

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL (CONDUCTED AS A COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE) TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, 26000 EVERGREEN ROAD, SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN, ON MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008, AT 6:00 P.M., EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME, PURSUANT TO SECTION 4.3 OF THE CITY CHARTER

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED:

1. Amend Council Meeting Schedule
2. Budget Study Session

and others items Council deems necessary

Nancy L. M. Banks
City Clerk

May 19, 2008

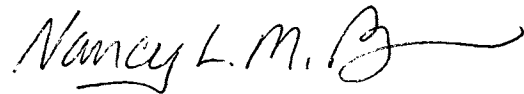
Honorable Mayor and Council
Municipal Building
Southfield, Michigan

RE: Amend Council Meeting Schedule

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

Pursuant to the request of Council President Joan Seymour, I am recommending that the starting time of the Regular Meeting (conducted as a Committee-of-the-Whole) of June 2, 2008 be changed from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. due to the lengthy agenda. The meeting will be held in the Council Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy L. M. Banks" with a decorative flourish extending to the right.

Nancy L. M. Banks, MMC
City Clerk

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED: that the City Council does hereby change the starting time of the Regular Meeting (conducted as a Committee-of-the-Whole) of June 2, 2008 to from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Banks, Nancy

From: Michigan Municipal League [amessinger@mml.org]
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2008 5:11 PM
To: Banks, Nancy
Subject: MML Link - 5/12/2008

legislative link

A Weekly Legislative Update from the Michigan Municipal League



May 12, 2008

State Affairs Report**Revenue Estimating Conference Set for Friday –**

Friday, May 16, at 9 a.m., the House and Senate Fiscal agencies along with the Department of Treasury will hear presentations on the state's fiscal condition and determine the estimated revenues based on collections data and trends/expectations. These figures will drive the budget bills currently being debated. Early reports suggest revenues may not be as high as they were expected to be at the last conference in January, which will result in increasing pressures on budget items. Contact: [Summer Minnick](#)

TIF Reimbursement Bills Expected to Move this Week –

HBs 5539-42, which create the mechanism for locals to be reimbursed for lost TIF revenues due to the personal property tax exemptions in the Michigan Business Tax, are expected to move this week. Hopefully the bills will be signed very soon as locals need to submit data to the Department of Treasury by June 1. Villages have raised the issue of how townships will remit the payments to their authorities. The bills clearly state the local tax collector SHALL distribute the funds to the authorities once the application is approved by Treasury, so it may be helpful to copy the township treasurer on your application materials as an early communication/notification. Contact: [Summer Minnick](#)

Bill to Fix "WPW" Commercial Property Tax Loophole Has Hearing (kind of) –

Last week [HB 5286](#) (Condino, D-Southfield) was scheduled for a hearing before the House Tax Policy Committee. The bill would solve the commercial and industrial property tax loophole regarding using occupancy to adjust property taxes. At the hearing, after a substitute bill was handed out, the committee chair announced that there were still some issues with the bill and instead of taking testimony he would be convening a workgroup on the issue. Contact: [Summer Minnick](#)

Waterfront TIF Bill Becomes Law – Governor**The Buzz**

[Time for us all to rethink Michigan](#)
[Crain's Detroit Business](#)

Save the Date

[MML Region 5 Seminar](#)
 May 16, Algonac

[Michigan Transportation Asset Management Conference](#)
 May 21, Marquette

[MAM Capitol Reception Luncheon / Keep the Promise Press Conference](#)
 May 22, State Capitol Bldg.

[Sustainable Energy Project Development Workshop](#)
 May 22, Rochester

[29 Workshops Statewide: New Planning Enabling Act & Updated Zoning Enabling Acts](#)
 May 27 - June 26

[MAM Summer Workshop](#)
 August 6-8, Sterling Heights

Register by July 9 to Save!

