

CITY OF MONROE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Council Member Iacoangeli, Vining, Molenda, Rafko, Hensley and Mayor Clark.

Excused: Council Member Sisk.

Michelle J. LaVoy, City Clerk-Treasurer gave the invocation.

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comments – Not Related to an Agenda Item.

Bill LaVoy, 225 Maywood Avenue, State Representative updated Council on an expected mailing regarding road funding.

Adam Yeager, 1833 South Custer Road commented on sewer inspections.

Council Action.

21. This item was postponed at the February 17 Council Meeting.

Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting proposed Ordinance No. 15-002, an Ordinance to add Chapter 448, Neighborhood Enterprise Zones to the Code of the City of Monroe. It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that proposed Ordinance No. 15-002, an ordinance to add Chapter 448, Neighborhood Enterprise Zone to the Code of the City of Monroe be postponed until the March 2 Council Meeting.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Molenda that item 21 be placed on the floor for discussion.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried

Dan Swallow, Director of Economic & Community Development gave a brief explanation regarding the significance of a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone, why the item was postponed and brought back to Council and why he would like the item to be postponed again.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Rafko that item 21 be postponed until the March 16 Council Meeting.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

27. This item was postponed at the February 17 Council Meeting.

The communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting a request from the Monroe County Convention & Tourism Bureau to reserve dates in 2015 for upcoming Events / Festivals, and recommending that Council approve only the dates of the events with full approvals of the events, be subject to policy, timely submission of event planning

details, staff reviews, street closure action by Council and approvals of city financial and logistical support. It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Sisk that item 27 be postponed until the March 2 Council Meeting.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 27 be placed on the floor for discussion.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Member Iacoangeli noted that there are a couple of items in the communication that relate to other items in the Consent Agenda and suggested that the item be tabled until the end of the agenda.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 27 be tabled and reconsidered at the end of the Agenda.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

37. This item was postponed at the February 17 Council Meeting.

Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Monroe County Convention & Tourism Bureau for permission to hold the annual River Raisin Jazz Festival at St. Mary's Park on August 6 – 9, 2015, to close Elm Avenue from Borgess Avenue to North Monroe Street, and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon passage of the 2015 budget and inclusion of the funding for the event, items being met as outlined by the administration, and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons. It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 37 be postponed until the March 2 Council Meeting.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 37 be placed on the floor for discussion.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Member Molenda explained that he moved to postpone this item in order to give staff time for staff to review the request and report back to Council and to see if they were comfortable about proceeding in a manner in which they've been accustomed to in providing for this particular event. He asked that someone provide an opinion on their findings.

George Brown, City Manager explained that each year, since 2006, the city enters into an agreement with the Monroe County Convention Tourism Bureau to coordinate this event and cited the specific areas of the contract that the city handles each year.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 37 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda. (All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by Mayor and Council and may be approved by one motion. Any item may be removed for separate discussion by a Council Member or citizen.)

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$1,632,921.09.

Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

38. Relay for Life of Monroe – Banner Request.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Relay for Life of Monroe for permission to display a banner across Monroe Street from May 8 – June 8, 2015, announcing the Monroe Relay for Life on June 6 – 7, 2015, and recommending that the request be approved subject to qualifications outlined in the banner policy.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

39. Turtle Island Dream Keepers Native American Organization – Banner Request.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Turtle Island Dream Keepers Native American Organization for permission to display a banner across Monroe Street from June 8 – 29, 2015, announcing the Native American Traditional Pow Wow on June 27-28, 2015, at Monroe County Community College, and recommending that the request be approved subject to qualifications outlined in the banner policy.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

40. VFW Memorial Day Parade.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the VFW Memorial Day Parade Committee for permission to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2015, beginning at 2:00 p.m., to close the affected streets, and hold a brief ceremony on the bridge and to waive all permits and fees, and recommending that Council approve this request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to insurance requirements being met, parade permit, and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

41. Monroe/Lenawee AFL-CIO Labor Day Parade.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Monroe/Lenawee AFL-CIO Labor Day Parade Committee for permission to hold the annual Labor Day Parade on September 5, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. and to close the affected streets, to use St. Mary's Park, pavilion and bandshell for a post parade event from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., including a concert, food vendors and a beverage tent with alcohol and soft drinks, and recommending that the Mayor and City Council approve the request by the Monroe Lenawee AFL/CIO to use St. Mary's Park for a post parade event, pending council's written consent to allow alcoholic beverages, the applicant receiving a special license from the State of Michigan, subject to insurance requirements being met (liquor liability insurance naming the city as an additional insured on each), and that the AFL-CIO pay half (1/2) the City's extra out-of-pocket cost to provide logistics and public safety support for the post event ( $\$522.06 \div 50\% = \$261.03$ ), and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.

If you choose to approve the parade request from the Monroe Lenawee AFL/CIO, it is recommended that you include in your motion that the parade request is approved, contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to insurance requirements being met (general liability insurance naming the city as an additional insured), parade permit, and that the AFL/CIO pay half (1/2) the City extra out-of-pocket

cost to provide logistics and public safety support for the parade ( $\$1,856.10 + \$1,283.75 = \$3,139.85 \div 50\% = \underline{\$1,569.93}$ ), and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.

