CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ROCHESTER
400 SIXTH STREET, ROCHESTER MICHIGAN

REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 26, 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**
4A. Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve annual report from Board Member Nick Gaydos. They will be planning an event to celebrate their 50th Anniversary in 2025.

4B. Presentation on Community Feline Program Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Return (TNVR) from Cheryl Phillips.

4C. Presentation on Mt. Avon Cemetery from the Cemetery Advisory Board.

MOTION: Salvia moved, Trent seconded,
To request Administration and the Cemetery Advisory Board bring back information on ways to replot areas of the cemetery with the goal of raising funds and addressing environmental concerns.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT.
Hunter Parsons, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, noted that the Art and Apples Festival is September 6 to 9, 2024, it will be the 58th Annual festival and will include 270 artists. She expressed concern with the number of dogs present in previous years and asked for additional support messaging that dogs are not allowed.

Pat Kane, W. Fourth, commented on community cats.

**5. MINUTES**

5A. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meetings held June 24, 2024, July 8 and 22, 2024 and August 12, 2024.

MOTION: Sage moved, Jones seconded,
To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings held June 24, 2024, July 8 and 22, 2024 and August 12, 2024.

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

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

6A. Special Event Application from the Knights of Columbus to hold the annual Tootsie Roll Drive October 11, 12 and 13, 2024 at the intersection of University Drive and Main Street.

MOTION: Salvia moved, Hauser seconded,
To approve the Special Event Permit for the Knights of Columbus to hold the annual Tootsie Roll Drive October 11, 12 and 13, 2024 at the intersection of University Drive and Main Street.

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

**7. OLD BUSINESS/ TABLED ITEMS.**

NONE.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NONE.

**9. LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS**

NONE.

**10. REPORTS AND REGULAR BUSINESS**

10A. Agreement with Oakland County for Placemaking and Public Spaces Program for Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Distribution to receive funds of $931,485.00 to go toward The Graham Market project at East Second Street and Water Street within the DDA.

MOTION: Hauser moved, King seconded,
To approve the Agreement with Oakland County for Placemaking and Public Spaces Program for Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Distribution to receive funds of $931,485.00 to go toward The Graham Market project at East Second Street and Water Street within the DDA and to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the Agreement.

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

10B. Resolution setting Water and Sewer rates and charges effective September 1, 2024. The increases represent approximately $50 annually for medium usage customers.

MOTION: Hauser moved, Salvia seconded,
To adopt the Resolution setting Water and Sewer rates and charges effective September 1, 2024 with increases representing approximately $50 annually for medium usage customers.

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

10C. Quote for mill and fill of Diversion Street from south Street south to the City Limit from Bowen Paving in the amount of $26,462.00. The City will use Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds of $13,231.00 from Oakland County to cover 50% of the costs.

MOTION: Trent moved, Sage seconded,
To approve the Quote for mill and fill of Diversion Street from south Street south to the City Limit from Bowen Paving in the amount of $26,462.00 and to authorize Administration to use Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds of $13,231.00 from Oakland County to cover 50% of the costs.
VOTE: YES: Bikson, Salvia, Hauser, Jones, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
Motion Carried.

10D. Quote for reconstruction of Parking Lot 12 located behind Give Thanks Bakery from Bowen Paving in the amount of $141,296.00.

MOTION: Salvia moved, Sage seconded,
To approve the Quote for reconstruction of Parking Lot 12 located behind Give Thanks Bakery from Bowen Paving in the amount of $141,296.00.
VOTE: YES: Bikson, Salvia, Hauser, Jones, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
Motion Carried.

10E. Quote for Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve building repairs from Better Painting in the amount of $4,385.00.
MOTION: Salvia moved, Trent seconded,
To approve the Quote for Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve building repairs from Better Painting in the amount of $4,385.00.

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

10F. Check Register Reports for August 8 and 15, 2024.

**11. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS.**

11A. City Beautiful Commission – City Manager Banda noted they reviewed their budget, they discussed changing their meeting schedule to quarterly, they discussed projects for next year and the murals in the Park.

11B. Cemetery Advisory Board – Jones noted that the presentation earlier in the meeting covered the report.

11C. Sister City Committee – Jones stated that the Committee discussed grant writing for the communities.

11D. Asset Management Committee – Salvia noted that the presentation earlier in the meeting covered the report.

11E. Paint Creek Trailway Commission – Sage stated they have begun their Master Plan process, that the Labor Day Walk would be that weekend, that the owners of Solaronics won't be able to meet their agreement requirements before its expiration and they are planning to have memorial pavers program.

11F. Downtown Development Authority – Trent stated that Main Street Oakland County had presented the DDA with their accreditation, they had received a preliminary budget for The Graham Market, they held the annual downtown maintenance walk, they voted to allow developer Moceri to combine the two parcels for their project on the Elevator property and the Holiday Expo is soon.

11G. Rochester Avon Recreation Authority – King stated their summer camp revenue is increased, their plans for the new entryway would be presented to the Planning Commission, the hammock park will be opening and they will be presenting their annual budget to Council in September.

11H. Historical Commission – Sage stated they had a presentation from the Daughter's of the American Revolution regarding plans for the America 250 celebration and their plans to mark and recognize the 4 Revolutionary War Veterans in Mt. Avon Cemetery. He stated they plan to make a presentation to Council in September.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

NONE.

**13. GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS.**

City Manager Banda stated they are working with EGLE on the repairs to the Clinton River Trail.

Deputy City Clerk D'Annunzio recommended residents visit the Elections page on the City's website for election information.

Salvia commented on the detour signs for the Clinton River Trail.

Jones announced that the Lions Park structure was up.

Trent mentioned that the event for Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve 50 anniversary is October 3.

Hauser commented on the need for donations to the Freedge and asked about the progress on blight ordinances.

Mayor Bikson commented on the ribbon cuttings for the murals in the Park and the All Abilities Park.

**14. ADJOURN**

Mayor Bikson adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

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Brian D'Annunzio, Deputy City Clerk Stuart Bikson, Mayor