

THE THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 BY MAYOR O'DWYER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve the Agenda

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES: Matter of approving the regular 35th City Council meeting minutes of December 16, 2013.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Regular Agenda

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. R-1-14: Matter of accepting a gift from the Rochester-Avon Historical Society and the Rochester Hills Museum for the donation of a Benjamin Muley Grain Cradle.

Motion by Councilmember Baker to approve Resolution No. R-1-14

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2-14: Matter of approving a resolution Establishing the Policy and Guide for Granting an Exemption from Payment of Property Taxes.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack to approve Resolution No. R-2-14

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-3-14: Matter of approving a resolution amending the Merit System of Personnel Management.

Motion by Councilmember Kideckel to approve Resolution No. R-3-14

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-1-14: Matter of authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for the City of Berkley to join the National League of Cities at a cost not to exceed \$1266.00.

Motion by Councilmember Kideckel to approve Motion No. M-1-14

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-2-14: Matter of authorizing the Mayor to execute a third party Specialized Services Operating Assistance contract between SMART and the City of Berkley for public transportation services.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack to approve Motion No. M-2-14

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-4-14: Matter of approving a resolution authorizing a Letter of Agreement between the City of Berkley and the Berkley Public Safety Officers Association for a contractor position with the Public Safety Department.

Motion by Councilmember Blanchard to approve Resolution No. R-4-14

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-3-14: Matter of approving the contract with Michael Garnett as a contractor acting as a Firefighter/Dispatcher/Prisoner Processor in the Public Safety Department for the time period of January 7, 2014 to March 31, 2014.

Motion by Councilmember Blanchard to approve Motion No. M-3-14

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

COUNCILMEMBER BAKER noted that it was Cavett Robert who stated, "Character is the ability to carry out a good resolution long after the excitement of the moment has passed." Think about the ways we can demonstrate our character when we think about the New Year's resolutions we have made. Help see them through and carry them forward. One of the things I would like us to think about year round is a resolution pertaining to safety and the importance of being safe - really be careful in this time of difficult weather. He expressed gratitude to the Rochester Avon Historical Society for their donation and support of our City's history. January 8th is the DDA Board meeting where they will be talking about Coolidge initiatives and their priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. Whatever resolutions you have made, take the little steps each day to try to keep the resolutions made.

COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD stated that in addition to slips trips and falls in this weather, it is now 10 below zero and frostbite can occur every quickly. Take it easy, don't over exert yourself and be safe.

MAYOR PRO TEM TERBRACK wished all the residents a happy and prosperous New Year. He acknowledged Josephine Brewer, a regular City Council attendee, stating while her absence in this weather is understandable, know that you are missed.

COUNCILMEMBER EDGAR wished a Happy New Year and may these days be filled with joy.

COUNCILMEMBER KIDECKEL stated that he is happy that the City of Berkley joined the National League of Cities and that he is looking forward to learning and networking with this organization. He

noted that the City is truly blessed with our employees; on Christmas morning our DPW crews were working on a water main break and he thanked them and the Public Safety Department for the great job over the last 24 hours.

CITY MANAGER BAISS-DIESSA wished everyone a Happy New Year. She expressed appreciation for the acknowledgement of our employees' hard work and continued by asking the public if they are trying to reach the City and they do not reach a person, please be sure to leave a message and will get to it as soon as possible. If it is an emergency, please call 911 and Public Safety will assist; your patience during this difficult weather is appreciated. The budget process is right around the corner, and this coming Friday a work session planned. She thanked the DPW crew for their work and we are very fortunate to have such a good staff. She continued that the City has eleven DPW employees that take care of the 14,000 residents, and she is very grateful and thankful for these individuals. She concluded by thanking Public Safety employees for their work in this difficult weather.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SABUDA had no comments this evening.

CITY ATTORNEY STARAN wished everyone a Happy New Year.

MAYOR O'DWYER welcomed and recognized Roger Blake from the Berkley School District Board. We just came through the Christmas period a time when many people recognized the importance of the faith leaders of our community. This holiday season we lost two faith leaders, Arch Priest Elias, from St. Mary's Orthodox Church and Monsignor Bill Easton from Shrine. We remember them as wonderful leaders dedicated to those in need and attending to the faith needs of all of us in our community. Please keep them and their families in our prayers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Kideckel to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.