

CITY OF SOUTH LYON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 23, 2009

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

PRESENT: Mayor Doyle  
Council Members: Kivell, Kopkowski, Maida, Morelli, Selden and Wedell  
City Manager Murphy  
Attorney Lee  
City Clerk/Treasurer Zemke  
Department Heads: Collins, Renwick and Martin

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Wedell stated that on page 9 where we talked about Bella Luna, he would like to add liquor license.

**CM 2-1-09- APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

Motion by Kivell supported by Maida

To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2009 as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**CM 2-2-09 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Selden, supported by Wedell

To approve the agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CITIZENS SUGGESTIONS:**

State Representative Hugh Crawford stated that it is a great pleasure to represent South Lyon and the rest of the District in the 95<sup>th</sup> legislature. He requested a picture of City Hall as well anything else Council feels is significant in South Lyon that he could display prominently in his office in Lansing. Representative Crawford stated that he would also like to recognize Ron and Michael Morelli for their tremendous effort on the Biggest Loser. He presented both Ron Morelli and Michael Morelli a tribute signed by himself, Senator Cassis, and Governor Granholm congratulating them for representing their community with pride, honor and respect as a contestant on the Biggest Loser. He stated that he feels that they are not the biggest losers, but rather the biggest winners.

Mayor Doyle also read the following proclamations:

**Be It Proclaimed:**

**Whereas**, Ronald Morelli has displayed hard work and dedication in all aspects of his life; and

**Whereas**, Ronald Morelli, in an effort to improve his health and the health of his son, participated in the program "Biggest Loser"; and

**Whereas**, Ronald Morelli has been an outstanding public servant, serving on the City of South Lyon Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and City Council; and

**Whereas**, Ronald Morelli has competed with integrity and honor and represented the City of South Lyon in a very positive manner to the country and the world;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JOHN DOYLE, JR.**, Mayor of the City of South Lyon, and on behalf of the South Lyon City Council, do hereby honor and acknowledge the achievements of Ronald Morelli.

**Be It Proclaimed:**

**Whereas**, Michael Morelli has displayed hard work and dedication in all aspects of his life; and

**Whereas**, Michael Morelli, in an effort to improve his health and the health of his father, participated in the program "Biggest Loser"; and

**Whereas**, Michael Morelli has demonstrated commitment as a student to learning and higher education; and

**Whereas**, Michael Morelli has competed with integrity and honor and represented the City of South Lyon in a very positive manner to the country and the world;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JOHN DOYLE, JR.**, Mayor of the City of South Lyon, and on behalf of the South Lyon City Council, do hereby honor and acknowledge the achievements of Michael Morelli.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Withdrawal Letter from Tom Turner, Spurt Industries, LLC

Mayor Doyle stated that we received a letter from Spurt Industries withdrawing their proposal. Council will need to accept that letter.

Ms. Erica Wilson of 952 S. Parkwood and Parks and Recreation Commissioner stated that the Commission held a meeting in January where the proposal was put forth. During that meeting they voiced their concerns, and concerns of residents were also voiced. She stated that she is disappointed with the chain of communications. During the January 26<sup>th</sup> Council meetings, the concerns were brought up again by her during public comment, but no mention by the City Manager. She further discussed the leaf collection that the City dumps at the park as well as other items such as appliances, etc. She stated she would like that dumping stopped.

Mr. T.J. Connelly of 22286 Brookfield Drive stated that residents need to pay more attention to what is on Council's agenda. He discussed public perception of civil service and elected officials. He stated that a large percentage may see the Council as trying to push something through. While Council would say that is not true, one could suspect that Council, with the exception of Council Member Kopkowski, tried to get this done quickly and under the radar by not giving necessary time to review the contract and not notifying our border communities that this could affect them. He stated that Council acted lawfully, but did they act ethically. He thanked Council for the retraction and Mr. Turner's letter of withdraw.

Ms. Maggie Kurthzweil of 939 West Hills Drive stated that she was before Council in January to ask Council to take their time in making this decision. She stated that there is a level of distrust with some of the members of Council. The community was outraged and not one member of Council gave it some thought. She further discussed the impact on the community and property values. That is not the kind of decision maker she wants representing her. She further stated that she would hope that we all have learned a lesson. This was a bad decision, with the exception of Council Member Kopkowski, and she would hope that there is a process put in place when decisions are made where property values are being affected. The outrage is appropriate, and maybe in time it will go away.

Mayor Doyle thanked everyone for being present. It was a show of support and the community coming together. He further stated that Council has listened.

CM 2-3-09 – ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF WITHDRAW – SPURT INDUSTRIES, LLC

Motion by Wedell, supported by Morelli

To accept the letter from Spurt Industries, LLC withdrawing their proposal for compost site at Volunteer Park

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Jean Benedict of 21211 Laser Lane stated that Council has officially accepted the letter from Mr. Turner, but questioned whether Council would stop pursuing a compost facility on that piece of property with anyone. Mayor Doyle stated that he would not want to do this again. The members of Council concurred.

Council took a brief break from 7:50 to 7:57 p.m.

2. Inter-Governmental Agreement – Radio Frequency

Chief Kaska stated that Council has discussed this and the Agreement is being presented as drafted by the City Attorney.

CM 2-4-09 – APPROVAL OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Motion by Morelli, supported by Maida

To approve the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Lyon Township for shared radio frequencies

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS**

3. Plante/Moran – Agreement for Audit Services

City Manager Murphy stated that this is the Letter of Engagement for next year's audit.

Councilman Kivell stated that he would like to extend an appreciation to Plante Moran. In light of the fact that State Shared Revenues and property taxes are decline, they still held to under 3% increase when they traditionally went with the rate of inflation, which is 4.4%.

Attorney Lee stated that the agreement is drafted for the Manager to sign so Council should also approve the City Manager executing the agreement.

CM 2-5-09 – APPROVAL OF LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT – PLANTE MORAN

Motion by Selden, supported by Wedell

To approve the Letter of Engagement with Plante Moran for auditing services for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and authorize the City Manager to sign it

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Murphy stated that at the last meeting, Council had asked a question regarding payment to Andrew King. This was for Fire Department training. He is a paramedic from Med-Flight.

City Manager Murphy stated that at the last meeting, Council authorized us to apply for a DWRF loan. We need to hold a public hearing on March 30<sup>th</sup> in order to meet the publication requirement. This is not a regular Council meeting night.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Morelli thanked those on Council who supported him by excusing his absences and he is glad to be back.

Councilman Selden stated that there is a new Pumpkinfest Committee being formed. They are pulling away from the Chamber and are looking for all the help they can get. Their first meeting will be February 26, 2009.

Councilman Kivell stated that it is nice to have a full Council again.

Mayor Doyle stated that Lori Mosier, the City's Bookkeeper, has expressed interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission and asked if there is any conflict. Attorney Lee stated that he does have to review both the Ethics Ordinance and our Charter before he can issue an opinion. He indicated that he will inform the City Manager after his review.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**CM 2-6-09 – ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selden, supported by Kopkowski

To adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

VOTE:

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully Submitted,

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John Doyle, Jr.  
Mayor

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Julie C. Zemke  
City Clerk/Treasurer