

**Allegan, Michigan**

**December 8, 2014**

**Call to Order** Mayor Leverence called the regular meeting of the Allegan City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present: Councilmembers: Gratz, Ingalsbee, McDaniel, McKenzie, Tripp, Zeter, Mayor Leverence

Absent: None

Others

Present: City Manager R. Hillard, Deputy City Clerk L. Vander Clay

**Approval of Minutes** Councilmember McDaniel, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of November 24, 2014. Motion passed with Councilmember McKenzie abstaining. Councilmember McDaniel, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve the Special City Council meeting minutes of November 24, 2014. Motion passed with Councilmember McKenzie abstaining.

**Mayor's Report** Mayor Leverence requested councilmembers to check their schedules for Saturday, January 31, 2015 for the annual City Strategic Planning Session and confirm with City Manager R. Hillard. She talked about the wonderful performance of Holly Daze, the Christmas parade, the bridge lighting and the successful 5K Ugly Sweater Run.

**City Manager's Report** City Manager R. Hillard stated his report would be contained within the contents of the agenda.

**Petitions and Public Comment**

**Communications**

City Manager R. Hillard announced the Core Community Fund Grant received from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$250,000 for Riverfront Improvements. Tony McGhee from Abornmarche indicated that his firm will be holding public meetings for input; plan and final design with completion by September, 2015.

Promotions Coordinator K. King gave an update of how well things went for the first of three Festive Fridays. She announced on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Art Hop will be happening along with free gift wrapping; horse trolley rides; hot cocoa; Santa and the Historical Society will be open.

City Manager R. Hillard presented the updated Allegan Highlands Business Park Brochure prepared by Abonmarche.

### **Hearings**

### **Programs**

### **Resolutions**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 14.40**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR COMMENCING CONSTRUCTION ON THE LOW INCOME HOUSING DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS THE BRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY LDHA LLC.**

**WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2013, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 13.01 (the “Resolution”) attached as **Exhibit A**, granting tax exempt status to the low income housing development known as the Bridgeport Apartments pursuant to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Act of 1996, as amended, MCL 125.140 *et seq.* (“Act 346”) and the City of Allegan Housing Development Authority Tax Exemption Ordinance, as amended, Ordinance Sections 27-36 through 27-44 (the “Ordinance”).

**WHEREAS**, the Resolution provides that the tax exemption will not take effect unless Bridgeport Community LDHA, LLC., (the “Sponsor”) commences the planned renovations on the Bridgeport Apartments by December 31, 2013.

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance Section 27-43, as recently amended, authorizes the City Council to extend the time period for commencing construction if the sponsor of a low income housing development demonstrates good cause for the delay of construction.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the delay of construction.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is resolved as follows:

1. The time period for commencing construction on the Bridgeport Apartments shall be extended until January 1, 2016.
2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.

Councilmember McDaniel, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve Resolution 14.40 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Ordinances** Mayor Leverage introduced Ordinance 445 of 2014 for first reading. She explained this ordinance will further regulate the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks in the City. Councilmember Gratz, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve Ordinance 445 for first reading. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **Permits/Licenses/Agreements/Grants**

### **Requests for Payments**

### **Requests for Purchases, Services and Equipment**

**Reports/Minutes of City Boards** Councilmember Ingalsbee reviewed the minutes from the Public Safety meeting held on December 1, 2014.

**Appointments**

**Unfinished Business**

**Approval of Payroll and Accounts** Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$98,214.53 and accounts payable in the amount of \$190,127.06. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Department Supervisors Report** DPW Director A. Haskin commented that leaf pickup continues with hopes to be done this week.

WWTP and WTP Superintendent D. Sweeris stated that the Retirement Party for Ray Berkin has been postponed until further notice.

**Council Comments** Councilmember McDaniel talked about how great the bridge lighting ceremony was and that she will be volunteering at one of the hot chocolate locations during Art Hop.

Councilmember McKenzie commented on how great the first Festive Friday was.

Councilmember Gratz welcomed the new owners of Depot Hill Party Store.

Councilmember Tripp reminded everyone to support your local merchants during this holiday season.

Councilmember Zeter thanked Mike Mott for driving the City trolley in the parade last Friday. He thanked Promotions Coordinator K. King for all her hard work during her first Festive Fridays' event. He talked about his disappointment in many merchants not being open for the first Festive Friday of the holiday season.

Councilmember Ingalsbee had a great time on Friday and is very proud of the City.

Mayor Leverage read a poem by Sue Buese.

Mayor Leverage adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Lori K. Vander Clay  
Deputy City Clerk**

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