

THE THIRTY-THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 BY MAYOR O'DWYER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Baker moved to approve the Agenda with amendment to item #5 on the regular agenda to change 2014 Ford F250 to 2016 Ford F250 recommended by Councilmember Kideckel.

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

INVOCATION

Deacon Brian Carroll

CITIZENS COMMENTS

City Manager Bais-DiSessa introduced the new Communications Coordinator Chelsey Humphrey and gave City Council a brief background on her.

Chelsey Humphrey, Communication Coordinator and Berkley resident, thanked the City Council and City Manager for the wonderful opportunity. She is excited and honored to work for a city that has been nationally recognized on multiple levels. Ms. Humphrey has been a proud resident of Berkley for over 15 years. She is excited about her future with the City of Berkley and looks forward to working with the City Council. Ms. Humphrey's is anxious to progress and evolve in the communications position, more so for the City of Berkley residents.

James Jeffery Tong, Historical Committee Vice-Chair and Berkley resident, invites the City Council and City Administration to visit the Berkley Historical Museum at the conclusion of the City Council Meeting tonight. The Berkley Historical Museum has added to their collection artifacts from the Berkley Theatre that is located at 2990 W. 12 Mile Road. The Theatre was open in 1941 and sadly closed in 1993, the artifacts include the movie theatre doors, light fixtures and seats. Mr. Tong thanked Department of Public Works employees for their professionalism during the delivery and installation process. He recognized City Manager Jane Bais-DiSessa and City Planner Amy Vansen for making all the necessary arrangements. Mr. Tong extended an invitation to the public and Berkley residents to visit the Berkley Historical Museum to enjoy their new display.

The following are Berkley residents expressed their concerns regarding property 2727 Buckingham:

Gaylene Tonkovich at 2769 Buckingham
Ellen Brisson at 2797 Buckingham
Sally Moran at 2678 Buckingham
Tammy Phillips at 2714 Buckingham

The residents of Buckingham provide City Attorney Christ with a signed petition and photos of property 2727 Buckingham.

American Legion Post 374, Post Commander Tom Bustance gave a brief update on recent events at the Legion. As of today, American Legion Post 374 has raised \$85,830 and their goal is to raise an additional \$85,000 to pay off liens. Chase Bank has generously written off \$170,000 and gave a loan payment of \$75,000. The \$85,000 the Legion raised has gone towards the loan payment of \$75,000 and the

remaining \$10,000 will be applied to any liens from the City of Berkley, Oakland County, State of Michigan, and the United States Federal Government. There will be a Mortgage Burning Party on Monday, September 26th to celebrate the community efforts from the Legion members, residents, and businesses. The Berkley American Legion is a fine establishment that will continue their 75 year tradition of honoring and taking care of veterans. Post Commander Tom Bustance is proud to represent the Berkley American Legion and on behalf of the organization thanked the Berkley community for their continued support.

Consent Agenda

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Matter of approving the minutes of the regular 35th City Council meeting on Monday, August 17, 2015.

WARRANT: Matter of approving Warrant No. 1294.

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-15: Matter of recognizing Stantec for their volunteer efforts in the City of Berkley.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-08-15: Matter of proclaiming September 2015 as Histiocytosis Awareness Month.

RESOLUTION NO. R-27-15: Matter of accepting a gift from the Friends of the Berkley Public Library to the City of Berkley.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-09-15: Matter of celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club of the Berkley Public Library.

ORDINANCE NO. O-04-15: Matter of considering the second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 34 Charitable Solicitations, of the Berkley City Code to modify Solicitation Permit Application requirements.

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

Regular Agenda

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack read Resolution No. R-26-15 into record.

Margie Simmons, a Vice President and Business Leader, Building and Sectors Leader for Education for Stantec, Justin Wieber, a Studio Manager for Stantec, and Michael Baker, a Project Director for Stantec. Stantec thanked the City Council and Mayor for the recognition. They are proud to represent 61 employees of Stantec in Berkley and 7,300 employees of Stantec worldwide. Stantec was excited and honored to have their name shown on the Berkley Marquee for Community Day. They recognized Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Theresa McArleton and Supervisor Dan Simpson for helping coordinate the event. Stantec had 61 volunteers to clean seven parks in the City of Berkley. This included Merchants Park, Community Center, Jaycee Park, Tot Lot, Pattengill Elementary, Angell Elementary, and Harvard tennis court. Stantec volunteers cleaned 20 play structures, trimmed 550 feet of fence line, repaired 1 retaining barrier, hauled 14 truckloads of debris, and brought in 9 truckloads of dirt. Most of all, Stantec

volunteers had fun during this event.