[2008 Michigan Downtown Conference](#)

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Granholm recently signed [SB 47](#) (Allen, R- Traverse City), making it PA 94 of 2008. This legislation allows communities to create water improvement tax increment finance authorities to cleanup inland lakes and infrastructure improvements on lakefront property. The League will have a One Pager-*Plus* available on this subject shortly. Contact: [Andy Schor](#)

Cheers to Communities for Improvements through Transportation Enhancement Program

– Congratulations to the following communities for receiving MDOT Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) funds for projects that will improve non-motorized trails statewide: the city of Kalamazoo will construct two miles of non-motorized trail connecting Veterans' Memorial Park to the Riverview Drive and Mosel Avenue intersection (received \$1.02 million). The village of Gibraltar will construct a path connecting the Lake Erie Metropark with the Humbug Marsh International Wildlife Refuge (received \$73,575). The village of Milford will add 2.9 miles of non-motorized trail to the Kensington Metropark Loop into Island Lake State Recreation Area (received \$609,355). Members are urged to work with local MDOT offices to access more of the federal Transportation Enhancement Program grants set aside by federal law to enable communities to invest in streetscapes and non-motorized trails. Contact: [Dave Worthams](#)

New MDOT Construction Advisories Just In –

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) recently provided the League its latest construction advisories: [New Ride Quality Specification](#) and [Riprap Placement for Storm Water Drainage](#). Members are reminded that past MDOT construction advisories are available at www.michigan.gov/mdot. Contact: [Dave Worthams](#)

Public Comment Period for Inland Lakes Permit Ends May 28 –

The League has received notice from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) that the public comment period for a general permit for certain activities on inland lakes authorized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun. This new permit would impact noncommercial piers/docks/boat hoists, spring piles and clusters, replacement seawalls, installation of shoreline protection measures, filling for swimming areas, and maintenance dredging. The comment period ends May 28 and members are urged to forward any comments regarding the permit to MDEQ at this time. [Click here](#) to view the permit. Contact: [Dave Worthams](#)

MML Community Excellence Award: Just 3

Regions Left to Compete – Members in Regions 5, 6 and 7 still have a shot at taking home the MML Community Excellence Award Cup! Attend your [Regional Education Seminar](#) and present a local success story to the attendees in your region. Your peers will vote; there will be one winner from each of the seven MML regions. Each regional winner will then compete at the League's fall Annual Convention where one community will take home the Cup for a year. Congratulations to the following regional finalists: the [city of](#)

Sept. 8-10, Bay City

Grants & Projects

[MDOT Soliciting Local Bridge Program Project Applications](#)
Apply by June 2

[Community Energy Project Grants](#)
Apply by July 15

What's New

[Special Delivery for Legislators: MML Advocacy Cards for Legislators Read "Keep the Promise, Protect Public Transportation"](#)

[Zeeland's *Feel the Zeel* Wins Community Excellence Award](#)

[League Guest Blog: Find out why Rep. Ken Horn \(R-Frankenmuth\) says "Hemlock Semiconductor Corp. Expansion a Must"](#)

[NLC Federal Relations Update](#)

[MDOT Construction Advisory: New Ride Quality Specification](#)

[MDOT Construction Advisory: Riprap Placement for Storm Water Drainage](#)

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Oak Park Blight-Prevention Project (Region 1); the city of Jackson Armory Arts Village (Region 2); the city of Zeeland "Feel the Zeel" branding/marketing campaign (Region 3) and; the city of Au Gres Community Library/Cultural Arts Center (Region 4).

MAM Capitol Reception Luncheon & Press

Conference, May 22 – Michigan Association of Mayors (MAM): Please join the MAM board of directors May 22 at 10:45 a.m. in the State Capitol Building for a "Keep the Promise" press conference followed by the Annual MAM Capitol Reception Luncheon (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.). [Click here](#) for more information. To RSVP or to become a member of MAM, contact [Nikole Brown](#).

