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**CITY OF KEEGO HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, 2025 BEECHMONT
July 20, 2017, 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rubin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Mayor Sidney Rubin, Mayor Pro Tem Joel Yoder, Council Members, John Fletcher, Rob Kalman and John Newberry

STAFF PRESENT: Interim City Manager Linda Voll, City Attorney Tom Ryan, Police Chief Kenneth Hurst, DPW Foreman Doug Waldon and Deputy Treasurer Phyllis Brown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Call-in questions and comments will be taken between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The phone number is 248-682-1310. The call-in number will be shown on the bottom of your television screen.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (As to non-agenda items only)

Hans Urney — Skier's Peak. Hans asked to have 3 10x10 tents for the Summer Sale August 17 – August 20.

Motion to amend Consent Agenda to add Skier's Peak temporary tent approval by Mayor Pro Tem Yoder; seconded by Council Member Fletcher.

Ayes: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

Karen Meabrod – There should be No Parking Signs posted throughout the city. The city should identify and let the public know about this city policy. Council Member Fletcher suggested that when the owners send this information along with other city info to their renters. Council Member Newberry suggested Parks and Rec put this type of information together.

Paul Daelemans –Can Study Session or any Special Meeting be televised? Can these meetings be on Live Stream over the internet? Code Enforcement Officer needs to back off a bit and give warnings.

Closed to Public Comment

MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENT

City Manager, DPW, Police Chief, Planning Commission, Parks and Rec Updates

CONSENT AGENDA:

Monthly Financial Reports

- Monthly Revenue/Expenditure Report
- Authorize Bills payment for June 2017
- Approval for temporary tents at Skiers Peak

Resolution to approve the Consent Agenda by Mayor Pro Tem Yoder; seconded by Council Member Newberry

Ayes: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Minutes

- Closed Session Meeting Minutes, May 15, 2017
- Closed Session Meeting Minutes, May 18, 2017
- Special Council Meeting Minutes, June 6, 2017 (table until August)
- Council Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2017

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- Special Council Meeting Minutes, June 20, 2017 (table until August)
- Special Council Meeting Minutes, July 6, 2017

Motion for approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes May 15, 2017, Closed Session Meeting Minutes, May 18, 2017, Council Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2017 and Special Council Meeting Minutes, July 6, 2017 by Mayor Pro Tem Yoder; seconded by Council Member Newberry

Ayes: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA:

Road Preservation Program and Sidewalk Maintenance Program

Council Member Fletcher and Mayor Pro Tem Yoder looked into changing the road paving mixture to a smoother and longer lasting surface. Council Member Fletcher stated they are looking to resurface Millwall, Rycroft, North Willow Beach, Park Circle and Bulwer. This road repaving will happen in September, Council is waiting for final cost before approval and work will begin. Mayor Pro Tem Yoder stated that City Council does not choose the streets; an outside person chooses based on which streets need repaving the most. Deputy Treasurer Phyllis Brown stated there is currently \$130,000 in the Department 203 fund.

Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (Smart), Fiscal Year 2018 Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract

Resolution to approve the Contract and Grant Application with SMART by Council Member Newberry; seconded by Council Member Kalman

Ayes: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

Boards and Commissions

Parks and Recreation, 3 open seats for 3 year term ending 2020

- Kelly Lindberg

Motion to approve Kelly Lindberg to the Parks and Recreation Committee by Council Member Newberry; seconded by Council Member Kalman.

Ayes: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

Planning Commission, 1 open seat for 3 year term ending 2020

- Sherry Ash, Bradley Cousens, Kevin Reising

Motion to table the Planning Commission open seat until August by Council Member Kalman; seconded by Council Member Fletcher.

Ayes: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

ZBA Alternate Position, 1 alternate seat for a 3 year term ending 2020

- Scott Balutowitz

Motion to approve Scott Balutowitz to the Zoning Board of Appeals by Council Member Kalman; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Yoder.

Ayes: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

Police Chief Job Description

Mayor Rubin introduced the Mayor of Sylvan Lake, Aron Lorenz. Mayor Lorenz stated that the Sylvan Lake City Council, as well as Sylvan Lake City Manager John Martin, supports the idea of a joint chief. He stated the process can be started immediately. Manager Martin will work with Keego Harbor on the frame work for a shared chief and make a joint operating agreement for both cities councils to approve.

All Keego Harbor Council Members agree that both cities need to move quickly and revise a job description. Mayor Pro Tem Yoder stated each department does not have to have the same job description and want the job description for a chief differs by city. Mayor Lorenz stated Sylvan Lake may not want a working chief; they see their chief as head of public safety. Council Member Kalman is concerned about 2 different job descriptions. It needs to be figured out how can one person can work 20 hours with one contract and then

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work 20 hours with another contract. Council Member Kalman stated a working chief can only work if Keego Harbor has another full time officer. Council Member Fletcher also feels that a working chief in both departments is out of the question. Council Member Newberry stated Keego Harbor City Council wants a working chief. Mayor Rubin stated a full time working chief is more economical and he is ready to move forward with the process.

Attorney Ryan stated there needs to be an Inner Local Agreement between both cities.

