

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 10, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Warren City Council was called for Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Warren Community Center Auditorium, at 5460 Arden, Warren, Michigan 48092.

**MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Cecil D. St. Pierre, Jr., President  
Patrick Green, Vice President  
Scott C. Stevens, Council Secretary  
Keith J. Sadowski, Assistant Council Secretary  
Robert Boccomino, Councilman  
Kelly Colegio, Councilwoman  
Steven G. Warner, Councilman

**ABSENT:**

None

**Also Present:**

David Griem, City Attorney  
Rob Maleszyk, City Controller  
Skip McAdams, Fire Commissioner  
James VanHavermaat, Engineering  
Phil Easter, Human Resource Director  
Henry Bowman, Parks & Recreations Director  
David Monette, Waste Water Treatment Administrator  
Gina Hensley, Administrator Financial Assistant

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

All Council members were present.

4. **ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:**

Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Colegio and supported motion made by Councilman Sadowski.

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**Voice Vote:**

A voice vote was taken on the motion. All "Ayes" were recorded. The motion carried (7-0).

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion:**

Motion to approve made by Councilman Stevens and supported motion made by Councilwoman Colegio. With the amendment of adding several items: item 10 (q), Item 14 (a), Item 14 (b), Item 14 (c).

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Chairman St. Pierre	Yes

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

a) **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2015**

**Motion:**

Motion to approve made by Councilman Green and supported motion made by Councilwoman Colegio.

**Voice Vote:**

A voice vote was taken on the motion. All "Ayes" were recorded. The motion carried (7-0).

7. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

a) **General Revenue Funds**

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Green and supported motion made by Councilman Warner.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (6-1).

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Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Stevens	No
Chairman St. Pierre	Yes

b) **Water & Sewer System**

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stevens and supported motion made by Councilman Green.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Chairman St. Pierre	Yes

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS/ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS:**

- a) **PUBLIC HEARING:** Request for review and confirm Special Assessment Roll No. 460 relating to 8295 Rivard (Garage only with aluminum siding 30'x 20', is dilapidated, unsafe and rodent infested) Nuisance Abatement. **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.**

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported motion made by Councilman Stevens.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes

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Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Chairman St. Pierre	Yes

- b) **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING:** Request to approve Transfer of Class C with Sunday Sales license from L-Bow Room Warren, Inc. to Leonardo Schoenherr, LLC located at 28655 Schoenherr, DBA-The Cutting Board. Applicant: Nicholas Lavdas. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported motion made by Councilman Warner.

Councilman Green asked to be excused from voting on this item.

**Motion:**

A motion to excuse Councilman Green from voting on this item was made by Councilman Sadowski and support motion made by Councilman Boccomino.

**Voice Vote:**

A voice vote was taken on the motion. All "Ayes" were recorded. The motion carried (6-0).

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the approval of the initial motion. The motion carried (6-0).

Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Chairman St. Pierre	Yes

- c) **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING:** Request to approve Transfer of Class C with SDM License located at 31104 Mound; by way of all business stock being transferred to son via gift. Applicant Michael L. Wiegand. Jerry & Joan's Gazebo of Warren, Inc. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

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**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Green and supported motion made by Councilman Stevens.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Chairman St. Pierre	Yes

10. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR:**

- a) Request of the Engineering Division to approve Contract Modification No. 1 to the City Contract S-14-568, 13 Mile Road and Martin Road Sanitary Relief Sewer and Water Main replacement with Dan's Excavating, Inc. for additional work including the replacement of water main and paving along 13 Mile Road between Primrose Drive and Hayes Road increasing the contract amount by \$665,617.87. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported motion made by Councilman Warner.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (6-1).

Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	No
Chairman St. Pierre	Yes

- b) CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION Authorizing the City Attorney's Office to obtain a credit card.

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**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported motion made by Councilwoman Colegio.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- c) Request from the Administration to appoint one Councilmember to serve on the RFP Committee of the City Center Development (DDA).

A motion for nomination was made for Councilman Green for the RFP Committee.

**Voice Vote:**

A voice vote was taken on the nomination. All "Ayes" were recorded. The motion carried (7-0).

- d) CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION approving proposed designated Meeting Place for the 2015 Board of Review.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported motion made by Councilman Warner.

