

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2007**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Mulvany led in the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Bruno, Clark, Mulvany, Naeyaert, Preadmore, Waltz, Whipple
Also present: Martin Colburn, City Administrator
Kathy Revels, Finance Director/Treasurer
Dennis McGinty, City Attorney
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: June 18, 2007

The Minutes of June 18, 2007 were approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION by Bruno, second by Whipple,
to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$356,603.23 as submitted.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application to Michigan State Housing Development Authority Downtown Façade Program

Phil Birdsall, DDA Executive Director, spoke regarding the proposed application to Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) for a façade grant for the Dancer buildings located at 108 W. Maple Street. One requirement of the grant procedure is a public hearing held by the city, as the city is technically the grant recipient. He stated that local residents intend to purchase the buildings to create a movie theater that will employ four full time equivalent employees. Eligibility for this type of grant is based on job creation, with \$20,000 for each job to be created, which sets the grant request at no more than \$80,000, with a 50% match. Both agencies require some local government infusion of money, which would come in the form of an additional façade grant from the DDA.

Clark opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Birdsall submitted two letters he received in support of the project from Teresa Wren and Anita and Bill Cornish.

Jane Miles of 448 High Point Drive stated support for the proposed theater and suggested showing art films.

Franklin Campbell of 227 E. Cherry stated support for the proposed theater. He asked if the grant could be used for the interior as well as the façade.

Barbara Van Dyke of 706 Randolph Street stated support of the proposed movie theater, as well as the suggested art films.

Clark closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2007-36 – Resolution Concurring With The Provisions Of Amendments To A Brownfield Plan That Relates To Property Located Within The City Of Mason To Be Approved By The Ingham County Board Of Commissioners For The Ingham County Land Bank Authority

Sue Pigg, Ingham County Economic Development Corporation Director, informed Council regarding the Land Bank Authority.

Resolution No. 2007-36 was introduced by Mulvany and seconded by Bruno.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2007-36
July 2, 2007**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Mason held on Monday, July 2, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the City of Mason, City Hall, 201 West Ash Street, Mason, Michigan, the following resolution was introduced:

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act"), has established the Ingham County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority ("ICBRA") to facilitate the cleanup and redevelopment of Brownfields within Ingham County's Communities; and

WHEREAS, certain vacant properties located as follows:
West Columbia Street, Tax Parcel Identification Number 33-19-10-05-342-007, West Ash Street, Tax Parcel Identification Number 33-19-10-08-106-001, and West Sycamore Street, Tax Parcel Identification Number 33-19-10-08-228-003 (the "Property") are within the County of Ingham and the City of Mason and are Eligible Property as that term is defined under Michigan's Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act because they are owned or under the control of the Ingham County Land Bank Authority; and

WHEREAS, a Brownfield redevelopment plan for the Ingham County Land Bank Authority Redevelopment Project (the "Plan") was approved by the Ingham County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority on June 8, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the ICBRA, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 13 of the Act, recommend that the Ingham County Board of commissioners approve the proposed Plan to be carried out within Ingham County relating to the redevelopment of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County board of Commissioners will take up the Plan at their June 26, 2007 board meeting and set a public hearing for their July 24, 2007 board meeting and take action to approve said plan thereupon; and

WHEREAS, following appropriate notice to the public, the City Council of the City of Mason considered the matter during a regular meeting on Monday, July 2, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with respect to the Property located within the City of Mason, the City Council has reviewed the plan and hereby concurs with the provisions of the Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council consents to the approval of the Plan by the Ingham County Board of commissioners and the implementation of the Plan by the Ingham County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should any section, clause or phrase of this Resolution be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole nor any part thereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2007-37 – Approval of Purchase of Police Cruisers to Replace Cars No. 84 and 85
Resolution No. 2007-37 was introduced by Bruno and seconded by Mulvany.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2007-37
APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF POLICE CRUISER NUMBERS 84 and 85
July 2, 2007**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Mason to schedule the replacement of vehicles within the motor vehicle pool; and

WHEREAS, the scheduled replacement of Police Cruiser Numbers 84 and 85 was planned for in the approved Fiscal Year 2007 - 2008 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason City Council does hereby approve the purchase of two (2) Chevrolet 2008 Impala police cars for \$34,967.80 from Shaheen Chevrolet.
RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2007-38 – Mayoral Appointment to Planning Commission
Resolution No. 2007-38 was introduced by Mulvany and seconded by Bruno.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2007-38
MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
July 2, 2007**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Mayor, with confirmation by the City Council, does hereby appoint **Jon Droscha** to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Michael Waltz, which term does expire December 31, 2007.
RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion – Acceptance of Warranty Deeds

MOTION by Mulvany, second by Preadmore, to accept the warranty deeds with the five year revision clause listed in the legal description.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Preadmore informed the Council that he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Mason First Church of the Nazarene Community Student Center held on June 24. Pastor Mark Rigg told the crowd that the Center is a gift to the community as it will be open to all and serve the Mason area. Preadmore stated that he thinks it is a very worthy project and feels compelled to make a donation to their building fund and challenged others to do the same. He encouraged fellow council members to contribute to the project as well.

Clark informed the Council that he, Mulvany, and Waltz attended the CP Federal Credit Union groundbreaking ceremony June 28. The staff is very excited about being in the Mason community and this is the first branch outside of Jackson that they have built. It was expressed that they chose Mason because of its family centered character.

NEW BUSINESS

Naeyaert inquired as to the procedure for filling the position of Planning Commission Chairperson. Colburn stated that there will be an election and the current Vice Chair would open the meeting.

Mulvany expressed concern regarding plans to revise the Master Plan in the near future due to the work load of staff with the current water treatment plant and city hall/police department projects. He suggested postponing it for a few years.

CORRESPONDENCE

Distributed.

Discussion was held regarding disbandment of the Cable Commission; it will be included with the goals and objectives for next year.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mulvany informed Council regarding Historic District Commission business.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed the Council regarding current city business including the annual July 4th fireworks, the postponement of the fire truck delivery due to waiting for a light bar, the Palmer Playground order for equipment and benches and the sanitary interceptor project. Colburn was asked to provide an update regarding code enforcement, particularly the 229 E. Maple Street property and recouping court costs. He informed them of the progress with the property owner and deadlines as well as other issues.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Leon Clark, Mayor