2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

42. Monroe County Convention & Tourism Bureau Labor Day BBQ Festival & Labor Day Parade.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Monroe County Convention & Tourism Bureau for permission to hold the 9<sup>th</sup> annual River Raisin Labor Day BBQ Festival along with the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Labor Day Parade on September 5, 2015, to close the affected streets from 12 noon – 10:00 p.m. for the BBQ festival and to close Monroe Street from Jones Avenue to Elm Avenue, ending at St Mary's Park, with assistance from the City for the parade at 10:00 a.m., and recommending that the Mayor and City Council approve the BBQ festival downtown, contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to insurance requirements being met, and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons. If you choose to approve the parade request from the Monroe County Convention and Visitors Bureau, it is recommended that you include in your motion that the parade request is approved, contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to insurance requirements being met, parade permit, emergency vehicle access being maintained, that the MCCTB pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the City's out of pocket cost to hold the parade ( $\$1,856.10 + \$1,283.75 = \$3,139.85 \div 50\% = \underline{\$1,569.93}$ ), and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Rafko that item 38, 39 and 40 of the Consent Agenda be approved as presented and that item 41 and 42 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

41. The communication from the City Manager's Office was presented, reporting back on a request from the Monroe/Lenawee AFL-CIO Labor Day Parade Committee for permission to hold the annual Labor Day Parade on September 5, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. and to close the affected streets, to use St. Mary's Park, pavilion and bandshell for a post parade event from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., including a concert, food vendors and a beverage tent with alcohol and soft drinks, and recommending that the Mayor and City Council approve the request by the Monroe Lenawee AFL/CIO to use St. Mary's Park for a post parade event, pending council's written consent to allow alcoholic beverages, the applicant receiving a special license from the State of Michigan, subject to insurance requirements being met (liquor liability insurance naming the city as an additional insured on each), and that the AFL-CIO pay half (1/2) the City's extra out-of-pocket cost to provide logistics and public safety support for the post event ( $\$522.06 \div 50\% = \$261.03$ ), and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.

If you choose to approve the parade request from the Monroe/Lenawee AFL/CIO, it is recommended that you include in your motion that the parade request is approved, contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to insurance requirements being met (general liability insurance naming the city as an additional insured), parade permit, and that the AFL/CIO pay half (1/2) the City extra out-of-pocket cost to provide logistics and public safety support for the parade ( $\$1,856.10 + \$1,283.75 = \$3,139.85 \div 50\% = \underline{\$1,569.93}$ ), and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 41 be accepted, place on file and the recommendation carried out, subject to all cost recommendations outlined by the City Manager.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

42. The communication from the City Manager's Office was presented, reporting back on a request from the Monroe County Convention & Tourism Bureau for permission to hold the 9<sup>th</sup> annual River Raisin Labor Day BBQ Festival along with the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Labor Day Parade on September 5, 2015, to close the affected streets from 12 noon – 10:00 p.m. for the BBQ festival and to close Monroe Street from Jones Avenue to Elm Avenue, ending at St Mary's Park, with assistance from the City for the parade at 10:00 a.m., and recommending that the Mayor and City Council approve the BBQ festival downtown, contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to insurance requirements being met, and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons. If you choose to approve the parade request from the Monroe County Convention and Visitors Bureau, it is recommended that you include in your motion that the parade request is approved, contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to insurance requirements being met, parade permit, emergency vehicle access being maintained, that the MCCTB pay ½ of the City's out of pocket cost to hold the parade ( $\$1,856.10 + \$1,283.75 = \$3,139.85 \div 50\% = \underline{\$1,569.93}$ ), and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Rafko that the application to hold the Labor Day BBQ Festival (**only**) be approved, subject to cost recommendations pertinent to the festival only.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

#### Council Comments.

Council Member Rafko wished everyone happy spring.

#### Mayor Comments.

Mayor Clark recognized students who were in attendance from MCCC, asked them to raise their hand and then to stand. He explained why the students were at the meeting.

Council Member Iacoangeli noted that Council needs to reconsider item 27 which was tabled at the beginning of the meeting.

27. This item was postponed at the February 17 Council Meeting.

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It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Molenda that item 27 be taken from the table for discussion.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Vining that item 27 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 (Council Member Molenda)

Motion carried.

Mayor Clark commented about Council Agenda items that are postponed and tabled, the recent SEMCOG meeting, Council Budget Work Sessions and National Reading Day.

#### Clerk-Treasurer Comments.

Michelle J. LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer commented on absentee ballot applications and the new Accela software that will be used to create Council agendas and minutes.

Mayor Clark announced there will be a Visioning Improvement Session at Monroe News, 20 West First Street on Thursday, March 12 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### Citizen Comments.

Lee Sharpe, 411 Ypsilanti Street, Dundee, President of Monroe/Lenawee AFL-CIO Central Labor Council thanked Council for their action on the request from the AFL-CIO tonight.

#### Closed Executive Session.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Vining that Council convene to Closed Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining at 8:08 p.m.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Hensley and seconded by Council Member Iacoangeli that Council reconvene to open session at 8:59 p.m.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

#### Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Rafko that the meeting adjourn at 8:59 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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Michelle J. LaVoy  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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Robert E. Clark  
Mayor