**Voice Vote:**

A voice vote was taken on the motion. All "Ayes" were recorded. The motion carried (7-0).

- e) CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION approving proposed resolution adopting the 2015 Real Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines for Tax Relief under Section 211.7u, Public Act 206 of 1893.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stevens and supported motion made by Councilman Sadowski.

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**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

Chairman St. Pierre stated that it should be noted that this is done on an annual basis.

- f) Request of the City Controller to approve an increase in budgeted revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 to account for the receipt of insurance proceeds and expenditures associated with the flood event on August 11, 2014. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stevens and supported motion made by Councilman Green.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- g) Request of the Human Resources/Risk Manager to approve the renewal of the City's "Environmental Liability/Underground Storage Tank" pollution liability insurance. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Green and supported motion made by Councilman Sadowski.

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**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- h) Request of Community Development to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$1,325.00 with Cross Renovation for Improvements to Comfort Stations located within Wiegand, Shaw and Groesbeck Parks and Installation of Security cameras at Wiegand and Shaw Parks, Warren, Michigan. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stevens and supported motion made by Councilman Boccomino.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Chairman St. Pierre	Yes

- i) Request of the Parks and Recreation Division to award bid ITB-W-9119 for plant bed maintenance during the 2015 season with option to renew for one (1) additional year, at the same terms and conditions to the low responsible and cost effective bidder, Frank's Landscaping & Supplies, LLC. in an annual amount not to exceed \$14,440.00 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported motion made by Councilman Warner.

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**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- j) Request of the Parks and Recreation Division to award bid ITB-W-9137 for the purchase of a 2008 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon to the sole bidder, Galeana Van Dyke Dodge in the total amount of \$22,137.00  
CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Green and supported motion made by Councilman Boccomino.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (6-1).

Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Stevens	No
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- k) Request of the Fire Department to award bid SOL-W-9134 for a RAE Systems Weatherpak to the sole source provider, RAE Systems in the amount of \$20,360.00. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Colegio and supported motion made by Councilman Boccomino.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

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Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- l) Request of the Fire Department to authorize an award to Apollo Fire Equipment through the Novi Cooperative bid ITB-06032014 for Twenty five (25) sets of Personal Protective Equipment at a per unit costs of \$1,788.00 for an amount not to exceed \$44,700.00. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Colegio and supported motion made by Councilman Boccomino.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- m) Request of the Public Service Division to award bid ITB-W-9098 to demolish a 1.25 story house located at 6898 Lozier to the low responsible and cost effective bidder, Blue Star, Inc. in the total amount of \$12,900.00. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Boccomino and supported motion made by Councilman Stevens.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes

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Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- n) Request of the Public Works Division to approve the purchase of passenger and light truck tires from Trader Ray Tire Center through the State of Michigan Cooperative Purchasing Program (contract # 071B8200076) for a period commencing three (3) days after City Council approval through July 15, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported motion made by Councilman Stevens.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- o) Request of the Building Maintenance Division to award bid ITB-W-9112 for overhead door maintenance services to Garrett Door Company for a one (1) year period for an estimated total cost of \$37,660.00 with the option to renew for one (1) additional year at the same terms and conditions, through mutual consent of both parties and subject to City Council approval. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stevens and supported motion made by Councilman Warner.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes

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Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- p) Request of the Waste Water Treatment Plant to award bid ITB-W-9107 for displacement pumps to the low responsible and cost effective bidder, Fluid Process Equipment in the total amount of \$13,630.00 for two pumps. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Green and supported motion made by Councilman Sadowski.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- q) Request of the Mayor to approve the seven members of the Elected Officials compensation Commission.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Green and supported motion made by Councilwoman Colegio.

**Voice Vote:**

A voice vote was taken on the motion. All "Ayes" were recorded. The motion carried (7-0).

11. **MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Request of Children International to be recognized as a 501c3 for solicitation within the City of Warren.

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**Motion:**

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported motion made by Councilman Stevens.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (4-3).

Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	No
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Green	No
Councilman St. Pierre	No

**12. Audience – an opportunity for citizen participation**

Members of the audience who would like to address the City Council this evening may do so under the Audience portion by filling out the designated form. You will have three minutes to speak.

