

THE SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018 BY MAYOR TERBRACK

PRESENT: Steve Baker Dennis Hennen
Jack Blanchard Eileen Steadman
Bridget Dean Daniel Terbrack
Ross Gavin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve the Agenda

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker.

Ayes: Blanchard, Gavin, Hennen, Steadman, Baker, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

INVOCATION - RABBI YONATAN DAHLEN

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Doug Deeds, Berkley resident at 2053 Tyler and a member of the Beautification Advisory Committee, invites the citizens of Berkley to donate their time with any of the charitable organizations and Boards and Commissions in the city.

State Representative Robert Wittenberg congratulated newly appointed Councilmember Ross Gavin and Councilmember Bridget Dean. He invites the public to the following community conversations: Monday, April 16th at 2 p.m. at the Charter Township of Royal Oak Hall in Ferndale; Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Berkley Public Library; and Monday, May 14th at 10 a.m. at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center. He is hosting a Tax Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, March 28th at 6 p.m. at the Berkley High School Collaborative Center to discuss federal tax changes. State Representative Wittenberg gave updates from Lansing to include the governor's budget proposal, proper funding for local municipalities and schools, 2016 Michigan Gun Violence Prevention Caucus, and extremist protection order. He may be reached by phone at (517) 373-0478, by email at robertwittenberg@house.mi.gov or online at www.wittenberg.housedems.com.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve the following Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Hennen:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Matter of approving the minutes of the 37th City Council meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018.

WARRANT: Matter of approving Warrant No. 1323 and Warrant No. 1324.

Ayes: Gavin, Hennen, Steadman, Baker, Blanchard, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Regular Agenda

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

OATH OF OFFICE: Oath of Office to the newly appointed Councilmember Bridget Dean.

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve the Oath Office for newly appointed Councilmember Bridget Dean.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker.

MOTION NO. M-17-18: Matter of approving appointments to various Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker moved to approve Motion No. M-17-18 with an amendment to add Natalie Price to the Communications Advisory Committee with a term expiring on July 1, 2021

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

Ayes: Hennen, Steadman, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-18-18: Matter of approving "Berkley Days 2018" event beginning Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7 p.m. and ends on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. located at the Berkley Community Center, 2400 Robina. Approval is conditional upon the submission of required items and documents prior to event dates.

Councilmember Dean moved to approve Motion No. M-18-18.

Seconded by Councilmember Gavin.

Ayes: Steadman, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-09-18: Matter of authorizing the Parks & Recreation Department to apply for the 2018 Land and Water Conservation Grant for park improvements at Oxford/Merchants Park.

Councilmember Dean moved to approve Resolution No. R-09-18.

Seconded by Councilmember Gavin.

Ayes: Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Steadman, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-10-18: Matter of authorizing the Parks & Recreation Department to apply for the 2018 Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund Grant for park improvements at Oxford/Merchants Park.

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve Resolution No. R-10-18.

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

Ayes: Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Steadman, Baker, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-19-18: Matter of authorizing the Knights of Columbus, 2299 West 12 Mile Road, Berkley, Michigan, to conduct a Tootsie Roll Drive in the City of Berkley beginning on Friday, March 23, 2018 and ends on Sunday, March 25, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. During these days, representatives of the Knights of Columbus will wear reflective vests and collect money.

Councilmember Gavin moved to approve Motion No. M-19-18.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

Ayes: Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Steadman, Baker, Blanchard, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-20-18: Matter of approving an Application for Waiver and Plan: Retirement Health Benefits Systems to Michigan Department of Treasury.

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-20-18.

Seconded by Councilmember Hennen.

Ayes: Gavin, Hennen, Steadman, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-11-18: Matter of authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute an agreement with the Berkley School District to collect and remit their July 2018 Property Tax Levy.

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve Resolution No. R-11-18.

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

Ayes: Hennen, Steadman, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-21-18: Matter of approving a one year contract extension of the 2015-2018 bargaining agreement between the City of Berkley and the Berkley Public Safety Officers Association (BPSOA).

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-21-18.

Seconded by Councilmember Gavin.

Ayes: Steadman, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-22-18: Matter of approving a one year contract extension of the 2015-2018 bargaining agreement between the City of Berkley and the Berkley Public Safety Command Officers Association (BPSCOA).

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-22-18.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker.

