

**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015 BY MAYOR O'DWYER**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack moved to approve the Agenda.

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

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

Absent: Kideckel

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

**INVOCATION** Deacon Brian Carroll

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

City Manager Jane Bais-DiSessa recognized the Finance Department for their accomplishment with the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. Accountant Laurie Fielder and Finance Director/Treasurer David Sabuda received the Financial Reporting Achievement award for the City of Berkley.

***Consent Agenda***

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Matter of approving the minutes of the regular 35<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting on Monday, April 6, 2015.

**APPROVAL OF THE WARRANT:** Matter of approving Warrant No. 1289.

**PROCLAMATION NO. P-04-15:** Matter of celebrating the 143<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Arbor Day and designating the week of Sunday, May 17 – Saturday, May 23, 2015 as Arbor Week.

**PROCLAMATION NO. P-05-15:** Matter of designating May 2015 as Mental Health Month.

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

Absent: Kideckel

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

***Regular Agenda***

**RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Councilmember Edgar read Proclamation No. P-04-15 into record.

Councilmember Baker read Proclamation No. P-05-15 into record.

**MOTION NO. M-22-15:** Matter of authorizing the Berkley Lions Club, to conduct a fundraiser from Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the intersection of 12 Mile and Coolidge Highway.

During these days, representatives of the Berkley Lions Club will wear reflective vests and collect money during White Cane Week.

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve Motion No. M-22-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar.

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

Absent: Kideckel

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Public Safety Director Rick Eshman gave a brief summary to the City Council to include a point of contact for the Berkley Lions Club, hours of solicitation, and organizations benefiting from funds collected.

**MOTION NO. M-23-15:** Matter of authorizing the Mayor to approve a Sponsorship Contract between VIBE CREDIT UNION and the City of Berkley during the contract period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack moved to approve Motion No. M-23-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar.

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

Absent: Kideckel

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Manager Jane Bais-DiSessa gave a brief summary to the City Council to include the approval of the agreement from City Attorney John Staran and sponsored events at Parks and Recreation.

Mayor Pro Tem Dan Terbrack thanked Vibe Credit Union for their continuous support of the Parks and Recreation programs.

**MOTION NO. M-24-15:** Matter of authorizing AMcomm Telecommunications, Inc., 10431 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48386, to install a Fiber Optic Infrastructure to city buildings for a cost not to exceed \$99,023.94. \$75,000.00 approved in 2014/15 annual budget to be paid from Office Equipment (101-750-983-000). Also, recommend to appropriate \$25,000.00 from account number 101-750-983-000 in the 2015/16 annual budget.

Councilmember Baker moved to approve Motion No. M-24-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

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

Absent: Kideckel

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Mary Stegner, Project Manager from RMS Associates, gave a detailed summary to the City Council of the bid process and results, the benefits of Fiber Optic installation, and AMcomm Telecommunications company background.

Communications Coordinator Nancy Line gave a brief explanation to City Council of the timeline for the project and the city buildings that will benefit from the upgrade.

Tom Lobert, Operations Manager Data Division from AMcomm Telecommunications, Inc., gave a brief summary to the City Council of the company overview and available services.

Information Technology Coordinator Stan Lisica was available to answer any questions from City Council.

**MOTION NO. M-25-15:** Matter of approving the 2015 Summer Maintenance Agreement between the Road Commission for Oakland County and the City of Berkley.

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-25-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Baker.

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

Absent: Kideckel

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Public Works Director Derrick Schueller gave a brief summary to the City Council explaining the annual agreement, street sweeping, and bid prices.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-13-15:** Matter of authorizing publication of a Notice of Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Operating Budget for the City of Berkley, Michigan for Fiscal Year 2015/16.

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve Resolution No. R-13-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar.

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

Absent: Kideckel

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Finance Director/Treasurer David Sabuda gave a brief summary to the City Council to include compliance with state law and upcoming study sessions in May.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN:** invited everyone to attend the following events: the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Berkley Bear Athletic Boosters Tin Can Auction on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. in the Berkley High School West Gym; Pet Vaccination on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>; and the City of Berkley Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Berkley Public Safety Fire Hall. She was proud to announce that the Berkley Public Library was awarded a \$250 grant from the Michigan Humanities Council for a lecture schedule for Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The lecture is about author Harper Lee who wrote "To Kill a Mockingbird" and her new book "Go Set a Watchman". Councilmember Steadman recognized the Friends of the Library who is generously serving as the primary sponsors of the Summer Reading Program along with Vibe Credit Union.

**COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD:** gave an update regarding the Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony held on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There were 15 Boards and Commissions invited consisting of 150 members and 50 of the members with their guest attended the event. The volunteers who attended have served a combined total of 508 years on various committees. He projected that all volunteers from each committee have served a total of 1,179 years. Councilmember Blanchard concluded, "We cannot function without our volunteers". He invited everyone to attend a Google seminar hosted by the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Berkley Public Library from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Learn how to improve your business ranking in Google searches, this event is free to Chamber of Commerce members and \$10 for non-members. Councilmember Blanchard encourages everyone to help support the Berkley American Legion Post 374. They are accepting donations at their location and online at the GoFundMe website. In addition, they are having a Fish Fry on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and hosting a breakfast every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**COUNCILMEMBER BAKER:** read a quote from writer Anne Frank, "Parents can only give good advice to put their children on the right path, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands". He reminded everyone that April is the "National Distracted Driving Awareness Month". Councilmember Baker shared a statistics that almost 60% of accidents involving teenage drivers are due to distracted driving. As a member of the Michigan Municipal League (MML), they have had numerous conversations about poor road conditions in which statistics show are the cause of 30% of accidents. Councilmember Baker encourage voters to educate themselves on the State of Michigan Proposal 15-1 on the May 5<sup>th</sup> Special Election ballot and to choose wisely.

**MAYOR PRO TEM TERBRACK:** congratulated City Manager Jane Bais-DiSessa, Finance Director/Treasurer David Sabuda, and Accountant Laurie Fielder for their hard work on obtaining the CAFR award. On behalf of Councilmember Kideckel, he invited everyone to attend the Fifth Annual Taste of Berkley on Thursday, May 14th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Community Center. This event is sponsored by the Berkley/Huntington Woods Youth Assistance, for ages 21 and over. Tickets are on sale for \$25 per person, you may purchase these tickets by email to [taste@bhwy.org](mailto:taste@bhwy.org) or by calling (248) 408-1793.

**COUNCILMEMBER EDGAR:** reminded everyone that Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day and Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> is the City of Berkley's Arbor Day. She invited everyone to come help plant trees at the Berkley High School and to do something kind for the earth. Councilmember Edgar encourages the voters to come out and vote on Tuesday, May 5th for the Special Election. She wished every mother a Happy Mother's Day for Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY MANAGER BAIS-DISESSA:** is very proud to have received the CAFR award on behalf of the City of Berkley for three years in a row. She invites everyone to participate in the Berkley Public Safety 7<sup>th</sup> Golf Outing held on Monday, May 11th at the Red Run Golf Club. The cost is \$125 per person or \$500 for a team of four. She directs everyone to the city website at [www.berkleymich.org](http://www.berkleymich.org) for more details.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SABUDA:** thanked the City Council for their kind comments and support throughout the years. This is a team effort from the Mayor, City Council and City staff.

**CITY CLERK BOUCHER:** reconfirmed the City of Berkley Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Berkley Public Safety Fire Hall. She thanked all the volunteers at this event for ensuring it is a successful one each year. City Clerk Boucher reiterated that Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is the Special Election, polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. The Absentee Voter Application is still being accepted and the Clerk's Office will be open for election business on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**CITY ATTORNEY CHRIST:** had no comments this evening.

**MAYOR O'DWYER:** shared some interesting facts in lieu of the Mental Health Awareness Month, having worked in the field for many years. The issue of stigma continues to exist in our society, mental health is a brain base disorder, it is not reflective of moral weakness or character flaws, and treatment is effective and readily available. Mayor O'Dwyer congratulated the Finance Department on their award; it is reflective of the collaboration of everyone working together and their focus on transparency of funds. He concluded by encouraging everyone to attend the Budget Work Sessions scheduled for Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> is an alternate date. Members of Council make judgment at these meetings to determine what line items may be approved and deferred. These are important decisions that reflect the values, hopes, and dreams of residents of the city. This will allow the city to grow and move from the second best place to live in the state to number one.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Steadman to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Baker.

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

Absent: Kideckel

Nays: None

Motion Approved.