MINUTES OF THE LAKE ANGELUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 10, 2007

Present: Mayor, Pierre Beaudet; Councilmembers Gail Haines, Bill Lembke, Lee McNew, George Drake; Police Chief, John Roehrig; Attorney, Dan Christ; Treasurer, Julie Frakes; Environmental Board Chair, Leon Pedell; Attorney Emeritus, Jim Howlett; Clerk, Rosalie Lake

Visitors: Anne Howlett, Joan Jones, Jackie and Ed Dauw, George and Dorothy Timoff, Belinda Timoff, Dick Lund, Starr Foster, Shirley Zemke, Randy Ford and Larry Ancypa of Hubbel, Roth and Clark

Mayor Beaudet called the meeting to order at 7:30 and invited Jim Howlett to present the James L. Howlett Volunteer Service Award to George Timoff. Mr. Howlett indicated that, along with having worked together for the City for many years, he and Mr. Timoff had been classmates in Jr. High School. He presented the recognition. A standing ovation occurred and photographs were taken.

Mayor Beaudet asked for consideration of the minutes of the Meeting of April 10, 2007. Minutes were approved as corrected. The DEQ sent a number of people to inspect the drain at City Hall and the gun range. Treasurer Frakes will call the DEQ to explain that the gun range has been cleaned and sealed.

The Clerk reminded everyone of the Pontiac School District election to be held at City Hall on May 8th and the move of the City Council meeting to May 15 to accommodate the election.

Comments from Residents: Councilmember Haines received a message from someone concerned about trash along Baldwin. This was an opportunity to recognize Dorothy Timoff for all of her years of service to the City, cleaning and beautifying City property. Councilmember Lembke indicated that a cleanup will occur shortly.

Starr Foster inquired about dust control on N. Lake Angelus Road in April. Councilmember Drake indicated that money had been planned in the budget for what had been done by private contractor. It was agreed to wait and see and if it gets really dusty before the County program begins, the City could handle $800-$1000 from this present year’s budget if there is a need for dust control. To chloride the whole road will cost $1600 to $1700. Mrs. Foster will monitor this.

The Dauws complained to Police Chief Roehrig about the west end of Gallogly. The Chief called Pontiac. “It’s on the schedule.”

Mrs. Foster spoke about Dark Sky Lighting, information about which could go on the website and the use of a new kind of gravel being used by RCOC.

Police Chief, John Roehrig, gave the Department report. March was a fairly slow month. The windy weather set off some alarms. Regarding the dispatch issue, the Chief reported that Tom Middleton and John Scott submitted a resolution related to the number of officers vs. the number of residents, requesting recognition of the City’s four officers as one officer. The first hearing has been held by the Oakland County Board of
Commissioners. The final hearing will be held on May 1 at 1:30. The Chief hoped that residents would attend. The Sheriff has taken a neutral position and must hold to the formula. Jeremy O’Hara has left the Department for a position in Melvindale. Kevin McDaniel will take half of Officer O’Hara’s duties and Dan Van Lacken will take the other half. Mr. Roehrig described a unique opportunity for the department in hiring Don McClellan. He has a PhD in applied science as well as many other qualifications. He sits on many Boards and oversees training. He has agreed to work for the Department for $10/hour to keep his certification. He will work one or two days a month on policies and manuals. A list of officers will appear on the website. The Chief’s email is LAPDChief@gmail.com.

Leon Pedell gave a report from the Environmental Quality Board. Linda Daniels attended the West Nile Virus meeting on behalf of the Board. Dr. Pedell has found a new resource for evaluating and, possibly, dealing with the weed population in the Lake. The Livingston County resource person will advise the Board of reliable companies. John Simpson from ASTI has been very reliable and has fine credentials. He has provided a contract for work on our wetlands. Mayor Beaudet will review the contract and get it to the Council for consideration. Auburn Hills, Jim Ridgeway and the DEQ all agree that the work should be done. Mr. Simpson will charge $2000 for designing structures and getting bids.

Councilmember Lembke reported from the Planning Commission. Randy Ford and Larry Ancypa of Hubbell, Roth and Clark brought a proposal for services to the City. They have had a relationship with the City for some time, working on the fire access roads, and have also worked with Dick Carlisle. It is a good fit for HRC to do site plan and building plan reviews. Architectural, structural and other needs for service could be provided. Larry Ancypa has been involved with HRC for 15 years and has done site plan reviews in West Bloomfield and Grosse Pointe. He is able to do complex residential reviews of homes over $2.5M and other large structures. Under the proposal, Randy Ford would do site work and Larry Ancypa would do building review. They would send the review directly to the applicant as well as to the City. Dick Lund added that HRC asks for background calculations and certification of square footage with a sealed set of plans. Carlisle will continue with inspections and administration of the process. Mr. Ford indicated that the first thing they will do when they receive a set of plans is to visit the site as they will be dealing with drainage and grading issues. Dick Lund described the work going on at the Biggers in some detail and said that there was good communication between the owner and Carlisle.

