

**THE WORK SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN
WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:30 AM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2017 BY MAYOR O'DWYER**

PRESENT: Steve Baker, Mayor Pro Tem
Jack Blanchard, Councilmember
Colleen Graveline, Councilmember
Alan Kideckel, Councilmember
Eileen Steadman, Councilmember
Phil O'Dwyer, Mayor

ABSENT: Daniel Terbrack, Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT: Matthew Baumgarten, City Manager
Darchelle Strickland Love, Deputy City Manager
Sabrina Lilla, Finance Director
Mike Crum, Public Safety Lieutenant
Theresa McArleton, Parks and Recreation Director
Scott Jennex, Parks and Recreation Program Manager
Dan McMinn, Parks and Recreation Events and Arena Manager
Derrick Schueller, Public Works Director
Matt Church, Library Director
Phommady A. Boucher, City Clerk
Chelsey Machota, Communications Coordinator

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Kideckel to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker.

Ayes: Blanchard, Graveline, Kideckel, Steadman, Baker, and O'Dwyer

Absent: Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Dennis Hennen, Berkley resident at 2411 Earlmont, suggests that the City Council and City Administration consider use of solar and green options for the renovation of public buildings and space. He also recommends that council approve funds to provide proper training for the members of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Mayor O'Dwyer welcomed everyone to today's Work Session and gave a brief review of today's agenda.

City Manager Baumgarten reviewed the objectives and overview of today's meeting from the Work Session Capital Improvements PowerPoint presentation. He introduced Councilmember Blanchard to give an overview on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

Councilmember Blanchard turned over the discussion to Public Safety Lieutenant Crum who gave a review of the Emergency Management PowerPoint presentation.

City Manager Baumgarten continued the review of the Work Session Objectives and the Citizens Advisory Committee Recommendations from the Work Session Capital Improvements PowerPoint presentation.

Finance Director Lilla reviewed the Funding Strategy: Mills vs Debt Levy from the Work Session Capital Improvements PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor O'Dwyer asked for the consensus of the City Council to move forward with a ten (10) year and two (2) mills rate proposal for the road bond.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker suggest that City Administration to provide continued education and appropriate communication to the community. He suggests that Finance Director Lilla change the Tax Rates for Surrounding Communities slide to show that the communities with lesser total city millage rate for 2017 start from the bottom.

City Manager Baumgarten continued the review of the Discussion: Roads and the Municipal Buildings from the Work Session Capital Improvements PowerPoint presentation.

Finance Director Lilla reviewed the Future of the Ice Arena from the Work Session Capital Improvements PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor O'Dwyer asked for the consensus of the City Council to move forward to winterize the Ice Arena and have City Administration to return to a council meeting with a budget amendment for the expenses.

City Manager Baumgarten continued the review of the Community Center Options: Stantec Concepts and Discussion: Municipal Buildings from the Work Session Capital Improvements PowerPoint presentation. Mayor O'Dwyer asked for the consensus of the City Council to move forward with three (3) separate ballot proposals for a special election in May of 2018.

City Manager Baumgarten continued the review of the Community Development Department from the Work Session Capital Improvements PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor O'Dwyer asked for the consensus of the City Council to move forward to have City Administration to return to a council meeting with a budget amendment for the full time Community Development Director position. He thanked council and administration for their deliberation, contribution to the discussion and leadership.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Kideckel moved to adjourn the Work Session at 12:48 PM.

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

Unanimously approved.