Ayes: Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Steadman, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD: advised drivers to drive with heightened caution around the community during the Berkley School District Spring Break beginning on April 1st. He reminded everyone that Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 8 - 14, 2018 and in conjunction the county will be testing the outdoor warning systems on Wednesday, April 11th at 1 p.m. Councilmember Blanchard invites the residents to the following Skywarn training: Saturday, March 24th at the Oakland County Homeland Security Division, Executive Officer Building 41 West, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, first session starts at 10 a.m. and second session starts at 1 p.m.; and Monday March 26th at the Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield, at 7 p.m. He reminded everyone that the brochures for Severe Weather Safety, Family Safety During Tornadoes, Sheltering in Place, Emergency Kit Guide, and Oak Alert are available at the city offices.

COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN: encourages everyone to visit the Berkley Public Library website at www.berkley.lib.mu.us for information on the months of March and April programs. She gave an update for the Beautification Advisory Committee to include a canvass by the committee to inform residents about the Tree Program and their next project is to spruce up the bus stops in the city.

MAYOR PRO TEM BAKER: gave an update for the Historical Committee to include a major display of the Roseland Park Cemetery to celebrate over 100 years of operation and the committee will collaborate with neighboring Historical Committees in Oakland County (Pontiac, Royal Oak, Rochester, and more) to create a video about the 1818 expedition led by Reverend John Montieth. Mayor Pro Tem Baker gave an update for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to include an event on Thursday, March 22nd is "Ladies Night Out" from 5 – 9 p.m., the application for the Main Street of Oakland County has been submitted, and an event on Friday, May 11th is "Art and About". Residents are encouraged to visit www.downtownberkley.com for more information. Mayor Pro Tem Baker shared a quote from American educator Booker T. Washington, "Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others." He

welcome newly appointed Councilmember Bridget Dean to the City Council. Mayor Pro Tem Baker thanked all the volunteers who help make Berkley great.

COUNCILMEMBER DEAN: expressed her gratitude to her colleagues and the residents for the opportunity to serve on City Council. She looks forward attending the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Capital Conference in Lansing.

COUNCILMEMBER HENNEN: welcomes newly appointed members Kathy Karlis and Kim Wilt onto the Tree Board. He gave an update for the Tree Board to include the following: preparation for Arbor Day in April; Free Tree giveaway, the information can be found online at www.bit.ly/berkleytreeraffle and entries will be accepted until Wednesday, April 18th; Tree Planting at a city park is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st at 11 a.m. and it coincides with the Parks and Recreation cleanup day; and their next meeting is on Monday, April 9th at 7 p.m. at the Library. The Environmental Advisory Committee will be meeting on Thursday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Safety 2nd Floor Conference Room. Councilmember Hennen invites everyone to the next "Talk with Dennis" on March 26th at the Berkley Library from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER GAVIN: gave an update for the Coolidge Traffic Committee to include the left turn lane at 11 Mile Road and Coolidge Highway is now operational and they are awaiting the results of the Beaumont traffic study. Councilmember Gavin invites everyone to the next Planning Commission on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:30 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. He welcome newly appointed Councilmember Bridget Dean and thanked all the volunteers in the city.

CITY MANAGER BAUMGARTEN: proudly announced that the Michigan Government Finance Officers Association awarded the City of Berkley the Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR). He recognized Accountants Laurie Fielder and Susan Reddin for all their hard work. He thanked the residents who attended the City Hall Renovation Open House and invites everyone to the Proposed Community Center Open House on April 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. He gave an update on the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) water resource plan to include infrastructure, the George W. Khun Draining System, and an integrated water resource management chapter.

CITY ATTORNEY STARAN: welcome newly appointed Councilmember Bridget Dean to the City Council. He gave a legislative update on small cell telecommunications facilities and distribution of antenna systems (DAS) in the public right of way by Wireless Communications Companies. He further explained Senate Bill 637 and Small Wireless Communications Facilities Deployment Act. Although the intrusions would be allowed in the right of way there will be protections such as a hard cap on the height of the utility poles not to exceed 40 feet, the communications companies will be allowed to utilize existing poles, and have up to 4 antennas per pole (each antenna size of 6 cubic feet). The Small Wireless Communications Facilities Deployment Act is similar to the Metro Act and the Uniform Video Act. If the city refuses permits for the communications companies they can go to the Michigan Public Service Commission for approval.

MAYOR TERBRACK: welcome newly appointed Councilmember Bridget Dean to the City Council. He reconfirmed that the left turn light at 11 Mile Road and Coolidge Highway is now functional and allows the drivers do a left turn before the regular traffic. Mayor Terbrack spoke briefly about the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Capital Conference. He welcomed newly appointed member Natalie Price to the Communications Advisory Committee and spoke about a draft mission and vision for the committee. Mayor Terbrack thanked all the volunteers for making a difference in our community.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Steadman to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:29 PM

Seconded by Councilmember Hennen.

Ayes: Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Steadman, Baker, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.