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DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan.

B. ROLL CALL: President Keough

J. Carson	P. Cousins
D. Fisher	J. Semifero
J. Smith	R. Tell

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – March 22, 2010

Motion Smith; support Carson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 22, 2010

Unanimous voice vote for approval

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Smith: support Fisher to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Add additional information under I-4, Village Manager's Report
Add additional information under J-4, Consent Agenda, Dexter Community Schools Drama Department
Add additional item J-5, Consent Agenda, St. Andrew's Church Blood Drive
Add additional information K-3, Old Business-Mill Creek Park Next Steps
Move item L-5 – Consideration of Scope of Services from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment to complete Baker Road Crosswalk Grant Application to the next item after Approval of the Agenda
and Postpone item K-4, Discussion of Village Office Next Steps until the April 26 Meeting

Unanimous voice vote for approval

L-5 Consideration of: Scope of Services from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment for Evaluation of Village Crosswalks

Larry Cobler, President of the Dexter School Board, addressed Council regarding the Baker Road crossing and the possible funding through the Chelsea Wellness

Foundation grant. Some work has been done on the plans and will be presented to Council on April 26.

Motion Carson; support Fisher to approve the Scope of Services from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment to complete the grant application for the Baker Road Pedestrian Crossing Project not to exceed \$4000.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Action on each public hearing will be taken immediately following the close of the hearing

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Chris Savage of 2367 Baker Road, Dexter, referring to himself as an evangelist for community gardens stated that such gardens bring people together and create community communication. Mr. Savage distributed a handout on community gardens.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. March Citation List
3. Thank You Letter for Participation in MAMSE Conference
4. Census New Construction Program
5. Webster Township Public Hearing Notice
6. Michigan Municipal League – Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Dues
7. Dexter Community Schools – Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Transportation Study
8. Road Funding Press Release from the Michigan Transportation Team
9. SEMCOG – Ann Arbor / Detroit Rail System Update

I. REPORTS

1. Community Development Manager - Allison Bishop
3rd Quarter Report

Ms. Bishop submits her report as per packet. In addition, Ms. Bishop reported that the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) will be presented in May and that an issue with the sandwich boards has come up. Ms. Bishop responded to questions regarding trash along Mill Creek (actually in Webster Township); new construction in Westridge and a request to inspect the construction site for safety issues; request to identify some items in the CIP as undetermined or under consideration rather than listing items by a year and she asked for any

input from Council on the CIP. It was also reported that Ms. Bishop will soon begin meeting with the DAPCO Redevelopment sub-committee.

2. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

Huron River Watershed Council Representative – Paul Cousins

Mr. Cousins reported the recent newsletter and cleaning up phosphorus for a cleaner waterway. He mentioned that there will be an opportunity with the border to border trail and stream stabilization to do cleanup at Mill Creek. He also mentioned the means that the Watershed Council receives its money...membership dues, businesses and major corporations, units of government and grants.

3. Subcommittee Reports

a) Website – a report was included in the packet. Staff is very receptive to changes and improvements. A question was raised as to a dollar amount for the website to be included in next year’s budget.

b) Downtown Fire Detection – a report was included in the packet. A question was raised regarding any laws in the state that require fire safety and that it can be done for new construction but more difficult on existing buildings that are retro-fitted.

4. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. In addition Mrs. Dettling mentioned the update on meeting with residents on Ann Arbor Street and the issue about backing out onto the street. The four residents are arranging a meeting to discuss the issue and possible solutions. Mrs. Dettling also gave verbal updates on the following: will be getting the DAPCO Redevelopment team going; three samples of the LED lighting are in place downtown and they are labeled; graffiti has shown up under the Mill Creek bridge and will be working with Customrock to remove it and coat the area; the Washtenaw County Road Commission will meet on April 15 to discuss the pedestrian viaduct access; working with Kurt Augustine to purchase a new sweeper for the Village at a cost around \$80,000; and will be trying to set up a meeting with the Economic Development Committee composed of Jim Smith, Donna Fisher, Carol Jones and Donna Dettling.

5. President’s Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$509,359,14
2. Consideration of: Request from the Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum to place four (4) signs in the Village right-of-way from April 16 through May 2 to advertise their Quilt Show

3. Consideration of: Request to place signage in the Village right-of-way advertising the Dexter Farmers Market on Tuesdays and Saturdays from May 8 to October 30
4. Consideration of: Request from Dexter Community Schools to place eleven (11) signs in the Village right-of-way from April 13 to April 25 advertising a play
5. Consideration of: Request from St. Andrew's United Church of Christ to place two (2) signs in the Village right-of-way from April 19 to April 26 and September 20 to September 27

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1, 2, 3 and 5 of the consent agenda and move item J-4 to item L-10 under New Business.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

At 8:52 p.m. a recess was taken and the meeting re-convened at 8:57 p.m.

