

City of Northville
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2016

Mayor Roth called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m. in the City of Northville Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

Mayor Roth read a statement advising that the City Council meeting was being recorded for rebroadcast on the City's website. By remaining present at this meeting, this was consent to have your voice and image recorded and posted on the City's website.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Ken Roth, Mayor Pro Tem James Allen, Councilmembers Nancy Darga, Sam Ekong, and Marilyn Price

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Patrick Sullivan, City Clerk Dianne Massa, Director of Public Works James Gallogly, and three citizens

PRESENTATIONS

A. Citizens Comments

Paul and Maria Johnston, 600 High Street, spoke of the on-going matter of the deterioration of High Street; their attempts to have Buchner Hill and MountainView condominium associations honor the terms of the agreement to vacate High Street; attempts by the condominium associations to have High Street residents enter into an agreement to share High Street maintenance costs; concern that this matter will lead to litigation that will include the City; and a request for the City Council to send correspondence to the condominium associations to encourage them to honor the terms of the vacation agreement. The residents would prefer a community solution versus a litigious solution.

Larry Parks, 632 N. Center Street, requested that City Council consider the need for a marked pedestrian crossing on N. Center Street, across from Kroger. Pedestrians have a difficult time crossing mid-block. A mid-block pedestrian crossing would force vehicles to stop for and yield to pedestrians. The mid-block crosswalk would also help school children at Hillside Middle School. There is a need for a safe way to cross N. Center Street mid-block. It was suggested the crosswalk be located at Lake Street and connect to Kroger via the placement of a concrete apron on the west side of the street.

Comments from City Council and Staff noted that this request was received a couple of days ago. Staff has forwarded the request to the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA) and the Police Chief for its review and recommendation. Mid-block cross walks have a mixed safety message. Concern was voiced regarding the lack of traffic control devices that would stop traffic; the crosswalk creating a false

expectation of security, especially where children are involved. A separate comment suggested the need for a calming device at the Kroger parking lot to assist with erratic driver behavior at the Kroger parking lot entrance/exits.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Darga, seconded by Allen to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented:

Approve City Council Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting of July 5, 2016

Receive Bills List:

- Checks #99545 to #99651

Receive Board and Commission Minutes: None

Receive Departmental Reports: None

Board and Commission Appointments:

- Board of Zoning Appeals: Appoint Alternates Michelle Aniol and John Callahan to Regular members, with term expiration of 7/1/19

- Board of Zoning Appeals: Appoint Douglas Bingham as an Alternate member to fill a vacancy with a term expiration of 7/1/18

Special Event Request / Ford Field Festival / August 19-20, 2016

Special Event Request / Chamber of Commerce Beer Garden / Buy Michigan Now Festival / August 5-7, 2016

Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Mayor and Council Communications

Darga had questions pertaining to the Ford Field Food Festival and its impact on Mill Race Village. It was responded that MRV is aware of the event and had previously blocked out this weekend from their event schedule. The Ford Field rental policies do not take effect until the 2017 season. Further questions pertained to the logistics of the Buy Michigan Now Beer Tent.

B. Staff Communications None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment: 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Massa, CMC
City Clerk

Ken Roth
Mayor

Approved as submitted: 8/1/2016