CITY OF KEEGO HARBOR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016, 7:00 P.M.
2025 BEECHMONT

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Newberry called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Mayor, John Newberry, Mayor Pro Tem, Sidney Rubin; Council Members Tom Berman, Rob Kalman

Motion to excuse Council Member Joel Yoder from tonight's Council Meeting by Council Member Berman seconded by Mayor Newberry.

Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

STAFF PRESENT: Interim City Manager Linda Voll, Police Chief Kenneth Hurst, Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Peterson, DPW Foreman Doug Waldon, City Planner James Sabo and City Attorney Tom Ryan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Motion to amend the Council Agenda to move the Monarch Butterfly as State Insect, as the first item discussed and to add Planning Commission Audit Prioritized and cost indicated on memo from January 14, 2016 and February 12, 2016 to the Council Agenda, by Council Member Berman seconded by Mayor Newberry.

Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

1. Monarch Butterfly as State Insect

Karen Meabrod – 2255 Maddy Ln, introduced the resolution for the Monarch Butterfly to become the state insect.

Open to the public for comment,
Leslie Clark, 3086 Moss, is in support of the monarch butterfly becoming the state insect.
Closed to the public

Resolution to recommending the Monarch Butterfly as the designated official state insect by Mayor Pro Tem Rubin, seconded by Council Member Berman.

Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: (As to non-agenda items only)
Leslie Clark 3086 Moss; indicated the city received approximately $2,000 in grant funding for invasive weeds , the city's match would be in labor to treat Dollar Lake, Cunningham Park, Rose Sortor Park and put signage out when it is treated for the public to be aware.

Cristina Ellsen, 1497 Beachland; announced the Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, March 26th starting at 11:00 a.m. sharp at Rose Sortor park behind City Hall, volunteers are needed to stuff eggs and set up, contact City Hall for more information.

Denny Paul, Principle of Roosevelt School announced the Winter Carnival is coming up Friday, February 26th starting at 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Closed to the public for comment

Announcements: Current announcements were made by Mayor Newberry, Managers Update by Manager Voll, Code Enforcement by Jeff Peterson, DPW by Doug Waldon, Police Department by Chief Hurst.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Monthly Financial Reports

- Monthly Revenue/Expenditure Report, Authorize Bills payment for January 2016

Meeting Minutes

- Study Session, January 14, 2016, Council Meeting, January 14, 2016

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Council Member Kalman seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rubin

Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

REGULAR AGENDA:

- Proposed Zoning Ordinance-Sign Ordinance Text Amendments: Signs, District Regulation Section 14.07 (8) Outline Tubing (Neon) Signs, General Provisions Section 14.06 (f) Changeable Message Signs, recommended by the Planning Commission

  City Planner Sabo outlined the amendments made to the Zoning Ordinance-Sign text amendments,

  14.07 (8) Outline Tubing Signs, (add the words Neon, LED or similar illumination) in the title and for Item 1, may be used to provide back lighting where the neon (add the word outline), tubing is fully obscured by opaque lettering or characters. Item 4, May not be used to outline the perimeter of a (add the words storefront display) window, (adding the words doorway, or any other similar entry feature or window).

  14.06(f) Changeable Message signs, (f) Changeable (add word Electronic) Message Signs (add the words; Changeable Electronic Message Signs are not permitted); (remove the words; message change cycle of a changeable message sign shall not be less than five minutes per message),

  Planning Commissioner Meabrod and Laskiewicz; indicated the current lighting is changing within the city and lighting is very bright and not attractive around the perimeters of each window, concerned about the lighting being close to residential area. This was discussed at the last Planning Commission Meeting with these recommendations being brought before City Council for approval.

  Opened to the public for comment:

  Susan Emerling, 1896 Cass Lake Front, indicated she likes the lights and we chase out the businesses since they can't advertise with lighting for exposure when they are new to the area, would rather see the lights than an empty store front.

Closed to the public comment.

