

**CITY OF SOUTH LYON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

Mayor Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Doyle led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

PRESENT: Mayor Doyle

Council Members: Kivell, Kopkowski, Selden and Wedell

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS: Mayor Wallace & Council Member Kramer

City Manager Murphy

Attorney Lee

City Clerk/Treasurer Zemke

Department Heads: Collins, Renwick and Martin

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Selden questioned the addition of the City Attorney's memo to the minutes. It was stated that this was added as an addendum for clarification of misstatements that were made or confusing information.

**CM 11-1-09- APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 26, 2009**

Motion by Kivell supported by Morelli

To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 26, 2009 as written

VOTE:

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:**

Discussion was held on various bills.

**CM 11-2-09 – APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Motion by Selden supported by Kivell

To approve the monthly bills as presented

VOTE:

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:**

Mayor Doyle stated that he would like to thank Julie Zemke, Lisa Lynch and all of the Election Inspectors for their hard work on the election.

City Clerk/Treasurer Zemke stated that before Council is the Canvass of Votes of the November 3, 2009 General Election as conducted by the Board of County Canvassers of Oakland County Michigan. It indicates as follows: Tedd M. Wallace having received 1030 votes is elected to the office of Mayor, Michael G. Kramer having received 1132 votes is elected to the office of Council Member, Harvey Wedell, having received 845 votes is elected to the office of Council Member and Glenn Kivell having received 730 votes is elected to the office of Council Member.

**CM 11-3-09 – ACCEPTANCE OF CANVASS OF VOTES – NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kopkowski

To accept the Canvass of Votes for the November 3, 2009 General Election as conducted by the Oakland County Board of Canvassers

VOTE:

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Mayor Doyle thanked everyone for their support. He further welcomed back Tedd Wallace who will do a fine job as Mayor. He also welcomed back Harvey Wedell and Glenn Kivell and welcomed new member Michael Kramer. He thanked the City for being so generous and allowing him to serve for the past 12 years.

City Clerk/Treasurer Zemke administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Tedd M. Wallace as well as elected Council Members Michael Kramer, Harvey Wedell and Glenn Kivell.

Mayor stated that he would like to extend his salutations to John Doyle for everything he has given to the community. He has been able to keep things under control in the community. He further stated that in the last 25 years there has only be 3 Mayors, himself being one of them. He salutes John Doyle for his efforts.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **CM 11-4-09 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Wedell, supported by Morelli

To approve the agenda as presented

VOTE:

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **CITIZENS SUGGESTIONS:**

Mr. Steven Schwarz of 29867 High Valley Ct. in Farmington Hills and member of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners was present. He discussed two proposals for SMART transit and the ability to spend funds next year. He stated that the current millage that we have expires at the end of next year. There will be a choice that has to be made. The current millage is .59 mills and each community in Oakland County has the ability to decide to opt in or out of that system. If they opt out, that community's residents do not get to vote on whether they want SMART bus service or not. If they opt in, then the voters next August will have to decide whether to have that service and pay for it. Historically South Lyon has decided to opt out. The problem with the current system, is that system is no longer financially viable. Because of the decline in tax base, there would be a \$5.8 deficit followed by \$10 million the next year, etc. In his judgment, that is not a viable plan for the next four years. His proposal would be decided by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, but he is going to various City Councils to discuss the proposal and answer any questions. It is a different system. He is proposing that they would eliminate the opt in/opt out aspect. The Cities would not have to make a decision. He is proposing that all of Oakland County would vote next August to decide whether they want bus service throughout the County and share in the responsibility to pay for that, which would be .45 mills or less. This has not been proposed to the County Commissioners yet. The General Government Committee of the County will discuss this and it is anticipated that one or more proposal will be voted on by the whole board on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The three specific things that would affect South Lyon is first there would be a route connecting South Lyon to Twelve Oaks Mall. Right now because Novi opts out, there is no service running to Twelve Oaks as well as his community of Farmington Hills. The line stops at the community line. Under his proposal, those lines would no longer exist. He stated that 70% of the people who currently use the service, uses it to go to work with 20% using it to go to school. The second thing that would be significant to South Lyon is that there would be a type of taxi service that would take you from your house to the doctor, store, etc. at least two eight-hour segments six days by appointment. The third thing is South Lyon currently has a contract with People's Express for a dial-a-ride service. Under the SMART policy South Lyon would receive double the money because they are in the system. The City is taking \$20,000 from their General Fund to supplement People's Express. Mr. Schwarz stated that he would be happy to come back at another time to give some additional information.

Mr. Tim McClory of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority congratulated those members of Council on their election/re-election. He stated that approximately a year ago, the City made a decision to have MMRMA handle their property and liability insurance. One of the reasons was because MMRMA provided opportunities that the City never had, one of which is risk management projects. The Police



Department, including the Lieutenant, the Police Chief as well as the City Manager and the City Clerk put together an application for monies for a video surveillance system. He is here tonight to present a check for \$5,000 for that risk management project. He congratulated the City for taking advantage of that project.

Mr. Jack Renwick of 649 Woodland Drive stated that they are planning to have the third annual Light Parade in conjunction with the Downtown Holiday events. This is pending approval of Chief Collins. They plan on going from Dorothy Street to Whipple Street. This was changed from the previous years so that they will go by the lighting of the Christmas tree which will take place in Veteran's Parking lot.

