

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD  
APRIL 21, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Springfield to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Anderson led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Anderson, Council Members Agne, Burdett, Eib, Good, Hinton, and Whitfield.

Also Present: Franklin Peterson – City Manager, and Kris Vogel – City Clerk.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hinton, seconded by Good and unanimous that the minutes of April 7, 2008, regular meeting be approved subject to additions and corrections.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – RECEIVE COMMENTS – RENEWAL OF BID SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Mayor Anderson opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

A. Explanation of Public Hearing – Franklin Peterson, City Manager  
City Manager Peterson explained the special assessment for the Magnificent Motor Mile Business Improvement District (BID) is up for a 3-year renewal.

B. Details of BID Special Assessment – Franklin Peterson, City Manager  
The BID has funded the improvements along W. Dickman Road such as the beautification of the medians, banners, flags, and signs. He noted that with the majority of that work already complete they are proposing to cut the assessment in half for the next 3 years from one penny per square foot to half a penny per square foot.

City Manager Peterson added that he had not received any negative comments regarding this special assessment and the BID Board had passed this unanimously.

C. Citizen Input and Questions  
None.

D. Council Input and Questions  
None.

Mayor Anderson closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m.

## VI. REPORTS

### A. Code Enforcement/Building Department – March (*C. Childers/D. Carnell*)

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the Code Enforcement/Building Department reports presented by Cris Childers, Public Safety Office Manager and Donna Carnell, Deputy Assessor. Being none, the report will be filed as presented.

### B. City Manager – *Franklin Peterson*

#### 1. Proclaim – Fair Housing Month

Mayor Anderson presented the following proclamation:

#### ***Proclamation #06-08***

WHEREAS, REALTORS® PROTECT AND DEFEND THE PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS of area citizens and provide equal professional service without regard to race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin of any prospective client, customer or residents of this community; and

WHEREAS, REALTORS® are committed to keeping informed about fair housing law and practices, improving clients and customers opportunities and refusing to tolerate non-compliance; and

WHEREAS, REALTORS® learn about those who are different and celebrate those differences, take a positive approach to fair housing practices and aspire to follow the spirit as well as the letter of the law; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States declared that the law of the land guarantees the right of equal housing opportunity, reinforced that law when it passed Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act making it unlawful to discriminate in the sale, rental and financing of housing because of race, color, national origin, religion and sex, and later strengthened that law to include familial status and handicap; and

WHEREAS, The Elliott Larson Act of Michigan of 1977 further deemed it unlawful to discriminate based on age and marital status; and

WHEREAS, Equal Opportunity in housing can best be accomplished through leadership, example, education and the mutual cooperation all those affiliated with the real estate industry and the public; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of this endeavor, the members of the Battle Creek Area Association of REALTORS® reaffirms their commitment to equal and fair housing opportunities during April's Fair Housing Month, in celebration of the laws and efforts to remove impediments to equal housing opportunity and to highlight and ensure the rights of all citizens to continued freedom of choice in housing and private property ownership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to recognize April as Fair Housing Month in Springfield.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Susan L. Anderson, Mayor of the City of Springfield, have hereunto set by hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Springfield, Michigan, April 21, 2008.

2. Authorize – Preparation of Special Assessment for BID  
City Manager Peterson stated this resolution will authorize the City Assessor to prepare the special assessment for the BID.

**Resolution #13-08**

It was moved by Burdett and seconded by Whitfield that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Dickman Road Business Improvement District (BID) was created in 2000 to enhance the revitalization and beautification of a major corridor; and

WHEREAS, THE BID has induced business retention and private investment from several businesses along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, THE BID has encouraged business attraction including two new automobile dealerships (one in Springfield), two automobile-related businesses (one in Springfield) and encouraged a contaminated site in Springfield to be redeveloped to allow for the construction of the Springfield Do It Center; and

WHEREAS, the three-year current assessment was approved at \$.01 per square foot of commercial property; and the Dickman Road BID Board of Directors has requested to renew the BID for a three-year term at \$.005.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD that the City Assessor is hereby authorized to prepare the special assessment roll for a three-year period at \$.005 per square foot.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

3. Reappoint – Planning Commission Members  
City Manager Peterson stated this resolution will reappoint members to the Planning Commission.

**Resolution #14-08**

It was moved by Whitfield and seconded by Agne that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to confirm the Mayoral reappointments of Maxine Morgan and Keith Slack to the Planning Commission; said terms to expire May 1, 2011.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Mayor Anderson thanked Commissioners Morgan and Slack for their willingness to serve.

4. Reappoint – Zoning Board of Appeals/Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals Members

City Manager Peterson noted this resolution will reappoint members to the Zoning Board of Appeals/Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals.

**Resolution #15-08**

It was moved by Agne and seconded by Whitfield and Hinton that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to confirm the Mayoral reappointments of Cynthia Good and Sherrie Carr to the Zoning Board of Appeals/Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals; said terms to expire May 1, 2011.

Ayes: Council Members Agne, Burdett, Eib, Hinton, Whitfield, and Mayor Anderson.

Abstain: Council Member Good

Resolution adopted.

Mayor Anderson thanked Board Members Good and Carr for their willingness to serve.

5. Introduce – Rezone Parcel of Land – 75 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street

City Manager Peterson stated this ordinance will change the zoning of the parcel of land located at 75 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Ordinance #01-08**

It was moved by Eib and seconded by Burdett that the following ordinance be introduced by title only:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD WITH RESPECT TO ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

All ayes. Ordinance introduced.

6. Bills In Line

It was moved by Good, seconded by Burdett and unanimously approved that the checks be drawn from the various accounts and the bills be paid.

VII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Manager Peterson reminded the public that we will be hosting our first Business Expo at the Farmers Market from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

City Manager Peterson stated that the Public Safety building renovations are now complete and citizens can find the officers back in that building as opposed to their temporary location in City Hall.

City Manager Peterson noted we are still accepting registration forms for the little league program.

City Manager Peterson stated that AT&T is now offering cable services within the City of Springfield.

City Clerk Vogel reminded the community that the Farmers Market will be opening on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and it will be a combined farmers market/craft show. The event will run from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. City Clerk Vogel added there will be a Mom2Mom sale on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Booths are still available for both events.

City Clerk Vogel stated there is an election on May 6<sup>th</sup>. There are 3 candidates running for 2 school board positions, and two millage renewals. AV ballots are available through the City Clerk's office.

#### VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Kris Vogel, CMC  
City Clerk

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Susan L. Anderson, Mayor