Federal Update

NLC Federal Relations Report – According to the [National League of Cities Federal Relations Update](#), last week the House took action to provide additional relief for the housing market while this week a proposal to federalize collective bargaining for public safety employees could move. The League strongly opposes the effort and asks members to contact Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow (see the League's [Action Alert](#)). Contact: [Arnold Weinfeld](#)

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THE JACOBS CAPITOL REPORT

**GILDA Z. JACOBS
MICHIGAN SENATE
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CHAIR
FOURTEENTH DISTRICT**

**For Immediate Release
May 16, 2008**

**Contact: Matt Levin
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SENATE APPROVES WATER PROTECTIONS Bill Package Will Ratify Great Lakes Compact

The Michigan Senate passed legislation this week that would enact the Great Lakes Compact. The package of bills would also institute stringent guidelines on water usage, with the goal of protecting Michigan's freshwater resources.

The Great Lakes Compact, driven by governors of the Great Lakes states and their counterpart premiers in bordering Canadian provinces, was negotiated over a span of almost five years. Stakeholders from industry, business, shipping, agriculture, environmental and conservation groups all offered their input.

Democrats applauded the package's protection of Michigan's lakes, streams and groundwater. "We've always placed protection and conservation of Michigan's water at the top of our agenda," said Sen. Gilda Z. Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods). "The progress made with this legislation was important, but there are a number of significant issues we must resolve before the Senate's action can truly live up to its promise."

SB 212 is the primary vehicle for the Great Lakes Compact, which creates a regional council to oversee large water usage, bans large water diversions and stipulates the regulation and conservation of water resources, and develops rules for Great Lakes water usage from neighboring communities.

Passage wasn't without a few bumps in the road. The key bill (SB 860) of the package set off a partisan debate before winning divided approval.

Supporters of the passed version of SB 860 praised it as a precedent-setting management system to control large water withdrawals while still insuring sufficient supplies for farm and industrial use.

Democrats balked at several issues, including a one-year delay in the effective date, the permit threshold for large-scale withdrawals, and the amount of allowable fish reductions due to water use (3 percent in the bill; some wanted 1 percent).

The bill also curbed the Department of Environmental Quality's ability to promulgate new rules and/or create new fees without legislative approval.

Aside from their expansive beauty, the Great Lakes account for billions of dollars and millions of jobs through tourism, commercial and sport fishing, and boating. As water becomes more and more scarce in dryer regions of the U.S. and countries around the world, scrutiny and desire to tap into the Midwest's water resources has increased significantly. Today's legislative action

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institutes strict guidelines enforcing the protection and preventing the over-consumption and abuse of Great Lakes water domestically and abroad.

In addition to approval by the states and provinces, the 27-page pact must be adopted by Congress to be officially enacted. Because usage of the Great Lakes is governed by the international Boundary Waters Treaty, much of the conservation regulations are subject to federal approval.

MOVING MICHIGAN FORWARD

State Economic News

Business Publication Honors MEDC

Hemlock Semiconductor's \$1 billion expansion, backed by Michigan Economic Development Corp. assistance, was named one of 2007 Top 10 Deals on Site Selection's annual ranking of North America's major economic development projects. Two local organizations, Saginaw Future Inc., Saginaw and Ingham County Economic Development Corp., based in Mason, won Honorable Mention in the Top Economic Development Groups category.

Site Selection magazine provides expansion planning information to 44,000 managers and decision makers of fast-growing firms around the world. A listing of Site Selection's 2007 Top Deals and Top Economic Development Groups is available in the May issue of the magazine and online at www.siteselection.com.

Michigan 50 Companies to Watch in the Spotlight at Lansing Celebration

The 50 companies listed below were honored at the fourth annual "Michigan Celebrates Small Business" for entrepreneurs and small business leaders April 24 in Lansing. These are second-stage companies, the category accounting for most new job creation. All are based in Michigan, privately held, past the start-up stage and growing with between 6 and 99 employees and from \$750,000 to \$50 million in annual revenue or working capital in place.

The event was hosted by the Edward Lowe Foundation, MEDC, Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center, Small Business Association of Michigan and U.S. Small Business Administration – Michigan.