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Cityhood – Recommendation for Legal Services

Motion Tell; support Carson to direct the Village Manager to obtain proposals from other Charter Incorporation Attorneys provided by the Michigan Municipal League.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough
 Nays: None
 Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Cityhood – Determination of Boundary for Next Petition Submittal

Motion Semifero; support Carson to instruct staff to work with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment to establish a new boundary for the Village as presented within the two modified areas.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Tell and Keough
 Nays: Smith
 Motion carries 6 to 1

3. Discussion of: Mill Creek Park Next Steps

Two proposals were included in the packet, with and without the Jeffords Road extension. Discussion followed on both proposals.

Motion Cousins; support Carson to table item K-3 until after item O.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough
 Nays: None
 Motion carries

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Downtown Landscaping Bid Award

Motion Carson; support Cousins to hire Creative Lawn and Landscape, LLC for a one year trial period with a three year renewal upon satisfactory performance.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Proposal from SME for testing services for the Ann Arbor Street Project

Motion Tell; support Carson to approve the proposal from Soil and Material Engineers (SME) for testing services for the Ann Arbor Street Project not to exceed \$5300.00.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Community Garden

Motion Cousins; support Carson to approve the resolution that the Village of Dexter will start and support in 2010 a Community Garden to be located at 7651 Dan Hoey Road and employ Melissa Kesterson as its coordinator with the Village Manager as her supervisor.

Motion Carson; support Semifero to amend the motion to add to the resolution under the auspices of the Farmers Market Committee after the Village of Dexter and change employ to contract with.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Amended Motion

Motion Cousins; support Carson to approve the resolution that the Village of Dexter under the auspices of the Farmers Market Committee will start and support in 2010 a Community Garden to be located at 7651 Dan Hoey Road and contract with Melissa Kesterson as its coordinator with the Village Manager as her supervisor.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

4. Consideration of: Scope of Services from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment for Evaluation of Village Crosswalks

Motion Carson; support Semifero to approve the scope of services from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment to identify and evaluate the Village crosswalks at a cost not to exceed \$6500.00.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

6. Consideration of: Planning Commission recommendation to adopt amendments to Article 17, RD Research and Development District of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance

Motion Tell; support Semifero per Section 23.06, Criteria for Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Text and the Planning Commission recommendation, the Village Council approves that the proposed amendments to Article 17, Research and Development District, Section 17.02K to include Retail/Showroom as a permitted use and changing special land use Recreation Center to Personal Fitness Center in order to correct problems and create consistency within the ordinance and to help promote implementation of the goals and objectives of the Master Plan.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

7. Consideration of: Planning Commission recommendation to approve the Special Land Use Application from Gary Ouillette for the Absolute Fun Inc., an indoor recreation facility at 3219 Broad Street.

Motion Cousins; support Semifero based on the information provided by the applicant and the Planning Commission recommendation, the Village Council approves the special land use application submitted by Gary Ouillette for the Absolute Fun, Inc., an indoor recreation facility, located at 3219 Broad Street.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

8. Consideration of: Recommendation to approve Ann Arbor Landscape for Spring 2010 Tree Planting

Motion Cousins; support Carson to approve the bid from Ann Arbor Landscape for Spring 2010 Tree Planting not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith Fisher, Semifero and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

9. Discussion of: Use of Social Networking Websites (Facebook, Twitter, etc) as a Communication Tool

Motion Smith: support Fisher to postpone discussion on the use of social networking websites as a communication tool.

Ayes: Carson, Fisher, Smith and Semifero

Nays: Cousins, Tell and Keough

Motion carries 4 to 3

10. Consideration of: Request from Dexter Community Schools to place eleven (11) signs in the Village right-of-way from April 13 to April 25 advertising a play

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve the placement of five (5) signs plus the large sign at Copeland from the Dexter Community Schools from April 13 to April 25 to advertise a play.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Semifero	The Village may want to look at buying lots in Westridge that are under receivership and is the Village following procedures for signage?
Carson	Dexter will be hosting the Chelsea Area Planning Team/Dexter Area Regional Team on April 19 from 7-8:30 at the Dexter Library
Smith	None
Jones	None
Tell	None
Fisher	None
Cousins	Dexter will be hosting the Huron River Watershed Council's Annual Meeting on April 29 at the Dexter Library. Thank you to Jim Carson and Donna Dettling for attending the Bridge Conference. Passed out Arts Alliance bookmarks which highlights their launch of a new website and announced there will be training for the site on the first Tuesday in May at the Dexter Library. Asked the following questions: Does Brenda receive compensation for work at the Farmer's Market; did Council approve size and costs of booths and hours of the market; and was the Farmer's Market Committee asked about participating in the Community Garden?

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.26 Sec. 8(d)

Motion Smith; support Fisher to go into closed session at 11:06 pm to discuss potential purchase of property

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Smith; support Tell to leave the closed session at 12:02 am

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

K-3 Discussion of: Mill Creek Park Next Steps (postponed earlier in the meeting)

Motion Tell; support Cousins to authorize staff to contact the consultants to get a quote to modify the permit application for work on the east side of the Mill Creek stream.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Tell; support Cousins to authorize the negotiations to proceed as directed in closed session.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Semifero, Tell and Keough

Nays: Fisher and Smith

Motion carries 5 to 2

Motion Smith; support Fisher to adjourn at 12:04 am.

P. ADJOURNMENT

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: April 26, 2010