Councilmember Kideckel read Proclamation No. P-08-15 into record.

Colleen Sprinkle thanked the City Council and Mayor for proclaiming the month of September as Histiocytosis Awareness Month. She personally especially thanked Councilmember Alan H. Kideckel in helping with the process because this issue is important to her family. Her granddaughter was diagnosed in 2013 at the age of 3 with Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis. She went through intensive chemotherapy and steroid treatment for one year and is currently in remission. Ms. Sprinkle gave the City Council and Mayor a little insight on Histiocytosis. This orphan disease affects less than 200,000 people per year and does not receive substantial government funding for research which leads to increase needs to build awareness. Ms. Sprinkle's family hopes to build awareness, increase funding for more research and find a cure because there is no cure. The goal is to put this disease into remission and spread awareness. The Histiocytosis Association has the National Institute of Health which is crucial in facilitating research for this disease. They have designated the month of September as Histiocytosis Month. Ms. Sprinkle thanked the City Council and Mayor for joining her family and the Histiocytosis community for spreading the word and raising awareness on this important issue.

Councilmember Steadman read Resolution No. R-27-15 into record.

Nicole Smithson, President of the Friends of the Berkley Library, on behalf of the Friends of the Berkley Library thanked the City Council, Mayor and valued City Employees for the recognition. The Friends of the Berkley Library has gifted the free library at the Tot Lot to the city officially. Ms. Smithson recognized Councilmember Jack Blanchard for his handy work on the free library and Shirley Hansen for her vision and hard work, making this gift possible. The hope of the Friends of the Berkley Public Library is that other organizations will make similar donations to the city. They pledge, if these organizations would like, than the Friends of the Berkley Library will donate the first set of free books to their free library.

Shirley Hansen, member of the Friends of the Library, is grateful to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Department of Public Works for their cooperation. They picked out the perfect spot at the Tot Lot and installed the free library. Ms. Hansen gave a special thanks to the community for their positive comments and recognized Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack's father-in-law who has built a free library which will soon be available. She informed the City Council and Mayor that other businesses will soon follow suite.

Councilmember Blanchard read Proclamation No. P-09-15 into record.

Library Director Matt Church thanked the City Council and Mayor for the recognition. The Tuesday Afternoon Book Club for the Berkley Public Library has had a fun time celebrating their 20th Anniversary. To mark a great milestone they will host a luncheon next month and they look forward to twenty more years.

MOTION NO. M-57-15: Matter of making appointments to various Boards and Commissions.

Councilmember Baker moved to approve Motion No. M-57-15.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Manager Bias-DiSessa and Alan Semonian, DDA Chairman recommends the appointment of Mr. Gavin Ross to the Downtown Development Authority Advisory Board. City Manager Bais-DiSessa recommends the appointment of Mr. Andrew Smith to the Historical Committee and the appointment of Mr. Dean Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Ross Gavin thanked the Mayor, City Council, City Manager and Chairman of the DDA for the

opportunity to serve in this capacity. He is excited to build on the success that the city has already seen with the development of their downtown. Mr. Gavin is looking forward to working with the local businesses and city officials to help continue to advance the positive and progressive leadership in the City of Berkley. He thanked his wife Alyssa; they both are excited to be part of the Berkley community.

Mr. Andrew Smith and his wife are new residents of Berkley, they moved to the community two years ago. Both of them fell in love with the city, especially the small town feeling that they get. Mr. Smith would like to give back to the community and as part of his love for history is the Historical Committee. He appreciates the opportunity and looks forward to working with Jeff Tong and other committee members. Mr. Smith is anxious to learn more about the city and help the Historical Committee continue the work that they do. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for the appointment.

Mr. Dean Smith thanked everyone for allowing him to come back to the City of Berkley. A year away from the community has helped him appreciate that Berkley is the best place in the world. He is happy to be home and able to again serve the community.

RESOLUTION NO. R-28-15: Matter of approving the contract of Gallagher and Company and a contract with Part D Advisors to provide employee benefit consulting and Medicare Part D reimbursement services for the City of Berkley.