Mayor Wallace stated that Mr. Renwick served as Mayor from 1981 until 1985. He is very active community.

Discussion was held on the reason to turn the route around. Mr. Renwick stated that it is the same route only in reverse. This is due in large part to the tree lighting ceremony. Furthermore, there is more room for staging on Dorothy street.

The question was asked if there would be any events taking place in the park. Mr. Renwick stated that there will not be.

Mr. Jeff Potter of 1099 Stable Lane congratulated Mayor Wallace and the other elected members. He stated that Mr. Schwarz is not here as a County Commissioner, but is providing information to people along their path of decision making. He further discussed the SMART proposal and the decision making process.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Second Reading to revise Chapter 102, Zoning Ordinance, Division 4, sections 102-491 and 102-492. (Landscape Ordinance).

Mayor Wallace stated that these revisions deal with the Landscape Ordinance. Councilman Morelli stated that no changes have been made since the first reading.

### **CM 11-5-09 – SECOND READING – REVISION TO CHAPTER 102, ZONING ORDINANCE, DIVISION 4, Section 102-491 – LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE**

Motion by Morelli, supported by Kramer

That this be the second reading and adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 102, Division 4, Section 102-491(see attached amendment as part of these minutes)

VOTE:

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **CM 11-6-09 – SECOND READING – REVISION TO CHAPTER 102, ZONING ORDINANCE, DIVISION 4, Section 102-492 – LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE**

Motion by Kivell, supported by Morelli

That this be the second reading and adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 102, Division 4, Section 102-492 (see attached amendment as part of these minutes)

VOTE:

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

2. Appointments:
  - a. Council Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Wallace stated that in the event that he is unable to attend any meeting, the Mayor Pro-tem presides over the meeting. According to the City Charter, the first meeting following a City Election, the Council shall appoint a member of Council to that position. He requested any nominations for that position.

CM 11-7-09 – APPOINTMENT AS MAYOR PRO-TEM

Motion by Morelli, supported

To appoint Council Member Harvey Wedell as Mayor Pro-tem

Motion Dies due to lack of support

CM 11-8-09 – APPOINTMENT AS MAYOR PRO-TEM

Motion by Selden, supported by Kramer

To appoint Council member Erin Kopkowski as Mayor Pro-tem

Council Member Kivell stated that he too would like to be considered to remain in the capacity of Mayor Pro-tem.

CM 11-9-09 APPOINTMENT AS MAYOR PRO-TEM

Motion by Morelli, supported by Kopkowski

To appoint Council Member Glenn Kivell as Mayor Pro-tem

ROLL CALL VOTE: (CM 11-8-09)	Kivell-Nay	Kopkowski-Yea	Kramer-Yea
	Morelli-Nay	Selden-Yea	Wedell-Nay
	Wallace-Yea	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>	

Councilman Selden stated that a copy of the last approved Council rules were enclosed in the packet and asked if there is any changes necessary. City attorney Lee stated that if Council wished to have these rules examined or considered for change, this is the meeting it should be done according to Charter. If Council wished to direct any change in the manner in which Council conducts its business, this is the time to do it.

3. Request by the Kiwanis Club to use McHattie Park to sell Christmas Trees.

Mr. Jack Renwick representing the Kiwanis Club stated that they are again requesting the use of McHattie Park for their annual Christmas tree sales. He stated that all proceeds from the sale go back into the community.

CM 11-10-09 – APPROVAL OF USE OF MCHATTIE PARK – KIWANIS CLUB

Motion by Selden, supported by Kivell

To approve the use of the Historical Village/Depot Grounds at the south end of McHattie Park by the Kiwanis Club of South Lyon for the purpose of selling Christmas trees from November 14, 2009 until December 31, 2009

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MANAGER'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Morelli congratulated everyone elected.



Councilman Kramer thanked everyone for their support in the election process. He is looking forward to serving in political office for the first time and serving the community for the next four years.

Councilman Wedell stated that the election was a lot of work but enjoyed the experience and meeting a lot of the residents as he walked through the neighborhoods and knocked on doors. He thanked everyone for their support and stated that he will continue to do everything he can to earn that support.

Councilman Selden stated that he wants to thank all of those who did turn out to vote. He further stated that there will be a ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial lot this Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. to honor all of our veterans.

Council Member Kopkowski stated that she would like to welcome both the new and returning elected members. She further wished all of the Veterans a Happy Veteran's Day.

Councilman Kivell stated that he would like to thank all of those who supported him in the election and thanked all of those who ran both successfully and unsuccessfully. They showed their dedication to this community.

Mayor Wallace stated that it is truly appreciated that all of the individuals stepped forward to run for office, it is a great commitment. He further thanked the community for bringing him back as Mayor. He will make every effort to be the Mayor he was before as he believes he did a good job. He stated that he is very approachable and anyone who sees him through town should feel welcome to come up to him. He thanked those individuals who helped him to get elected. The key to any success is to have people behind you and he did get that. He particularly thanked his family who gave him 100% of their support.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**CM 11-11-09 – ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selden, supported by Kivell

To adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

VOTE:

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tedd M. Wallace  
Mayor

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Julie C. Zemke  
City Clerk/Treasurer