated that his company does business with over 50 businesses in the City of Roseville. Greg Kiesgen thanked Mayor and Council for hearing them this evening.

Councilman Richard Steenland asked the petitioners to explain what the collaborative is Greg Kiesgen stated that the collaborative is composed of businesses from other aspects of industry such as aerospace and defense. True Industries is a large capacity company in the collaborative. Smaller businesses participating in the collaborative may tap the resources of True Industries to complete their own work contracts.

Mr. Steenland asked City Manager Stephen Truman to explain the structure of the abated taxes. Mr. Truman explained that under the Tool and Die Recovery Act, Council may approve up to 15 years of tax abatement; the City administration recommends the five-year abatement. Mr. Truman explained the following scale for the five-year abatement on City taxes:

Year	Abatement Percentage	Approximate Amount
1 & 2	100%	$46,000 per year
3	75 %	$34,000
4	50%	$23,000
5	25%	$12,000

Mr. Truman stated that over the five-year period the amount of City taxes abated is $160,000.

Councilman John Chirkun asked Mr. Truman about the additions this business has put on their building and the amount of money they invested into the building. Mr. Truman responded that the additions to this business raised the assessed value of the property and the business did not ask for any type of abatement on the additions and the taxes are paid on the property.

Councilman Robert Taylor asked the petitioner how many employees the business has; Mr. Gary Kiesgan responded that approximately 52-54 people are employed for True Industries and seven are Roseville Residents.

COUNCILMAN RICHARD STEENLAND moved, COUNCILMAN ROBERT TAYLOR seconded to adopt the Resolution approving the request from True Industries, Inc. to be established as a Tool & Die Renaissance Recovery Zone as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Roseville desires to promote economic activity and maintain/increase the number of jobs available to residents of the area, and;

WHEREAS, certain industries in the state are facing difficult times and the tool and die industry, in particular, has sustained losses due to foreign competition and increased productivity, and;

WHEREAS, the designation of a Renaissance Recovery Zone will temporarily reduce the tax burden paid by the business enabling it to reposition itself to compete globally, and;

WHEREAS, the business has entered into a collaborative agreement with other business entities having the appropriate North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes, and;

WHEREAS, the qualified tool and die business property is properly leased or owned by a tool and die business and used primarily for tool and die operations, and;

WHEREAS, should the area be designated a Renaissance Recovery Zone, property within that zone will be exempt from taxes levied by the city, county, and other units of government as provided under this Act, and;

WHEREAS, we estimate that the tax revenue lost, which is estimated on the attached schedule, would be a small fraction of the benefits the designation of a Renaissance Recovery Zone will bring the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Roseville requests that the State of Michigan designate True Industries, Inc., Parcel Id# 14-18-101-012 and Personal Property Id# 860-15300-01, identified by the resolution a Renaissance Recovery Zone under Public Act 376 of 1996 for the duration of up to 5 years.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Harold Haugh wished True Industries good luck in the future and thanked the company for staying in Roseville.

9. Request awarding of bid for PFC Wetzel Boulevard & Memorial Drive Repaving.

City Manager Stephen Truman explained to Council that the Engineering Department prepared specifications and received seven bid quotations. Three bids were rejected because they were not typed; none of these bids were below the low bid. Mr. Truman explained that the low recommended bid was received from G.V. Cement Contracting Co., Inc. in the amount of

$197,976.00 and this company has completed satisfactory work for the engineering firm of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick in the past; therefore, Mr. Truman recommends the bid be awarded to G.V. Cement contracting Co. in the amount of $197,976.00. This bid meets all federal requirements due to the fact that this project is paid for by Community Development Block Grant funds and the bid is under the budgeted amount for the project.

COUNCILMAN RICHARD STEENLAND moved, COUNCILWOMAN JAN HAGGERTY seconded to accept the low recommended bid for PFC Wetzel Boulevard & Memorial Drive repaving from G.V. Cement Contracting Co. in the amount of $197,976.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Request to receive, file and approve the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for City Manager Stephen Truman.

Mayor Harold Haugh stated that the Retirement Board Attorney recommended that this item be placed on the agenda.

City Manager Stephen Truman stated that he accepts the DROP plan.

COUNCILMAN RICHARD STEENLAND moved, COUNCILMAN JOHN CHIRKUN seconded to approve the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for City Manager Stephen Truman.

