

**THE TWENTY-NINTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015 BY MAYOR O'DWYER**

**PRESENT:** Steve Baker Eileen Steadman (arrived at 7:01 p.m.)  
Jack Blanchard Daniel Terbrack  
Tina Edgar Phil O'Dwyer  
Alan Kideckel

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve the Agenda.

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

**INVOCATION** Reverend Tal Sullivan

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** none

***Consent Agenda***

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Matter of approving the minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> City Council Budget Work Session on Monday, May 11, 2015, Budget Work Session on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, and the regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 2015.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

***Regular Agenda***

**RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**PRESENTATION:** To welcome and introduce Art Serafinski to the City Council, as the City's newly appointed Parks and Recreation Director.

**MOTION NO. M-31-15:** Matter of approving appointing Alanda Knox to serve on the Downtown Development Authority Board of Trustees, as a 12 Mile representative, with a term expiring July, 2019.

Councilmember Baker moved to approve Motion No. M-31-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Alanda Knox addressed council and thanked them for the opportunity to get involved with the Downtown Development Authority. She is the owner of a clothing boutique on Twelve Mile Rd and hopes to work on making Berkley a shopping destination.

**MOTION NO. M-32-15:** Matter of approving participation in the "Turn the Town Teal" campaign to promote awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms.

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve Motion No. M-32-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Mayor O'Dwyer stated how important it is that the City recognizes ovarian cancer and how testing and early detection are the key to keeping women healthy against this disease.

**MOTION NO. M-33-15:** Matter of considering a proposal from Carrot Pass, LLC concerning the Carrot Pass Exclusive City Program.

Councilmember Baker moved to approve Motion No. M-33-15 and adding language that "final approval conditional upon provision of a revised contract between the City and Carrot Pass, LLC."

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Michael Antaran, creator of Carrot Pass, addressed Council about the technical specifications of the Carrot Pass application, explaining how it allows its users to receive notifications on offers from local businesses. The app tracks the steps of its user and as they walk around, they can redeem their steps for goods and services from participating businesses. If the user is within 200 feet of a participating business, they will receive a notification that there is an offer or coupon for that particular business. Mr. Antaran explained that other municipalities, such as Royal Oak, Birmingham, Pontiac, Allen Park, Wyandotte, and Trenton, have signed up with the Carrot Pass Exclusive City Program. Municipalities are able to use the application in locations such as their Library, for example, which would allow the Library to send notifications about any upcoming events that they have. The app also would provide data about how many users are entering the Library and how much time they are spending there.

Councilmember Blanchard expressed some concern about how Carrot Pass will directly benefit the City of Berkley and whether or not this will eventually pose a cost to the City further down the road.

Councilmember Baker suggested a friendly amendment to the motion, adding that the item return after the specifications of the contract are worked out and a revised contract is developed.

**MOTION NO. M-34-15:** Matter of approving the Berkley Junior Women's Club event "Robina Rhapsody" on Robina from Twelve Mile to the alley north of Twelve Mile Road, on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, and September 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM to 9:30 PM.

Councilmember Edgar moved to approve Motion No. M-34-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Denise Brainard, Junior Women's Club member, addressed Council about the annual Robina Rhapsody event. This event is free and it is hosted every third Thursday of the month in June, July, August and September. For musical acts they are expecting Madigan's Attic on June 18<sup>th</sup>, Aaron Vaughn Band on July 16<sup>th</sup>, The Aspersions on August 20<sup>th</sup>, and Detroit Institute of Music Education on September 10<sup>th</sup>. There will also be activities for kids such as bubbles, hula hoops and chalk.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-02-15:** Matter of considering the first reading of an ordinance to rezone property described as the North 40 Feet of Lot 148 of the Cottage Homes Subdivision from Parking District (P-1) to Single Family Residential District (R-1D). (Set Date Certain, June 15, 2015).

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve Ordinance No. O-02-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Planner Amy Vansen addressed Council regarding the Planning Commission's public hearing Hartfield's request to have a lot rezoned from parking into a Single Family Residential district. The property is on Buckingham; there was a home on the property that was demolished in 1969 and made into a parking lot. They are looking to use the land in the future to build a home. The Planning Commission has recommended to the Council that rezoning of the property is appropriate.

**MOTION NO. M-35-15:** Matter of authorizing the Planning Commission to distribute the Master Plan amendment pertaining to residential housing types to surrounding communities and underlying agencies for comment in accordance with the Municipal Planning Act.

Councilmember Edgar moved to approve Motion No. M-35-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Planner Amy Vansen informed Council that an amendment to the Master Plan has been developed which allows for the incorporation of some more multi-family housing, such as apartments, condos, townhomes in the future development of the City. This amendment to the Master Plan will be circulated to surrounding communities and agencies in compliance with the Municipal Planning Act.

**MOTION NO. M-36-15:** Matter of endorsing the Woodward Avenue Complete Streets cross section with the changes as stipulated by the City Planning Commission.

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve Motion No. M-36-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

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

Nays: Terbrack and Baker

Motion Approved.

City Planner Amy Vansen addressed Council about the Woodward Avenue Complete Streets plan that has been proposed to Berkley and the other communities surrounding Woodward Avenue. Ms. Vansen gave a presentation, showing the different options that the Planning Commission were presented, and the hybrid plan that has been developed by the Planning Commission and recommended for Council's approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack and Councilmember Baker expressed some concern about what is the best plan for the Complete Streets and did not feel they were satisfied with the hybrid plan proposed.

Planning Commission Chairperson David Barnett addressed Council explaining the reasoning behind the hybrid complete streets plan that the Planning Commission has created. He noted that the plan was developed keeping safety and maintenance in mind, allowing for the safest possible travel for bicyclists, pedestrians, parking vehicles, and moving traffic on Woodward.

**MOTION NO. M-37-15:** Matter of appointing the Berkley City Manager, Jane Bais-DiSessa as the City of Berkley's representative and Public Works Director, Derrick Schueller, as the alternate representative to the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA) Board of Trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015; and to instruct the City Clerk to send a copy of this motion to the SOCRRA Board.

Councilmember Edgar moved to approve Motion No. M-37-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

**MOTION NO. M-38-15:** Matter of appointing the Berkley Public Works Director, Derrick Schueller as the City of Berkley's representative and Finance Director, David Sabuda, as the alternate representative to the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) Board of Trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015; and to instruct the City Clerk to send a copy of this motion to the SOCWA Board.

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve Motion No. M-38-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

**MOTION NO. M-39-15:** Matter of appointing the Berkley Information Technology Coordinator, Stan Lisica as the City of Berkley's interim representative to the Community Media Network Board (CMN); and to instruct the City Clerk to send a copy of this motion to CMN.

Councilmember Baker moved to approve Motion No. M-39-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Manager Bais-DiSessa explained that Stan Lisica will be an interim representative until a new Communications Coordinator is appointed. The City has worked with CMN in the past and we are looking at how the relationship can be improved.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**COUNCILMEMBER EDGAR:** thanked the Planning Commission for all of their hard work and diligence they put into all proposals before them. There is much excitement ahead for the summer months with Art Bash and music on Robina with Robina Rhapsody, the introduction of new technology, new homes and housing being planned, and hopefully warm weather ahead.

**COUNCILMEMBER KIDECKEL:** attended the celebration for 175 years of Excellence for the Berkley School District and he congratulated the Superintendent. The Memorial Day ceremony was very moving and he thanked the Public Safety Honor Guard, the VFW Post 922, and American Legion Post 374. Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> is the Dad's Club Opening Day at 10:00am, there will be a parade, food, and prizes. He congratulated Nikki Maybee of Salon Simply Beautiful for their recognition and article in the Detroit Free Press. Wished Councilmember Steadman an early Happy Birthday.

