

To: Mayor Hodges and the Members of the City Council

From: David M. Pasquale

SUBJECT: Agenda for the April 5, 2010 meeting

1. Call to order, pledge of allegiance, roll call.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Approval of the regular minutes of the March 15, 2010 meeting.
4. Approval of the Accounts Payable.
5. Citizens comments for items not on the agenda.
6. Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a lease agreement for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 113 Riverwalk Plaza. With the current lease agreement for the Riverwalk building expiring on May 1, Liz Baker, Director and Evert Beck, Boardmember of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce met with Mayor Hodges and I on March 19 to review terms of an extension. From this meeting, the following has been recommended:
 - Extend the lease agreement ten years from May 1, 2010 to May 1, 2020
 - Increase the operating expenses for Chamber responsibility from a maximum amount of \$120 to \$200 per month.
 - Keep the rental payment at \$1 per year. Reduce the membership dues for the City from \$3000 per year to \$205 keeping this in line with other organizations
 - The Chamber will provide a \$2,000,000 commercial liability insurance policy
 - The Chamber will have the right to provide up to \$5,000 (from \$1,000 previously) for physical alterations and additions without City consent
 - Include the current storage area within the space to be leased

After Council discussion, I recommend approval of the lease agreement for 113 Riverwalk Plaza with the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

7. Permission for Fireworks Display. As part of the Riverwalk Festival, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce has requested permission and approval of a permit to have a fireworks display on Saturday, July 10. As with recent years, the fireworks would be launched from Stoney Lakeside Park. I recommend the Council approve this.
8. Selling of 1997 Chevy Lumina and Public Works Chevy C70 Dump Truck. Bids were received for the selling of a 1997 Chevy Lumina (drug forfeiture) and a DPW Chevy C70 Dump Truck. Two bids reach were submitted.

The high bids were \$300 from Jerry Emelander (Lyons) for the Lumina and \$3500 from Pete Manlez for the Chevy C70 Dump Truck.

I recommend the Council approve these transactions.

9. Request for recycling – Patricia Ramos (1116 Bowes Rd., Apt. 2). Patricia Ramos, who lives at the Pebble Beach Apartments, has requested a recycle bin from the City. At present, Allied Waste does not pick up recycle bins from any apartment complex or mobile home parks.

In reviewing the issue with City Clerk Betty Morlock, City Attorney Richard Wendt stated that the Council could grant the request allowing recycle pickups to apartment complexes and mobile home parks.

10. Ordinance to include temporary soft sided garages in residential districts – recommendations from the Planning Commission – adopt or set public hearing (5/3). After a number of months of review and study, the Planning Commission has proposed an ordinance which addresses temporary soft sided garages in residential districts.

The ordinance provides for general provisions for floor area (300 square feet or less), height (not exceeding 14 feet) and length and width (not exceeding 24 feet).

A permit shall be issued for an initial term not to exceed 3 years and may be extended for one renewal term not to exceed 3 more years.

The Commission recommended the ordinance on a vote of 3 to 1 (2 absences) after conducting a public hearing.

The Council may adopt the ordinance or set a public hearing for the May 3, 2010 meeting.

11. Review of the 2010 – 2011 preliminary General Fund Budget. Over the past several weeks, City staff has been working on the upcoming budget. Enclosed is information on the General Fund in a preliminary form. The purpose is to solicit comments so that a final proposal may be given in May.

12. City Manager's Report. Attached.

13. Council Comments.

14. Appointments. The following boards and commission positions need appointment or reappointment.

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Planning Commission	appointment	06/30/2010
Andrew Schrauben (resignation to assume City Councilmember position)		
Light and Power Board	appointment	06/30/2010
Keith Valentine (resignation)		

An appointment is needed for the at-large boardmember of the Lowell Area Recreation Authority.

15. Adjournment

CITY OF LOWELL
MICHIGAN
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010, 7:30 P.M.

AT
LOWELL CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SECOND FLOOR
301 EAST MAIN STREET

1. CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2010 MEETING
4. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
5. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
6. RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE LOWELL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT 113 RIVERWALK PLAZA
7. PERMISSION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY
8. SELLING OF 1997 CHEVY LUMINA AND PUBLIC WORKS CHEVY C70 DUMP TRUCK
9. REQUEST FOR RECYCLING – PATRICIA RAMOS (1116 BOWES RD., APT. 2)
10. ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE TEMPORARY SOFT SIDED GARAGES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION – ADOPT OR SET PUBLIC HEARING (5/3)
11. REVIEW OF THE 2010 – 2011 PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND BUDGET
12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
13. COUNCIL COMMENTS
14. APPOINTMENTS
15. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Any person who wishes to speak on an item included on the printed meeting agenda may do so. Speakers will be recognized by the Chair, at which time they will be required to state their name and will be allowed five (5) minutes maximum to address the Council. A speaker representing a subdivision association or group will be allowed ten (10) minutes to address the Council.