Councilman Richard Steenland clarified with City Attorney Tim Tomlinson about city employees' eligibility in the DROP; Mr. Tomlinson explained again that the bargaining units would have to negotiate this item in a contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Appointments.

Mayor Harold Haugh had no appointments.

12. Reports of City Manager.

City Manager Stephen Truman reported that the 21st annual Handicapped Olympics will take place at the Roseville Recreation Center on Saturday, July 14 at 6 p.m.

Mayor Harold Haugh asked Mr. Truman if the residents are in any danger due to the staffing in the Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Truman responded that the staffing in these departments maintains the City's contractual obligation. The number of Police Officers and Firefighters remains the same as three years ago; the City is in the process of hiring new personnel in these two departments.

Councilman Bill Shoemaker mentioned that he has received complaints from citizens regarding the lighting of fireworks in residential areas. Mr. Truman stated that tickets were issued for firework violations and explained that the Police Department is aware of the problem; however, it is hard to pinpoint the person committing the firework offense without the cooperation of the neighbors.

Mayor Harold Haugh stated that he asked Mr. Truman and Police Chief Richard Heinz to draft a plan to handle the firework violations next year.

13. Reports of City Attorney.

City Attorney Tim Tomlinson had nothing to report.

V. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

James Goldwater, 19346 Brandt, discussed staffing in the Police and Fire Departments and discussed the DROP.

City Manager Stephen Truman explained that the City budgeted for the full number for firefighters and police officers and the same number are staffed in both departments as one year ago.

Mayor Harold Haugh and Mr. Truman discussed the DROP.

Mike Clover, 16279 12 Mile, thanked the following businesses for their donations to the Roseville Caring Klowns card party: Maloof, Applebee's, Bob Evans, Woodys, Acropole, Hooters, Comedy Castle, Master Car Wash, Rita's Salon, Tubby's, Apple Annie's, Travis on Harper and Gratiot, Nino Salvaggio, Outback Steak House, Honey Tree, National Coney Island, Great Clips, Jimmy Johns, Fantastic Sam's, Hungry Howie's, Quick and Clean Car Wash, Rosie's, Rebels Hair Salon, Quiznos, Ultimate Crystal, Lovers Lane, and Meijer. Mr. Clover thanked Mayor Haugh and Family, Karen Wojick, Ed Wojciechowski, Ruth Green and Councilwoman Jan Haggerty for their contributions to the card party. Mr. Clover extended kudos to the Recreation and Police Departments for their work on the fireworks.

Terry Mergenthaler, 25801 Wiseman, discussed contract negotiations and union concessions.

Steve Chilcutt, 29129 Elmwood, reminded everyone about the Special Olympics this weekend.

Terry Kinnaird, 19392 McKinnon, thanked Mayor Haugh and Mr. Truman for meeting with him a few weeks ago and discussed the actions and conduct of Code Enforcement Officers.

Mayor Harold Haugh stated that he will not discuss personnel issues at a council meeting, all personnel issues go through Mr. Truman.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Robert Taylor congratulated Fire Captain Charles Renner on his retirement, congratulated the Roseville and St. Clair Shores Police Departments for their work on a recent car jacking where they apprehended the suspect.

Councilman Bill Shoemaker congratulated Captain Renner on his retirement and commented about the 5th annual "Praise in the Park."

Councilwoman Jan Haggerty congratulated Captain Renner on his retirement and announced that St Donald's Church will host a blood drive on Monday, August 6, and wished all the block party participants good luck on their parties.

Councilman John Chirkun wished Captain Renner good luck on his retirement and announced that on August 8, the 29th Annual Handicap Fishing Derby will take place at Island Harbor Marina in St. Clair Shores.

Councilman Richard Steenland asked City Manager Stephen Truman what the City's policy is regarding complaints against city employees. Mr. Truman sated that the complaint is given to the head of the department or to Mr. Truman and is followed up on at that point.

Mayor Harold Haugh announced the East Pointe Lions Club will host their Summer Fest August 23, 24 & 25 at Kennedy Park to benefit Leader Dogs for the Blind and read a letter he received from Village Square Cooperative regarding a hostage situation where the Roseville Police Department SWAT team helped resolve the crisis. Mr. Haugh commented on Praise in the Park.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN JOHN CHIRKUN moved, COUNCILWOMAN JAN HAGGERTY seconded that the agenda having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:14 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,
RAE A. OLDAUGH, City Clerk

Please Note: A cassette tape of this meeting is on file in the City Clerk's Office for further information.