

## AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commissioners  
FROM: Diane Schmidt, City Clerk  
DATE: July 28, 2010  
RE: \*Communications



For the Agenda August 2, 2010

**\*Note: This is a Consent Agenda item and is considered as routine by the City Commission. As such, this matter shall be automatically enacted by one motion with all other Consent Agenda items unless a Commissioner or citizen requests this item be individually discussed, in which event it shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered and acted upon in its designated sequence on the approved Clare City Commission agenda of August 2, 2010.**

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The following major items of correspondence were either received by or transmitted by the City since the last regularly scheduled City Commission meeting:

Resident Comment/Recommendation. The City received the attached recommendation from a City resident related to cemetery grave openings and foundations; we will evaluate the cost and affordability of the recommendation.

State Correspondence. The City received the enclosed correspondence related to our application to enforce mechanical and plumbing codes.

Mayoral Correspondence – City of Warren. We received the enclosed letter from Mayor Fouts of Warren, Michigan. The City Commission is asked to inform the City Staff if you wish adopt a similar resolution.

Resident Concern. Chief Chapman received the enclosed correspondence related to a neighbor dispute within the CFD fire call area.

Attachments. As noted above.

To the city:

7/22/20

I FEEL THE GRAVE OPENING AND FOUNDATION  
SHOULD NOT COST THE CITY TAX PAYER. OR VETS.  
OF ANY WAR. TO DO THIS SHORT LAST EFFECT  
OF THE COST OF DYING IN CEMETARY IN CITY.

Willard Koch



JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH  
LANSING

STANLEY "SKIP" PRUSS  
DIRECTOR

July 9, 2010

Ms. Jean McConnell, Mayor Pro Tem  
City of Clare  
202 West Fifth Street  
Clare, MI 48617

RE: Application to Administer and Enforce/Proposed Ordinance  
Michigan Mechanical and Plumbing Codes

Dear Ms. McConnell:

The City's Application for Approval to Administer and Enforce the Michigan Mechanical and Plumbing Codes, and proposed ordinance received June 9, 2010, were presented to the Construction Code Commission and approved at its meeting on July 7, 2010.

Upon official passage of the ordinance, please forward a **certified copy** to this office.

Once the ordinance is formally adopted and a copy is forwarded to this office, the City of Clare, will be notified of the date it becomes responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Michigan Mechanical and Plumbing Codes within the city, pursuant to the provisions of the approved application and ordinance.

As a reminder, no mechanical and plumbing permits are to be issued or inspections conducted by the city, until the Bureau has notified the city of the effective date.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (517) 241-9347.

Sincerely,

Michael Somers, Analyst  
Office of Administrative Services

MS/jlp

cc: Diane Schmidt, Clerk, City of Clare  
Tim Nieporte, Director, Community Development, Isabella County  
Mechanical Division, BCC  
Plumbing Division, BCC  
Plan Review Division, BCC  
Office of Management Services, BCC

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July 14, 2010

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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(586) 574-4520

Dear Government Leader,

As the mayor of Michigan's third largest city, I was proud to endorse the attached resolution developed by the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice and the Warren Area Ministerial Alliance.

I forwarded my endorsement to the Warren City Council that approved it at its June 22, 2010 meeting.

Called the "The Resolution: Re-affirming the American Values of Freedom, Justice, Equality and Justice," the statement calls for unity and a shared vision of our nation's values.

I am encouraging you to adopt the resolution at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions, contact Rev. Michail T. Curro of the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice. His phone number and e-mail address are on the attached letter.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James R. Fouts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "F".

James R. Fouts  
Mayor, City of Warren

# INTERFAITH CENTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (ICRJ)

ICRJ . . . "Invoking a Community of Respect and Justice"



Monday, July 12, 2010

Dear Municipal Leader:

On behalf of the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice (ICRJ) and leaders from the Warren Area Ministerial Alliance (WAMA), we encourage your municipality to follow the lead of the City of Warren in adopting an appropriate version for your community of the attached resolution "Re-Affirming the American Core Values of Freedom, Equality, and Justice".

We applaud Mayor Fouts who fully endorsed this resolution and the Warren City Council that unanimously adopted it at their June 22, 2010 meeting. Their leadership demonstrates acknowledgement of the cosmopolitan nature of our community, growing diversity of our region, and the importance of communicating Warren's commitment to be inclusive and welcoming to new residents and businesses.

According to the 2000 US Census, our metropolitan region is the most segregated in the nation\*. This fact is not projected to change when the results from the current 2010 US Census are tabulated. For decades our region's difficulty in effectively addressing race and diversity has hindered regional cooperation and led to economic inequality between communities. We share a linked destiny and in order for the metropolitan Detroit area to move forward in creating a prosperous future for all we need to come together. Every metropolitan community has been experiencing hard times during the current economic recession and building a brighter tomorrow requires that we all work together while embracing our common core values of "freedom, equality, and justice".

Of course, adopting this resolution in your municipality is simply the beginning of joint efforts necessary to embrace a shared vision for metropolitan Detroit, but it is a very important step. Communicating one's values states both who we are and what we champion. Such leadership will inevitably guide and shape development in our region that will be positive for us all.

Please feel free to contact any of us if you would like further information. We look forward to your community joining Warren in supporting this resolution. Thank you.

## **Officers**

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Rev. Tyrone Martin, VP  
Sarah Stovall, Treasurer  
Kay Schwarzberg, Sec.