The amendments to the Zoning Ordinances, Sections 1240-1260, the need for which were caused by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act of 2006, were recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. Councilmember Drake moved to approve Ordinance #113 providing for the changes required by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act of 2006. Councilmember Lembke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lembke discussed the use of storage trusses in construction of storage areas to prevent apartments from being created above garages and felt that they should be required by ordinance. Attorney Christ will develop a draft of such an ordinance for the Planning Commission to review. The apartment above the Murray garage was discussed
relative to whether there is a relationship between the two families living there and whether the original site plan had been disregarded. The Clerk was asked to find the drawings and minutes of meetings to determine whether there is a violation of the building plans.

The Clerk was asked to contact the previous ordinance codifier to get the new ordinances codified on a disk as well as in paper form.

Mayor Beaudet presented two candidates for membership on the Planning Commission. Councilmember Drake moved to approve Dale DeLorge and Gary Parlove to fill two vacancies. Councilmember McNew seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Roads: Councilmember Drake is submitting the chloriding contract. He has signed off on the City road map for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

City Property: Councilmember Lembke reported that trees have been removed along the fence for less than $400. Spraying for weeds has been done from the City Hall property to the Police Station for about $280. Councilmember McNew moved to approve these expenditures. Councilmember Drake seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

As regards the dam, it cannot just be set and left anymore as before. It needs to be dropped a little more in the fall.

Treasurer, Julie Frakes presented the warrants and the financial statements for March. Accounts with lower expenditures were reviewed to determine whether there would be additional expenditures this year. All funds were reviewed and found to be in good positions. Councilmember Drake moved to approve the warrants and financial statements. Councilmember McNew seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#14254 to 21st Cent News for $881.29  #14263 to Hafeli, Stara for $2360.28
#void EFTPS for $2413.62  #voidEFT to State of MI for $558.85
#14265 to Janz & Knight for $6585  #voidEFT EFTPS for $1866.90
#14282 to Northstar for $2000  #14283 to R. Christie Const for $1000
#14284 to Steve Case for $1000  #14285 to Susan Brownell for $1000
#14286 to Custom Homes for $1000  #14289 to Code Enforcement foe $1412.50
#void EFTPS for $2413.62  #void EFTPS for $1866.90

Treasurer Frakes had met with Chief Roehrig to discuss a four-day work week. A proposal was developed which is being reviewed by Mayor Beaudet. Mr. Roehrig’s contract would have to be revised if the proposal were acceptable.

The question arose whether the City should prepare materials for the County Commissioner’s meeting regarding dispatch service. Councilmember Haines will ask John Scott and Mike Bouchard about this.

Mrs. Frakes plans to have the Budget Committee meeting in first or second week in May. Members of the Committee are Mayor Beaudet, Councilmember Haines, Deputy Treasurer, Pam Cabot and Treasurer Frakes.

Other items of interest were that the Treasurer has settled with Oakland County for the 2006 tax year; she did not refund three bonds; she received the annual payment from the Taubman Company; the LAPD cell phone bill doubled, so we upgraded service at no charge; the Oakland County Treasurer has a website to pay taxes by credit card. The fee to the taxpayer for this service is quite high. Mrs. Frakes will include the City on the
BOC resolution which is the first step in setting up the City to use this service, in case the City ever decides to do so.

Insurance: Councilmember McNew is gathering updated information and contacting providers.

Attorney Christ made inquiry regarding the Holiday Inn at the Great Lakes Crossing Mall. It is a three story hotel and is consistent with the consent judgment. Councilmember Lembke suggested the City plant 8 or 10 evergreen trees on the top of the berm. Councilmember Drake felt that white pine should be planted behind the berm. Mr. Lembke noted that it is possible to drive on the top of the berm so that trees can be watered.

The website may be up and running this month. It needs the ordinances and approved minutes of meetings. Attorney Christ recommended the Council adopt a policy regarding links on the website and who may have one.

There being no further business, Mayor Beaudet adjourned the meeting and confirmed the alternate date for the regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2007.

Approved: Respectfully submitted,

Pierre Beaudet, Mayor Rosalie Lake Clerk