LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2009

Present: Mayor, Lee McNew; Councilmembers Bill Lembke, Karl Storrie, Jon Cabot, David Haines; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Attorney. Dan Christ; Building Official, Leon Genre; Police Chief, John Roehrig; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Visitors: Officer Don McLellan, Linda Daniels, Bob Bailey, Heidi Hoyles, Ginny Leever, Mike Dammon

Mayor McNew opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2009 were approved as corrected. The Clerk reported that the Board of Review is meeting this week. The Mayor referred to a letter from Linda Burton, City Assessor, comparing city assessments to other communities. The Planning Commission will also meet this week, the meeting to replace the regularly scheduled meeting on March 24th. Peggy Johnson of the Clinton River Watershed Council has asked to attend a meeting to appreciate the City for its support. She has been invited to the April meeting. The Strategic Planning meeting with the RCOC will be held on April 7 at 8:30 am at City Hall. Mayor McNew and Councilmember Storrie will represent the City. The Clerk received a letter from Oakland County indicating that the contract with the provider of services for Wireless Oakland has expired, but that the agreements signed by all County jurisdictions are still in effect and will be held pending finding another contractor. American Legal Services should have the ordinance compilation completed in another week. The collection schedule for hazardous waste has been published. The first collection is on April 25th. The Clerk will notify residents of dates, times and locations. The Clerk requested $25 for a clerk’s workday on records retention, freedom of information and other topics. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the funds. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Clerk has received a questionnaire regarding election polling place accessibility. She has responded that, for elections purposes, the City is handicapped accessible. She noted to the Council that, although that is true for elections because of the personal in-car service provided by election inspectors to any resident requesting it, the City Hall is not accessible to handicapped persons wishing to attend a meeting.

Police Chief, John Roehrig, introduced Officer Don McLellan, who is a retired Captain of the Sheriff’s Department and who is now a member of the City’s Department. Mr. McLellan familiarized the Council with the history and provisions of the National Incident Management System, which is a post 911 document that has become a localized federal response plan. Mr. McLellan provided a worksheet delineating who is responsible for what and said that the City’s police department is trained in its interpretation. It is important for the City to be in compliance with NIMS for the County to receive funding for the program. Attorney Christ asked whether there were any additional requirements of the City. Mr. McLellan responded that there were not, that it is a management system regarding chain of command and interaction between agencies through which the Police Department can react to a small incident or a large one using the resources of the County. Building Official Genre discussed his role; Detroit Edison
and Consumers Power have a role as well. Councilmember Haines moved to approve the Resolution adopting the National Incident Management System. Councilmember Cabot seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Officer McLellan was thanked for all of his work for the Police Department, especially on the Police Manual.

Chief Roehrig continued with the police report. He had not talked again with Bill Rogers about the security plan. The Barn has been cleaned. Bob Bailey was thanked for doing that. The Chief and Bill Lembke are consulting on the mailbox at the police station. There is a hearing tomorrow on the eligibility of Marty Gaynor for unemployment benefits which the Chief, Sgt. Prosser, and another officer will attend. Police manual corrections are being made.

A discussion of solicitation in the City ensued. Religious solicitation cannot be forbidden. Commercial solicitation could require permitting ahead of time. Councilmember Cabot felt that solicitation does not occur so frequently that we need to have an ordinance regulating it. A homeowner enforcing no trespassing removes a solicitor from one home but not from the next one. The Chief was asked to advise the Council if the problem persists to the point where an ordinance should be considered.

Chief Roehrig gave the Police Department Report for February. Treasurer Frakes asked the Chief whether the City should be a member of the Traffic Improvement Association. The recommendation was to forgo membership for now.

Planning Commission: Building Official, Leon Genre, indicated that the past month had been slow except for the issues to be addressed on the Derocher property, 355 Gray Woods Lane. He expected everything required by the Planning Commission to be resolved for the meeting on March 11th. Moving of the lot line has been accomplished. Mr. Genre has had meetings with the architect and engineer involved with the project. Councilmember Storrie asked how damage may be prevented to the newly paved Lane. The Lane Association should take a role in this.

City Property: Bill Lembke thanked Julie Frakes and family and friends for clearing branches from the Berm. Mr. Lembke estimates it will cost $1600 for a generator for City Hall with a further $400 to $650 to install it. Mr. Lembke requested $360 for six larger trees for the Berm. He has provided for the planting of numerous seedlings again this year. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve funds for the large trees. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The new lighting for City Hall has arrived. The total cost is $1863. Mr. Lembke will arrange for installation. Bob Bailey offered to help. Mayor McNew indicated that the Furniture Committee for City Hall agreed that it would like to purchase 33 Windsor chairs owned by Bob Bailey which he is willing to sell to the City for $50 apiece for a total of $1650. Councilmember Cabot moved to purchase the chairs for $50 apiece from the Bob and Barbara Lake Memorial Fund. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Furniture Committee also found an oak Library table, a reproduction, which is 10 feet long for a cost of $3995 with a delivery fee of $150 which it recommended for City Hall. Councilmember Haines moved to provide the funds to Lee McNew for the purchase and delivery of the table from the Bob and Barbara Lake
Memorial Fund. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Furniture Committee will consider replacing the rug.

