

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

June 24, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois was held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, Alton, Illinois at the hour of 7:30 p.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hoechst.

The Council Members present on call of the roll:

PRESENT: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

ABSENT: None - 0

Mayor Hoechst called upon Alderman Fleming to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

The Clerk read the following Notice of Public Hearing.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Budget and Appropriation documents for the City of Alton, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2009, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Comptroller's Office, 101 E. Third St., Alton, Illinois, beginning at 9:00 A.M., on June 12, 2009 and thereafter for not less than ten days.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on the Appropriation Ordinance for the City of Alton for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2009 will be held at 7:30 P.M., on the 24th day of June, 2009 in the Alton City Hall – Council Chambers, 101 E. Third St., Alton, Illinois, and that action by the City Council will be taken on said appropriation ordinance at the regular Council Meeting thereafter.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2009.

s/Tom Hoechst
TOM HOECHST, MAYOR

s/Mary T. Boulds
MARY T. BOULDS, CITY CLERK

The Public Hearing opened at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Hoechst asked if there were any questions or comments from the Aldermen.

There were no questions or comments from the Aldermen.

Mayor Hoechst asked if there were any questions or comments from the Public.

There were no questions or comments from the Public.

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that the Public Hearing adjourn at 7:35 p.m. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

COUNCIL MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2009 and the following Communications: Allied Waste Services, re: Solid Waste and Recycling Volumes for May, 2009; Charter Communications, re: Charter Communications, Inc. Restructuring; Charter Communications, re: Charter Communications, Inc., Restructuring and the following Report of Officers: City Treasurer, re: Monthly Report for May, 2009; Comptroller, re: Overtime Analysis for May, 2009; Alton Fire Department, re: Estimated Fire Loss for May, 2009; Alton Fire Department, re: Monthly Fire Damage Report to Assessor's Office for May, 2009; Alton Marina, re: Annual Budget Tracking 2009 Season. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said Minutes, Communications and Report of Officers be placed on file. The Chair so ordered.

PETITIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following two (2) petitions:

1. Petition, re: Teresa Langford requests a special use permit for property located at 2624 Walnut St., Alton, Illinois for the purpose of operating a hair salon.

2. Petition, re: ARC Enchanted Village requests a text amendment and a special use permit for property located at 246 Wonderland Drive, Alton, Illinois for the purpose of placing RVs in R6 zoning.

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the above and foregoing two (2) petitions be referred to the Plan Commission. The Chair so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Fleming presented the following Committee of the Whole Meeting Report for June 22, 2009; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; Resolution, re: Lift all parking restrictions in the 100 block of Easton Street between Front Street and E. Broadway; Resolution, re: Agreement allowing the former "The Boat at the Riverbend" to

remain in its current location; Resolution, re: Demolition of 918 Humboldt Ct.; Resolution, re: Demolition, of 3314 Franor. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said report be placed on file. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Fleming presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Discount and Special Bills Paid; also all Expenditure Detail Bills as listed in the Comptroller's report dated June 22, 2009, be allowed and payment be made for same. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Fleming presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that all parking restrictions in the 100 block of Easton Street between Front Street and E. Broadway be lifted. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Fleming presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, J & S Real Estate Co., d/b/a Waterfront Ventures, Inc., and Northbridge Capital Corporation purchased the boat formerly owned by American Riverways Company, Inc., said boat being formerly known as “The Boat at the Riverbend”; and

WHEREAS, the new owners of “The Boat at the Riverbend” desire to continue to moor the vessel at the same location until such time as permanent plans for the vessel are finalized; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alton agrees that the vessel can remain in its current location subject to certain additional terms and conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor and appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Alton the attached AGREEMENT allowing the former “The Boat at the Riverbend” to remain in its current location upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the attached AGREEMENT. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said resolution be LAID OVER. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Fleming presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to effect the demolition of certain structures deemed unsafe under 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1, the owners of which have neglected or refuses to perform required demolition.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that its officials and agents are hereby authorized to pursue appropriate legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court as listed below:

918 Humboldt Ct.

Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Velloff, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

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3314 Franor

Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan made a motion that the first reading of Ordinance No. 7146 be moved to the end of the agenda following an Executive Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following two (2) ordinances for first reading.