Joseph Hunt 8306 Stanley, Warren, MI appeared before City Council stating few concerns mainly for: 1) Having timer for citizens who are addressing council to have better understanding of the time they have remaining; 2) Possibly changing the prohibition of Council from interacting with Audience during the audience participation and having to possibly interact with citizens of Warren and addressing concerns; 3) He does not believe the Planning Commission should receive an increase of pay for their meetings from \$35.00 to \$50.00 a meeting.

Jeremy Wallace 28686 Walker Ave, Warren, appeared before City Council addressing some of his concerns regarding mainly: 1) What would be the outcome of the park being built in their neighborhood and they have been arguing this matter since June 2014, 2) Concerns of the 6 foot Chain link fence and not having access on Walker, the only access they have is the wall that was supposed to be fixed that has yet to be repaired; 3) No meetings are being setup for them; 4) They do not have an appointed person regarding this particular issue. The Zoning Board of Appeal at some point addressed the Imam and advised him that if they vote and they do not win, they must repair the wall, and the Imam had agreed; however, the wall still has not been repaired. 5) Final concern was why the fence was a 6' chain-link fence and not 4' like the rest of the neighborhood.

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Alex Andrion 28767 Walker Ave, appeared before the City Council regarding his concern of the unrepaired wall on Walker. He stated it has been almost a year that this issue has been lingering. There is now a 6' fence with an opening still visible. It had been 16 weeks since the last time it had been discussed. He did not feel it was fair for him to receive violations/citations for a plastic shed that he keeps his riding lawn mower in, and he could move the plastic shed by hand, but he still received a violation for it and it is a \$1000.00 daily after 10 days of notice until it is repaired; while, IONA (Islamic Organization of North America) never received a citation such as his and only received a false ticket. He has written letters upon letters including to the City Attorney and they still have the whole in the wall. He feels it is unacceptable.

Gloria Sankuer, appeared before the City Council and addressed her concerns of abortion. She is pro-life and addressed her strong stand against abortion.

**13. Council – Calendar of Pending Matters**

Councilman Stevens, stated from March 11, 2014, it was a request for discussion in regards to refer to the City Attorney for an opinion from Council and there were three items attached to it. 1) Under what authority can the Mayor make an emergency appropriations; what constitutes an emergency; what limits and conditions apply should an emergency meeting of City Council be requested first; would an appropriation from a voter approved special mileage be within this preview. 2) Which fund would reimburse funds for which the appropriations of funds were made be returned to; the department's fund from which they were taken, the general fund, the stabilization fund, or the special mileage account from which they were taken. 3) Does the City Council possess the authority to make appropriations from the general fund, the stabilization fund, or a special mileage? Who else, if anyone can make an appropriation from a special mileage fund. This was a request from Council for an opinion; it is almost a year old.

Councilwoman Colegio stated she was requesting an update from the administration regarding the GPS for the snow plows.

**14. COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

- a) Councilman Stevens request to amend ordinance Chapter 34, Article 1, Sec. 34-3, Placing leaves, grass, etc., on public ways or private property. (First Reading).

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**Motion:**

Motion to a made by Councilman Stevens and supported motion made by Councilman Green.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Chairman St. Pierre	Yes

b) Governor Service Award nominees

**Motion:**

Motion to a made by Councilwoman Colegio and supported motion made by Councilman Stevens.

**Voice Vote:**

A voice vote was taken on the motion. All "Ayes" were recorded. The motion carried (7-0).

c) Appointment of Henry Brasza to the Zoning Board of Appeals-term to expire: September, 2017. He replaces Nick Hawatmeh.

**Motion:**

Motion to appoint Henry Brasza to Zoning Board of Appeals made by Councilman Green and supported motion made by Councilman Stevens.

**Roll Call:**

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (6-1).

Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Chairman St. Pierre	Yes

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Councilman Stevens stated that the City was still looking for individuals to volunteer for the Nuisance Abatement Board with special qualifications required either as an Engineer or Architect and may be from any location.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Green and supported motion made by Councilwoman Colegio.

**Voice Vote**

A voice vote was taken on the motion and all "Ayes" were recorded. The motion carried (7-0). The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

**Scott C. Stevens**  
**Secretary of the Council**  
**Mayor Pro Tem**

APPROVED