

THE NINTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 5, 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

Judy Rubin, Executive Director of Tri-Community Coalition and resident of Huntington Woods, update the City Council of the coalition of marijuana reform advocates circulating a petition in twelve cities which includes the City of Berkley. She extended an invitation to the following upcoming events:

Monday, May 19th at 12:15 p.m. the Berkley Rotary will be meeting at the Berkley First United Methodist Church located at 2820 West 12 Mile Road. The presenters are Judy Rubin to discuss the marijuana initiatives and Judge Jodi Debreccht-Switalski to discuss the heroin epidemic.

Wednesday, May 28th @ 5:30 p.m. the Tri-Community Coalition will be hosting a *Workshop on Cultural Competency* at Avery Elementary School located at 14700 Lincoln St, Oak Park. Any inquiries may be directed to Judy Rubin at jsrtricom@tricomcommunitycoalition.org.

Monday, June 16th will be the *16th Annual Golf Classic* benefiting the Tri-Community Coalition. Proceeds from this event will provide college scholarships and maintain programs and events for the Y.O.U. Youth Coalition. This event will include a silent auction and online bidding; further information is available at <http://www.tricomcommunitycoalition.org/>.

Ms. Rubin concluded with the offer from the Tri-Community Coalition to buy a prescription dropbox within the City of Berkley.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Steadman 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 April 21, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. R-11-14: Matter of recognizing Jameson McKay on his retirement from the City of Berkley.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-06-14: Matter of adopting a proclamation designating May 2014 as Mental Health Month.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-07-14: Matter of adopting a proclamation proclaiming May 2014 as Berkley History Month.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-08-14: Matter of adopting a proclamation celebrating the 142nd Anniversary of Arbor Day and designating the week of Sunday, May 18 - Saturday, May 24, 2014 as Arbor Week.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Regular Agenda

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Councilmember Kideckel read Resolution R-11-14 into the record.

Jamie McKay has had the pleasure of working for the City of Berkley and has taken great pride in doing so for forty plus years. He thanked his wife of thirty years, Joni for being supportive and God for the strength to have served the town he was born and raised. Jamie thanked the City Council and residents for the recognition.

Councilmember Blanchard read Proclamation P-6-14 into the record.

Councilmember Baker read Proclamation P-7-14 into the record.

Sue Richardson commented on the appropriateness of this recognition on the same day as the ribbon cutting for the *Berkley Museum Re-Opening Ceremony*. She extended an invitation to the *Berkley Museum Official Re-Opening* on Saturday, May 10th from 2-4 p.m. The Berkley History book (in its fourth printing) and book mark will be available for purchase during this event. She recognized members of the Historical Committee: Vice Chairman/Co-author Jeff Tong, Councilmember/Co-author Steve Baker, Waneda Mathis, and Shirley Hansen.

Councilmember Edgar read Proclamation P-8-14 into the record.

MOTION NO. M-22-14: Matter of approving appointments to various Boards and Commissions.

Moved by Councilmember Kideckel to approve Motion No. M-22-14.

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN extended an invitation to the events at the Berkley Public Library to include: Monday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. is the *eBooks at the Library*, Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m. is the "Inter-caste Marriage in Nepal" by Meghan Vigeant (former Berkley resident) and Friday, May 16th to Sunday, May 18th at various times is the *Friends of the Berkley Public Library Spring Used Book Sale*.

COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD extended an invitation to the *Berkley Public Safety 5th Annual Golf Outing* on Monday, May 19th, at the Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak. Proceeds will benefit the following programs: *Lids for Kids*, *Fire Open House* and *Honor Guard*. The *Lids for Kids* is scheduled in June providing free bike helmets for children through fifth grade. A Bicycle safety course, moon walk, and other kid friendly events will be available. The *Fire Open House* is scheduled in October which includes safety demonstrations, Junior Fire Academy and features the Smoke House. The Children's activities include moon walks, a 32 foot rock wall and a ride on the Trackless Train.

