

THE TWENTY-FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 BY MAYOR O'DWYER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve the Agenda.
Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.
Ayes: Blanchard, Edgar, Kideckel, Steadman, Terbrack, Baker, and O'Dwyer
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

INVOCATION Pastor Adam Groh

CITIZENS COMMENTS None

Consent Agenda

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Matter of approving the minutes of the regular 35th City Council meeting on Monday, February 2, 2015 and the Work Session on Friday, February 6, 2015.

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANT: Matter of approving Warrant No. 1287.

Ayes: Edgar, Kideckel, Steadman, Terbrack, Baker, Blanchard, and O'Dwyer
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

Regular Agenda

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

MOTION NO. M-08-15: Matter of amending the Woodward Dream Cruise Ad Hoc Committee 2015 appointing Mark Coon as a resident representative and Knox Cameron as a representative from a Berkley business.

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve Motion No. M-08-15.
Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.
Ayes: Kideckel, Steadman, Terbrack, Baker, Blanchard, Edgar, and O'Dwyer
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-09-15: Matter of appointing Jeremy Coan to the Beautification Advisory Committee.
Councilmember Edgar moved to approve Motion No. M-09-15.
Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel.
Ayes: Steadman, Terbrack, Baker, Blanchard, Edgar, Kideckel, and O'Dwyer
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

City Manager Jane Bais-DiSessa gave a brief background of Mr. Jeremy Coan to the City Council.

Jeremy Coan expressed what a great opportunity it is to volunteer his time and efforts in the community.

MOTION NO. M-10-15: Matter of authorizing the Knights of Columbus, 2299 West 12 Mile Road, Berkley, Michigan, to conduct a Tootsie Roll Drive in the City of Berkley on March 27th through March 29th from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve Motion No. M-10-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Public Safety Director Eshman gave a brief summary to the City Council to include annual event, lawful participation, and intersections affected.

MOTION NO. M-11-15: Matter of approving the purchase of a 2015 Husqvarna Road/Flat Saw at a total cost of \$26,600.00 from Detroit Diamond Drilling of Detroit, Michigan. The expenditure is chargeable to account number 101-441-982-000.

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-11-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Public Works Director Schueller gave a brief summary to the City Council to include bid results, budgeted amounts, and public auction.

RESOLUTION NO. R-08-15: Matter of considering an approval of the Interlocal Agreement for the Oakland County Tactical Training Consortium.

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Resolution No. R-08-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Public Safety Director Eshman gave a brief summary of the functions of Oak-Tec to the City Council.

Public Safety Lieutenant Crum gave a brief summary to the City Council to include training, grants, and the difference of services between SWAT and Oak-Tec.

MOTION NO. M-12-15: Matter of authorizing the purchase of four (4) rifles from CMP Distributor's Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$6,448.30 from the Drug Forfeiture Fund account number 295-174-982-000.

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-12-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Public Safety Director Eshman gave a brief summary to the City Council to include scenarios, training, and caliber of weapons.

ORDINANCE NO. O-01-15: Matter of considering the first reading of an ordinance to add Article XIII – Valet Parking to Chapter 30 Businesses, of the Berkley City Code to add the City's Valet Parking Rules. (Set Date Certain, March 16, 2015).

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve Ordinance No. O-01-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Attorney Staran gave a brief summary to the City Council that the ordinance includes public parking lots, special events, and the ordinance is not intended to be prohibitive or punitive.

Curt Catallo, owner of Vinsetta Garage and Car Bar, expressed his concerns to the City Council to include the annual cost of \$54,000 per year for complimentary valet parking, regulation and licensing verbiage in the ordinance is vague.

MOTION NO. M-13-15: Matter of amending the City's Fee Schedule effective April 2, 2015 outlined on attachments.

Councilmember Edgar moved to approve Motion No. M-13-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Attorney Staran gave a brief summary to the City Council in regards to the fee schedule which includes the residential and commercial licenses.

COMMUNICATIONS:

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT WITTENBERG (D): came to say hello to the City Council, City Administration and residents of Berkley. He provided his contact information; his phone number is (517) 373-0478 and email address is robertwittenberg@house.mi.gov. State Representative Wittenberg gave an update on his staff, District Director/Community Liaison Barbara Winter and Legislative Director Aaron Keel. He has been assigned to the Insurance Committee, Health Policy Committee, and is a Minority Vice-Chair of the Financial Liability Reform Committee. There have been forty-four new representatives out of one hundred and ten. The 27th District consists of seven communities and State Representative Wittenberg offers "Coffee Hour" once a month around the communities.

