

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, April 7, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Davidson and Councilwoman Brown. Councilpersons Letarte, Greenhoe and Harri was absent and excused.

Due to a lack of a quorum there was no meeting, however, Council present discussed the following items.

Administration Staff Present was City Manager Bill LeFevere, Police Chief Paul Malewski, WWTP Superintendent Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, Fire Chief Roger McNutt and Deputy City Clerk Carla Mazur.

Also present was Bob Ford and Brad Beck of Landscape Architects & Planners, Inc.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

**Public Comments:**

Patricia Barnstead, 201 Lindy, appeared before Council regarding the placement of Lest They Be Forgotten Monument.

**Old Business Topics of Discussion were:**

**DDA**

Hall Street Property: Negotiations are still ongoing.

National Registrar for Historic Preservation (NRHP): Still being processed with results anticipated in 6 months to a year.

Red Ribbon Hall: Drywall is being done at this time. Received approval for Grant from Emergency Services for Telecommunication System and they want to add a generator.

Bondable Projects: DDA will be meeting Friday, April 11, 2008 to discuss an increase in the percent of local contribution for the enhancement project.

**LDFA**

Infrastructure Project, Marilin Street/MDOT, Electrical Upgrades are in progress. Projects still moving forward.

Precision Prototype: Progress is moving along rapidly.  
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Dowding Industries: Progress is moving along rapidly. They have an occupancy permit.

VonWiese Project: Progress is moving along rapidly.

### **Economic Development**

Dollar General: No update.

LAFCU: Construction is going fast with the Grand Opening anticipated in Mid-June.

Kingston Place: Foundations are in and moving forward.

Old School Village: No update.

Eaton Rapids Medical Center: Fund raising campaign complete. Started work on parking lot this week.

Dr. Gupta Project: They will decide soon if they will proceed with the project.

### **Parks**

Walkable City: No update.

Safe Routes to School: No update.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee: LAFCU has pledged funds for fireworks.

### **Planning**

Area Master Plan Update: Public Hearing to be held April 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hamlin Township Hall.

### **Miscellaneous**

MSHDA Grants: Moving forward with new applicants submitting requests.

Main Street Project: MDOT has asked for an additional 5 percent.

Mill Street Parking Lot: Moving along. Drawings being done by C2AE.

Goals and Objectives: Budget Hearing will be at the end of the month.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

Bob Ford and Brad Beck of Landscape Architects & Planners, Inc. reviewed the Island Park Preliminary Master Plan.

**Public Comments:**

Patrick Rich, 208 S. East Street, thanked Landscape Architects & Planners, Inc. for the good job, so they can proceed and hopefully be done by Memorial Day.

**New Business Topics of Discussion were:**

City Manager LeFevere reviewed with Council the Tax Abatements and CDBG Grant for Von Veise, Inc.

Sign Ordinance Provisions will be discussed at future worksession.

Discussion on Utilities as a Lien on Taxes will be discussed at future worksession.

City Manager LeFevere discussed the Resolution to Set Trigger for Replacement Electrical Power and a resolution will be on the April 14<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Meals on Wheels Request: No discussion.

City Manager LeFevere recommended the request from Mid-State Industrial for exception to Open Burning Prohibition be denied. We will work with them to help with the brush removal.

**Public Comments:**

Patrick Rich, 208 S. East Street, appeared before Council regarding Littering Ordinance and the Memorial Day Parade.

Martin Vanek, 1211 S. Main Street. appeared before Council regarding dogs in Parks.

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**Reports:**

Mayor Davidson commented on the possibly of Hogs Back park being a dog park.

Fire Chief McNutt stated there had been a fire at 322 Division St.

City Manager LeFevere reported the Hospital Finance Authority is getting ready to Bond for their project which will involve the City Council approving a resolution at their meeting on April 28, 2008.

City Assessor Mike Baker reported he had mailed over 60 petitions out from Board of Review

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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James E. Davidson, Mayor

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Carla Mazur, Deputy City Clerk