

**CITY OF MONROE
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2011**

Work Session of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 6:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Council Members Hensley, Paisley (arrived 6:55 p.m.), Bica, Molenda, Conner, Beneteau and Mayor Clark.

Also Present: Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services
Ed Sell, Finance Director
Molly Lumperd-Coy, DTE Energy
Tracy Palm, Executive Director of the Arthur Lesow Community Center, ALCC
Tonya Dickerson, Activities Director
Willie Hall, President, ALCC Board of Directors

Mayor Clark explained that there are two items to cover this evening and the first item is a report back from Council Member Conner regarding nuclear spent fuel.

Council Member Conner handed out information that she obtained while attending a National League of Cities meeting regarding spent nuclear fuel management and repository. She gave a brief synopsis of the information covered at the meeting and specifically the engaging of communities surrounding the repositories.

Molly Lumperd-Coy, DTE Energy explained that the dry cast storage mechanism is steel incased in steel and concrete for the nuclear spent fuel but that they would like to see a central repository because the dry cast storage was an interim device. She said the long term solution is for the Government to make good on its commitment to take ownership of the fuel and have a central repository. She explained that DTE Energy, along with other utilities, are suing the federal government for not taking ownership of their spent fuel on behalf of their customers.

After discussion, Mayor Clark said the next item will be to review some of the issues and capital improvement projects at the ALCC building and to have updates on the programming at the ALCC.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services gave a general overview of the facilities study from August 2009. He commented about the projects that have been completed and listed the crucial improvements.

Tracy Palm, Executive Director of the ALCC talked about the new programs that are being implemented and current programming that is being expanded. She expressed concern about the lack of space at the ALCC and how they're working with the school system to use space Lincoln school. She explained that she is hoping to raise \$60,000-\$70,000 by applying for grants, having campaigns and fundraisers, and through deep resource development.

Tonya Dickerson, Activities Director ALCC talked about the tutoring/mentoring program and how they plan to expand the program to infants/toddlers and by involving the parents of those children.

Willie Hall, President, ALCC Board of Directors explained that the boxing program instills discipline in the participants. He said that since Tracy Palm has been with ALCC she has brought the programming to a level that the Board has always hoped for and that he appreciates everything she has done for the center.

Mayor Clark asked Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services to update Council regarding the Arbor Avenue alleyway.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services gave a report to Council regarding the viable options to address the problem with water drainage on Arbor Avenue and the alleyway and how the project might be funded.

It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilman Molenda that the meeting adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passed.

Sharon C. Malotky
Deputy City Clerk

Robert E. Clark
Mayor