

**THE NINTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016 BY MAYOR O'DWYER**

**PRESENT:** Jack Blanchard Eileen Steadman  
Colleen Graveline Daniel Terbrack  
Alan Kideckel Phil O'Dwyer

**ABSENT:** Steve Baker

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve the Agenda.

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Baker

Motion Approved.

**INVOCATION** Pastor Adam Groh

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** None

***Consent Agenda***

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Matter of approving the minutes of the regular 36<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting on Monday, April 18, 2016.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-03-16:** Matter of considering the second reading of an ordinance to approve Amendment to and Restatement of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Berkley. (Full copy of this ordinance is posted for ten days at the Berkley City Hall, Library, and Community Center)

**RESOLUTION NO. R-14-16:** Matter of recognizing the Berkley School District.

**PROCLAMATION NO. P-07-16:** Matter of proclaiming May 2016 as Berkley History Month.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Baker

Motion Approved.

***Regular Agenda***

**RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

Councilmember Terbrack read Resolution No. R-14-16 into record.

Christopher Sandoval, Director of Schools and Human Resources for the Berkley School District, accepted the resolution on behalf of the district.

Councilmember Kideckel read Proclamation No. P-07-16 into record.

Shirley Hansen, Berkley resident at 2050 Edgewood Blvd and member of the Historical Committee, accepted the resolution on behalf of the committee. She recognized fellow Historical Committee member, Jeff Tong, for his efforts and dedication to the museum. She invites everyone to come see the Historical Committee display that will be made available at the Berkley Day's event in the Ice Arena. Ms. Hansen spoke about the collaboration with the Berkley School District and the banners to commemorate the districts 175th Anniversary will also be on display during the event.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Oath of Office to the newly appointed Councilmember Colleen Graveline.

Break began at 7:15 p.m.

Reconvene meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Roll Call: Steadman, Terbrack, Blanchard, Graveline, Kideckel, and O'Dwyer

Absent: Baker

**MOTION NO. M-25-16:** Matter of authorizing Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers to conduct a 5K run on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning at Hurley Field at Anderson Middle School. During the event, representatives of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers will provide volunteers to assist with the event.

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve Motion No. M-25-16.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

Ayes: Terbrack, Blanchard, Graveline, Kideckel, Steadman, and O'Dwyer

Nays: None

Absent: Baker

Motion Approved.

Deputy Chief Mike Crum informed council that the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation supports some great causes that honor first responders and military personnel who make sacrifices in the line of duty. Their fundraising efforts help support Building for America's Bravest Program, Stephen's House of the New York Foundling, Stephen's House of the Maison d'Enfants par la Foi Orphanage, Legacy of Love and Wings of a Hero Awards, and Hurricane Sandy Relief. Deputy Chief Crum encouraged everyone to visit [www.tunnel2towers.org](http://www.tunnel2towers.org) to learn more about this nonprofit organization. He advised council that Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation has provided their tax exempt status letter, they are a 501(3)(c) organization, their Certificate of Liability Insurance needs to be updated, and the route map will be finalized at a later date.

Timothy Aten, representative and event organizer for the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, thanked the council for the opportunity to present their idea. He recognized his daughter Amaya Aten for her involvement with the Destination Imagination team at Anderson Middle School. They helped raise \$3,000 through Building for America's Bravest Program that benefited Staff Sergeant Ben Eberle. The Building for America's Bravest Program and their partnership with GMC will be hosting 5K races around the country. This is a platform to talk about first responders, the men and women in the Armed Forces, and to remember September 11th with a ceremony.

Amaya Aten, 7th Grader at Anderson Middle School, informed council that the 5K race is to honor the local first responders in the community. She hopes to raise money for the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, for everyone to have fun at the event, and give back to Berkley.

Lilly Butler, 7th Grader at Anderson Middle School, will be working with fellow students Amaya Aten and Elise Essenmacher to plan the ceremony to honor the first responders in Berkley. She recognized and thanked the first responder in the City of Berkley for all their hard work.

