

**CITY OF MONROE
COUNCIL JOINT WORK SESSION
WITH THE PORT COMMISSION
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008**

Joint Work Session of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan and the Port Commission held on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Port of Monroe.

Present: Council Members Beneteau, Clark, Conner, McGhee, Molenda, Paisley and Mayor Worrell.
Port Commission Members Krzyston, Brose, Wineland, Miller and Soncrant.

Also Present: George Brown, City Manager
Ed Sell, Finance Director
Tom Russow, Attorney, Braunlich, Russow, Braunlich, Port Commission
Pam Stanley, Economic Development Director, Port of Monroe
John Emig, Engineer, Port of Monroe
Steve Kulponowski, Geologist, Port of Monroe
Scott Davidson, Director of Public Services, Airport Manager
Richard Micka, citizen

John Emig, Port Engineer, gave a history of the Port. He explained that the Port started assembling land in the 1930's with the ultimate purpose being industrial development.

Tom Russow, Port Attorney, talked about the organization of the Port stating that it is the only port in the state of Michigan that continues to be organized under the Port District Act. He explained that over the decades there have been numerous projects that the Port, the city, the Brownfield Authority and other agencies have worked on together for the benefit of the whole community. Discussion was held regarding the Battlefield Site, Custer Airport, the United Furniture Building and Monroe Recycling.

Pam Stanley, Economic Development Director, discussed her role at the Port as an advocate and resource for business development and expansion and to provide and strengthen the economic base in the city through job creation and new investment in the community.

It was moved by Port Commission Member Wineland and seconded by Commission Member Soncrant that the Port Commission's portion of the meeting adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council took a break at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

Council reviewed a budget proposal from John Michrina, Police Chief, and discussed the Fire Department's budget. Council again maintained its consensus that the budget be balanced without using budget stabilization funds.

It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilman Clark that the meeting adjourn at 10:38 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Charles D. Evans
City Clerk-Treasurer

Mark G. Worrell
Mayor