

FERNDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 25, 2013

A Meeting of the Ferndale City Council was held Monday, November 25, 2013 at City Hall, 300 East Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, Michigan. Mayor Coulter called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmember Galloway, Councilmember Martin, and Mayor Coulter.

Absent: Councilmember Lennon, and Councilmember Piana.

Moved by Councilmember Martin, supported by Councilmember Galloway to excuse the absences of Council Member Piana due to a work conflict and Council Member Lennon due to illness.

AYES: Councilmember Galloway, Councilmember Martin, and Mayor Coulter.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Galloway, supported by Councilmember Martin to approve the agenda as submitted.

AYES: Councilmember Galloway, Councilmember Martin, and Mayor Coulter.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION

No representative of the school district was in attendance.

B. Resolutions of Congratulations for Capt. Theut & Lt. Makowski

Mayor Coulter read Resolutions congratulating Capt. John Theut & Lt. Ronald Makowski on their graduation from the Eastern Michigan University's Fire Staff and Command Program.

C. Downtown Development Authority

Chris Hughes, Communications and Marketing Manager, provided an update on upcoming activities in Ferndale's downtown, and reported on the success of the past weekend's Holiday Hoofs and FestivALE event.

County Commissioner Helene Zack

Commissioner Zack reported on SEMCOG's walking and biking plan and left comment cards for residents to complete; announced regional transportation plan meetings next week for input on routing; and noted information on rat abatement is posted on the Human Services Department page of the County's website.

5. PUBLIC HEARING**A. Amendment: Redevelopment Liquor License - Black Owl, LLC at 345 E. 9 Mile Rd.**

Mayor Coulter opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Stephanie Brock, Vester, was opposed to the proposal because of the adverse effect it would have on existing parking and congestion problems on Vester. Scott Myrick and Thom Bloom, owners, noted they have 36

parking spots on-site and a parking agreement with Credit Union One for after hours parking, for a total of 68 parking spaces.

Karen Plants, Vester, opposed the proposed location because of existing noise and traffic congestion.

Chief Collins agreed Vester is a narrow street with parking on both sides which contributes to congested traffic conditions. He indicated his department will be monitoring traffic patterns to determine if the proposed use will impact traffic.

City Manager Lynch pointed out that the establishment has free parking on-site plus at Credit Union One after business hours.

Greg Pawlica asked how the parking lots will be monitored, and Mr. Myrick indicated parking policies are being considered.

There being no further comments, Mayor Coulter closed the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Martin, supported by Councilmember Galloway to approve recommending to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission approval of the request from Black Owl, LLC, for an on-premises redevelopment liquor license, under MCL 436.1521a(1)(b), to be located at 345 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, Oakland County, Michigan, above all others.

AYES: Councilmember Galloway, Councilmember Martin, and Mayor Coulter.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CALL TO AUDIENCE

Debra Young was unhappy about inconsistent traffic enforcement in the residential parking zone on W. Troy Street and therefore opposed paying for a residential parking pass. Chief Collins indicated his department will increase enforcement.

Karen Plants voiced concerns that police officers are not actively patrolling streets while on duty.

Paul Kisch commented favorably on a recent meeting with City Manager Lynch.

Matt Ruzzin, W. Oakridge, registered a complaint that the City billed him for use of over 7,000 gallons of water during a 2-day period when he and his partner were out of town. City Manager Lynch indicated the situation would be further investigated.

Robert Wittenberg, Berkley Holiday Parade Committee, issued an open invitation to attend the December 7, 2013 event.

Greg Pawlica thanked Chief Collins and the Police Department for allowing him to do a ride-along with Sgt. Ptak; and asked if the City would consider free parking on small business Saturday.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 12, 2013, as submitted by City Clerk
- B. Adoption of Resolution of support for the Move to Amend campaign to call for an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish Corporate Personhood and the doctrine of Money as Speech, as submitted by Council Member Galloway.

