

THE EIGHTEENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014 BY MAYOR O'DWYER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve the Agenda.

Seconded by Councilmember Baker.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

INVOCATION Deacon Brian Carroll

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Judy Rubin, Executive Director of Tri-Community Coalition and resident of Huntington Woods, extended an invitation to the 16th Annual Leadership Breakfast: "Leadership in Turbulent Times" with guest speaker Stephen Henderson at the Specialties Showroom, 2800 W. Eleven Mile Road, Berkley, MI 48072 on Friday, November 7, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. Tri-Community Coalition is a Substance Abuse Prevention non-profit organization for Berkley, Huntington Woods, and Oak Park; they are asking voters to vote No on the proposed Charter Amendment on the November 4th General Election ballot. In conclusion, Ms. Rubin encouraged everyone to visit their website at www.tricomunitycoalition.com to cast votes for the 2014 Aetna Voices of Health Competition.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Matter of approving the minutes of the regular 35th City Council meeting on Monday, October 6, 2014.

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANT: Matter of approving Warrant No. 1283.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Regular Agenda

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

RESOLUTION NO R-36-14: Matter of approving a resolution of the City Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan to approve a contractor agreement with Richard M. Eshman as the Director of the Public Safety Department for the period of 10/22/14 through 10/21/17.

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Resolution No. R-36-14.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Manager Jane Bais-DiSessa gave a brief summary to the City Council regarding the contract agreement changes made by the City Attorney John Staran.

Public Safety Director Richard Eshman thanked City Manager, City Council, volunteers and the community for the privilege to serve.

COMMUNICATIONS:

COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN: attended the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention in Marquette from October 15 – 17, 2014. She shared with the City Council information on Place Making, Crowdfunding, Civic Engagement, Conventional Planning and Form Planning. Councilmember Steadman read a quote pertaining to conferences, “Whenever you plan an event, remember this, get people name tags and they will be nicer.” She invited everyone to the events at the Berkley Public Library this includes Lost Detroit: Stories Behind the Motor City’s Majestic Ruins on Monday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m.; Learn the Art of Origami on Monday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m.; and Sears Homes of Berkley on Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD: attended the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention in Marquette from October 15 – 17, 2014. He updated the City Council on Councilmember Kideckel having the honor to lead the Parade of Flags, Berkley’s Robina Project being mentioned during community accomplishments, and Harbor Beach Marina Dredging Project was the overall winner of the Community Excellence Award. The conference offered different sessions including the Art of Building Great Communities, Why Good Hackers make Good Citizens: A Code for America, and A Rule of Arts and Place Making. Councilmember Blanchard gave a report on Your Charter Refreshed, Current Grants and Loans for Paying for Roads and Utility Projects, and A Storm of Reform: The Affordable Care Act.

COUNCILMEMBER BAKER: attended the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention in Marquette from October 15 – 17, 2014. He is on his third and final year as a Board of Trustee for the Michigan Municipal League (MML). Councilmember Baker gave a report on Why Good Hackers make Good Citizens: A Code for America and the Core Legislative Principles. He concluded with a quote from Napoleon Hill, an American Motivational Writer, “First comes thought; then organization of that thought, into ideas and plans; then transformation of those plans into reality. The beginning, as you will observe, is in your imagination.” This week, in 1861 the first continental telegraph was sent and in 1879 Thomas Edison successfully demonstrated the light bulb,

MAYOR PRO TEM TERBRACK: reminded everyone of Daniel Richmond’s Charity Garage Sale on Saturday, October 25th at the Berkley Community Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Daniel is seven years old, a second grader at Angell School, and a cancer survivor helping to support Kids Kicking Cancer. Further information on the organization may be found at kidskickingcancer.org or email justdoit0696@yahoo.com. Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack thanked Parks and Recreation for donating space for this great cause and Daniel’s story can be found in the Eccentric.

COUNCILMEMBER EDGAR: appreciated the opportunity to attend the State of the City and learn more about surrounding communities. She encouraged everyone to help support Daniel Richmond’s Charity Garage Sale on Saturday, October 25th. Councilmember Edgar wished everyone a Happy and Safe Halloween.

COUNCILMEMBER KIDECKEL: extended an invitation to the Moms to Moms Sale at the Berkley High School on Saturday, October 25th, at the same time as the Parks and Recreation Craft Show. He had the opportunity to attend the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention in Marquette from October 15 – 17, 2014. Councilmember Kideckel thanked Councilmember Baker for representing the City of Berkley at the conference. With the upcoming November Fourth General Election, he wished all the candidates good luck. Councilmember Kideckel recognized the Public Safety Director Richard Eshman for his hard

work and wished Councilmember Blanchard a Happy Birthday. He concluded by wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Halloween.

CITY MANAGER BAIS-DISESSA: thanked the City Council for all their hard work and for attending the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention. She recognized Councilmember Baker for representing the City of Berkley as a Board of Trustee with MML. City Manager Bais-DiSessa thanked Mayor O'Dwyer for a great presentation at the State of the City. She advised the residents to visit the city website at www.berkleymich.org for flood updates and contact FEMA at (800) 621-3362.

CITY ATTORNEY CHRIST: had no comments this evening.

MAYOR O'DWYER: thanked the City Council for their diligence at the closed session for the City Manager's evaluation and recognized City Manager Jane Bais-DiSessa for her excellent management of the city. With the upcoming November General Election, he thanked the City Clerk for all the hard work for the election process and encourages voters to come out to vote. In regards to the Michigan Municipal League, the Mayor thanked each councilmember who participated in the annual convention. He is grateful for all the creativity and imagination that everyone brings to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Steadman to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel.

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

Nays: None