Council discussed the lighting and different avenues that can be looked at and developed by working with the businesses and coming up with an ordinance that can meet and help the businesses and still have curb appeal. This would need to be discussed at a joint meeting between the City Council and the Planning Commission

Motion to table the Zoning Ordinance Amendments; Section 14.07 (8) Outline Tubing (Neon) Signs, General Provisions Section 14.06 (f) Changeable Message Signs; until a joint meeting between the City Council and the Planning Commission to work on amending the ordinance that works for the businesses and residents by Mayor Pro Tem Rubin seconded by Council Member Berman.

Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

- Planning Commission Audit prioritization and cost presented by James Sabo

City Planner Sabo indicated the Planning Commission requested to prioritize the audit and review the cost for any reduction. What is being presented is a prioritized list with the most important items being first with a cost attached then the second part with the cost attached. The price can't be reduced due to the work involved. The time that is used at City Hall is always booked with appointments from 9:30 to 12:30 with a very little window for free work to be conducted. If there was more time at the city then maybe he would have time to work on projects.

Council discussed the City Planners time at City Hall, which they may review to see if more time is needed instead of 4 hours. There are some critical areas that need to be looked at and revised due to liability to the City. The City could approve the lesser amount and just do those items or approve the full amount and see if the City could pay next fiscal year in July 2016 for the Zoning Audit. Council asked Planner Sabo if Wade Trim would agree to do the audit now and accept payment in July for the service.

Planner Sabo will take the back to Wade Trim to see if they would agree to payment in July for the Zoning Audit.

Opened for Public Comment – No one addressed Council – Closed

Motion to approve the January 14, 2016 proposal not to exceed $7,400 with condition upon the approval of Wade Trim accepting the proposal for payment after July 1, 2016; by Mayor Pro Tem Rubin seconded; by Council Member Berman.

Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

- West Bloomfield Burning Ordinance Amendments Update

Manager Voll indicated she contacted Fire Chief Flynn from the West Bloomfield Fire Department and indicated the West Bloomfield Township did not make any amendments to the burning ordinance and will not change anything in the near future.

- Support of Sunshine Week recommended by the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communication Commission

Manager Voll indicated this is an annual resolution that is for transparency for all municipalities and governmental agencies on being transparent to the residents and people of their communities.

Resolution in support of Sunshine Week from March 13th thru March 19th, 2016 for government establishing transparency to its citizens by Council Member Berman seconded by Mayor Newberry.

Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

- Parks and Recreation Selection Committee Recommendation for Eleanor Girard, Sue Murphy and Barbara Nordeen (alternate) for a 3 year term.

  Council Member Kalman indicated he interviewed all three applicants who have been part of the Parks and Recreation Committee for years and do a wonderful job.

  Motion to reappoint Eleanor Girard and Sue Murphy to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a 3 year term by Council Member Kalman; seconded by Mayor Newberry.

  Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

  Motion to appoint Barbara Nordeen on the Parks and Recreation Commission as an Alternate for a 3 year term by Council Member Kalman; seconded by Mayor Newberry.

  Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

- Willow Beach Pedestrian Bridge Condition and Assessment update

  Manager Voll indicated she had a meeting with the City Engineers HRC, City Attorney Tom Ryan, DPW Foreman Doug Waldon and John Fletcher from National Restoration. Discussed the items that needed to be addressed to have the bridge meet the proper state specs and to have HRC map out the items that are necessary for National Restoration to figure a cost for the project. There is more research that HRC has to perform so the City can move forward and have this project completed in March.

- Police Department Funding for Training

  Chief Hurst and City Council discussed training for full time police officers and funding for the training. A plan will need to be presented with costs attached for the proper training and reviewed by City Council to see for this to be part of next fiscal year budget.

- Discussion on amended budget

  Mayor Pro Tem Rubin indicated budget amendments will be addressed in March.

CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE- General Comments

COUNCIL COMMENTS
General Comments

CLOSED SESSION
Attorney Client Privileged Information

Resolution to go into Closes Session to discuss Attorney Client Privileged Information at 9:20 p.m. by Council Member Kalman; seconded by Council Member Berman.

Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

Resolution to go into Open Session by Council Member Kalman; seconded by Council Member Berman.

Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT
Being no further business Mayor Newberry adjourned the Council Meeting at 10:51 p.m.

John Newberry
City of Keego Harbor its Mayor

Linda Voll
City of Keego Harbor its City Clerk