It was decided to use the Keego Harbor job description as a framework, as well as, the information Sylvan Lake City Manager Martin gave to Mayor Rubin. Mayor Lorenz first wants to figure out if the 2 cities can work together.

Public Comments:

Karen Meabrod - Thrilled about working with Sylvan Lake.

Gino Santia – Asked Mayor Lorenz how the residents of Sylvan Lake feel about a shared chief. Mayor Lorenz said he has not heard any negative responses from the residents.

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Motion to move forward with the framework with Sylvan Lake on the hiring process of a shared police chief by Aug 1st, Keego Harbor will be represented by Mayor Rubin or Mayor Pro Tem Yoder by Council Member Fletcher; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Yoder

Ayes: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

Recess at 8:55 p.m. council reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

Public Safety Millage

Attorney Ryan explained the process in adopting a charter amendment, with headlee override and governor approval. Mileage dedicated to police department to be voted on in November, if passes, it would start 7/1/18.

Public Comments:

John Oshaunassey - If residents are worried about their taxes, they need this mileage. He added without a Police Department, insurance rates will go up. Promote from within, we have great officers.

Closed to Public Comment

Mayor Rubin discussed other options with Attorney Ryan. Attorney Ryan explained there could be a special assessment, on real property only, with 2 hearings yearly. Mayor Rubin asked if the city needs \$328,762 each year. Attorney Ryan explained the 4 mills do not have to be levied each year; it is an annual levee, based on an annual budget review. Discussed was a dedicated Police Mileage for 4.0 mills for 8 years from 2018 – 2026. Attorney Ryan instructed Council to pass a resolution, once approved he will send to the Attorney General.

Mayor Pro Tem Yoder stated the council's role is to educate the residents by website posts (with Attorney Ryan's approval), town hall meeting and postcards.

Resolution to place on the November 2017 ballot a mileage restoration charter amendment for dedicated police services to be outlined by the city attorney for 4 mills for 8 years by Council Member Kalman; seconded by Council Member Newberry

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Ratification of motion or extension of Chief Hurst contract

Mayor Pro Tem Yoder stated Council decided to extend Chief Hurst's contract at the June

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Council Meeting, to date the contract has not been signed by Mayor Rubin or ratified. Attorney Ryan stated the contract was approved by Council on June 20, on June 23 he sent the contract to City Manager Voll, on June 29 Chief Hurst wanted to change the termination from 30 days to 14 days. Attorney Ryan updated the contract to a 14 day termination, Chief Hurst signed and it was sent to City Manager Voll for Council approval. Mayor Pro Tem Yoder, as well as, Mayor Rubin wants to discuss the 30 day to 14 day change, since it was not the original Motion discussed. He stated that change should have been discussed in an open meeting.

Open and closed to public

Motion to ratify the extension of Chief Hurst's contract which was submitted and signed by Council Member Kalman; seconded by Council Member Newberry

Ayes: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

Contingency Plan for police command with experience for discussion

Council Members discussed a temporary command structure. They discussed what happens if Chief Hurst leaves, who would assume temporary command. City Manager Voll will call Oakland County; speak with the Undersheriff to see if he will take temporary command if needed.

Motion to authorize City Manager Voll to contact Oakland County Sheriff Department or anyone else she would like, for temporary command service if necessary by Mayor Pro Tem Yoder; seconded by Council Member Newberry

Ayes: Unanimous

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CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

There will have to be information sessions to inform the residents on the Police Department Mileage before the November 7 election.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Newberry – 9/15 Skate Night, 10/6 Taste of Keego

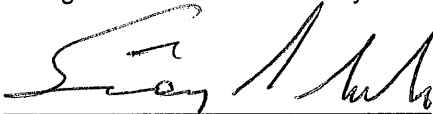
Mayor Pro Tem Yoder – Read a letter from GWBCCC, Gino's Classic Car Night 8/14

Council Member Fletcher – Have a great summer

Council Member Kalman – Have a great summer

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business Mayor Rubin adjourned the Council Meeting at 10:43 p.m.



Sidney Rubin
City of Keego Harbor its Mayor



Lori Gilman
City of Keego Harbor Deputy Clerk

Chuck and Marilyn Svaluto
2058 Willow Beach St.
Keego Harbor, MI 48320

July 21, 2017

Dear Keego Harbor City Council,

We have lived in Keego Harbor since 1974 and love the small town, lakefront environment that exists here. We want to maintain the lifestyle and traditions we have come to enjoy, and have continued to invest in properties in the city.

We have learned that Council will soon be appointing a replacement Chief of Police and we strongly encourage you to look within. Without the vested interest that comes from having been part of the indigenous culture of a small town, lakefront community, any outside candidate could not fully understand how issues and needs differ from larger, suburban communities, and would likely be less effective.

Having been public school teachers and administrators for 37 years, we saw many school leadership openings come and go. With one notable exception, every time a candidate from outside the district ranks was hired, it did not end well.

We are grateful to Council for all it has done to preserve and protect our city. We urge you to thoughtfully consider how our police department and city could be best served by the candidate who knows our names, our lakes, our values, and our Keego Harbor way of life.

Respectfully,

Chuck & Marilyn Svaluto

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