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve Resolution No. R-28-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Manager Bais-DiSessa informed the City Council of how fortunate the city has been by receiving seven quotes for the Agent of Record bid opening. She thanked the Finance Director/Treasurer David Sabuda and Assistant to the City Manager Darchelle Strickland Love reviewing each individual proposal. She advised the City Council that the passage of the Federal Patient Protection and the Affordable Healthcare Act requires us to approach healthcare in a different manner. The Agent of Record will assistance with the many changes to the rules and regulations. The City Attorney has worked closely in the development of these contracts with the City Manager, Finance Director/Treasurer, and contractors.

Finance Director/Treasurer Sabuda reminded the City Council that this process started in May of 2015, they went through the analysis work, determined the services was required, and went out for bid for the Agent of Record in June of 2015. The Finance Department received seven bids, on or before the deadline of June 23, 2015. Five of the seven companies were interviewed; one of the bidders not selected was a brand new company and another bidder not select due to their location. The five bidders interviewed as narrowed down to three, one of the firm's prices were too high and we were unsuccessful with negotiations. For the remaining two companies, there were site visits and discussions regarding their processes and security. We determined Gallagher and Company was the best fit because they are in the region and have been in Bingham Farms since 1994. The business originally opened in 1927, they have service 1700 public entities, and serve 60 out of 100 public entities in Michigan. The contract is a four year, the price was competitive and the best bid meeting specifications. Their references were outstanding to include the Berkley Public School District; which is a very good opportunity for the city. They quoted a \$40,000 a year contract for the first two years, they will be paid commission from the vendors that we receive health benefits from, and the commissions will be represent in a requisition period then applied against the \$40,000 figure. If the commission exceeds the \$40,000 figure, we then apply it to the following year or if it is below the \$40,000 then we send a check for the difference. In the last year, if we feel commissions will exceed the contract price and we are not going to continue the agreement, then we lower the commission to the final year of the contract. Exhibit B of the contract is the price and exhibit C is how the price is calculated. The Finance Department is able consult with Gallagher and Company and Part D Advisors on issue such as Cadillac tax and reporting requirements for 2016 from the Federal Government.

Mary Beth Seger, an employee of Gallagher and Company for 15 years, Melissa Kavalick, an employee of Gallagher and Company for 15 years, and DJ McAloon, an employee of Gallagher and Company for 10 years have worked with the public sector throughout the State of Michigan. They have an in depth knowledge of employee benefits and they like to immerse themselves in the organizations by attending conferences and council meetings. The key areas they focus on with employee benefits including Public Act 152, legislative updates, compliance, and education. Gallagher and Company is looking forward to building relationships with the City, the Councilmembers, and the employees.

Finance Director/ Treasurer Sabuda explained to the City Council that the City has a Medicare Part D reimbursement program. There will be two contracts for approval, one contract with Gallagher and Company and the second contract with Part D Advisors, Inc. The City is receiving reimbursement for prescription drug subsidies for retirees of the City of Berkley ages 65 and over. This is at least a \$30,000 revenue stream for the city. Part D Advisors, Inc. submitted a competitive price; they work alongside Gallagher and Company, and provide an audit of benefits. This could increase prior year's revenue streams back to the city and the contract would be brought back to City Council for approval. The fixed fee is \$3,000 per year for 2 year and in addition is a performance bonus with an estimate of \$1,500 per year based on their audit procedures.

David Alexander, an Implementation Manager for Part D Advisors and Andrea Eggertsen, Part D Advisors thanked City Council for the opportunity to speak. Part D Advisors, Inc. was founded in 2005 when Medicare Part D program was launched. Across the country, Part D Advisors work with thirty different states and three state level organizations. They help to get ongoing prescription drug subsidies and increase prior year's revenue streams. The subsidies of the group health plan average at least \$500 revenue per year per retiree from the program; confirming the estimated \$35,000 revenue for the city. Part of their mission is to help the retirees to keep these benefits in the changing world of healthcare and continue with the group health plan receiving revenue.

MOTION NO. M-58-15: Matter of authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. (HRC) to conduct a traffic study for Twelve Mile and Robina.

Councilmember Edgar moved to approve Motion No. M-58-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Baker.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Manager Bais-DiSessa thanked Councilmember Steve Baker for his help with the Michigan Municipal League on this project. The Traffic Study is part of the Downtown Development Authority; the Planning Commission has reviewed and made recommendations to the study. On June 23rd the Planning Commission held a public hearing to review the recommendations from LSL, Planning. At the meeting, they identified the following issues: alley traffic, PNC Bank drive thru, parking, programming of the space, maintenance cost, side street traffic, loitering in the plaza, after hours, and winter months. The Downtown Development Authority has reviewed and made recommendations to the study. The concerns identified were the cost being higher than the purchased ordinance permitted amount of \$7,000, the amount is included in the budget amendment to follow, and pedestrian accessibility. The traffic study will be the final background work and research, followed by selecting the design and identifying funds, and then brought to City Council for approval.

