

**CITY OF ROOSEVELT PARK
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2009**

Mayor Lenartowicz called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2009-191 **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Jeff Lenartowicz, Mayor Pro Tem Rod Buikema, Council Members Al Lowe, David Martin, Laura Fitzpatrick, Eric Grimm, and Judy VanWesten

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Dave Boehm, Police Chief Bill Regan, Assistant to the City Manager Anthony Chandler, and Treasurer/Clerk Tammera Harmsen

2009-192 **INVOCATION**

Mayor Lenartowicz provided the invocation.

Upon conclusion of the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, Mayor Lenartowicz presented a plaque to Council Member Van Westen commemorating her nine years of service as a member of this City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Flo Shriver – 1336 W. Summit stated those who post information on the Mlive blog should have to sign their name to their comments. Ms. Shriver asked where the council minutes are kept how to obtain copies?

2009-193 **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Fitzpatrick moved to approve the Consent Agenda adding item #10 Closed Session. The motion was supported by Council Member Lowe and carried unanimously.

2009-194 **WAL-MART TAX APPEAL**

Equalization Director Donna Stokes and Assessment Administration Supervisor Annette Messenger met with Tax Representative Robert Pharr from Wal-Mart. They reviewed data supplied by Mr. Pharr as well as visited the subject site and reviewed the recommended settlement of the appeal of the Wal-Mart. The recommended reduction sets the value at roughly \$64.00 in true cash value per square foot, which is at the high end of the sale price data and asking price data supplied by the Mr. Pharr which ranges from \$29.40 per square foot to \$65.43 per square foot. Wal-Mart is larger than the indicated comparables and a basic

appraisal tenant is that large properties sell for less per square foot. Mr. Pharr also supplied an income approach as well that would seem to indicate a lower value.

Mayor Pro Tem Buikema moved to authorize Muskegon County Equalization to make reasonable adjustments on the Wal-Mart tax appeal. The motion was supported by Council Member Martin and carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS

From time to time during each fiscal year the City staff identifies budget amendments that are necessary to ensure compliance with P.A. 621. This Act requires that municipalities shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated. During the course of the fiscal year, several changes to the City's annual budget will typically occur. Some due to increases in revenue beyond that anticipated and others being unexpected increases in expenses. None on the attached listing of proposed budget amendments involve an expenditure that will cause the 2009 Budget, as adopted, to be out of balance.

Mayor Pro Tem Buikema moved to adopt the resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget. The motion was supported by Council Member Lowe and carried unanimously.

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COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Van Westen reflected on her nine year tenure on the Council and commented on all the positive progress that had been made in the City in recent years. Mayor Lenartowicz and others thanked Council Member Van Westen for her friendship and her service to this community.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Chief Regan stated the new weapons arrived and the officers will have them starting Tuesday.

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CLOSED SESSION – CITY ATTORNEY'S LITIGATION REVIEW

Council Member Fitzpatrick moved to go into closed session at 7:25 p.m. to review litigation information from the City Attorney. The motion was supported by Council Member Lowe and carried.

Roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Council Member Fitzpatrick moved to return to regular session at 7:40 p.m. The motion was supported by Council Member Grimm and carried.

Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent

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ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Lowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. The motion was supported by Mayor Lenartowicz and carried unanimously.

Treasurer/Clerk Tammera Harmsen