COUNCILMEMBER BAKER gave an update on the on-going transportation systems discussion. There are a series of conversations regarding proposed locations along the Woodward Avenue. He recognized the residents and businesses for their support, thanking the Historical Committee for all their hard work. He extended an invitation to the *Berkley Museum Official Re-Opening* on Saturday, May 10th from 2-4 p.m. He shared a quote by Lee Iacocca, American businessman known for engineering the Ford Mustang and former President/CEO of Chrysler, who said, "To succeed today, you have to set priorities, decide what you stand for". Councilmember Baker encouraged others to come to the *Budget Meetings* scheduled for Monday, May 12th – Tuesday, May 13th and potentially Wednesday, May 14th.

MAYOR PRO TEM TERBRACK researched the upcoming specialty camps available at the Berkley Parks and Recreation: *Lego & Knex Camps* from July 14th – July 18th, *Skate Camps* from July 7th – 11th

and August 4th – 8th, *Girls Yoga Camp* from July 21st – July 25th, *Summer Day Camp* from June 16th – August 29th, *Junior Kamp* for 3rd – 4th graders, and *Senior Kamp* for 5th – 8th graders. Friday, May 23rd is the deadline for early registrations for the Licensed Day Camp, please contact City of Berkley Parks and Recreation at (248) 658-3340 for additional information. The 35th *Annual Berkley Days Race* will be held on Saturday, May 10th at 9:00 a.m. *Ms. Berkley Days Pageant* will be held on Monday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. *City Hall v Dad's Club and Mom's Clubs Softball Game* will be held on Wednesday, May 14th at 7 p.m. *Berkley Days* celebration continues from Thursday, May 15th – Sunday, May 18th. The event will include *Taste of Berkley* being held on Thursday, May 15th.

COUNCILMEMBER EDGAR commented what a wonderful job the Historical has done and enjoyed participating in the ribbon cutting for the *Berkley Museum Re-Opening Ceremony*. In the spirit of Arbor Week, she encouraged others to consider the Beautification Advisory Committee and visit their facebook page for updates. She wished everyone “Happy Cinco de Mayo”.

COUNCILMEMBER KIDECKEL acknowledged Josephine Brewer, a regular City Council attendee, stating while she is home nursing a little bug and we hope to see her soon. He was able to attend the *Soccer Clinic* on Saturday, May 3rd at Hurley Field from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. It was hosted by Eastern Michigan Women's Soccer Team, Library Director Matt Church for Berkley Rotary and Parks/Recreation Director Tom Cowell for the Lions Club. Councilmember Kideckel welcomed store owners Edmond and Marsela Metko of Biggby Coffee for their “Grand Opening” on Tuesday, May 6th in Berkley located at Twelve Mile and Oakshire. On behalf of Judy Rubin, beginning, June 2, 2014, Berkley Rotary meetings will be held at O'Mara's at 12:15 p.m. Councilmember Kideckel thanked Bridget Dean, Daniel Irwin and Scott Zuchlewski for volunteering their time to their appointed Boards and Commissions. He wished Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack and his wife Jacqueline the best of luck on the arrival of their new child. Councilmember Kideckel encouraged everyone to participate in the *Taste of Berkley* next Thursday, May 15th at the Community Center from 6-9 p.m., tickets are \$25 and it benefits the Berkley/Huntington Woods Youth Assistance.

CITY MANAGER BAIS-DISESSA reminded everyone to visit the City of Berkley website at www.berkleymich.org for updates on upcoming events. The City Council Budget Work Session is scheduled for Monday, May 12th and Tuesday, May 13th, 2014. She congratulated Jamie McKay for forty years of service with the City of Berkley. City Manager Bais-DiSessa acknowledged the Historical Committee for the *Berkley Museum Re-Opening Ceremony* and all their hard work. She wished everyone “Feliz Cinco de Mayo”.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SABUDA had no comments this evening.

CITY ATTORNEY CHRIST reminded the residents of Berkley to contact Code Enforcement to resolve any notices of violations.

MAYOR O'DWYER wished everyone a “Happy Mother's Day”. He concluded with a quote “May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live”.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Kideckel to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.