Ms. Colleen Hill-Stramsak, Associate with HRC, addressed the concerns of the alleys, traffic on Robina, and pedestrian access. The study looks at the two neighboring intersection which expect to pick up traffic from the alleys and Robina. Any pedestrian crossing requires backup data before being presented to the Road Commission. Ms. Hill-Stramsak anticipates there would be at least three weeks to a month turn around for the study. HRC would draft a proposal to be distributed to the City Manager, City Planner and

the Downtown Development Authority for review. HRC will adjust their time and accelerate the process if there is a deadline established.

Councilmember Baker spoke about the City of Berkley's Master Plan that documents the overall vision and intention where to take the community. The Plan defines and describes catalytic projects that may inject new energy and vitality to the city.

Councilmember Blanchard recommends that the Public Safety Department be involved in the process because of equipment concerns. To review the configuration and ensure the location is accessible for the fire trucks in case of an emergency.

Councilmember Steadman confirmed that this project began in 2007 and is part of the Master Plan recommendation.

MOTION NO. M-59-15: Matter of approving the Macomb County Cooperative Bid Program purchase of a 2016 Ford F250 4X4 pickup truck at a total cost of \$31,367.00 from Signature Ford of Owosso, Michigan. Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve Motion No. M-59-15.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Manager Bais-DiSessa thanked Public Works Director Derrick Schueller, Public Works Foreman Shawn Young, and the Department of Public Works for all their hard work.

Public Works Foreman Young reviewed with the City Council the purchase of a 2016 Ford F250 crew cab 4 wheel drive pickup truck through a cooperative bid program. This vehicle will replace a 2004 Chevrolet that was totaled last winter. The new truck will be used for snow plowing, lawn maintenance, replace street signs, water main breaks, and general purposes. The 2004 Chevrolet had only 30,000 miles and was one of the newest additions to the fleet.

MOTION NO. M-60-15: Matter of authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign the 2015-2016 Winter Maintenance Agreement between the Road Commission for Oakland County and the City of Berkley. Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-60-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Manager Bais-DiSessa advised the City Council that the City Attorney has reviewed and recommends approval of the annual contract by City Council.

Public Works Foreman Young gave a summary to the City Council about the annual agreement with Oakland County Road Commission. The City of Berkley is paid by Oakland County Road Commission for maintaining 12 Mile Road in the winter. The Road Commission paid \$9,107.80 this year and last year extra funds were distributed to local municipalities. The City of Berkley receives 35% of the payment in December and an additional 65% in March for plowing and salting of the roads.

MOTION NO. M-61-15: Matter of approving the purchase of a Diesel Exhaust Removal System from Hasting Air – Energy Control, 555 S. Westridge Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151, at a cost not to exceed \$19,680.00 from account number 101-310-976-000.

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-61-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel.

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

Nays: None
Motion Approved.

City Manager Jane Bais-DiSessa thanked Public Safety Lieutenant Mike Crum for all his hard work.

Public Safety Lieutenant Crum informed City Council that the recommendation was a result of Stantec's Municipal Building Assessment. Public Safety did their research, budgeted for the purchased, sent an RFP to MITN, and received a sole bid from Hasting Air. The installation can be completed in 4-6 weeks and includes a 5 year warranty for maintenance and services. The exhaust system is connecting to the fire trucks with a filter.

Councilmember Blanchard wanted to mention that other municipalities have similar universal exhaust systems to allow other fire trucks to be interchangeable.

MOTION NO. M-62-15: Matter of authorizing the City Manager to finalize and enter into the following agreements as required for the City's fiber optic network installation project: 1) Pole, Conduit and Trench Use Agreement with DTE Energy (Detroit, MI), estimated annual cost of \$2,100.00. 2) State Structure Access Agreement for Poles, Conduits, and Rights-of-way with AT&T, estimated annual cost of \$1,200.00. Fees associated with this project will be charged to account 101-750-983-000.

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve Motion No. M-62-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Edgar.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Councilmember Baker advised the Mayor and City Council that he is an employee of DTE Energy but does not work in the department handling the fiber optic installation. He asks if the City Council would recommend him to abstain from this agenda item. There was no motion made, allowing Councilmember Baker to cast a vote.

