

**CITY OF SOUTH LYON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 24, 2012**

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
Mayor Wallace led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

PRESENT: Mayor Wallace
Council Members: Dixon, Kivell, Kopkowski, Kramer, Rzyzi, and Wedell
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Wilhelm
City Clerk/Treasurer Zemke
Department Heads: Collins, Kennedy, and Martin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CM 9-1-12 - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wedell, supported by Dixon

To approve the agenda as presented

VOTE: **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Kivell stated that for the August 13, 2012 minutes, he would like to add that the Mayor concurred with his comment regarding ~~approval~~ [the content](#) of the minutes.

CM 9-2-12 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 13, 2012

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer

To approve the August 13, 2012 minutes as corrected

VOTE: **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CM 9-3-12 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 13, 2012

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer

To approve the September 10, 2012 minutes as presented

VOTE: **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Carl Richards of 390 Lennox stated that he understands that the new pet store, Pets Supplies Plus will have live animals. He also discussed the old Rosey's Childcare building which will be hosting a new business which will be a positive thing for the community

Ms. Lori Moser, City Bookkeeper, stated that she would like to recognize the South Lyon Junior League and the baseball field project in McHattie Park. She stated that the project came in under budget. She further stated that she would like to see other projects of this type take place.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading

Chief Kennedy stated that the first reading was held at the last meeting and it remains as originally presented.

CM 9-4-12 – SECOND READING – FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

Motion by Kramer, supported by Wedell

To approve the second reading and adoption of an amendment to City of South Lyon Ordinance, Chapter 46, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article V, Fireworks Control, repealing existing Division 1, Sections 46-121 through 46-140, and existing Division 2, Sections 46-141 through 46-150, in their entirety and adopting a New Article V, Fireworks Control, Sections 46-121 through 46-127, in Chapter 46 of the City of South Lyon Code of Ordinances

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2010-2011 Audit Presentation

Brian Camillar, Senior Manager from Plante Moran stated that the City has again received an unqualified opinion. On a report card, that would be an A. Furthermore, there were no significant deficiency. Mr. Camillar stated that Les Pulver, Audit Partner sends his regards, but he was unable to attend the meeting.

Manju Patnaik of Plante Moran presented and discussed a set of graphs including General Fund Revenue Trend, timing of property tax decreases, taxable value versus State Equalized Value, revenue sharing payment history and estimates. General Fund expenditures. General Fund Fund Balance, net assets, and water and sewer fund.

Mr. Camillar discussed the fund balance and the ability to withstand the last 4-5 years, which is remarkable.

Mr. Camillar discussed the management letter. He stated that they did not have to assess any significant deficiencies

Councilman Kramer questioned the pension fund being 2.6 million under funded. Mr. Camillar stated that the City contributes 100%, but over time, the calculated liability is 2.6 million, it will catch up to present value.

Councilman Wedell discussed page 13 regarding the investment income.

CM 9-5-12 – ACCEPTANCE AUDIT – FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kopkowski

To accept the audit from Plante & Moran for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Homecoming Parade

Mayor Wallace stated that this is the 2nd using this route. He described the route.

Council Member Kopkowski stated that it is sad that they have to use that route. The school is not in an area conducive to having a parade. It is much more remote. Possibly we can invite them to town.

Councilman Kivell stated that there will come a time when those subdivisions are developed.

CM 9-6-12 – APPROVAL OF ROAD CLOSURE – HOMECOMING PARADE

Motion by Kramer. supported by Kivell

Resolved That Julie Zemke, City Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized to make application to the Road Commission for Oakland County on behalf of the City of South Lyon in the County of Oakland, Michigan for the necessary permit to conduct the South Lyon High School Homecoming Parade on September 28, 2012 between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and the related street closures:

N. Mill Street from Lake St. to Kestrel Ridge, Kestrel Ridge from N. Mill Street to Eagle Heights, Eagle Heights from Kestrel Ridge to Eleven Mile Rd., Eleven Mile Rd. from Martindale to Pontiac Trail.

And that the City of South Lyon in the County of Oakland, Michigan will faithfully fulfill all permit requirements, and shall save harmless, indemnify, defend, and represent the Board against any and all claims for bodily injury or property damage, or any other claim arising out of or related to operations authorized by such permits as issued.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. MML Convention – Designation of voting delegate

It was stated that as of this date, the Mayor will be the only one attending.

CM 9-7-12 – APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE – MML CONVENTION

Motion by Wedell. supported by Rvzvi

To appoint Mayor Wallace as the voting delegate at the MML Convention

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Medical Insurance

City Manager Murphy stated that the third leg of the EVIP requires that municipalities have a plan to have the employees share the cost of medical benefits with the employer on an 80/20 split. We are able to exempt the City from this requirement until January 1, 2014. Council did approve this last year as well for current year.

