

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RIVERVIEW CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF RIVERVIEW, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN,
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010, IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
14100 CIVIC PARK DRIVE
RIVERVIEW MICHIGAN 48193-7689

The Mayor gave an overview of the financial status of the city.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Presiding: Mayor Durand

Present: Councilmembers Blanchette, Priskorn, Swift, Elmer Trombley, James Trombley

Excused: Councilmember Coffey

Also Present: City Manager Workman, City Clerk Bratcher, Human Resource Director Hajkus, Police Chief Ginestet, Fire Chief Bosman, Finance Director Douglas Drysdale, Special Projects Coordinator Mark Drysdale, Recreation Director Dickman, Director of Information Technology Harper, Public Works Director Hunter, Solid Waste Director Bobeck, Golf Course Director Ford, Library Director Borger, City Attorney Pentiuk

The Pledge was lead by Councilmember Blanchette.

The Invocation was given by Councilmember James Trombley.

In accordance with Section 6.2 of the City Charter, and at the request of Mayor Durand, a Special Meeting for February 22, 2010 was called on February 16, 2010 to:

Receive citizen input on reducing financial deficit and
place millage increase on May 4, 2010 Special Election Ballot

The Council recessed for a short break at 9:26 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:37 p.m.

Present: Mayor Durand, Councilmembers Blanchette, Priskorn, Swift, Elmer Trombley, James Trombley

Excused: Councilmember Coffey

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At this time, Mayor Durand asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the City Council.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Councilmember Elmer Trombley, seconded by Councilmember Blanchette, that the City Clerk be authorized to read and Council adopt the following resolution authorizing a **Special Election** to be held on May 4, 2010 and place the following proposal on said ballot to levy a millage increase of three and four-tenths (3.4) mills:

CITY OF RIVERVIEW
RESOLUTION NO. 10-04

WHEREAS, Due to the current state of the economy with State budget cuts and the continual decrease in State Revenue Sharing, the loss of industrial tax base, decreased property valuations resulting in less tax revenues, together with increasing health care costs, the City is currently forecasting a deficit of 1.6 million dollars for the 2010-2011 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, in order to balance the budget, the City is faced with major cuts in services as well as layoffs of several personnel, including public safety officers and public works employees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received comments and suggestions from residents and employees at a Special Meeting held on Monday, February 22, 2010, on reducing the financial deficit, including placing a proposal before the Riverview voters to increase taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Riverview City Council authorize a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, and hereby adopt the following language to place a three and four-tenths (3.4) mill increase on said ballot; to wit:

CITY OF RIVERVIEW OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

The City Council would be authorized to levy up to three and four-tenths (3.4) additional mills upon the successful passage of the following question:

“Shall the City of Riverview levy new additional millage of up to three and four-tenths (3.4) mills on all taxable value of real and personal property for a three (3) year period of time, commencing July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2013, for operating purposes, in excess of the limitation imposed by the Headlee Amendment to the State Constitution? Three and four-tenths (3.4) mills are equal to \$3.40 on each \$1,000 of taxable value. If approved and fully levied, the additional millage will raise approximately \$1,167,563 in the first year.”

YES _____ NO _____

Ayes: Mayor Durand, Councilmembers Blanchette, Priskorn, Swift, Elmer Trombley, James Trombley

Nays: None

Excused: Councilmember Coffey

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Elmer Trombley, seconded by Councilmember James Trombley, that the **meeting** be **adjourned**.

Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Tim Durand, Mayor

Judith A. Bratcher, City Clerk

I, Judith A. Bratcher, duly authorized City Clerk of the City of Riverview, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the Riverview City Council at their Regular City Council meeting held on Monday, February 22, 2010.

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Judith A. Bratcher, City Clerk