

THE TWENTY-SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015 BY MAYOR O'DWYER

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve the Agenda.

Seconded by Councilmember Baker.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Shirley Hansen, Berkley resident, addressed council regarding the Berkley School District Bond Proposal that will be on the May 5th ballot. She encourages everyone to learn more about the proposal, get out and vote, and hopefully vote yes. More information can be found at www.berkleyschools.org/bond and at www.voteyesforkids.org.

Doug Deeds, Berkley resident and Beautification Committee member, addressed council about the community garden plots that are available to rent for Berkley School District residents. They currently have 34 students working on 14 plots. If anyone is interested in renting a plot, they are \$20 for a 4' x 20' plot with a \$10 deposit, the proceeds go to charity.

Robert Wittenberg, State Representative for the 27th District, addressed council about the Coffee Hour events that he holds frequently in Berkley and other communities. For more information about these sessions visit www.wittenberghousedems.com or email Robert at robertwittenberg@house.mi.gov. He also has recently been visiting the schools to read to students and so far has read to 755 students in the Berkley School District. He encourages everyone to learn about the ballot proposals for the May 5th and vote on Election Day.

Consent Agenda

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Matter of approving the minutes of the regular 35th City Council meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-01-15: Matter of proclaiming April 12 – 18, 2015 National Volunteer Week in Berkley.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-02-15: Matter of proclaiming the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-03-15: Matter of recognizing the Irish Pallottine Fathers for their 50 years of achievement.

RESOLUTION NO. R-11-15: Matter of recognizing April 2015 as Fair Housing Month in Oakland County.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Regular Agenda

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Councilmember Blanchard read P-01-15 into record.
Councilmember Steadman read P-02-15 into record.
Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack read R-11-15 into record.

MOTION NO. M-17-15: Matter of approving “Berkley Days 2015” beginning Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 9 a.m. and ends on Sunday, May 17th at 4:30 p.m. located at the Berkley Community Center, 2400 Robina. (see attached schedule of events)

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve Motion No. M-17-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Denise Brainard, the Chairperson for the Berkley Days Association, addressed council in regards to the upcoming events at this year's Berkley Days. This year their focus will be honoring our military throughout the course of Berkley Days. The Beautification Committee will be accepting donations to send overseas to our troops. The Softball Game will be on Wednesday, May 13th. The Midway starts Thursday, May 14th. There is a questionnaire quiz online and the winner wins a wristband for the Midway. The Taste of Berkley will be at 6pm – 9pm on Thursday at the Community Center. The Race, which is the 2nd longest running in Michigan, will be on Saturday, May 9th and it will include 1 mile, 5k, and 10k races. The Used Book Sale and the Bike Safety Poster Contest will be going on as well. The Horseshoe Contest between Berkley Days Association and City Council will be Friday, May 15th. The Pooch Pageant will be the morning of Saturday, May 16th and the Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, May 17th. Multiple different musical programs from Berkley High School will be performing throughout the days. They are also currently taking nominations for Citizen of the Year and Humanitarian of the Year. Denise recognized all of the volunteers involved with Berkley Days and thanked them for their service, without them there would not be a Berkley Days event.

MOTION NO. M-18-15: Matter of approving an outdoor, downtown area Art Show on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 10 AM until 6 PM. “The 14th Annual Berkley Art Bash” will be located on Twelve Mile Road, between Wakefield and Buckingham. Streets will be closed from 6:00 AM to 7:30 PM to allow for set up and tear down. Sidewalk sales will be permitted the day of the event. Sidewalk sales will include the selling of merchandise, not services.

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-18-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Roseann Nicolai, a representative from the Berkley Chamber of Commerce, addressed council in regards to the 4th Annual Berkley Art Bash. They have been searching for quality artists and have had 170 applicants and will be accepting 148 artists for the show. It will be another great event this year and she is looking for Council's support.

MOTION NO. M-19-15: Matter of authorizing Headtech Electronics, 15990 Alpine, Livonia, MI 48154, to install an audiovisual equipment system in the library's meeting room for a cost not to exceed \$7,654.00 to be paid from Office Equipment (101-738-983-000).

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve Motion No. M-19-15.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Manager Bais-DiSessa addressed Council that she has reviewed this request and finds it to be a necessary advancement for the Library and recommends that Council support this request.

Library Director Church addressed council in regards to the audiovisual equipment that will be installed. The equipment will include a ceiling mounted projector, built-in speaker system, two handheld wireless microphones, a portable clip-on microphone with body pack, Blu-Ray disc player, a mixer and power amp. He informed them that

Headtech Electronics will be seeing the process through from beginning to end, including installing the equipment themselves.

MOTION NO. M-20-15: Matter of approving the purchase of (2) new patrol vehicles from Signature Ford for the budgeted amount of \$51,926.00. Funds approved in the 2014/15 annual budget – account 101-310-985-000.

Councilmember Edgar moved to approve Motion No. M-20-15

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Public Safety Director Eshman addressed council in regards to his recommendation for the purchase of two new patrol vehicles. The vehicles will be 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Models. The larger cargo space that these models provide will help with the storage of Public Safety equipment. The new technology on the vehicles will also benefit the officers on the job, such as the rear-view camera monitors, V6 engines, all-wheel drive, and heavy duty suspension. A changeover of the vehicles will be required to make them usable Public Safety vehicles; this includes the shield and cage between the front and rear seats, gun mounts, lighting, and computer installations.

MOTION NO. M-21-15: Matter of authorizing the Second Chance Network, 28855 Van Dyke #213, Warren, MI 48093 to hold a Solicitation Charity Drive in the City of Berkley on Wednesday, May 13th through Saturday, May 16th, 2015 and Wednesday, September 9th through Saturday, September 12th from 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-21-15 with the following amendment: remove Wednesday, May 13th through Saturday, May 16th, 2015. Approval is conditional upon the required items and documents being in place prior to dates of solicitation.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Michael Meddaugh, Vice President of Second Chance Network, made himself available for any questions Council may have. Councilmember Blanchard had a few concerns regarding the organization. Mr. Meddaugh addressed these concerns and confirmed that he will provide the City with the proper filed tax exempt forms.

Councilmember Baker pointed out that the May dates for solicitation will be during Berkley Days. Council adopted a friendly amendment to approve the solicitation for September only, conditional upon the required items and documents being in place prior to dates of solicitation.

RESOLUTION NO. R-12-15: Matter of authorizing of amending the 2014/15 Operating Budget – those operating funds as presented.

Councilmember Edgar moved to approve Resolution No. R-12-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

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

Nays: None

Resolution Approved.

Finance Director Sabuda reviewed all of the budgetary amendments to the 2014/15 Operating Budget for Council's approval.

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER KIDECKEL: hoped that everyone had a Happy Easter and an easy Passover and congratulated the Tigers on their Opening Day win that afternoon. Councilmember Kideckel congratulated South Oakland Eccentric reporter, Nathan Mueller, on his new position, he will be missed.

COUNCILMEMBER EDGAR: as spring is blooming so too Berkley's community is blooming and growing. She is pleased to see Berkley's volunteers being recognized and excited for the fun that Berkley Days and the Art Bash will be bringing to the City. Councilmember Edgar is happy to have Berkley Public Safety developing and advancing with new vehicles and the Berkley Public Library with their new audiovisual equipment. She hoped that everyone had a great Easter holiday.

COUNCILMEMBER TERBRACK: thanked everyone for coming out to the Mayor's Cup and especially thanked John Nicolai for all his hard work with the event. He thanked all of the volunteers that were involved, including the Oakland Junior Grizzlies, who will be working with the City in the future. Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack reminded everyone that free yard waste pick up is going on now through May 15, 2015.

COUNCILMEMBER BAKER: thanked all of Berkley's volunteers and mentioned one in particular, Carol Ring, who has been having some health issues and asked to keep her in our thoughts. He got a chance to attend the Berkley Bears Robotics team's competition, was very impressed by them and congratulated them for making it into the semifinals. April is Distracted Driving month and he asked everyone to take a moment to see just how many people are driving distracted. This is a serious matter – 600,000 drivers are distracted at any moment; within 5 seconds driving 55mph we cover the length of a football field. For more information visit www.distracted.gov. We cannot believe everything that we read on the internet – please look further into Proposal 1 that will be on the May 5th ballot.

COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN: reminded everyone of the Library's upcoming programs, "When to Renovate, Move On, or Just Start Over" on Monday, April 13th and "Rethink Social Security" on Tuesday, April 21. She thanked Doug Deeds from the Beautification Committee who will be working with students from Angell School on flower plots at the Library and around the American Legion monument.

COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD: thanked council for approving P-01-15 and recognizing the City of Berkley's great volunteers. There were 115 volunteers invited to the Volunteer Recognition event on Wednesday, April 15th.

CITY MANAGER BAI-DISESSA: thanked the Deputy City Clerk, Lisa Vecchio, for attending and doing a great job at tonight's meeting. Volunteerism is always needed in the community and encouraged anyone interested to please check the City's website (www.berkleymich.org) for more information on how to get involved. Public Safety's 7th Annual Red Run Golf Club Outing is Monday, May 11th, if interested visit the website for information on how to register, proceeds go to Lids for Kids. The Berkley mobile app, Access Berkley, is a very useful, up-to-date tool and she encourages everyone to download the app from the App Store.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SABUDA: nothing to report.

CITY ATTORNEY STARAN: nothing to report.

MAYOR O'DWYER: Nerd Wallet did a study of 150 Michigan cities and townships and Berkley was named the 9th best city for young families. This study was based on home affordability, prosperity and growth, education, and family friendliness. He is very proud of all of Berkley's achievements and proud to live in such a city. The Mayor's Cup was a great event this year, he was happy to see the community out and enjoying themselves. The Men's NCAA Basketball Tournament is tonight, hopefully the Wisconsin Badgers can pull out a win, and more importantly Notre Dame will be playing in the Women's Tournament tomorrow night.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Kideckel to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.