The Treasurers Report was given by Julie Frakes. Treasurer Frakes has completed the Historic Preservation Survey and also a Fiscal Challenges Survey for the Michigan Municipal League. She reviewed the warrants for the month of February, the Profit and Loss sheet and the Balance Sheet. She recommended that work done at City Hall be completed before the end of this fiscal year because money was budgeted for it. The Environmental Budget also has money remaining because weed eradication in the Lake is not going to be undertaken this year. Monies formerly in sweep accounts have been moved to NOW accounts, as approved at the last meeting. Councilmember Cabot moved to approve the financial reports noting those warrants above $500. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#15590 to Linda Burton 12/31/08 for $1030   #15592 to Linda Burton 1/30/09 for $1030
#15593 to Slade’s Printing for $875         #15594 to Janz & Knight for $6927
#15602 to O C Clemis for $532.50          #15603 to Voyager Fleet for $657.38
#15623 to Hubble Roth Clark for $1130     #15626 to O C Sheriff for $783.67
#15627 to Clark’s Concrete for $950       #15630 to Code Enforcement for $1525

Mrs. Frakes provided budget worksheets for the 2009-10 fiscal year to all responsible for budget expenditures. They are to be returned by the April meeting. She will meet with the budget subcommittee during the first week in May and review the proposed budget in detail at the May Council meeting. A Public Hearing will be held at the June meeting regarding the budget proposed for 2009-10.

A partial payment for taxes due was received. The City cannot accept partial tax payments. Mrs. Frakes will have this notice printed on future tax statements.

The contract with Janz and Knight for auditing service extended through 2008. Mrs. Frakes recommended continuing to work with the firm. She will try to obtain a three year contract with them.

Mrs. Frakes is anticipating an invoice for a deposit from the fireworks company. Councilmember Haines will contact the company.

Councilmember Lembke indicated that, if the Council has any interest in renovating the basement area, it should be planned for next year’s budget. Councilmember Cabot felt that he would rather the City spend a little more at some point in time to make the upper level handicapped accessible for City meetings. The lower level is accessible for elections purposes due to the method of serving the handicapped directly from their car.

Environmental Board: Councilmember Cabot formally announced the resignation of Leon Pedell as member of the Environmental Board and its Chairperson. Dr. Pedell feels that things are well organized and that it is a good time to make a transition. Dr. Cabot commented that Dr. Pedell has given an extraordinary amount of time with superb results and publicly thanked him for his work for the City. Dr. Cabot moved to appoint Linda Daniels, who presently serves on the Board, as interim Chair until the Environmental Board meets to elect a chairperson. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Mrs. Daniels accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously. There is also a need to appoint a new member to replace Dr. Pedell. Dr. Cabot moved to appoint Bob Bailey. Mr. Storrie seconded. Mr. Bailey accepted the appointment. Motion carried unanimously.
Roads: Councilmember Storrie provided a copy of a letter to the Road Commission to express interest in tri-party funding and to continue with the present arrangement with the RCOC to maintain the western portion of Gallogly Road. Plans for 2009 are to continue with applications of supergravel and chloride to the roads. Mr. Storrie also wished to have gravel dragged from the sides of Gallogly onto the road.

Starr Foster wants an early chloride of N. Lake Angelus Road, but it may not need to be done with the supergravel. Councilmember Haines commented that problems occur at the entrance to Lake Angelus Lane because water collects there and the road gets rutted. Mr. Storrie noted that the problem is different than at Waller Road. He feels that the paving at the end of the Lane is depressed and could cause water filling there. Dr. Haines recommended a storm sewer to aid that area. He also questioned how much aggregate was in supergravel. Mr. Storrie identified the worst areas to be at the curves where driving action on the gravel causes problems. He felt that RCOC was in non-compliance of the law, because N. Lake Angelus Road is a thoroughfare and needs to be paved from Baldwin to Rohr Road. Mr. Storrie said that he would make investigations and get the road paved one way or another. Dr. Haines remarked that if there were an exchange at Clintonville and I-75, it would solve a lot of problems.

Legal: Councilmember Lembke inquired about policies of the Police Department that could prevent the City having to pay unemployment benefits. Attorney Christ indicated that all City employees are at-will employees. However, if there are not issues of misconduct, employees are still entitled to unemployment benefits.

Additional Business: Mayor McNew asked Councilmember Haines to assume the position of Legislative Representative for the City and to oversee the Website Committee as Gail Haines had done as Councilmember. He also was asked to be liaison to the Waterford Fire Department. A meeting will be arranged with Chief Storres, Chief Roehrig, Mayor McNew and Councilmember Haines. Dr. Haines will continue to communicate with the fireworks provider.

Mayor McNew announced that Census Day is April 1, 2010.

There being no further business, Councilmember Cabot moved to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm. Councilmember Storrie seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 14, 2009 at 7 pm.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Lee McNew, Mayor Rosalie Lake, Clerk