- C. Approval of Transportation Alternative Program Contract #13-5580 between City of Ferndale and MDOT for sign and pavement marking work along Livernois, from 8 Mile to 9 Mile, and authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract, as submitted by Community and Economic Development Director
- D. Approval of the bills and payrolls as submitted by the City Manager's Office subject to review by the Council Finance Committee

Moved by Councilmember Martin, supported by Councilmember Galloway to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

AYES: Councilmember Galloway, Councilmember Martin, and Mayor Coulter.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED

8. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration to recommend Alyssa Atkinson as a candidate for the Ferndale Youth Assistance Board

Moved by Councilmember Martin, supported by Councilmember Galloway to approve the recommendation of Alyssa Atkinson as a candidate for the Ferndale Youth Assistance Board.

AYES: Councilmember Galloway, Councilmember Martin, and Mayor Coulter.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED

- B. Consideration of Second Amendment to Royal Oak Township Fire Protection Agreement

Moved by Councilmember Galloway, supported by Councilmember Martin to approve a contract amount of \$265,301.88 for Fire Protection Services with Royal Oak Township through June 30, 2013, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Second Amendment to the Fire Protection Agreement between the City of Ferndale and the Township of Royal Oak.

AYES: Councilmember Galloway, Councilmember Martin, and Mayor Coulter.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED

- C. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Travel for Council Member-elect Pawlica

Moved by Councilmember Galloway, supported by Councilmember Martin to approve the Resolution Authorizing Travel for Council Member-elect Pawlica to attend the Michigan Municipal League's (MML) "Newly Elected Officials Training" on December 17 2013 in Huntington Woods, MI, and the MML's "Elected Officials Academy Core Weekender" on February 7-8, 2014, in Frankenmuth MI on behalf of the City of Ferndale.

AYES: Councilmember Galloway, Councilmember Martin, and Mayor Coulter.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED

- D. Consideration to amend meeting schedule for December

Moved by Councilmember Martin, supported by Councilmember Galloway to approve cancellation of both December 9 and December 23, 2013 Council meetings and replace with a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. on December 16 and a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on December 16, 2013 to meet City Charter requirements.

This amendment of the Rules of Procedure is consistent with Section VIII. Paragraph 2, Amendment of Rules and shall be effective upon approval by a majority vote of Council.

AYES: Councilmember Galloway, Councilmember Martin, and Mayor Coulter.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED

E. [Consideration to schedule an Alley Vacation Public Hearing for the December 16, 2013 Council Meeting](#)

Moved by Councilmember Martin, supported by Councilmember Galloway to approve scheduling a Public Hearing for the Ferndale City Council Meeting of December 16, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., to be held at 300 E. Nine Mile Road, relative to vacating those portions of the alley described as: approximately 273 feet of the 15' wide east-west alley in the block bound by Channing Street (platted as Evelyn Avenue) to the north, West End Street to the east, Silman Street (platted as Maxlow Avenue) to the south, and Wanda Avenue to the west.

AYES: Councilmember Galloway, Councilmember Martin, and Mayor Coulter.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED

9. [CALL TO COUNCIL](#)

CED Director Delacourt encouraged residents to review the draft transportation plan.

DPW Director Cureton indicated leaf pickup will continue on the east side next week, the west side the first week of December, and as-needed from that point forward.

CINO Gacioch announced free parking on Thursday and Friday; and reported the City will launch a Quick Zone Parking pilot project next Wednesday, consisting of 16 spots reserved for free 30-minute parking for the purpose of patrons making quick errands.

City Manager Lynch announced a Rapid Transit meeting on December 11; noted the adjusted December City Council meeting schedule; and indicated City Hall will be closed on November 28 in observation of Thanksgiving.

Council Member Martin promoted the 80th Anniversary of the End of Prohibition fundraiser for Goodfellows on Saturday, December 7.

Council Member Galloway encouraged residents to shop local; and wished all a happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Coulter asked for resident feedback on changing Council's meeting time to 7:00 p.m. next year.

10. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

There being no further business, Mayor Coulter adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

David Coulter, Mayor

J. Cherilynn Brown, City Clerk