

THE 7TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 BY MAYOR O'DWYER

PRESENT: Steve Baker
Jack Blanchard
Alan Kideckel
Phil O'Dwyer
Daniel Terbrack

ABSENT: Tina Edgar
Eileen Steadman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Baker moved to approve the Agenda
Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel
Ayes: Blanchard, Kideckel, Terbrack, Baker, and O'Dwyer
Nays: None
Absent: Edgar, Steadman
Motion Approved.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES: Matter of approving of the minutes of the regular 35th City Council meeting of March 17, 2014 and the Joint Meeting of the Cities of Berkley, Huntington Woods, Oak Park and the Berkley School District of March 11, 2014

WARRANT: Matter of approving Warrant No. 1277.

ORDINANCE NO. O-2-14: Matter of approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan amending, Chapter 26, Article IX Property Maintenance Code, of the Berkley City Code to adopt the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-3-14: Matter of adopting a proclamation recognizing April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Berkley.

Ayes: Kideckel, Terbrack, Baker, Blanchard, and O'Dwyer
Nays: None
Absent: Edgar, Steadman
Motion Approved.

Regular Agenda

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Councilmember Kideckel read Proclamation No. P-3-14 into the record.

PUBLIC HEARING: Matter of holding a Public Hearing regarding the reprogramming of 2010 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack to open the Public Hearing
Seconded by Councilmember Baker.
Motion Approved 5-0.

Mayor O'Dwyer opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

City Planner Vansen summarized that the reprogramming request was made due to the heavy snowfall this winter and the increased need to utilize snow shoveling services for senior citizens.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor O'Dwyer closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

MOTION NO. M-13-14: Matter of approving the reprogramming request for 2010 Community Development Block Grant funds.

Moved by Councilmember Blanchard to approve Motion No. M-13-14

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel

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

Nays: None

Absent: Edgar, Steadman

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-14-14: Matter of approving %Berkley Days 2014+from May 10 -19, 2014.

Moved by Councilmember Kideckel to approve Motion No. M-14-14

Seconded by Councilmember Baker

Chairperson Brainard addressed the City Council and reviewed all the events for this upcoming year. The kickoff begins with a 5K race; there will be a Miss Berkley contest, softball game, Taste of Berkley, carnival, Berkley trivia contest, Humanitarian and Citizen of the Year recognition, craft show, pooch pageant, petting zoo, raffle, pancake breakfast, and horseshoes. She stated that they are hoping this year to use the Community Center parking lot for the beer tent. The event raises money for all the community service groups in the City and it is a fun event for a great cause. This year the theme will be sports teams and sporting events within the City; teams will be given the opportunity display their information at the event.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Edgar, Steadman

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-15-14: Matter of approving an outdoor, downtown area Art Show on Saturday, June 14, 2014, from 10 AM until 6 PM. %The 13th Annual Berkley Art Bash+

Moved by Councilmember Baker to approve Motion No. M-15-14

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard

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

Nays: None

Absent: Edgar, Steadman

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-16-14: Matter of approving the MiDEAL purchase of a 2014 GMC 4500 Chassis and 16qVan Body at a total cost of \$37,769.00 to Red Holman GMC of Westland, Michigan.

Moved by Councilmember Blanchard to approve Motion No. M-16-14

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack

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

Nays: None

Absent: Edgar, Steadman

Motion Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD noted that National Volunteer Week is this week and this recognition was established in 1974. Not only is this week a moment in time to celebrate our volunteers, but it offers an opportunity to share our ideas to make our city better. We could not function without our volunteers, and he personally thanked them for all that they do.

COUNCILMEMBER BAKER spoke to the notion of creating a greater sense of place and the concept of place making in our downtown. The sense of place is creating a place that you want to go and stay. Where do we want to take our downtown and, in particular, Coolidge? What do we want our streetscape to look like and how will it serve pedestrians? There is an opportunity to begin that conversation for the intersection of 12 Mile and Robina. This is a catalyst project to see how and in what ways we may use that intersection in the future. The meeting is on April 15th at 7 pm. for information gathering. He stated that the City is getting assistance from the MML on this concept of place making and we are just beginning the discussion on our sense of place. He stated that April is *Distracted Driving Awareness Month*. Distraction occurs anytime you take your eyes off the road. Five seconds is the average time you take your eyes off the road to look at a text; this is the length of a football field when driving 55 mph. Twenty-five percent of teenagers respond to text when driving, ten percent of parents do so as well. There are 271,000 crashes caused by using cell phones. We need to be careful out there and be safe - there is plenty of time to respond to texts when not driving. If you like more information it can be found at the National Safety Council. Take the pledge to not text and drive. He concluded his comments by quoting Larry Lorenzoni who said, "Birthdays are good for you, the people who have the most of them live the longest." Ninety-one years ago it was our birthday as a village; our city anniversary will be coming in May and he reminded those that may be interested that there is a history book on the City of Berkley and it is available in an electronic version as well as hardcopy.

MAYOR PRO TEM TERBRACK had no comments this evening

COUNCILMEMBER KIDECKEL stated that he was able to attend the MML Conference in Lansing and he learned a lot of interesting and good things. He thanked Councilmember Baker for his presentation to staff last week, and he gave his condolences to School Board Member Mary Jo Israel and Representative Ellen Cogen Lipton on the passing of their sisters.

CITY MANAGER BAIS-DISESSA concurred that our volunteers are critical and essential to our community. Please visit our website berkleymich.org and subscribe to it for updates on what is happening in the City. Our mobile app is coming; we have just finished up our background work and are hopefully going to launch it in the next several weeks. We will be testing it prior to release. City staff has been working diligently on budget preparation and May 12th and 13th are the scheduled dates for the budget sessions. The public is welcome.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SABUDA had no comments this evening.

CITY ATTORNEY CHRIST had no comments this evening.

MAYOR O'DWYER reminded that all the players will continue to train for the softball and

horseshoes tournaments and he is looking forward to Berkley Days; it is a wonderful week. We have Passover and Easter approaching and we wish all those that celebrate a peaceful and joyful event.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Kideckel to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack

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

Nays: None

Absent: Edgar, Steadman

Motion Approved.