- Accuri Cytometers Inc., Ann Arbor, Analytical Laboratory Instruments
- Adams Building Contractors Inc., Jackson, General Contractor
- Alliance Technology Solutions LLC, Orion, IT Consulting and Implementation
- Allis Information Management Inc., Midland, Business Intelligence Research
- Altus Systems Inc., Commerce Township, IT Consulting and Implementation
- Amherst Partners LLC, Birmingham, Management and Financial Consulting
- Ash Stevens Inc., Detroit, Pharmaceutical Preparations
- Autoweb, Rochester Hills, Engineering Software

- BaabaaZuzu, Lake Leelanau, Wholesale Woolen Apparel
- Baseline Tennis, Birmingham, Sports Management
- Certified Restoration Drycleaning Network, Berkley, Textile Restoration
- Compendia Bioscience, Ann Arbor, Online Bioinformatics
- D&D Logistics LLC, Muskegon Heights, Freight Transportation Logistics
- Dexter Research Center Inc., Dexter, Infrared Instruments
- Emcor Inc., Bay City, Precision Mechanical Devices
- Encore Automation LLC, Auburn Hills, Automated Manufacturing Systems
- Extreme Tool and Engineering Inc., Wakefield, Plastic Product Development
- Falcon Road Maintenance Equipment Inc., Midland, Road Maintenance Eqpt.
- Food For Thought Inc., Honor, Specialty Foods
- Grand Traverse Pie Co., Traverse City, Retail Bakery and Franchisor
- Halo Group LLC, Novi, IT Consulting and Staffing
- Icon Creative Technologies Group, Ann Arbor, Interactive Marketing
- iDashboards, Troy, Business Intelligence Software
- ImageSoft Inc., Southfield, Content-Management Software
- Jacobsen/Daniels Associates LLC, Ypsilanti, Airport Consulting and Planning
- JB Cutting Inc., Mt. Clemens, Furniture Components
- K & F Electronics Inc., Fraser, Printed Circuit Boards
- K-Space Associates Inc., Ann Arbor, Semiconductor Devices
- LLamasoft Inc., Ann Arbor, Supply Chain Software
- MachineTools.com, West Bloomfield, Web Search Portal
- Mavcon Inc., Portage, General Contractor
- MIST Innovations Inc., Detroit, Surveillance Systems
- Modern Fire & Security Systems Inc., Grand Rapids, Electrical Contractor
- Molecular Imaging Research, Ann Arbor, Pharmaceutical & Biotech Research
- Motawi Tileworks Inc., Ann Arbor, Ceramic Tile Products
- New-Tech, a division of Zeigler Enterprises, Midland, Laboratory Equipment
- Omni Tech International Ltd., Midland, Renewable Resource Product Dev.
- Patriot Services Corp., Walled Lake, Disaster, Emergency Preparedness Consult.
- PMV Technologies LLC, Troy, IT Outsourcing

- Portable Church Industries Inc., Troy, Event Planning Services
- Pro Services Inc., Portage, Specialty Trade Contractor
- ProNAi Therapeutics Inc., Kalamazoo, Biopharmaceutical Products
- RTI Laboratories Inc., Livonia, Testing Laboratory
- Secure-24 Inc., Southfield, IT Security Services
- StelterPartners LLC, Grand Rapids, Furniture for Commercial Spaces
- Teoma Systems Inc., Troy, IT Systems Integrator
- The DECC Co. Inc., Grand Rapids, Industrial Coating Application
- TreeHouse Toys & Books Inc., Lansing, Retail Store and Franchisor
- Workforce Strategies Inc. (WSI), Kalamazoo, Staffing Services
- Zoup! Fresh Soup Co. LLC, Southfield, Restaurant and Franchisor

Granholt Signs Bills to Strengthen State in Competition for Jobs, Investment
Bills signed into law this month amended the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) program, the state's most powerful business attraction and retention tool, to give the state more flexibility in meeting interstate and international competition for business investment.

Under the reforms, a company that is retaining or creating a minimum of 50 jobs can qualify for a MEGA Michigan Business Tax credit. For the first time, tourism attraction projects including cultural, historical, or scenic sites can qualify for the tax credits. The amendments also pave the way for small, high-tech businesses in "creative class" industries like architectural design to qualify for the incentives. The new law removes a requirement that a company prove it had received competing, lower-cost offers from other states or countries to be eligible for the incentives.