## **Board Members**

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Rev. Michail T. Curro

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St. Ephrem Parish  
Henry Ford Macomb  
Hospitals  
St. Francis-St. Maximilian  
Parish  
St. Margaret of Scotland  
Parish  
St. Michael Parish  
St. Paul of Tarsus  
Parish

\*(Joel Kurth, Oralandar Brand-Williams and Ron French, "Region is diverse, not mixed: Metro Detroit is most segregated area in nation, census shows," The Detroit News, April 1, 2001).

**RESOLUTION RE-AFFIRMING THE AMERICAN VALUES OF  
FREEDOM, EQUALITY AND JUSTICE**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Warren, County of Macomb,  
State of Michigan, held on June 22, 2010, <sup>Daylight Savings</sup> Eastern ~~Standard~~ Time, in the Council  
Chamber at the Warren Community Center Auditorium, located at 5460 Arden, Warren,  
Michigan.

PRESENT: Councilpersons Kamp, Caumartin, Sadowski, Stevens, Boccomino,  
Green, Liss, Vogt, and Warner

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ABSENT: Councilpersons none

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The following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilperson  
Sadowski and supported by Councilperson Liss.

WHEREAS, as people of the diverse community of the City of Warren, Michigan,  
we offer this statement in support of freedom, equality and justice, and together share a  
commitment to the well-being of every person in our community, and

WHEREAS, the City of Warren believes, as stated in the Declaration of  
Independence, that all people are created equal and we champion the inherent worth  
and dignity of every person. We assert that ultimately all people of the world belong to  
ONE HUMAN RACE. And we declare that the diversity of our world is a gift to be  
celebrated, honored, and protected, and

WHEREAS, the City of Warren believes that all deserve the opportunity to reach  
their full potential and that all should have equal opportunity for access to education,  
health care, housing, and employment. We also believe that it is not only our civic but  
also our moral responsibility to protect the right of all people to live, work, go to school,  
and worship freely within our cities without the threat of discrimination or harm as a  
result. And we pledge to work cooperatively in order to foster peace and build harmony,  
and

WHEREAS, the City of Warren is united in speaking out against any expression of prejudice, intimidation, hate, or violence that is aimed at hurting or excluding an individual, a family, or a group of people because of who they are. We are committed to nonviolent solutions to human suffering and injustice, and join together to work for economic well-being and justice for all, and

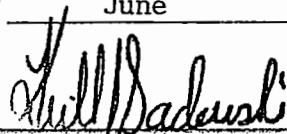
WHEREAS, let it be declared that the City of Warren believes that freedom, equality, and justice are core values of our City which need to be proclaimed, taught, and practiced in our homes, schools, and in daily lives for the health and quality of our community, and ultimately, our world.

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the City of Warren City Council:  
Stands together in support of freedom, equality and justice, and to speak out against prejudice, discrimination, and violence; works together for the betterment of our entire community; promotes nonviolence, justice, and respect for all; supports all local governments, police, schools, businesses, congregations, and non-profit organizations' efforts to protect the rights of all people and, supports the idea of community events to build bridges of understanding, relationships, and trust among people of different cultures and faith traditions.

AYES: Councilpersons: Kamp, Caumartin, Sadowski, Stevens, Boccomino,  
Green, Liss, Vogt and Warner

NAYS: Councilpersons: none

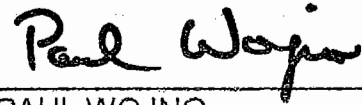
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED this 22nd day June, 2010.

  
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KEITH J. SADOWSKI  
Secretary of the Council

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN    )  
                                  ) SS.  
COUNTY OF MACOMB    )

I, PAUL WOJNO, duly elected City Clerk for the City of Warren, Macomb County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Warren at its meeting held on June 22, 2010.



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PAUL WOJNO  
City Clerk

42460 Pond View Drive  
Sterling Heights MI 48314

July 21, 2010

City of Clare  
Fire Department  
c/o Fire Chief James Chapman  
207 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Clare MI 48617

Dear Chief Chapman:

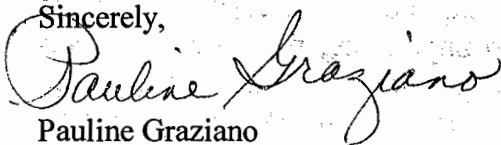
On the weekend of July 4, 2010, my husband and I and my son and his family were at my "UP North" home to enjoy time on Stevenson Lake and the summer weather.

On Monday, July 5, at approximately 11:35 a.m. I see the Clare Sheriff's vehicle with two officers inside driving in front of my property located at 1238 Percha Road. This car is followed by a huge Clare fire truck with firefighters inside as well as the presence of the Fire Chief. They were at my residence because of a nearby neighbor complaining of the smoke coming from the burning barrel. The burning barrel is perfectly legal and my husband was attending the burning trash. The officer indicated there was no violation. In the many years of owning this property, we have never seen a Sheriff's vehicle or a fire truck driving down Percha Road.

This complaint was unjustified and is one of the most ridiculous because of the gross waste of taxpayer's dollars. The officer and Fire Chief stated we were not in violation of anything. The smell of smoke drifting in the woods is not a violation. Furthermore, the complainants, Don and Joann Wilson, have NO LIFE other than to trespass onto adjacent/nearby properties of property owners who are not local residents giving them full access to peak into windows and "nose around" trying to create complaints and/or problems which are not there. The complainants should be held liable for the expenses incurred with this unnecessary and unfounded "call/complaint."

I also would like to thank Fire Chief Chapman who was very understanding and congenial as well as the officer attendance.

Sincerely,



Pauline Graziano  
c: City Manager Ken Hibl