

**CITY OF WAYLAND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 20, 2007**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chamber of Commerce Director Jackie Straub led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Stein, Council Members Doug Shafer, Jennifer Antel, Sheryl Hamilton, Mark Holloway, Greg Maichele, Bruce Patrick.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Deborah Nier, City Clerk Sharon Baumgard, Deputy City Manager Heath Kaplan, Director of City Services Pierre Brazeau, Police Chief Dan Miller, Fire Chief Joe Miller, Jackie Straub, Vicki Kouchnerkavich, Diane Smith, Bret Hoeks, Bill Hadlock

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a) Motion made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Holloway, to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2007, meeting. All ayes. Motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None.

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

a) Planning Commission minutes of July 10, 2007, meeting were acknowledged for file.
b) Downtown Task Force minutes of July 18, 2007, meeting was acknowledged for file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

a) Motion made by Council Member Hamilton, and seconded by Council Member Maichele, to approve the regular bills and accounts. All ayes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **2007 Sidewalk Project.** City Manager Deborah Nier gave a brief explanation of the procedure that needs to be followed to complete the Sidewalk Project. She introduced Brett Hoeks and Bill Hadlock, Representatives of Paradigm Design.

Mr. Hoeks stated that Pierre Brazeau, Deborah Nier and himself completed a walk-through on the proposed streets. He explained that there are obstacles with some structures. He noted that trees were taken into consideration, as well as businesses with their landscaping. Mr. Hoeks said he felt they had come up with a cost efficient method and a good resolution. He stated that cost wise, and this is the upper end of the estimate, that the cost of a 4" thick sidewalk would not exceed \$3.70 per square foot and a 6" thick sidewalk would not exceed \$4.00 a square foot. Mr. Hoeks stated that each resident that would be affected by the sidewalk project would receive a copy of the resolution and an informational letter, stating that the City would give payment options so that no one would experience hardship. There would also be a public meeting to answer any questions and to show the Sidewalk Project in detail.

Motion made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Maichele, to approve the Sidewalk Project, with the deletion of Plum Street.

Yea: Council Members Shafer, Holloway.

Nays: Council Members Antel, Maichele, Hamilton, Patrick, Mayor Stein.

Motion failed.

Council Member Antel stated that she is more concerned with kids walking in the road to school, than adults walking to the Industrial Park. She said that she is not comfortable with making a decision tonight that would be putting the budget in deficit.

Council Member Shafer related to Antel that there are alternate routes that the kids can take to school.

Heath Kaplan explained that S. Main St. is the breaker for the budget, as well as Plum St.

Brett Hoeks stated maybe Council should wait until bids come in before cutting streets.

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Manager Nier told Mr. Hoeks that everything is on a fifteen-day schedule. The notices and copies of the resolution must be sent out to residents that are affected by the Sidewalk Project. After that there is a minimum of fifteen days before work may begin.

Council Member Holloway stated he believed that Plum Street should be an alternate.

Council Member Antel made a motion to remove S. Main Street from the Sidewalk Project. Council Member Hamilton seconded the motion.

Ayes: Antel, Hamilton, Patrick, Maichele, Stein.
Nays: Shafer, Holloway.

Motion passed 5 to 2.

b) Resolution No. 28-07

Council Member Antel made a motion to adopt an appropriate resolution for each property owner within these parameters, sidewalk to be installed by November 1, 2007, at a cost not to exceed \$3.70 per square foot for 4 inch thick sidewalk and \$4.00 per square foot for 6 inch thick sidewalk, with the City participating in 50% of the sidewalk cost. Council Member Maichele seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Holloway, Maichele, Patrick, Shafer, Antel, Hamilton, Stein.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-07 DECLARED ADOPTED

Motion made by Council Member Antel, and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, to offer a five-year installment loan to all property owners affected by the Sidewalk Project. All ayes. Motion passed.

- c) **Pavement Condition Survey.** Motion made by Council Member Shafer to approve Grand Valley Metro Council to conduct a Pavement Condition Survey for the City of Wayland. Council Member Antel seconded the motion.

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City Manager Nier stated that Grand Valley Metro Council, (GVMC), staff with the aid of state-of-the-art technology would collect data of the pavement conditions of 20 miles of the City's local streets. She added that in the future MDOT would require this for Act 51 streets. This is a three-step process: 1. Collection of data. 2. Condition of streets. 3. Plan for maintenance.

All ayes. Motion passed.

- d) **Bid for Used Police Car.** Motion was made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, to accept the bid from Dan Dykstra for the 1994 Chevy Caprice Police car for the sum of \$755. All ayes. Motion passed.
- e) **Appointment to Planning Commission.** Motion was made by Council Member Shafer, and seconded by Council Member Maichele, to appoint Jeff Hudson to the Planning Commission, with a term to expire in March 2010, to fill a vacant seat left by Ann Kilmartin. All ayes. Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

City manager Nier gave an update on the Façade Program, stating that Mr. Rodriguez, owner of TPS, located at the corner of Pearl and Superior St, has applied for a Downtown Façade Grant. Ms. Nier gave a report on the progress of the Way Finding Sign Project.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Hamilton gave a report on the Downtown Task Force Events Committee, stating the following:

- September – Kiwanis Kids Day
- October – Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- November – Scarecrow Contest
- December – Tree Decorating Contest, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Christmas Parade.

Council Member Hamilton announced that they are asking for volunteers to judge the events.

Council Member Patrick inquired what time would they shut down S. Main Street for the Kiwanis Kid Day Cart Race, stating that shutting down the street from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00

a.m. would make it inconvenient for his customers. Council Member Antel said that she needs to talk to City Services Director Pierre Brazeau to work out a schedule.

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Mayor Stein adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Baumgard, City Clerk

Burrell Stein, Mayor