Individuals or groups that win procurement contracts with the U.S. Departments of Defense, Energy, or Homeland Security can receive MEGA tax credits based on creation of at least 25 qualified new jobs.

The bills were given immediate effect.

CHERRY SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH UNITED KINGDOM Addresses Emissions of Greenhouse Gases

On behalf of Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, this week Lt. Governor John D. Cherry Jr. signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a top British official that pledges to work jointly to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and increase climate-friendly commerce between Michigan and the United Kingdom.

"We must have the vision to capture the opportunity that lies within the global effort to abate greenhouse gas emissions," Cherry said Monday while signing the agreement with the Right Honorable Hilary Benn, the United Kingdom's Secretary of State for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs. "The opportunities are real and available only if we have the resolve. The people of Michigan look forward to a new era of cooperation and collaboration with the United Kingdom."

The agreement calls for Michigan and the United Kingdom to discuss concepts for a post 2012 climate regime that builds upon and broadens existing global arrangements to protect the planet's climate, improves public policies that reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, increasing the emphasis on sciences and technologies that focus on renewable energy generation and strengthens climate-friendly commerce between the United Kingdom and Michigan.

"Fighting dangerous climate change will involve immense effort from us all - and it's clear that in the U.S.A., states like Michigan can play a critical role, both in cutting emissions and laying the foundations for a low-carbon economy," Secretary of State Hilary Benn said. "Low carbon growth will open up economic opportunities, attract investment, and create green-collar jobs. As governments, our job is to make sure the conditions are right for the coming economic transformation - and by working in cooperation, we can help to ensure that the coming green industrial revolution is truly global."

Since taking office, Granholm has joined with other Midwest states in a commitment to build the architecture of a market-based voluntary cap and trade system to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Granholm also initiated the development of a state climate action plan by establishing the Michigan Climate Action Council, a group of 35 state leaders comprised of representatives from public interest groups, environmental organizations, utilities, the manufacturing sector, and other key industries, universities, and state and local governments to discuss climate change and its implications for the economy.

Last month, the state of Michigan joined with other states at Yale University to drive federal action and state cooperation in tackling climate change through a commitment to innovation and clean technology development.

"Governor Granholm has recognized, as have many others, that implementing clean technology strategies to reduce emissions may not be costly but if properly implemented through sound policies, will benefit the economy of Michigan," Cherry said.

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Quotables

"Listening to advice often accomplishes far more than heeding it."
-Malcom Forbes

Quote of the Week: John Wayne

"Life is getting up one more time than you've been knocked down."

The Jacobs Report is paid for by the Committee to Elect Gilda Z. Jacobs.

All Michigan legislation can be tracked at <http://www.legislature.michigan.gov/>.

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State Senator Gilda Jacobs represents the 14th Senate District, which includes Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Franklin, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak Township, Southfield, and Southfield Township. She is the Minority Vice Chair of the Families & Human Services Committee and the Campaign & Election Oversight Committee. She also serves on the Finance, Economic Development & Regulatory Reform, and Health Policy Committees.

Constituents of the 14th District may contact Senator Jacobs at sengjacobs@senate.michigan.gov or toll-free at 1-888-937-4453.

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Banks, Nancy

From: ippsr-action [ippsr-action@ssc.msu.edu]
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Subject: Speaker Update - Tuesday Forum

Tuesday's lunch policy forum on Michigan's critical infrastructure will be held in downtown Lansing at the Anderson House Building, Mackinac Room, fifth floor. There is no charge and a light lunch is provided. Content information is listed below and speaker information is included. This should be an interesting presentation and discussion.

Tuesday, May 20, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Is Michigan's Infrastructure at Risk?

The upcoming forum, **Maintaining Michigan's Infrastructure**, is open to the public and is intended to inform and draw discussion about our state's critical infrastructure including the upkeep and sustainability of systems including water, energy, transportation, and telecommunications. The May 20 discussion comes just weeks after national news reports on a giant sinkhole growing to at least 260-foot-deep and three football fields wide over just two days in Daisetta, Texas.