Ordinance No. 7147. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3378, being the Traffic Code of the City of Alton, by establishing Yield signs at various intersections on Oak Street.

Ordinance No. 7148. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3378, being the Traffic Code of the City of Alton, prohibiting parking in front of 2663 North Rodgers. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the above and foregoing two (2) ordinances be LAID OVER. The Chair so ordered.

REPORTS AND/OR RESOLUTIONS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Clerk presented the following Appearance Review Commission, re: Public Hearing Minutes of June 17, 2009. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said minutes be placed on file. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

RESIGNATIONS

Mayor Hoechst presented the following two (2) resignations of Joe Hook from the Park and Recreation Commission and Patty O'Neill from the Historical Commission. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said two (2) resignations be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Hoechst presented the following two (2) appointments: Donald E. Huber to the Park and Recreation Commission and Raymond C. Strebel to the Historical Commission. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said two (2) appointments be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

COMMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Mr. Ryan presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Contract for Professional Services between the City of Alton and Peckham, Guyton, Albers and Viets, Inc. be and is hereby approved. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCahill, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. McCahill presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that the Mayor and appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Lease Agreement by and between the City of Alton, Illinois, as Landlord, and Robert

Armstead, as Tenant, with regard to the property located at 1 East 11th Street, Alton, Illinois, previously leased to Mr. Armstead by the City of Alton, upon the terms and conditions as set forth in Lease Agreement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Mr. McCahill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Bethesda Temple, located at 918 E. Fifth Street, Alton, Illinois, has requested that the City Council authorized closure of a portion of East Fifth Street in connection with a special event to be conducted by them on August 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the request, which was submitted in a timely manner, and does hereby approve said request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Public Works Department and the Police Department are hereby authorized and directed to effectuate the temporary closure of that portion of East Fifth Street from its intersection with Central Avenue to the crosswalk half way to Oak Street on Saturday, August 1, 2009, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. to facilitate an event to be held at said location by Bethesda Temple. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois that the following described street(s) be improved under the Illinois Highway Code:

<u>Name of Thoroughfare</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Cpl Chris Belchik Memorial Expressway	FAU 8966	East Broadway	IL 143

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

1. That the proposed improvement shall consist of the third and final phase of construction of the roadway median, pavement construction, traffic signals, lighting and other miscellaneous items and shall be constructed with 4 lanes at 12 foot wide and be designated as Section 06-00208-02-RP
2. That there is hereby appropriated the (additional Yes No) sum of Two hundred thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for the improvement of said section from the municipality's allotment of Motor Fuel Tax funds.
3. That work shall be done by Contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mrs. Martin presented the following four (4) resolutions:

1. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Alton that Maupin St. from it's intersection with Hampton St. to 1600 Maupin St. be closed from noon until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2009 for a family reunion.

2. WHEREAS, Alderman Alice Martin has requested on behalf of the local residents that a portion of Taylor Street be closed as part of a neighborhood watch event on Saturday, July 11, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the request, which was submitted in a timely manner, and does hereby approved said request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Public Works Department, Police Department, and Fire Department are hereby authorized and directed to effectuate the temporary closure of Taylor Street on Saturday, July 11, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. to facilitate a neighborhood watch event.

3. WHEREAS, Alderman Alice Martin has requested, pursuant to the desire of the local residents, that Phinney Street be closed on Saturday, July 18, 2009 for a neighborhood watch party.

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the request, which was submitted in a timely manner, and does hereby approve said request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Public Works Department, Police Department, and Fire Department are hereby authorized and directed to effectuate the temporary closure of Phinney Street on Saturday, July 18, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. to facilitate a local residents block party.

4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that one handicap parking space be established in front of 1109 Central Avenue.

Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that the above and foregoing four (4) resolutions be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Brake presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Alton submitted an application to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for the purpose of obtaining funding assistance for the City's Homeownership Program; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Housing Development Authority approved the City of Alton's application at their March 20, 2009 Board Meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached Grant Agreement for the receipt of \$120,000 from the IHDA Housing Trust Fund. Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Fleming presented the following two (2) resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Irrevocable Letter Standby Letter of Credit be and is hereby revoked and that a new letter of Letter of Credit in the amount of \$21,000 which shall not expire prior to June 13, 2011 be provided in its place.

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the definition of "chronic nuisance property" as set forth in Section 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 9 of the City Code shall be amended by deleting the phrase "one hundred twenty (120)" and substituting the phrase "two hundred seventy (270)". Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that the above and foregoing two (2) resolutions be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Boulds presented the following four (4) resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor or other appropriate City Officials are hereby authorized to enter into a Habitat Development Partnership Agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and The Nature Institute. The agreement concerns the development of a garden on two acres of land at Gordon Moore Park, is for a period of 10 years, and calls for no expenditure of funds by the City of Alton.

2. WHEREAS, special event liquor licenses are required under the Alton Liquor Code for the sale or distribution of alcoholic liquors at appropriate activities which are approved by the Alton City Council; and

WHEREAS, certain events require a variance from the Alton City Council for sale or distribution of alcoholic liquors by a not-for-profit organization; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Alton, Illinois that the following special event be approved pursuant to Alton Code 4-4-9 and a variance is hereby granted for sale or distribution of alcoholic liquors in a public park:

The Alton/Wood River Chapter of the Greater Madison County Federation of Labor will host their annual picnic at Gordon F. Moore Park on Saturday, August 29, 2009.

3. BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that under the Illinois-American Water Company franchise agreement with the City of Alton that a fire hydrant be installed in the following locations, with the specific location to be determined by the Fire Chief:

2204 Gillis
2410 Gillis
Jackson & Lucille
Main & Sidney
Main & Edwards
1802 Muny Vista
1707 Muny Vista
145 W. Broadway
Hy-Vista & Overhill
S. Rodgers & California

4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to request the installation of approximately 300-400 feet of water main running from Wickenhauser to Hy-Vista pursuant to the City's franchise agreement with the Illinois-American Water Company. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the above and foregoing four (4) resolutions be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered

Mr. Boulds presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Alderman Mick McCahill has requested, pursuant to the desire of the local residents, that a portion of Seventh Street be closed on Saturday, June 27, 2009 to facilitate a family reunion event; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the request, which was submitted in a timely manner, and does hereby approve said request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Public Works Department, Police Department, and Fire Department are hereby authorized and directed to effectuate the temporary closure of that portion of Seventh Street from its intersection with George Street to its intersection with Mechanic Street on Saturday, June 27, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. to facilitate a family reunion event. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Rules of the Council be Suspended in order to act upon said resolution. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds,
Mayor Hoechst – 8
NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCahill, that the above and foregoing resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that the City Council go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and property acquisition issues and that the following City officials remain for the Executive Session: City Clerk, Treasurer, City Attorney, Personnel Director, Comptroller, Economic Development Director Greg Caffey. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

The Council convened into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that the City Council reconvene to Open Session at 9:09 p.m.

The Council Members present on call of the roll:

PRESENT: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
ABSENT: None – 0

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that the Rules of the Council be Suspended in order to present Ordinance No. 7146 for first and second reading. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds,
Mayor Hoechst – 8
NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Ryan presented the following ordinance for first reading.

Ordinance No. 7146. An Ordinance making an annual Appropriation for the City of Alton, in the County of Madison, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2009 and ending March 31, 2010.

Mr. Ryan presented the following ordinance for second reading.

Ordinance No. 7146. An Ordinance making an annual Appropriation for the City of Alton, in the County of Madison, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1,

2009 and ending March 31, 2010. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mary T. Boulds MMC
City Clerk

(Seal of the City of Alton, Illinois)