

THE TWENTY-SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017 BY MAYOR O'DWYER

PRESENT: Steve Baker Daniel Terbrack
Jack Blanchard Eileen Steadman
Colleen Graveline Phil O'Dwyer
Alan Kideckel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve the Agenda.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

INVOCATION REVEREND TAL SULLIVAN

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Vivian Carmody, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director, spoke about her work experience as an Executive Director of the Main Street Franklin for the Village of Franklin, MI, Executive Director at the Muscatine Convention & Visitors Bureau for Muscatine, IA, and as a Brand Strategist/Account Management Consultant working with the Economic Growth Corporation and Riverfront Corporation in Detroit, MI.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve the following Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Graveline:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Matter of approving the minutes of the regular 36th City Council meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Regular Agenda

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS: Matter of any recognitions or presentations from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION NO. M-09-17: Matter of approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Berkley and Berkley School District for Shared Resources and Services.

Councilmember Terbrack moved to approve Motion No. M-09-17.

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-04-17: Matter of establishing an "Ad Hoc Woodward Dream Cruise Committee" coordinating the 2017 Cruisefest events for the City of Berkley.

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve Resolution No. R-04-17.

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

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

Nays: None
Motion Approved.

City Manager Baumgarten read off the members of the "Ad Hoc Woodward Dream Cruise Committee."

Mark Coon, Resident Representative for the Ad Hoc Woodward Dream Cruise Committee and a Berkley resident at 2772 Cummings, has been on the committee for 20 years, since 1997. The first meeting is scheduled before the end of February. Mr. Coon expressed his appreciation for the Chamber of Commerce and the Service Organizations involved.

Councilmember Kideckel thanked Mr. Coon and the members of the committee for their continued participation.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker asked Mr. Coon to keep the council and the community informed of the upcoming events to include any fundraisers.

Mayor O'Dwyer expressed his gratitude to the committee members for making the CruiseFest a signature event in Berkley and Oakland County.

MOTION NO. M-10-17: Matter of awarding a contract for the Oxford Park Drainage project to Jacklyn Contracting, PO Box 387 Washington Township, MI 48094 at a cost not to exceed \$61,050 which will be paid from account number 101-691-974-000 and account number 614-950-974-000.

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve Motion No. M-10-17.

Seconded by Councilmember Terbrack.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Manager Baumgarten introduced Parks and Recreation Director Theresa McArleton and Vice President at Hubble, Roth, and Clark, Inc. (HRC) Roland Alix. He gave a brief summary on the closed bid process.

Parks and Recreation Director McArleton, reminded council that in October HRC was awarded the engineering services for the project. After several meetings between HRC and City Administration, a plan was developed and another bid was posted in January. A reference check was done on Jacklyn Contracting which is the lowest bidder. The plans will not hinder anything being developed later. It is meant to make improvements and allow for more additions. There are no specific start dates, the project will require 2-3 weeks for completion, and is expected by be done by the April 28th. Parks and Recreation Director McArleton will update council on the start date.

Councilmember Terbrack inquired if the project will impact any construction or jeopardize any future projects.

Mayor O'Dwyer expressed the importance of thinking ahead and appreciates the good planning by the Parks and Recreation Director and HRC. He confirmed with Roland Alix that the drainage project will help dry out most of Oxford Park.

Councilmember Blanchard inquired about the timeline of the project.

Roland Alix, Vice President at Hubble, Roth, and Clark, Inc. (HRC), was available to answer any specific engineering questions from council.

RESOLUTION NO. R-05-17: Matter of establishing the Policy and Guidelines for Granting an Exemption from Payment of Property Taxes.

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve Resolution No. R-05-17.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-11-17: Matter of authorizing a contract with Heritage Contracting (3821 Camden Place, Clarkston, MI 48348) to install two automatic door openers to the library's restroom doors for a cost not to exceed \$9,350 to be paid from CDBG Program Expenses 14/15 (275-940-818-028).

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve Motion No. M-11-17.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

COUNCILMEMBER GRAVELINE: reminded everyone of the upcoming Tree Board meeting on Monday, February 13th at 7 p.m. in the Library. There will be discussions on Arbor Day and Judd Hart from J.H. Hart Urban Forestry will be there as a special guest.

