

THE SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, 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 Baker moved to approve the Agenda
Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel
Ayes: Blanchard, Edgar, Kideckel, Steadman, Terbrack, Baker, and O'Dwyer
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Matthew Mastay introduced himself to the City Council as the City's new management intern; he provided a background on himself and thanked the City for the opportunity.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES: Matter of approving of the minutes of the regular 35th City Council meeting of March 3, 2014.

WARRANT: Matter of approving Warrant No. 1276.

ORDINANCE NO. O-1-14: Matter of approving the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 82 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article V Offenses Against Public Peace, Section 82-151, Disorderly Persons, of the Berkley City Code to Repeal the Prohibition of Begging in Public Places.

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

Regular Agenda

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

MOTION NO. M-9-14: Matter of approving appointments to various Boards and Commissions.
Moved by Councilmember Kideckel to approve Motion No. M-9-14
Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard
Ayes: Kideckel, Steadman, Terbrack, Baker, Blanchard, Edgar and O'Dwyer
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-10-14: 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 on April 18th through April 20th, 2014 from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
Moved by Councilmember Steadman to approve Motion No. M-10-14
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack
Ayes: Steadman, Terbrack, Baker, Blanchard, Edgar, Kideckel, and O'Dwyer
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

ORDINANCE NO. O-2-14: Matter of considering a First 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. (set date certain April 7, 2014)

Moved by Councilmember Blanchard to approve Ordinance No. O-2-14

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-11-14: Matter of accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with SHW Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$24,900 to develop a municipal building assessment.

Moved by Councilmember Baker to approve Motion No. M-11-14

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-12-14: Matter of approving the MISS DIG Agreement between the City of Berkley and MISS DIG System, Inc.

Moved by Councilmember Blanchard to approve Motion No. M-12-14

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-7-14: Matter of approving a resolution approving budget amendments for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack to approve Resolution No. R-7-14

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-8-14: Matter of approving a resolution of the Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Berkley and Oakland County for Election Services

Moved by Councilmember Baker to approve Resolution No. R-8-14

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN noted that the Beautification Committee has been quite active, despite being winter. The Woodward Talk published an article with Doug Deeds featuring the greenhouse. Many projects are coming for the Committee, including planting seeds, painting hydrants, and beautifying the bus stop at 12/Woodward; the Committee wants to make the bus stop more inviting. At the Library, Lillian Greenhut retired after 45 years of service. The Library has been selected as host location for Michigan Notable Books program on June 4th at 6:30 p.m. Recently, Dr. Roy Finkbein addressed a large crowd to discuss his book, *12 Years a Slave*; and the Friends of the Library had successful bake sale. She concluded by wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD announced that there are only three days left till spring. He thanked everyone for participation in the Home Improvement Expo, and wished everyone a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day.

COUNCILMEMBER BAKER expressed thanks to the Public Safety and DPW for putting a fire lane in place along one of our streets that is a very popular location on St. Patrick's Day. Berkley has been in the news a lot lately including: Safewise named Berkley as one of the five safest cities; five our restaurants were featured in the Detroit News for fine dining, he noted that O'Mara's Restaurant is celebrating their 20th anniversary; the 2014 Michigan Green Communities Challenge recognized Berkley at Silver Level which recognized environmental leadership; the Berkley District Court scored ten percent higher than average in customer satisfaction over other District Courts in a State survey; and finally, the MEDQ awarded a \$600,000 grant for storm and sewer assessment. It is remarkable all the great things that are happening in Berkley. The DDA met last week and approved their recommended budget for upcoming year. Now is the time to start thinking about projects for upcoming years. Haruki Murakami said, "If you're young and talented, it's like you have wings". This pertains to the notion of talent; the ability to go out and do wonderful things. He continued that the notion of retaining talent is paramount to success of Berkley. We need to have tools and mechanisms to create a context to retain the talent we have, and attract additional talent. At the state and local level, we recognize the importance.

MAYOR PRO TEM TERBRACK welcomed and congratulated Matt on his internship with the City. He thanked our neighbors for the joint meeting we had last week to discuss regional collaboration and building relationships with each other. He expressed thanks to everyone for their participation in the Home Expo, noting lots of planning is involved in this event. On March 22nd at 6 p.m. there will be a Cartoon Theatre at the Community Center. This is a very successful event and seems to get bigger and bigger with each one held.

COUNCILMEMBER EDGAR wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

COUNCILMEMBER KIDECKEL wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. On March 4th he went to Yost Arena to watch the Berkley Bears and they did a great job. He congratulated the team and Coach Flemming. He encouraged residents to visited Scratch Golf, a new business in Berkley; they will help you with your game. He thanked everyone for their participation in the Home Expo. Finally, he extended a Happy Birthday to Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack and Judge Wittenberg who will be celebrating on April 3rd.

CITY MANAGER BAIS-DISESSA welcomed and thanked Matt, stating that she is very pleased that he has joined our team. This will be a reciprocal experience. She expressed her appreciation for all the work on the Home Expo, especially to City Planner Vansen. She will be meeting with City Managers of Huntington Woods and Oak Park to look at other ways to work together. We are working on a mobile app, and hoping to get it finished within the next couple weeks. She reminded everyone that all information heard tonight can be found on our city website. She wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SABUDA wished everyone a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day.

CITY ATTORNEY CHRIST noted that the State is working on HB 5451 and he will keep City Council abreast as this legislation moves forward.

MAYOR O'DWYER announced that the Mayor's Cup is coming up on Saturday, March 22nd. This is a fun day, and it those types of game that help surface young talent and bring distinction to the City. He would also like to congratulate Coach Flemming, the players and the parents for their participation and commitment. He welcomed Matt, stating that the City is delighted that you are here. Have a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.