CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ROCHESTER
400 SIXTH STREET, ROCHESTER MICHIGAN

REGULAR MEETING
MAY 28, 2024
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Bikson at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL
PRESENT: Mayor Stuart Bikson, Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Salvia, Councilmembers Christian Hauser, Debbie Jones, Sara King, Steve Sage and Marilyn Trent.
ABSENT: None.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Bikson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT SCHEDULED/NON SCHEDULED/PRESENTATIONS
Mayor Bikson welcomed Retired Marine Colonel Doman to deliver his Memorial Day comments due to the cancellation of the Mt. Avon event.

Public Comment. NONE.

5. MINUTES
5A. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 13, 2024.

MOTION: Salvia moved, Sage seconded,
To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 13, 2024.
VOTE: YES: Bikson, Salvia, Hauser, Jones, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
Motion Carried.

6. CONSENT AGENDA
NONE.

7. OLD BUSINESS/ TABLED ITEMS.
NONE.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
NONE.

9. LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS
NONE.

10. REPORTS AND REGULAR BUSINESS

10A. Council received a report from Administration after questions were raised about compensating Councilmembers for attending meetings of Boards and Commissions they are appointed to. City Attorney Kragt reviewed his memo regarding the current process to set Council's compensation. The process is set by Ordinance establishing a Compensation Commission that meets in odd years and makes a recommendation to City Council for consideration. To change the process, Council would need to amend the Ordinance with a new process. Some Councilmembers preferred their salaries remain set by the Commission. Council requested Administration gather information on the salaries of comparable communities and report back.

10B. Request from DPW to approve the quote from Peerless in the amount of $29,470.02 to replace the high service Pump #2 at the Water Treatment Plant.

MOTION: Salvia moved, Trent seconded,
To approve the quote from Peerless in the amount of $29,470.02 to replace the high service Pump #2 at the Water Treatment Plant.

VOTE: YES: Bikson, Salvia, Hauser, Jones, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
Motion Carried.

10C. Members of the City Beautiful Commission presented Council with renderings of the murals for the Kiwanis Shelter submitted by the preferred artist Chelsea Hensbergen of Washington Michigan. They requested Council's concurrence of their selection and approval of the budget of $11,250.00.

MOTION: Salvia moved, Trent seconded,
To concur with the City Beautiful Commission's selection of artist Chelsea Hensbergen mural renderings for the Kiwanis Shelter and approve the budget of $11,250.00.

VOTE: YES: Bikson, Salvia, Hauser, Jones, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
Motion Carried.

10D. Check Register Reports for May 9 and 16, 2024.

11. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

11A. Historical Commission – Sage commented on Heritage Days and sales of the DUR book.

11B. Rochester Avon Recreation Authority – King noted they are working on new branding and an awning, she noted that the trees on the trail property have died and they will be relocating the bike rack.

11C. Community House – Salvia stated they are reviewing building drawings and pricing and working on a fundraising wish list.

11D. Paint Creek Trailway Commission – King said they considered the developer's clean up plan for the Solaronic's property. Salvia asked that resurfacing of the Clinton River Trail be a topic for Goals and Objectives.

11E. Downtown Development Authority – Trent reported that the building purchase is in the final stages, that Huntington Bank has agreed to allowing a mural on their building and she commented on the Oakland County Grant and the Makers' Market.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT.
NONE.

13. GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS.
City Manager Banda commented on having a back up plan for rained out Memorial Day events and recommended that the City honor Veterans' Day; he warned that the walkway in front of City Hall is getting a make over; and noted that DPW workers Jimmie Williams and Mike Lewis are retiring.

City Clerk O'Connor noted that applications for absentee ballot for the August and November elections will be mailed next week and that she will have an agenda item regarding pet licensing on the next meeting.

King advised that RARA will be offering pickleball classes and will be having a Home Run Derby.

Salvia asked about Elizabeth Park work and commented on the RHPL raffle.

Sage commented on the America 250 celebration coming in 2026 and noted that there are 3 Revolutionary War veterans in Mt. Avon.

Jones noted that the concession stand at Halbach Field will be open during games.

Fire Chief Cieslik gave an update on the propane tank explosion on Main Street.

Trent commented on Heritage Days Festival, hot dogs at the Fire Station on Memorial Day and expressed concern about items on the sidewalks downtown.

Hauser agreed with concerns about items on the sidewalks downtown, noted that the Public Hearing regarding the development at Solaronics is on June 24 and thanked Administration for their work on his blight concern.

Bikson reminded of the Police Department Open House Saturday at 10:00 a.m. celebrating their 100 year anniversary and noted that he and the City Manager would be attending a Library Board meeting to discuss their funding request.

City Manager Banda asked the Mayor if he would be able to attend a tree planting event on Saturday at 8:45 a.m. for the Stoney Pointe Homeowner Association where they will be planting 40 trees. Mayor Bikson agreed.

14. ADJOURN

Mayor Bikson adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

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Lee Ann O'Connor, City Clerk Stuart Bikson, Mayor