COUNCILMEMBER KIDECKEL: recognized Parks and Recreation Director Theresa McArleton and her staff for a successful Winterfest event. He spoke briefly about the "Off to the Races" event which was hosted by the Berkley Education Foundation. Councilmember Kideckel invites everyone to attend the following events: Euchre Tournament hosted by the Friends of Berkley Parks and Recreation on February 25th at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Berkley American Legion and the cost is \$10 per person; Hockey at the Joe for the Berkley Bears hockey team is on February 20th at 3 p.m. It will be held at the Joe Louis Arena, it includes free food, free admission, and free parking; and the Berkley Varsity Boys Basketball at the Palace of Auburn Hills is on February 23rd at 3:40 p.m. and there is an admission fee.

COUNCILMEMBER TERBRACK: thanked Parks and Recreation Director Theresa McArleton, her staff, and all the volunteers for making the Winterfest event a success.

MAYOR PRO TEM BAKER: expressed his appreciation for the Parks and Recreation Department, the volunteers and all the restaurants that participated. He welcomed and thanked Vivian Carmody for being part of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) committee. Mayor Pro Tem Baker reminded everyone that the upcoming DDA meeting is on Wednesday, February 8th at 8 a.m. He invites everyone to visit the library to see the Historical Committee's display. Mayor Pro Tem Baker recognized the Historical Committee for their hard work on the display and the Library staff for hosting the display. He reminded everyone that the Berkley Historical Museum is open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment. More information is available on the city website at www.berkleymich.org. Mayor Pro Tem Baker shared a quote from author Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." He mentioned that the state has cut funds from shared revenue to local municipalities up to \$7 billion. Reports have been issued and recommendations offered communities like Berkley across the state to move forward with remedies to alleviate these situations. Mayor Pro Tem Baker thanked the Citizen's Advisory Committee for reviewing information thoughtfully prepared city administration. It ensures that they have the facts needed to make recommendations about the various challenges that the community faces in an infrastructure prospective.

COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN: invites everyone to participate in the following Library programs: Lapsit Storytime on Monday, February 6th and 13th at 10:30 a.m.; Preschool Storytime on Tuesday, February 7th, 14th, and 21st at 10:30 a.m.; Parent-Toddler Storytime on Thursday, February 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 10:30 a.m.; Valentine's Bake Sale on Saturday, February 11th at 10 a.m.; Family Movie: Storks on Saturday, February 11th at 11 a.m.; Game Day on Tuesday, February 21st an all-day event; Improv Yourself! An

Improv Workshop on Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m.; and Cocktails and Coloring at Amici's on Monday, February 27th at 7 p.m. Beautification Advisory Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.; the committee has unlimited membership. Councilmember Steadman recognized Doug Deeds for the plants he has grown from seeds and for working with the Elementary School and High School programs. The next Beautification Advisory Committee is on Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD: recognized all the volunteers and businesses during the Winterfest. He encourages the residents make a joint effort to visit the local businesses that participate in the community events.

CITY MANAGER BAUMGARTEN: announced the State of Your Business event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, February 22nd at 5:30 p.m. Details are available on the city website at www.berkleymich.org. City Manager Baumgarten is one of the guest speakers to discuss how the city is investing in the business community and how to move forward in partnerships with the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). He spoke about member opportunities on the Environmental Advisory Committee and to visit the city website for further information. City Manager Baumgarten thanked Parks and Recreation Director Theresa McArleton and her staff for a great job on the Winterfest event.

CITY ATTORNEY STARAN: informed council that he will be attending the Annual Winter Seminar for the Public Cooperation Law Section in Dearborn for municipal attorneys. Three major topics for discussion are medical marijuana regulation, sign ordinance, and telecommunication companies seeking to locate within public rights of way.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE R. WITTENBERG: thanked the voters for his re-election as the State Representative for the 27th District. He expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to attend and speak at the council meeting. State Representative Wittenberg has been assigned to the Insurance Committee, the Financial Liability Reform Committee, and the Law and Justice Committee. He invites the residents to the following upcoming coffee hours: Friday, February 10th at 3:30 p.m. at the Hazel Park District Library; Monday, March 6th at 5 p.m. at the Oak Park Community Center; and Tuesday, March 7th at 5 p.m. at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center. State Representative Wittenberg provided his email address robertwittenberg@house.mi.gov and phone number (517) 373-0478 for residents that have further questions. He is in agreeance with Mayor Pro Tem Baker's concerns regarding State Shared Revenue and will not vote for a budget that continues to cut funding from our local municipalities.

MAYOR O'DWYER: congratulated Parks and Recreation Director Theresa McArleton, her staff, volunteers, and sponsors for a wonderful Winterfest event. He wished the residents and friends a Happy Valentine's Day.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Blanchard to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52 PM.

Seconded by Councilmember Graveline.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.