**MAYOR PRO TEM TERBRACK:** update on upcoming Parks and Recreation events: the Community Garage Sale is June 26 and June 27, the cost is \$20 for new homes, \$10 for returning home, and \$25 for a table at the community center. Tot Lot night is June 24<sup>th</sup> at 5-8pm, make sure you bring a swimsuit. There are multiple summer camps approaching: Summer Day Camp begins June 15, there is three day per week minimum, Boys Basketball Camp grades 4-10 is June 15 – June 19, Girls Basketball Camp grades 3-8 is June 15 – June 19 at 12:30-3pm, Boys & Girls Soccer Camp ages 5-11 is June 15 – June 19 at 9-11am, Girls Volleyball Camp grades 5-9 is June 22 – June 26 at 3-5:30pm. There is more Summer Fest information to come.

**COUNCILMEMBER BAKER:** thanked everyone for the interactive dialogue and all the interest and hard work of all councilmembers and City administration in making the City its possible best. The Regional Transit Authority held open house sessions, giving the public a chance to understand what is going on with public transit and information on what it will do for people business, families, etc. These were well received and attended, there were many different opinions, some would eagerly use a developed transit system and can see benefits, while some had no interest in utilizing transit and had concerns about its presence. He quoted Barry Eisley, "anger is both the cause and the consequence of self-righteousness" – when driving and having been cut off on the road by another driver, he got upset like many of us do, but later on the same stretch of road, he found himself in the same position and noticed a huge pothole and

had to also swerve away. Seeing the situation from a different perspective, you see that they were just trying to protect themselves and their vehicle. As a reminder, before getting irritated and upset, think – what am I not seeing? What is the other perspective?

**COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN:** the Library has started summer hours and will be closed Saturday and Sunday. The Summer Reading Kick-Off and Ice Cream Social is June 16<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm, there is a \$1 donation, there will be a sign up for the Summer Reading program and also prizes, including two Kindles. June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm is “Origins of Motown Sound” and June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm is a program on downloadable E-books and magazines, call the library for a reservation for each event.

**COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD:** the Art Bash is June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am-6pm on Twelve Mile between Wakefield and Buckingham; this year there will be more artists, kids games, food, and merchant sidewalk sales. Lids for Kids will also be taking place on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am-2pm, promoting bike safety. Twelve Mile will be closed for Art Bash set up and tear down between 6am and 10pm. The American Legion will have a Fish Fry on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY MANAGER BAI-DISESSA:** remember to visit the City’s website at [www.berkleymich.org](http://www.berkleymich.org) and to download Access Berkley, the City’s mobile app, and subscribe to the email updates to stay updated on details within the City. Cruise Fest is quickly approaching on August 14<sup>th</sup>. We are approaching our summer meeting schedule, Council will begin meeting on the third Monday of each month between July and September. The branding study will be beginning soon and we are excited for the development of a new logo and tagline. We will be looking for input from residents in this study and will be launching a survey for the public’s participation.

**CITY ATTORNEY STARAN:** have been busy with a lot of City matters including the changes to the FOIA law, which is effective July 1, 2015. He is working with the Clerk’s office to put together some information to present to Council at the next meeting about the changes to the law. Fireworks season is approaching and there has been talk about amending the state statute. Currently the City ordinance prohibits the use of fireworks except for the day of a holiday, the day before and the day after the holiday until 12:00 am.

**MAYOR O’DWYER:** there are truly amazing things happening within the City of Berkley. There is a great vision here for the future of the City and how we envision it to be and become, between the plans for Woodward, the possibility of townhomes and condos, and with the new branding of the City. The immediate celebrations such as Art Bash and Robina Rhapsody allow us to celebrate our pride and excitement for the City. The ancient proverb “where there is no vision the people perish”, he is thankful for the care of his colleagues in crafting a vision for Berkley.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Kideckel to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.