Michigan citizens, like those across the country, are concerned about maintaining the state's critical infrastructure since catastrophic events continue to occur across the country. While not comparable to one another, individual examples include Sterling Heights, Michigan (road sinkhole), New Orleans, Louisiana (levee failure), Minneapolis, Minnesota (bridge collapse), and Portland, Oregon (highway mudslide). How does Michigan protect residents from infrastructure breakdowns such as sinkholes, water system breakage, blackouts, or a disrupted communication lines?

Speakers include **Jan Beecher**, Director of MSU's Institute for Public Utilities; **Ken Boyer**, Transportation Economist at Michigan State University; **Chip Steinfield**, Chair of MSU's Telecommunications Department, and; **Scott Oppmann**, Manager of Oakland County's Collaborative Asset Management System (CAMS). Held in downtown Lansing, this forum will offer an assessment of Michigan's infrastructure and best-practice recommendations for sustainability.

To register now: Click [here](#) or call **(517) 355-6672**. There is no cost to attend. A light lunch will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Location: Downtown Lansing, across from the Capitol Building at the Anderson House Office Building, Mackinac Room (fifth floor).

Directions: More information including directions may be found at www.ippsr.msu.edu.

The forum is cosponsored by the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR) and the Institute for Public Utilities in the College of Social Science at Michigan

At a Regular Meeting of the Royal Oak City Commission held on Monday, May 5, 2008, in City Hall, 211 Williams Street, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Governor Jennifer Granholm and many legislators have called on local governments to consolidate services and create cost savings for local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the greatest expenditures for local units of government are in personnel expenses; and

WHEREAS, local governments and officials seek efficiencies in government on a regular basis in order to save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent for communities to consolidate in order to save dollars and create efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, consolidations involve disparities of compensation in existing contracts that provide for salary, benefits, health care, pensions, etc. that usually need to be on the same level as a practical matter when discussing the agreements with the local employee unions; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Cooperation Act (PA 7 of 1967), Intergovernmental Transfer of Functions and Powers Act (PA 8 of 1967), Emergency Services to Municipalities Act (PA 57 of 1988), and Metropolitan Councils Act (PA 292 of 1989) contain language which acts as a disincentive for consolidation of services; and

WHEREAS, language within the acts provide that transferred employees performing under contracts for consolidated service shall be in no worse position with respect to wage and benefits than prior to the transfer; and

WHEREAS, this language effectively results in either having disparate contracts for equal employees which can damage employee morale, or bringing all employees up to the highest level which is costly and defeats any efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, elimination of this language would result in more consolidation and collaboration with taxpayer savings since new contracts can effectively be collectively bargained; and

WHEREAS, elimination of this language will not affect current contracts (which are protected in the act), but will allow for more productive immediate negotiations upon consolidation; and

WHEREAS, these changes are found in SB 550 and 551; and

WHEREAS, these changes were in the original version of HB 4266 and HB 4246, but were amended out of the bills when passed by the House of Representatives, and

WHEREAS, these acts, in conjunction with PA 312 of 1969, discourage fire and police consolidation and any local savings to taxpayers because control of the bargaining process is taken out of the hands of the locals and given to an independent arbitrator who is restricted by the language prohibiting employees from being harmed in the consolidation acts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Royal Oak requests that the Legislature and Governor approve SB 550 and 551, the original versions of HB 4266 and 4246, or any other legislation that amends the Urban Cooperation Act (PA 7 of 1967), Intergovernmental Transfer of Functions and Powers Act (PA 8 of 1967), Emergency Services to Municipalities Act (PA 57 of 1988), and Metropolitan Councils Act (PA 292 of 1989) to remove the language that prevents employees from being harmed so that new contracts can be negotiated with a result of savings to taxpayers and communities; and to allow communities to create new contracts through collective bargaining after consolidation; and to save taxpayer dollars and create local government efficiencies.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Royal Oak City Commission at a meeting held on May 5, 2008.

Mary Ellen Graver

City Clerk