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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Coe, List, Moraska, Revord & Villa

Absent: Council Member Zolner

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina

Alessandrini welcomed the students from the Iron Mountain High School Government Class.

Approval of Agenda

Moraska requested that "Discussion of Skateboard Park at City Park" be added as item four under New Business. It was moved by Moraska and supported by Coe to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2014

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the minutes of October 6, 2014, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 10, 2014

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to approve the minutes of October 10, 2014, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

William Toedter – 517 W. F Street

Toedter objected to Medallion Management's proposed 100-unit development. He raised the concern that the additional units would harm the City's rental market and tax base.

Renee Lupini - 905 6th Street

Lupini imparted that she is not in favor of Medallion Management's project as she feels it would decrease her property value and harm the tax base in the long-run.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing Re: Skate Park Ordinance

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

Mary Endelman – W8845 Lakeview Dr. - Iron Mountain, MI

Endelman asked for clarification regarding the intent of the Skate Park Ordinance. Alessandrini confirmed that the City is committed to the development of the skateboard park and that the public hearing addresses the skate park's rules and regulations.

Virginia Feleppa – 1136 Crystal Lake Blvd.

Feleppa asserted the importance of the Skate Park Ordinance being enforced, if it is approved. Stanchina verified that the rules will be posted and that the ordinance will be enforced as manpower permits. Villa, Alessandrini and List affirmed that the City is mitigating its liability through the enactment and posting of the ordinance.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

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Old Business

Consideration of Adoption Re: Skate Park Ordinance

Stanchina advised that he has not received any written or verbal communications regarding the establishment of a Skate Park Ordinance.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve the Skate Park Ordinance, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Consideration of Rezoning from R1 to R3 Re: 30 40 30 SW of SE (Located around Phil Rahoi Dr.)

Stanchina presented a request to rezone the land around Phil Rahoi Drive from R-1 to R-3. He indicated that a portion of the property that would be re-zoned is currently being used as though it were zoned R-2 and the rest is mine scarred property that may or may not be eligible for building. Stanchina communicated that the re-zoning issue is separate from the issue of approving the proposed Medallion Management development. He detailed the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding the rezoning of the property around Phil Rahoi Drive. Moraska expressed the opinion that the only reason the rezoning is being considered is to accommodate Medallion Management. He relayed his disapproval of the Medallion Management project based on its negative effect on the rental market due to preferential tax rates, reduced rental inspection fees and decreased demand. Moraska also questioned the effect the development would have on the surrounding property values. Coe offered his support for the Medallion Management project. Villa questioned if 100 rental units would be optimal. Alessandrini explained the types of adaptive housing the proposed development would provide and the overall need for additional low/moderate income housing. Villa mentioned the increased traffic on Park Street.

It was moved by Moraska to table the rezoning of the property located around Phil Rahoi Drive from R-1 to R-3.

Motion Failed (Lack of Support)

It was moved by Revord and supported by Coe to set a Public Hearing for the rezoning of the land located at 30 40 30, SW of SE, except the portion of Hamilton and Merryman's 1st Addition contained within, on November 17, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

Coe	Aye
List	Aye
Moraska	Nay
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye
Villa	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

Approval of OSF Homecare and Hospice Re: Hospice Care Remembrance at City Hall

Stanchina informed the Council that there have not been any issues with this event in the past.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Revord to approve the Remembrance Service at City Hall at 12:00 p.m. on November 3, 2014.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Stanchina read the Resolution of Support for National Hospice and Palliative Care Month into the record.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve the Resolution of Support for National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Deadline Extension Re: MDNR Trust Fund Grant for City Park

Stanchina presented the request for a deadline extension for the MDNR Trust Fund Grant for City Park.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve the deadline extension for the MDNR Trust Fund Grant for City Park until December 15, 2014.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Skateboard Park at City Park

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to name the Skateboard Park at City Park "Bruce Rosen Skateboard Park" in honor of his commitment to its development.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Reports

Financial Reports

September Claims and Payroll

Moraska communicated that the Claims and Payroll were satisfactory and that expenses decreased.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve Payroll in the amount of \$291,868.16 and Claims in the amount of \$1,191,530.12 with net claims being \$377,190.66.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

City Manager Reports

Water Freeze-up Reimbursement

Stanchina announced that there is a possibility that the City could receive funds from the State of Michigan due to last year's extreme winter weather.

Parking Configuration on Hughitt Street

Stanchina conveyed that the parking configuration on the 200 block of Hughitt Street was altered as to include angle parking.

City Christmas Tree

Stanchina noted that the City is searching for a Christmas tree and that interested parties may contact the Department of Public Works if they have a tree available.

Revord stressed the importance of contacting all the business owners within an area prior to making changes such as the parking configuration on the 200 Block of Hughitt.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Revord stated that the Planning Commission met and that they discussed the rezoning request for the Phil Rahoi Drive area.

Alessandrini reported on the status of the Skateboard Park project.

Stanchina asserted that the Parks and Recreation Committee needs to meet to discuss the City Park Improvement Project.

Public Comment

Kenneth Bednarz - 112 4th Street

Bednarz questioned the rationale behind the City Council not taking the Planning Commission's recommendation. He raised the concern that the residents were not adequately informed of the rezoning of the property located around Phil Rahoi Drive. Alessandrini detailed the rezoning process. Bednarz suggested that the Public Hearing for the rezoning should not be held just prior to hunting season. List suggested that it may be ideal to invite Medallion Management to attend the upcoming meeting.

It was moved by Revord and Supported by Alessandrini to reschedule a Public Hearing for the rezoning of the land located at 30 40 30, SW of SE, except the portion of Hamilton and Merryman's 1st Addition contained within, to December 1, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

Coe	Aye
List	Aye
Moraska	Nay
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye
Villa	Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-5, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

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Kyle Blomquist – 632 Woodward Avenue

Blomquist, Planning Commission member, advised that the zoning map should drive development, development should not drive zoning. He imparted the Planning Commission's support of the Medallion Management Project and its need within the community. Blomquist relayed that a better location for the Project should be chosen. Alessandrini noted that other sites were considered prior to the property adjacent to Phil Rahoi Drive being chosen.

Moraska conveyed the opinion that the high density of low/moderate housing that the Medallion Project would negatively affect the adjacent neighborhoods.

Marcy Thompson – 401 E. D Street

Thompson indicated that there is a need for additional low/moderate income housing.

Council Member Privilege

Moraska highlighted his concerns with the Habitat for Humanity development in his neighborhood. Alessandrini and Revord supported Habitat for Humanity's development efforts.

List voiced her disapproval of the Iron Mountain Fire Department's demeanor and thoroughness at a recent incident at the Dickinson County Courthouse.

Coe expressed an interest in considering a location for the Medallion Project in the Cedar & River Avenue area.

Moraska thanked the community for commenting on the proposed Medallion Management development and the Council for naming the Skateboard Park at City Park "Bruce Rosen Skateboard Park."

Adjournment

It was moved by Moraska and supported by List to adjourn.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer