

**CITY OF MONROE
COUNCIL JOINT WORK SESSION
WITH CITIZEN PLANNING COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008**

Joint Work Session of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan and the Citizen Planning Commission held on Monday, January 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Council Members Beneteau, Clark, Conner, McGhee, Molenda, Paisley and Mayor Worrell.
Commissioners Buick, Caldwell, Cawood, Gartz, Livernois, McGhee, and Smith.

Also Present: George Brown, City Manager
Edward Sell, Finance Director
Joseph Lehmann, Building Official
Jeff Green, Historic Preservation Planner
Nancy Bellaire, Monroe County Library System
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Cindy Green, Monroe County Library System
William Sweat, Director of ALCC
Doug Wimple, Director, Monroe Multi Sports Complex
Connie Ochs, Director of Wastewater
Barry LaRoy, Director of Water/Utilities/Recreation
Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering and Planning
William Bert, Fire Chief
Clem Hess, Fire Department
Derek Whittaker, Fire Department
Joe Mominee, Fire Department
Marvin Hicks, Fire Department

The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the proposed FY 2008-2009 Capital Improvements Program Budget.

Joseph Lehmann, Building Official, discussed projects including the City Hall Masonry Tuck Pointing/Sealing and Improvements of the Ramp/Courtyard at City Hall.

Nancy Bellaire, Monroe County Library System, asked for funding for the final phase of the Dorsch Library Renovation project.

William Sweat, Director of the ALCC, explained that they are asking to fund the Weight Room/Cardio Vascular Room Expansion and Replacement of the Terrace Concrete.

Doug Wimple, Monroe Multi Sports Complex, discussed two projects: replacement of Desiccant "Munters" Wheel and the replacement of Heating Coils in the Snow Pit.

Connie Ochs, Director of Wastewater, presented projects which include the replacement of the Lift Station Vehicle, replacement of the HVAC Unit and the ongoing maintenance of Sanitary Sewers.

George Brown, City Manager, asked for funding for the Clerk-Treasurer's Office to continue with the document imaging process (Laserfiche).

Council took a break at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

Paul Livernois, Vice Chairperson, Citizen Planning Commission, reported on projects that the Citizen Planning Commission feels are of importance including Beautification of the City Gateways, Truck Signage on I-75, Development of the Marina Area, Razing of selected/condemned Homes around the City, Tree Planting on the South Bank of the River - Water Filtration Plant, enforcement of Truck Traffic on Monroe Street, Lights on the Bike Path, a Connector to Stewart Road (Frenchman's Bend) and more flowers in the downtown area.

Barry LaRoy, Director of Water and Utilities, talked about the following Water Distribution System Improvements: Campus Place Water Main replacement, East Eighth Street Water Main Installation, West Lorain Street Water Main Replacement, West Third Street Water Main Replacement. He also discussed the following Water Filtration Division Projects: the Clarifier #3 Dome Repairs, Pretreatment 1 & 2 Roof Replacement and the Water Treatment Plant Automation Project. He also reported on the following Recreation Department Project: access to the Recreation Sensory Path at Veteran's Park.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering, talked about the following street projects: East Front Street Reconstruction & Removal of south lane, Harbor Avenue Reconstruction, West Third Street Resurfacing & Curbs, Macomb Street Bridge Analysis and Rehabilitation, CSX Rail Underpass Feasibility/Environmental Studies, East Eighth Street Reconstruction, Campus Place Reconstruction, and Hollywood Drive Reconstruction. He also discussed the 2008 ADA Ramp Program, the 2008 Sidewalk Replacement Program, Park Accessibility Improvements, East Elm Avenue Bicycle Path, Storm Sewer Replacement Program, Cappuccilli Park Improvements, Downtown Brick Paver Replacement, Mason Run Drain Fencing and City Gateway Improvements.

William Bert, Fire Chief, requested funding for the following projects: Ambulance Replacement, Insulation of the Exposed Central Station Steel Structure, Replacement of the Current Chief Vehicle, Replacement of the SCBA Compressor, Replacement of the Central Fire Station Roof and Floor Drain, Remodeling of the Central Station Kitchen, #3 Station Column Repair, #2 Station Walk Replacement, and #3 Station Roof Repair.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Loretta M. Hopson
City Clerk-Treasurer

Mark G. Worrell
Mayor