

Joint City Council and Planning Commission Meeting

September 29, 2010

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Wallace led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Wallace  
Council Members: Kivell, Kopkowski, Kramer, Morelli, Selden and Wedell  
City Manager Murphy  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer Lynch  
Chairperson Weipert  
Planning Commissioners: Bradley, Culbertson, Lanam, Leimbach, and Chaundry  
ABSENT: Commissioners: Kurtzweil, Chubb, and Mosier

Chairperson Weipert stated Kurtzweil, Chubb and Mosier are all excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Murphy stated there is some confusion regarding the North Parking lot and he would like that added to the agenda.

Mayor Wallace stated Council would like to remove the Blight issue from the agenda.

CM 9-1-10 REMOVAL OF BLIGHT FROM AGENDA

Motion by Kivell, supported by Selden

To remove the blight issue from the Agenda

VOTE: 6 YAY  
1 NAY

Discussion was held regarding why Council wanted the blight issue removed from the Agenda.  
Discussion was held regarding why the blight issue needs to be added back to the agenda.

CM 9-2-10 MOTION TO ADD BLIGHT ISSUE BACK TO THE AGENDA

Motion by Morelli, supported by Selden

To add back the discussion of blight to the agenda

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

1. Use of North Parking lot

Mayor Wallace stated we need to give the Pumpkinfest Committee permission to use the north public parking lot for the Pumpkinfest celebration.

CM 9-3-10 MOTION TO APPROVE USE OF NORTH PARKING LOT

Motion by Morelli, supported by Kramer

To permit the use of the north parking lot by the Pumpkinfest Committee on October 2, 2010

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1a. Approval of Road Closure for Homecoming parade

Chief Collins stated the new application for the Homecoming Parade is for the same route and time it has been the last 12 years.

CM 9-4-10 – APPROVAL OF ROAD CLOSURE

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer

Resolve 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 Homecoming Parade on October 15, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. and the related street closures:

- Nine Mile Road from Millennium Middle School to Pontiac Trail
- Pontiac Trail from Nine Mile Road to University Drive
- University Drive from Pontiac Trail to Oxford Street
- Oxford Street from University Drive to Cambridge Drive
- Cambridge Drive from Oxford Street to McMunn Street
- McMunn Street from Cambridge Drive to W. Liberty Street
- W. Liberty Street from McMunn Street to Warren Street
- Warren Street from W. Liberty to Bartlett Elementary

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

2. Medical Marijuana

Attorney Lee stated it is his suggestion to Council to hold off on anything to do with the medical Marijuana issue. He further stated we currently have a moratorium and he suggests to leave it as it is, and after that is up, to re-issue another moratorium for another 180 days to see what is happening at that time with the other cities. Attorney Lee stated he will keep the Council updated on any new information regarding this issue. Some discussion was held regarding the current medical marijuana law.

## 2. Blight

Commissioner Weipert stated the planning commission feels there is a need for a registry of all the vacant homes in the City. Something that is on file so the City could contact the property owners when there is a problem with blight. City Manager Murphy stated there is a way for Julie the City Clerk to find out through the County who is the owner of the property. Councilman Kramer stated the problem is the ownership or the mortgage company changes hands so many times, it would be hard to know who owned it at that time. He further stated it would be hard to enforce it. Councilman Kramer stated it is an enforcement issue. Councilman Morelli stated we already have the ordinances on the books, but we aren't enforcing them. We don't have the manpower to do it at this point in time. Discussion was held regarding gaining access to the inside of the homes. Attorney Lee stated you would have to go through the courts to gain access to the inside. Discussion was held regarding having a registry of foreclosures.

Commissioner Weipert stated Kristen has been doing some research on what other municipalities include in their ordinances. They include some things that we don't, and the planning commission would like to add some to our ordinances. She further stated they are suggesting to Council we may need to add some additional language in the current ordinances. Councilman Kramer stated we have no one to enforce the blight issues right now. We don't have an ordinance enforcement officer. Discussion was held the regarding not having the manpower to do ordinance enforcement or the money to hire a code enforcement officer. Discussion was held regarding having a list of all the blight ordinances throughout the city code onto one list. Discussion was held regarding what is considered blight and what is just considered unsightly.

### CM9-5-10 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Culberston, supported by Kramer

To adjourn meeting at 8:50 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Tedd Wallace  
Mayor

Lisa Lynch  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer