

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIVERVIEW CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF RIVERVIEW, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN,
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007 A.D.,
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF
THE PETER ROTTEVEEL MUNICIPAL BUILDING
14100 CIVIC PARK DRIVE, RIVERVIEW, MICHIGAN 48193-7689

The meeting was called to order at **7:30** p.m.

Presiding: Mayor Durand

Present: Councilmembers Blanchette, Coffey, Rudicil, Swift, Elmer Trombley, James Trombley

Also Present: City Manager Workman, City Clerk Bratcher, Human Resources Director Hajkus, Police Chief Ginestet, Fire Chief Bosman, Finance Director D. Drysdale, Acting Community Development Director M. Drysdale, Public Works Director Hunter, Director of Solid Waste Bobeck, Assessor/Purchasing Director Kuch, Recreation Director Dickman, IT Director Harper, Golf Course Director Scott Ford, Library Director Borger, Cornerstone Environmental Group Project Manager Larky, Charles E. Raines Engineer Sabak, Attorney Pentiuik

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Riverview Police Honor Guard.

The **Invocation** was given by Councilmember Rudicil.

AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

The newly formed Riverview Police Honor Guard presented the flags and the colors.

On behalf of the city, Mayor Durand accepted the City Flag from United States Army Lt. Colonel Norman Fabian who returned from a tour in Iraq where the flag was flown at his base. Further, on behalf of his troops, a Certificate of Appreciation and photographs were presented to the City for their outstanding support of his 213 1A Military Transition Team during Operation Iraqi Freedom and their continuous effort to send care packages, letters and cards which made a great impact on everyone's motivation. Mr. Fabian also served as a Riverview firefighter / Paramedic prior to his tour of duty.

Recreation Director Todd Dickman presented **Certificates of Appreciation** to the following 11th Grade Students of the Riverview Community High School who participated in the Student City Government Project:

Ridona Balaj	Kelsey Duffy	James Kirkwood	Jake McPartlin	Jake Sorenson
Jon Bunch	Dan Emerson	Alicia Kuzia	Kala Mexico	Nick Testy
Amanda Carmody	Jake Fletcher	Humberto Martinez	Alex Popowitz	Eric Voelz
Robert Chezick	Angie Fracassa	Cameron Mason	Dan Root	
Daniel Duckett	Dino Hinds	Tim McCartney	Lauren Startman	

The Mayor presented Certificates of Recognition to the following City Commissioners for 25 years of dedicated and continuous service:

Mrs. **Kathleen Rankin - Library Commission**
Mrs. **Karen Orosz - Cable Commission.**

Mr. **Bob Brown**, Executive Director of the **Senior Alliance**, gave a presentation on the history of the agency which funds Meals on Wheels, Holiday Meals, and the Medicaid Waiver Program Care Management that provides services for seniors and disabled citizens allowing them to be able to stay in their homes with quality and dignity rather than alternative care.

City Manager Workman announced that Mr. **Scott Ford** has been **appointed** as **Golf Course Director**.

MINUTES:

Motion by Councilmember Coffey, seconded by Councilmember James Trombley, that the **Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of **December 3, 2007**, along with the condensed version for publication be **approved** as presented.

Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

Prior to Council taking action on the City Council Committee Assignments, a roll call vote was taken for nominations to the Ad Hoc Riverview Highlands Facility Committee as four Council members were interested in a three member position. The results are as follows:

Councilmember Blanchette received 7 votes.

Councilmember Elmer Trombley received 6 votes.

Mayor Durand received 5 votes.

Councilmember Rudicil received 3 votes.

Councilmembers Blanchette, Elmer Trombley and Mayor Durand, having received the highest number of votes, will remain on the committee.

Motion by Councilmember James Trombley, seconded by Councilmember Coffey, to appoint the following **City Council Representatives** to various **Committees** and **Organizations** as presented:

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Commission/Committee	Current Representative
AD HOC Audit Committee	Councilmember Swift Councilmember J. Trombley
AD HOC Civil Engineering Committee	Mayor Durand Councilmember Blanchette Councilmember J. Trombley
AD HOC Environmental Engineering Committee	Mayor Durand Councilmember Blanchette Councilmember Swift
AD HOC Land Preserve Committee	Councilmember Coffey Councilmember E. Trombley Councilmember J. Trombley Councilmember Swift - Alternate
AD HOC Riverview Highlands Facilities Committee	Mayor Durand Councilmember Blanchette Councilmember E. Trombley
Beautification Commission	Councilmember Swift
Citizens Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee	Councilmember Blanchette – Delegate Councilmember J Trombley– Alternate
Downriver Community Conference	Mayor Durand – Delegate Councilmember E Trombley– Alternate
Downriver Mutual Aid	Mayor Durand – Delegate Councilmember E Trombley -Alternate
Joint Recreational Use Committee	Councilmember Swift Councilmember J. Trombley
Michigan Municipal League	Councilmember Swift – Delegate Councilmember Blanchette - Alternate
MI Municipal League Legislative Coordinators	Councilmember E. Trombley - Delegate Councilmember Swift - Alternate
School Liaison	Councilmember Swift
Southeastern Michigan Council of Government	Mayor Durand – Delegate Councilmember Blanchette – Alternate
Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce	Councilmember E Trombley– Delegate Councilmember Rudicil – Alternate
The Taylor Act 179 Authority	Councilmember E. Trombley Mayor Durand – Alternate
27th District Court Joint Mgt	Councilmember J. Trombley
Wyandotte/Riverview Reciprocal Agreement Committee	Councilmember Swift Councilmember E. Trombley Councilmember J. Trombley

Carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Coffey, seconded by Councilmember Swift, that Mr. **Americo (Hank) Albano** be reappointed to the **Board of Review** to a three-year term set to expire on **January 1, 2011**.
Carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Councilmember James Trombley seconded by Councilmember Swift, that the following items on the **Consent Agenda** be **approved**:

- Establishment of a **Receiving Board** for the for the **2008 election year**.
- Accept the **Annual Financial Audit** Report for the City of Riverview completed by **Plante & Moran** for fiscal year ending **June 30, 2007** with an “Unqualified” opinion.
- **Change Order No. 11** for the finalization of the **2007 Street Sectioning Huntington Street Project** representing a **Decrease** in the amount of **(\$15,131.45)** to the final contract.
- Bid Award for **Grading, Shaping and Topdressing** Ball Diamond to **B & B Sod, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$35,592.50** with contingency of **\$3,600.00**.
- **Budget Amendment** as follows:

A.

Description	Account Number	Current Appropriation	Amended Appropriation	Amendment or Change
2007/08 CIEF Fund -- Revenues:				
Insurance Reimbursement	402-000-670.677	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
2007/08 CIEF Fund -- Equipment:				
Police Vehicles	402-902-970.000	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
Power Washer	402-902-970.001	\$ 7,950.00	\$ 6,924.00	(1,026.00)
Riding Mower	402-902-974.037	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 6,320.00	(2,180.00)
Net decrease (increase) to Fund Balance				\$ 5,794.00

JUSTIFICATION: To appropriate funds for the replacement of a police patrol car that was wrecked. A portion of the replacement cost will come from insurance proceeds and savings on other equipment purchases; the remainder will have to be taken from fund balance.

B.

Description	Account Number	Current Appropriation	Amended Appropriation	Amendment or Change
2007/08 Water & Sewer Fund -- Sewer Dept:				
Overtime	592-527-725.200	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 12,799.57	\$ 8,799.57
Operating Supplies	592-527-740.000	12,000.00	15,324.34	3,324.34
Parking / Meals Reimbursement	592-527-861.000	0.00	270.00	270.00
Sewer Remediation	592-527-935.000	0.00	10,025.00	10,025.00
Net decrease (increase) to Fund Balance				\$ 22,418.91

JUSTIFICATION: To appropriate funds for the emergency sanitary sewer repairs at Wendy Court.

C.

Description	Account Number	Current Appropriation	Amended Appropriation	Amendment or Change
2007/08 CIEF Fund -- Capital Improvements:				
Ballfield Improvements	402-901-972.014	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 59,100.00	\$ 21,600.00
Net decrease (increase) to Fund Balance				\$ 21,600.00

JUSTIFICATION: To appropriate additional funds for ball field improvements at the Pennsalt and Young Patriots fields. Funding for these improvements have been included in future year’s CIP; this amendment would be advancing the funds into this fiscal year and reducing the project costs in the future year.

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Councilmember Elmer Trombley, seconded by Councilmember Blanchette, to **adopt** a resolution **Requesting Relief from the Mortgage Foreclosure Crisis** through the use of Community Development Block Grant (**CDBG**) **Funds**.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-23

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING RELIEF FROM THE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CRISIS THROUGH THE USE OF CDBG FUNDS

WHEREAS, mortgage foreclosures are a serious and mounting problem throughout Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage foreclosure rate in Wayne County and specifically the Metropolitan Detroit area rank among the highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, from 2005 to 2006 foreclosure filings more than doubled from 18,176 to 40,220, translating to one of every 21 homes; and

WHEREAS, mortgage foreclosures have been driven historically by individual financial setbacks such as job loss or illness; and

WHEREAS, mortgage foreclosures are now exacerbated by increasing rates of predatory lending practices which put homeowners in unaffordable or inappropriate loan products; and

WHEREAS, the current real estate market has limited the viability of selling one's property to avoid foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, mortgage foreclosure can lead directly to homelessness for the former owner and family members; and

WHEREAS, foreclosed properties often sit vacant and are at higher risk for arson, vandalism, and other crime; and

WHEREAS, foreclosures depress property values for neighbors and communities; and

WHEREAS, depressed property values ultimately reduce assessed values and property tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, there is an emergent need for individual mortgage foreclosure prevention counseling and intervention and community financial literacy education; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG regulations were created before housing foreclosure became a crisis and therefore the regulations need to be updated accordingly; and

WHEREAS, with dwindling resources and stringent regulations on existing federal grants, there is inadequate funding available for the amount of foreclosure prevention and intervention and financial literacy education services needed to make a substantial impact;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Riverview hereby requests additional federal grant funds specifically designated to address the foreclosure epidemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Riverview requests an exception to exceed the 15 percent CDBG public services cap in order to help fund foreclosure prevention and intervention and financial literacy education services for low-to-moderate income individuals or families without sacrificing other critical public services that include but are not limited to senior chores, senior transportation, domestic violence prevention, and job training.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Riverview requests a modification of the CDBG rules and regulations to allow more flexibility to actively assist low-to-moderate income persons by way of a comprehensive foreclosure prevention program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a true copy of this resolution to the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council, the office of the Deputy Directory of Community Development, Wayne County, Department of Economic and neighborhood Development, the clerks of the member municipalities of the Downriver Community Conference, and members of the Michigan Congressional delegation.

Tim Durand- Mayor
Carried unanimously.

Judith A. Bratcher- City Clerk

ADMINISTRATION:

Motion by Councilmember Coffey, seconded by Councilmember Swift, that the following be **Authorized Signers** for the City of Riverview disbursement accounts at **J.P. Morgan Chase Bank** be approved.

- Tim Durand, Mayor
- Elmer Trombley, Mayor Pro-Tem
- Douglas Drysdale, Finance Director
- John Hajkus, Human Resources Director
- Denise Kuch, Purchasing Director

Carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

Motion by Councilmember James Trombley, seconded by Councilmember Coffey, to **Authorize the Second Reading**, by title only, of Proposed **Ordinance No. 611** regarding the Riverview **Employees Retirement System**.

Carried unanimously.

The City Clerk gave the Second Reading, by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 611

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF RIVERVIEW BY THE REPEAL AND RE-ADOPTION OF SUBSECTIONS (a)(4) AND (a)(5) OF SECTION 267 "COMPOSITION" TO CLARIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIVERVIEW EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SECTION; AND THE ADOPTION OF A NEW SUBSECTION (f) UNDER SECTION 2-386 "REFUND OF ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS" TO PROVIDE FOR REFUNDS OF UNVESTED MEMBERS; COLLECTIVELY UNDER CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATIONS" ARTICLE VI "EMPLOYEE BENEFITS," DIVISION 2 "RETIREMENT SYSTEM."

THE CITY OF RIVERVIEW ORDAINS:

ARTICLE I. Adoption. That Section 2-267 and 2-386 are hereby repealed and readopted to hereafter read as follows:

- Chapter 2. Administration
- Article VI. Employee Benefits
- Division 2. Retirement System

Section 2-267. Composition

- (a) The board of trustees shall consist of the following nine individuals.
 1. (Unchanged.)
 2. (Unchanged.)
 3. (Unchanged.)
 4. One landfill maintenance member, to be elected by and from the landfill maintenance member.
 5. Three non-police members, to be elected by and from the following groups:

- Administrative personnel;
- Technical/professional personnel;
- Clerical employees;
- Department of public works maintenance employees;
- Facility servicemen;
- Employees-At large.

No more than one member may be elected from any one of the employee groups enumerated in this subsection.

- (b) (Unchanged.)

Section 2-386. Refund of accumulated contributions.

- (a) (Unchanged)
- (b) (Unchanged)
- (c) (Unchanged)
- (d) (Unchanged)
- (e) (Unchanged)
- (f) A member with less than five (5) years of credited service, will automatically be refunded their investment with any credited interest upon ceasing to be a member.

ARTICLE II. Penalty: A person violating this ordinance shall be punished in accordance with Section 1-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Riverview, unless a different penalty is expressly provided in this ordinance.

ARTICLE III. Severability: Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance be held in a manner invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction or by any agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holding shall be construed and limited to such word, sentence, phrase or any portion of the Ordinance held to be invalid and shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of the Ordinance.

ARTICLE IV. Conflicting Ordinances: All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Riverview inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

ARTICLE V. Reading and Publication: This Ordinance shall be given a first reading on December 3, 2007, shall be given a second reading on December 17, 2007, shall be adopted on December 17, 2007, and shall be published and become effective upon publication. The Clerk shall publish a summary of this ordinance and include in the publication notice that a true copy of the Ordinance can be inspected or obtained at the Clerk's office.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Riverview this 17th day of December, 2007.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Riverview at a regular meeting held on December 17, 2007.

Judith A. Bratcher, City Clerk

Motion by Councilmember James Trombley, seconded by Councilmember Coffey, that Proposed Ordinance No. 611 be **adopted**.
Carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Elmer Trombley, seconded by Councilmember Coffey, that the meeting be **adjourned**.
Carried unanimously.

Meeting **adjourned** at **8:00** p.m.

Tim Durand, Mayor

Judith A. Bratcher, City Clerk