CM 9-8-12 – MEDICAL INSURANCE

Motion by Kivell. supported by Rvzvi

To approve exempting the City of South Lyon from the requirements of Public Act 165 until January 1, 2014

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

5. WWTP – Purchase of Work Boats

Superintendent Martin stated that we have many things that we address at the plant. One of the main things is the maintenance of air lines of the 1.8 million gallon aerated basin, which is 16 foot deep. The diffusers need to be maintained and cleaned on a regular basis. During a recent inspection with the safety officer

from MML Worker's Comp it was discussed that we should look at a safer method than we currently use, which is using a 16' flat bottom boat, where we have to lean over the side for the repairs. We found a custom made, flat-bottom boat called Bio-Barge which floats above the diffusers and lifts it to a level surface where it can be maintained at a safe level. We found a local manufacturer who will construct a similar work-barge with the help of the tube mill at a cost of \$8,670 as opposed to the Bio-Barge including shipping would be \$10,940. He further discussed having repairs done by an outside company, which would cost over \$6,000 per visit.

Councilman Kramer asked if we went to the manufacturer would we get a warranty. Superintendent Martin stated that it would not. Superintendent Martin stated that he would look into the issue,

Superintendent Martin stated that this seemed like a good fit.

Councilman Kivell asked if we looked at MMRMA for financial assistance. City Manager Murphy stated that they will not cover Worker's Comp issues.

Councilman Wedell asked if we replicate the design, are we going to interfere with any patent issues. Superintendent Martin stated that he does not feel that we would.

CM 9-9-12 – APPROVAL OF PURCHASE – WORK BARGE

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Dixon

To approve the purchase of Work Barge from Mac's Marina at a cost of \$8,670

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. WWTP – Purchase of a Sewer Camera

Superintendent Martin stated that one of the many things that DPW does is maintenance and cleaning of sewer lines within the City, not only vacuuming them or jetting them. The camera helps us a lot. The last camera we purchased was approximately 14 years ago. We budgeted this unit, and it is now a DVD. We received 3 bids with the low bid from Jack Doherty Supplies in the amount of \$9,000. However we have received a grant from MMRMA for 50% of the cost. With the grant, our cost will be \$4,500 yet we budgeted \$11,000. He is recommending Council accept the bid from Jack Doherty

CM 9-10-12 – APPROVAL OF PURCHASE – SEWER CAMERA

Motion by Kramer, supported by Wedell

To approve the purchase of a 200' Insight Vision Vu Tek camera from Jack Doherty Supplies, Inc. in the amount of \$9,000 (with \$4,500 coming from a RAP grant from MMRMA)

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MANAGER REPORT:

City Manager Murphy stated that MERS, with the help of the City Attorney will help guide us through MERS break away from them and go to a defined contribution rather than a defined benefit.

Councilman Kivell discussed handling engineering in-house. He stated that he would like to move forward with investigating possibly working with Novi.

City Manager Murphy stated that Well #4 is in need of repair. The Tube Mill has put aside \$30,000 for this project as well. They are being a good neighbor.

Councilman Kramer stated that there was an article in the South Lyon Herald regarding a survey that will be taking place about the community needs for recreation. There will be links from the community websites.

Councilman Kivell stated that they still need for volunteers for Pumpkinfest.

Councilman Kivell questioned the traffic counters that have been out out. It was stated that MDOT is in town.

Councilman Kivell questioned water loss and asked if there are standards. Superintendent Martin stated that we try and safe guard this as much as possible. City Manager Murphy stated that he has always been told that the average is between 9-13%

Council Member Kopkowski stated that the update from the City Attorney was very helpful. Attorney Wilhelm stated that they will be doing this on a monthly basis.

Councilman Rzyzi stated he noticed that the Parks & Recreation survey did not have a general comments section

Council Member Rzyzi stated that this meeting ended on a good note with the grants. Very positive.

Mavor Wallace stated that the Pumpkinfest Parade is this Saturday September 27th followed by the Annual Pumpkinfest festivities.

Mavor Wallace asked that the lights downtown be adjusted.

Mayor Wallace stated that it is nice to see the whole area coming together (Recreation) with the survey.

ADJOURNMENT:

CM 9-11-12 ADJOURNMENT

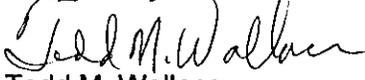
Motion by Kopkowski. supported by Kramer

To adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,


Tedd M. Wallace 10-20-12
Mavor

Julie C. Zemke
City Clerk/Treasurer