

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF WESTLAND
Meeting No. 1
Monday, January 7, 2008

A regular meeting of the Westland City Council was held on Monday, January 7, 2008, in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Council President Charles W. Pickering with roll call showing as follows:

PRESENT

Cheryl A. Graunstadt, Pro-Tem
Bill Johnson
Michael Kehrer
Charles W. Pickering
Dewey Reeves
Robert Stottlemeyer
James R. Godbout, President

ABSENT

Also present were Mayor William R. Wild, Deputy Mayor Courtney Conover, City Clerk Eileen DeHart, City Attorney Angelo Plakas, Assessor Jim Elrod, Budget Director Debra Szajko, Building Director Sue Dodson, Cable Director Craig Welkenbach, Controller Jade Smith, Economic Development Director Lori Fodale, Department of Public Service Director Kevin Buford, Finance Director Steve Smith, Fire Chief Michael J. Reddy, Parks and Recreation Director Bob Kosowski, Planning Director Bruce Thompson, Police Chief James Ridener, Personnel Director Keith Madden and Interim Senior Resource Director Barbara Marcum.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Veronica Lolley and Patrick Marshall, 5th Graders from Lincoln Elementary School.

Councilman Kehrer placed the name of James Godbout into nomination for Council President.

There were no further nominations.

2008-01-001 Motion by Reeves, supported by Kehrer
RESOLVED that nominations be closed.
Unanimously carried.

2008-01-002 Motion by Johnson, supported by Kehrer
RESOLVED that James Godbout be declared Council President by
acclamation.
Unanimously carried.

Councilman Godbout took the seat as Council President.

Councilman Johnson placed the name of Cheryl Graunstadt into nomination for Council President Pro-Tem.

There were no further nominations

2008-01-003 Motion by Reeves, supported by Johnson
RESOLVED that nominations be closed.
Unanimously carried.

2008-01-004 Motion by Johnson, supported by Reeves
RESOLVED that Cheryl Graunstadt be declared Council President Pro-Tem by acclamation.
Unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Graunstadt took the seat as Council President Pro-Tem.

2008-01-005 Motion by Johnson, supported by Pickering
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of the consent calendar as follows:
- Minutes of regular meeting of December 17, 2007.
Unanimously carried.

A Public Hearing was held for Taxing Authorities only on the application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for US Farathane.

There were no other citizens in the audience who spoke on this item.

2008-01-006 Motion by Graunstadt, supported by Reeves
RESOLVED that the public hearing be closed.
Unanimously carried.

2008-01-007 Motion by Kehrler, supported by Reeves
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for US Farathane.
Unanimously carried.

2008-01-008 Motion by Kehrler, supported by Johnson
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of Prepared Resolution, as revised, granting the Application of US Farathane for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.
Unanimously carried.

- 2008-01-009 Motion by Reeves, supported by Graunstadt
RESOLVED that Council approves the Introduction of Manpower Budget
Amendment 2008-06:
Building Department
Confidential Secretary (S2) 0
Sr. Secretary (C2) 1
Fire Department
Confidential Secretary (S2) 1
Sr. Secretary 1
AYES: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves, Godbout
NAYS: Pickering, Stottlemeyer
Motion carried.
- 2008-01-010 Motion by Pickering, supported by Reeves
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of the Introduction of Budget
Amendment 2008-07; General Fund, \$12,896.00.
General Fund
Increase Revenue
Grants – Police \$12,896.00
Increase Expenses
Police Dept. – Overtime \$12,896.00
Unanimously carried.
- 2008-01-011 Motion by Kehrer, supported by Reeves
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of the Introduction of Budget
Amendment 2008-08; General Fund, \$20,915.00.
General Fund
Increase Revenue
Reimbursements \$19,915.00
Decrease Expenses
Parks & Recreation-
Repair & Maintenance \$ 1,000.00
Increase Expenses
Parks & Recreation
Capital Outlay-Building \$ 20,915.00
Unanimously carried.
- 2008-01-012 Motion by Reeves, supported by Kehrer
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of the Introduction of Budget
Amendment 2008-09; General Fund, \$275,717.00.
General Fund
Increase Revenue
Reimbursements \$124,425.00
Unallocated Fund Balance 91,292.00
Decrease Expenses
Insurance & Bonds –

Insurance Municipal Risk	60,000.00
Increase Expenses	
Police Dept. – Salaries	129,557.00
Joint Dispatch-Salaries	10,175.00
Fire Dept. – Salaries	135,985.00

“ Unanimously carried.

2008-01-013 Motion by Johnson, supported by Reeves
RESOLVED that the voucher list be approved as follows:
Checklist Activity: \$1,904,393.84 and Prepaid: \$2,845,941.54.
Unanimously carried.

2008-01-014 Motion by Johnson, supported by Reeves
RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.
Unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8: 19 p.m.

James R. Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart, CMC
City Clerk