City Manager Bais-DiSessa advised the City Council that the City Attorney has reviewed and recommends approval of the contract by City Council. She has assigned the IT Coordinator Stan Lisica to oversee this project.

IT Coordinator Lisica informed the City Council that the poles have been evaluated and is ready for connection. The anticipated installation time will be from 4 – 6 weeks and completed by the end of the calendar year. Fiber Optic Cabling when it is completed will improve the speed of communication between the buildings and the main server is located at the City Hall. BS & A updates for the Department of Public works will be more efficient.

Finance Director/Treasurer Sabuda advised the City Council that the Fiber Optic Installation is crucial to the operations of the city. The payback of the project is 4 – 6 years and the Library Department is included in the network communications.

RESOLUTION NO. R-29-15: Matter of adopting the City of Berkley Emergency Operations Support Plan.

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Resolution No. R-29-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Manager Bais-DiSessa thanked Councilmember Jack Blanchard, Public Safety Lieutenant Mike Crum, and Assistant to the City Manager Darchelle Strickland Love for all their hard work. Public Safety Department, Public Works Department, and City Administration will require additional training.

Assistant to the City Manager Strickland Love ensured the City Council that any revisions done on the Emergency Plan was reflected in the resolution and ordinances. There were updates to the Civil Defense making it relevant and current. Ms. Strickland Love had the pleasure of working with Councilmember Jack Blanchard and Lieutenant Mike Crum. The plan is for internal use; it would be utilized by the city in case of a major catastrophe and have been reviewed with all the directors. If the city and the surrounding communities are affected by an incident, each municipality would refer to their adopted Emergency Operations Plan. The City of Berkley may reach out to other communities for mutual aid, for example, the City of Southfield assisted our city with removal of debris after the previous flood events. The city is able to receive assistance from Oakland County with the Support Plan to the Oakland County Emergency Operations Plan.

Councilmember Blanchard added that a mutual aid plan was recently approved for the Department of Public Works to share equipment list with the surrounding communities.

Public Safety Lieutenant Crum explained to the City Council that the MABAS 3201 is an Oakland County agreement. It is a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System in Michigan, allowing the Public Safety Department to receive assistance with equipment and personnel from other municipalities.

ORDINANCE NO. O-05-15: Matter of amending the Chapter 38 Civil Emergencies, of the Berkley City Code to Modify Regulations Relating to Emergency preparedness. (Second Reading Set Date Certain, October 5, 2015).

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Ordinance No. O-05-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Attorney Dan Christ advised the City Council that the proposed ordinance has been reviewed and the updates are in alignment with the Emergency Operations Support Plan.

MOTION NO. M-63-15: Matter of casting Berkley's official vote for the following to serve as Board of Directors for the MML Liability and Property Pool, directing the City Clerk to send in the marked ballot. (Vote for two incumbent Directors – terms beginning January 1, 2016)

Councilmember Edgar moved to approve Motion No. M-63-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Baker.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

City Manager Jane Bais-DiSessa gave the City Council a brief background of the two incumbent candidates to be appointed to the Board of Directors for the MML Liability and Property Pool.

RESOLUTION NO. R-30-15: Matter of authorizing amendment of the 2015/2016 Operating Budget – those Operating Funds as presented.

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve Resolution No. R-30-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

COUNCILMEMBER EDGAR: thanked and welcomed Mr. Gavin Ross to the Downtown Development Authority Advisory Board, Mr. Andrew Smith to the Historical Committee, and Mr. Dean Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals. She was very appreciative of the City for allowing her to attend the MML conference along with Mayor Phil O'Dwyer, Councilmember Eileen Steadman, and Councilmember Steve Baker.

COUNCILMEMBER KIDECKEL: welcomed back Mr. Dean Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He is excited to see Ms. Josephine Brewer back in the audience at the City Council meeting. The Back to School Rally hosted by the Berkely Huntington Woods Youth Assistance was a great success. Councilmember Kideckel recognized the Parks and Recreation Department for another successful year with the Ice Cream Social and Summerfest. He wished everyone celebrating Yom Kippur an easy fast for tomorrow. Councilmember Kideckel congratulated Mayor Phil O'Dwyer for his recent recognition.

MAYOR PRO TEM TERBRACK: wished the students and teachers in the Berkley School District a good school year. He thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for planning and executing a successful Summerfest season. Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack recognized the Parks and Recreation employees, volunteers, and Advisory Board for all their hard work.

