

CITY OF WOODHAVEN
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2015

Regular City Council Meeting of April 21, 2015 held at Woodhaven City Hall, 21869 West Road, Woodhaven, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Patricia Odette

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Odette, Mayor Pro-tem Sharon Bono-Beaton, Council Members, Chris Papineau, Darrel Penix, Don Belcher, Randy Odette, Dan Duderstadt

ALSO PRESENT: Kristie Keene, City Clerk, Jeff Harris, City Administrator, Vince Price, Police Chief, Jan Sikes, Fire Chief, Tim Rooney, Interim Recreation Director, John Hennessey, Hennessey Engineers, Tim Neighbors, Director of Public Service and Water

15-046 Moved by Papineau, seconded by Councilman Randy Odette, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

- A. City Council Members Excused Absences.
- B. Approval of Study Session Meeting minutes of April 7, 2015.
- C. Approval of Council Meeting minutes of April 7, 2015.
- D. General Fund Obligations in the amount of \$155,348.50 be approved for payment.
- E. Major Highway Fund Obligations in the amount of \$794.96 be approved for payment.
- F. Local Highway Fund Obligations in the amount of \$129.00 be approved for payment.
- G. Street Paving Fund Obligations in the amount of \$1,270.00 be approved for payment.
- H. Community Activity Fund Obligations in the amount of \$230.00 be approved for payment.
- I. Garbage and Rubbish Fund Obligations in the amount of \$ 6,464.26 be approved for payment.
- J. Building Department Fund Obligations in the amount of \$6,522.00 be approved for payment.
- K. Police Department Forfeiture Fund Obligations in the amount of \$4,083.15 be approved for payment.
- L. Water and Sewer Fund Obligations in the amount of \$4,267.14 be approved for payment.
- M. Motor Pool Fund Obligations in the amount of \$953.46 be approved for payment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Ryan Moore, Executive Director from The Senior Alliance, gave a brief overview of the services they have provided to the residents of Woodhaven.

15-047 Moved by Mayor Odette, seconded by Bono-Beaton, the following resolution was offered:

**SUPPORT OF T.I.G.E.R. GRANT BY WAYNE COUNTY
ROAD COMMISSION FOR GRADE SEPARATION ON ALLEN RD**

WHEREAS, the City of Woodhaven, a Downriver community in Wayne County whose total population exceeds 12,500, has joined in an effort to improve local government and enhance the quality of life for area residents through municipal cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodhaven fully supports the construction of a grade separation on Allen Road under the Canadian National Rail line in the County of Wayne and fully supports Wayne County Road Commission's submission of a Department of Transportation National Infrastructure Investments Grant (referred to as T.I.G.E.R. Discretionary Grants) application for the above project; and

WHEREAS, delays at the crossing have a negative impact on jobs and commerce of the area; Ford and Chrysler operate major assembly operations in the area and one of the largest consumer shopping districts in the area with over 1.6 million sq/ft. of retail space; and

WHEREAS, 16-18 trains up to 10,000 ft. in length pass daily on their way into Canadian National's largest Train Yard in the Metro Detroit Area, which causes commerce delays up to 45 minutes per train crossing; and

WHEREAS, Allen Road is the first major arterial road east of I-75 (109,000 vehicles travel I-75 daily), and Allen Road is used as an Emergency/Alternate route when accidents or construction affect/close the freeway; and

WHEREAS, there are over 29,000 vehicles a day that travel on Allen Road, which serves as a major north-south community road, and has a major impact on the residents in the area; delays at the crossing have a negative impact on jobs and commerce of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Life & Safety of Downriver area residents is greatly impacted by the train crossing in getting to the area's only Level 2 Trauma Hospital; and

WHEREAS, there have been 6 fatalities and 74 injuries and 175 accidents on that section of Allen Road in Woodhaven over the past several years; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Woodhaven fully supports the application of the Wayne County Road Commission to the United States Department of Transportation for a T.I.G.E.R. Discretionary Grant for the above referenced project, and strongly recommends approval of that application for the Economic, Safety, Environmental, and Quality of Life improvements that project would provide and is aware the City of Woodhaven and its Downtown Development Authority will share in the cost of and will cost approximately 2.25 million dollars from those agencies.

AYES: Mayor Odette, Penix, Belcher, Papineau, Duderstadt, Councilman Randy Odette, Bono-Beaton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

15-048 Moved by Penix, seconded by Papineau to extend the METRO Act Right of Way Permit Agreement between the City of Woodhaven and Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan term to expire on June 30, 2020. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Update on City Projects and Future Development:

- The old Shell Gas Station and Office Building on the corner of West Road and Hall Road have been demolished and a new Gas Station, Hardees and Convenience Store will be starting construction soon.
- The construction has started for the out lot buildings in front of the old Kmart, Panera Bread will be moving into one of the buildings as well as Massage Green, T-Mobile and Pure Sleep.

Mayor Patricia Odette adjourned the Woodhaven City Council Meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor, Patricia Odette

Kristie Keene, City Clerk