

115. Anti Crime Resolution.

Motion by Councilman McGillivray,  
Supported by Councilwoman Russell,

RESOLUTION STOPPING CRIME AND VIOLENCE  
IN OUR CITIES AND TOWNS

WHEREAS, America's communities and families are scarred by increasing numbers of violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, the level of violence associated with criminal acts is also increasing; and

WHEREAS, no community or family is untouched by incidents of crime or the fear of being victimized by crime; and

WHEREAS, reductions in the level of crime and fear of crime require enactment of meaningful national anti-crime legislation, as well as work by local communities and state governments to develop and implement long term solutions that deal with both the cause and effects of crimes; and

WHEREAS, the growing violence in our cities demands an end to national legislative gridlock; and

WHEREAS, achieving a productive partnership to cut crime will require immediate action by the Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison Heights urgently calls upon the Congress of the United States to enact anti-crime legislation immediately so that the resources and programs such legislation will provide can be utilized on a timely basis - the need is now.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such anti-crime legislation should include:

- A balanced approach between enforcement and prevention programs.
- Direct block grant anti-crime funds to communities, with maximum flexibility allowed in the use of those funds.
- Creation of a federal anti-crime trust fund financed by dedicated revenues from licensing fees levied on weapons, ammunition and weapons dealers.
- Exploration of cooperative programs with the U.S. military to create education and training programs for at-risk young people in our cities and towns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Madison Heights rededicates itself to crime prevention and suppression and calls upon its citizens to assist in these efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be immediately sent to President Bill Clinton, Senator Donald Riegle, Senator Carl Levin, Representative Sander Levin, NLC President Sharp James, the Daily Tribune and the Madison Park News.

Yea: Johnston, McGillivray, Mills, Pearce, Russell, Stema and Suarez.

Nay: None.

116. Crime Commission - Mission Statement.

Motion by Councilwoman Mills, supported by Councilwoman Stema, to concur with the recommendations of Police Chief Pearce in accordance with the 1994-95 City Goal Plan, and to adopt the mission statement for the reconvening of the City's Crime Commission, as follows:

The stated mission of the Madison Heights Crime Commission is to offer suggestions and guidance to the Civic Leaders of this community and to further the education and the enlightenment of the various residential, civic and social groups regarding criminal activities centered in and around the City of Madison Heights. The Commission will serve to focus on the existing and potential areas of crime in our City in an attempt to establish a communications link between the city's residents, civic leaders and the leaders of the police department. The Commission will serve to encourage the residents of Madison Heights to understand and participate in Crime Prevention Programs that tend to reduce the threat of crime and enhance the sense of safety and security, influencing a positive quality of life in our society. The City Crime Commission shall be directly responsible to and report its recommendations to the City Council.

The scope and extent of the Commission's studies and recommendations shall include but are not limited to the following areas of Public concern:

Crime and Law Enforcement, Improvement of Police-Community relations, Victims of Crimes, Juvenile Delinquency and Youth guidance, Organized Crime Activities, Court Procedures, Probation Procedures, Types and Frequency of Crimes committed, Firearms Safety and Crime Prevention Techniques and Programs; Drug Awareness and Education, and Gang Violence.

provided, however, that no records shall be available to this commission if it violates the rules of privacy or are prohibited by any State or Federal law. The members of this commission should be available to receive residents complaints and to hear any suggestions. Their recommendations will be made accordingly.

Yea: McGillivray, Mills, Pearce, Russell, Stema, Suarez and Johnston.

Nay: None.

#### 117. 14 Mile Transportation Enhancement Fund Grant.

Motion by Councilwoman Russell, supported by Councilman McGillivray, to approve the resolution for filing the Transportation Enhancement Fund Grant Application with the Michigan Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the City of Troy, for improvements and beautification of medians on 14 Mile and John R roads, as follows:

#### RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Madison Heights does hereby approve and support a Transportation Enhancement Fund Application which, if approved, will result in landscaping and beautification of medians on 14 Mile Road and John R Road, with commitments to funding the local match as indicated in said Application dated February 22, 1994.

Yea: Mills, Pearce, Russell, Stema, Suarez, Johnston and McGillivray.

Nay: None.

#### 118. Public Hearing Scheduled - Truth in Taxation.

Motion by Councilwoman Stema, supported by Councilman McGillivray, to receive the report from City Treasurer Birach and to schedule a Truth-in-Taxation public hearing on April 25, 1994 at 7:30 p.m.

Yea: Pearce, Russell, Stema, Suarez, Johnston, McGillivray and Mills.

Nay: None.