City Of Albion

City Council Meeting

July 7, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joseph Domingo opened the regular session at 7:00 p.m.

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED

 III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

 IV. ROLL CALL

Maurice Barnes (1), Lenn Reid (2), Garrett Brown (3), William Wheaton (4), Cheryl

Krause (5), Andrew French (6) and Mayor Joseph Domingo.

 Administration: Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Tom Mead, Finance Director and Cullen

Harkness, City Attorney.

 Mayor Domingo made a motion to amend the agenda.

 French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to amend the agenda (7-0, rcv)

 Mayor Domingo made a motion to add Request for Close Out of the Michigan Community Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for the Downtown Enhancement Project.

 Brown moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to add Request for Close Out of the Michigan Community Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for the Downtown Enhancement Project to the agenda. (7-0, rcv)

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes, Reid, Brown, Wheaton and Krause, Mayor Domingo, Finance Director Mead and Elizabeth Schultheiss, 101 Irwin Avenue.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING/PRESENTATION

 A. Annual Audit Presentation-Abraham & Gaffney

 Bill Tucker from Abraham & Gaffney presented the 2013 Annual Audit.

Comments were received from Council Member French, Finance Director Mead and City Attorney Harkness.

B. Downtown Enhancement Project

 Mayor Domingo opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. for the Downtown

 Enhancement Project. This project was funded with Community Development

 Block Grant (CDBG) funds administered through the Michigan Economic

 Development Corporation (MEDC).

 No public comments were received.

 Mayor Domingo closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

 Council continued discussion with comments received from Council Members

 Brown and French, Mayor Domingo and Elizabeth Schultheiss, 101 Irwin Avenue.

VII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

 No comments were received.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV)

A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2014

 French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Consent Calendar as

 presented. (7-0, vv).

IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. Discussion & Request for Approval of Real Estate Agreement for Dollar General – Peggy Sindt (RCV)

 Comments were received from Council Members Brown, French, Reid and Krause, Mayor Domingo, City Attorney Harkness, EDC Director Sindt and Chad-Midwest V, LLC.

Brown moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve Request of Real Estate Agreement for Dollar General as presented. (7-0, rcv)

B. Discussion & Request for Support for New Club License for Friends of the Bohm Theatre- (RCV)

 Comments were received from Council Members Reid, Krause, Barnes and Brown, Mayor Domingo, Mary Slater, 517 E. Michigan, Elizabeth Schultheiss, 101 Irwin Avenue and Richard Lewin, 517 E. Michigan Avenue.

Barnes moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve Support for New Club License for Friends of the Bohm Theatre. (6-1, Reid dissenting)

C. Discussion & Request for Approval Date for Joyce Parker, MML for City Manager Search.

 The consensus of the Council was to have an executive session following the regular council meeting on Monday, July 21, 2014 to discuss the City Manager Search with Joyce Parker, MML.

 Comments were received from Mayor Domingo.

French moved, Barnes supported, CARRIED, to Approve an Executive Session on Monday, July 21, 2014 for discussion of City Manager Search with Joyce Parker, MML (7-0, rcv)

D. 2nd Reading & Request for Approval Ordinance #2014-02 To Exempt Lincolnshire Townhomes From Taxation & Provide for Payments in Lieu of Property Taxes (RCV)

 Comments were received from Council Member Brown and City Attorney Harkness.

 Barnes moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Ordinance #2014-02 To Exempt Lincolnshire Townhomes from Taxation & Provide for Payments in Lieu of Property Taxes as presented. (7-0, rcv)

 E. Discussion-Resolution Supporting Proposal I

 Council discussed the support of Proposal I-An Amendatory act to reduce state

 use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share to modernize

 the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

 Comments were received from Council Members Brown, Barnes, Krause and

 French, Mayor Domingo, Finance Director Mead and Catherine Kerley, 710 S.

 Eaton St.

 F. Personal Property Update

 Finance Director Mead gave an overview of the effects of the Michigan Tax

Commission official order for personal property tax for Guardian Industries and also the shortfall for the Downtown Development Authority.

 Comments were received from Council Members Brown, French, Barnes and

 Krause, Mayor Domingo, Finance Director Mead and City Attorney Harkness.

 G. Future Agenda Items

 Council Member Brown would like a discussion of assessing services added to

 the next agenda.

 Council Member Barnes would like an update from the Technology Committee for the

 City’s website added to the next agenda.

 Council Member Barnes would like the Austin Avenue Initiative added to the next

 agenda.

 Mayor Domingo would like the Certificate of Appreciation for Marcus Ware added to

 the next agenda.

 Mayor Domingo would like a discussion of fiduciary accounts the City is currently

 administering added to the next agenda.

 Comments were received from Council Members Barnes and Brown, Mayor Domingo

 and Finance Director Mead.

H. Motion to Excuse Absent Council Member (s) (VV)

 No action was necessary as all members were present.

I. Request for Close Out of the Michigan Community Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for the Downtown Enhancement Project (RCV)

 French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Request for Close Out of the Michigan Community Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for the Downtown Enhancement Project. (7-0, rcv)

X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

Comments were received from Marcy Sacks, 302 College Ct and David Gilbert-Calhoun County Prosecutor.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Wheaton moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Adjourn the Regular Session.

(7-0, vv).

Mayor Domingo adjourned the Regular Session at 8:50 p.m.

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Date Jill Domingo

 City Clerk