COUNCILMEMBER BAKER: gave an update of the Downtown Development Authority, who met recently and made progress with the Robina Plaza initiative. He recognized the volunteers and business owners for their continue support. Councilmember Baker welcomed Ross Gavin to the Downtown Development Authority committee. He invites everyone to visit the Historical Museum and view the new exhibit. Councilmember Baker thanked and welcomed Andrew Smith to the Historical Committee. He concluded with a quote from an Irish playwright, George Bernard Shaw, "I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. Life is no 'brief candle' to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to the future generations." Councilmember Baker congratulated Mayor O'Dwyer on his induction into the Michigan Irish Hall of Fame.

COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN: gave an update of the Beautification Committee, they planted flowers on Woodward around the Berkley sign in August and the tentative project is schooled in October to plant flowers on Coolidge around the Berkley sign. She invites everyone to participate in the following Library programs: Why do we love Sherlock Holmes? on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 p.m.; Movie Night: Star Wars on Saturday, September 26th at 2 p.m.; Family Concert with Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady on Tuesday, September 29th at 7 p.m.; Fall Story Times in September, October and November; Family Movie at the Library on Saturday, October 3rd at 3 p.m.; Book Sale from Friday through Sunday, October 23rd to 25th at various times. Councilmember Steadman spoke about the Library had joined with the Berkley Huntington Woods Youth Assistance at the Back to School Rally. She had the pleasure of attending the Michigan Municipal League and spoke about the following highlights: a community excellence award where Berkley along with Woodward Five were recognized for the Woodward Avenue Project, Berkley came in fourth in technology for the Fiber Optic project, and the Ask Cirri program was moderated by Councilmember Steve Baker.

COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD: thanked American Legion Post 374, Post Commander Tom Bustance for his presentation. He announced on Friday, October 15th the Chamber of Commerce at Farina's Banquet Center from 11:30 am. to 1:30 p.m. is hosting the State of the City. They are taking nominations for "Business of the Year" and the tickets are for sale for the event, those interested may visit their website at www.berkleychambers.com.

CITY MANAGER BAIS-DISESSA: encouraged everyone to visit the Historical Museum to enjoy their new exhibit. She thanked Jeff Tong for all his hard work at the museum and with the Historical Committee. City

Manager Bais-DiSessa recognized Stantec for an amazing job with the parks in the City of Berkley. She especially thanked Dan Simpson for all of his coordination. On behalf of the Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Theresa McArleton, she thanked Stantec for all their hard work. City Manager Bais-DiSessa congratulated the Mayor for his induction into the Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame. She concluded with an announced of her job acceptance to City of Pontiac.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SABUDA: advised the City Council and Mayor the City of Berkley is in compliance with the State Law and scheduled for an annual audit in October.

CITY CLERK BOUCHER: thanked the City Council and Mayor for the opportunity to provide election information to the residents of Berkley. The following are election updates: Tuesday, September 22nd is the National Voter Registration Day, celebrating Democracy in America; Tuesday, November 3rd is the Local General Election; Monday, October 5th is the last day to register for the November General Election; Saturday, September 19th, the military and overseas absentee ballots were sent out; mass absentee ballots will be sent out this week to all other voters who submitted an absentee ballot application; Saturday, October 3^{1st} is the last day to send out absentee ballots through regular mail by 2 p.m. and the Clerk's Office will be working from 9 .am. - 2 p.m.; Monday, November 2nd is the last day to issue absentee ballots to voters but they must apply and vote at the City Hall no later than 4 p.m.; and residents may visit the city website at www.berkleymich.org or the State of Michigan website at www.michigan.gov/vote for more election information. Please contact the Clerk's Office with any questions at (248) 658-3310.

CITY ATTORNEY CHRIST: intends to speak with the Building Department and Code Enforcement in regards to 2727 Buckingham concerns.

MAYOR O'DWYER: spoke about his installment to the Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame. He stated he was honored and humbled for the recognition. Mayor O'Dwyer welcomed Pastor Ron Strobel to the community; he is currently serving at Cana Evangelical Lutheran Church. He congratulated Councilmember Baker on his appointed to the Trustee of Election Official Academy with the Michigan Municipal League. With the City Manager's announcement, Mayor O'Dwyer has appointed a search committee consisting of Mayor Pro Tem Terbrack, Councilmember Steve Baker, and Councilmember Jack Blanchard. He concluded by thanking Councilmember Steve Baker for his kind comments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.