MAYOR PRO TEM TERBRACK: encouraged everyone to participate in the following programs at the Berkley Parks and Recreation Department: the Cartoon Theatre on Saturday, March 7th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., the cost is \$8 per family, \$3 per adult and \$2 per child; the Breakfast with the Bunny on Saturday, March 28th from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the cost is \$4 per ticket; and the Spring Break Vacation Camp from Tuesday, April 7th through Friday, April 10th, the cost varies.

COUNCILMEMBER EDGAR: thanked Mark Coon, Knox Cameron and Jeremy Coan for volunteering in our community. She is grateful for the Public Safety Department and all their hard work.

COUNCILMEMBER KIDECKEL: thanked everyone who came to support the Winterfest, the Parks and Recreation Department for all the preparation work and the organizations that were involved. There were forty-eight kids who took advantage of the free eye screening. He recognized the Department of Public Works for their hard work with the water main breaks. Councilmember Kideckel invited everyone to an event on Monday, March 23rd at 7 p.m. "Overcoming Challenges – You Can Do It!" It will be held at Farina's Banquet Center with guest speaker Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein. This event is sponsored by Berkley Lions Club, Farina's, and Shanbom Eye Specialist.

COUNCILMEMBER BAKER: thanked Public Works Department for all their hard work with the water main breaks. He shared an average Michigan resident pays \$357 for vehicle repair annually due to road conditions. Driver behavior, vehicle characteristics, and road way features are three major factors

associated with fatal vehicle crashes. The construction on Coolidge Highway, north of Twelve Mile Road is coming up in the spring. Councilmember Baker gave an update during mid-February; the Woodward Avenue Action Association offered a series of public hearings and workshops with Berkley, Pleasant Ridge, Huntington Woods and Royal Oak to discuss the Woodward Avenue and I-696 exchange. He concluded by sharing a quote from Author Jonathan Sacks, "Technology gives us power, but it does not and cannot tell us how to use that power. Thanks to technology, we can instantly communicate across the world, but it still doesn't help us know what to say." He encouraged everyone to celebrate the "National Day of Unplugging" from Friday, March 6th through Saturday, March 7th, this is an opportunity to disconnect from gadgets and reconnect with people.

COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN: gave an update on the Beautification Advisory Committee member Doug Deeds, who is getting ready for the community garden at the High School. She thanked Jeremy Coan for volunteering on the Beautification Advisory Committee. Councilmember Steadman encouraged everyone to visit the Berkley Public Library and participate in the following programs: "Drying Up Your Home's Wet Basement" on Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m., presented by Ron Gay a Wet Basement Consultant and Author; and "Selma and the Voting Rights" on Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m., a lecture by Dr. Roy E. Finkenbine of the University of Detroit Mercy.

COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD: gave an update from the Chamber of Commerce, the Art Bash will be on Saturday, June 13th, they are accepting applications. The Chamber of Commerce is working on a possible "Restaurant Week" with the City of Berkley; Councilmember Blanchard will keep everyone posted. He announced the month of March is "Parent Awareness Month"; this is unique to the State of Michigan since 1993.

CITY MANAGER BAI-DISESSA: updated the City Council of upcoming budget discussions and negotiations. She recognized the residents for visiting the City of Berkley Facebook page for water main break updates. City Manager Bais-DiSessa will be providing water main break reports to the City Council and thanked Public Works Department for doing a great job. She shared with everyone that last year the City of Berkley received a bronze award for "Promoting Active Communities", thanks to the efforts of City Planner Amy Vansen. We are eligible for the "Governors Fitness Award", thirteen cities applied and we are one of the three finalists. On Thursday, April 23rd, City Manager Bais-DiSessa, Mayor O'Dwyer, and City Planner Vansen will be representing the City of Berkley at the morning legislative celebration in Lansing and at a gala event in Detroit.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SABUDA: had no comments this evening.

CITY ATTORNEY STARAN: had no comments this evening.

MAYOR O'DWYER: spoke about the Strategic Planning Meetings in the past months with efforts to prioritize, use forward thinking, and discuss the needs of the City of Berkley. The City Council received building assessment reports of city offices from the City Engineers. Mayor O'Dwyer has created an Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate and approach the issues. This task force will consist of Councilmember Baker as chairperson, Councilmember Steadman, and Councilmember Kideckel to study a variety proposals and considerations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.