**MOTION NO. M-26-16:** Matter of awarding a contract for Senior Home Chore Lawn Cutting Service to The Lawn Therapist at 23066 Shakespeare, Eastpointe, MI 48021. Total cost will not exceed \$5,375.00 which will be paid from Account # 275-940-818-033.

Councilmember Terbrack moved to approve Motion No. M-26-16.

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel.

Ayes: Blanchard, Graveline, Kideckel, Steadman, Terbrack, and O'Dwyer

Nays: None

Absent: Baker

Motion Approved.

**MOTION NO. M-27-16:** Matter of approving the purchase of a 2016 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper at a total cost of \$186,490 from Bell Equipment Company. Pricing includes a \$15,900 credit for the trade-in of a 2004 Elgin Sweeper.

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-27-16.

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel.

Ayes: Graveline, Kideckel, Steadman, Terbrack, Blanchard, and O'Dwyer

Nays: None

Absent: Baker

Motion Approved.

**MOTION NO. M-28-16:** Matter of approving the 2016 Summer Maintenance Agreement between the Road Commission for Oakland County and the City of Berkley. The City will be reimbursed a total of \$950.40, which will be paid in two installments, 65% (\$617.76) in September 2016 and 35% (\$332.64) upon completion of the last sweeping activity.

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-28-16.

Seconded by Councilmember Kideckel.

Ayes: Kideckel, Steadman, Terbrack, Blanchard, Graveline, and O'Dwyer

Nays: None

Absent: Baker

Motion Approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-15-16:** Matter of ratifying a Three year Tentative Labor Agreement between the City of Berkley and AFSCME Council 25 Local 1021.

Councilmember Kideckel moved to approve Resolution No. R-15-16.

Seconded by Councilmember Terbrack.

Ayes: Steadman, Terbrack, Blanchard, Graveline, Kideckel, and O'Dwyer

Nays: None

Absent: Baker

Motion Approved.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**COUNCILMEMBER TERBRACK:** paid tribute to late historic Berkley resident and artist Elizabeth Yorgen. She donated one of her pieces of artwork to the City where it now hangs in City Hall. He thanked the Friends of the Berkley Parks and Recreation for hosting Dan the Creature Man event. Councilmember Terbrack recognized the Friends of the Berkley Public Library and the Friends of the Berkley Parks and Recreation for hosting the Tail on the Trail event at Jaycee Park; this event will be available through Monday, May 16th. Councilmember Terbrack announced that the Oxford Park Community Planning meeting date and survey is available on the city website and Facebook. The two interactive sessions will be held on May 25, 2016 at the Berkley Community Center. The morning session is from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the evening session is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**COUCLMEMBER GRAVELINE:** thanked the Friends of the Berkley Public Library and the Friends of the Berkley Parks and Recreation for hosting the Tail on the Trail event. She thanked the honorary members of council for the opportunity to serve on the Berkley City Council.

**MAYOR PRO TEM BAKER (ABSENT):** Mayor O'Dwyer read a message from Steve Baker, "Mayor Pro Tem Baker welcomed Colleen Graveline as a colleague on council and thanked her for her ideas, contributions, and leadership. He thanked Debby Kobayashi for hosting a Downtown Development Authroity (DDA) town hall at Articipate, her delightful business on 12 Mile Road. Mayor Pro Tem Baker had the pleasure of speaking with Ms. Kobayashi and other business owners on the west side of our downtown. They expressed a strong desire for proactive marketing of our downtown to attract new businesses, and a greater investment to retain those that we have. Mayor Pro Tem Baker shared a quote from American Educator Stephen Covey, "The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities." He extended an invitation to the Berkley residents and business owners to join in the upcoming budget hearings. Mayor Pro Tem Baker thanked the Finance Department, Directors, and volunteer committee chairs for their active engagement and advocacy for Berkley. He expressed his gratitude to the hard-working, fun-loving volunteers that comprise of the Berkley Historical Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Baker invites everyone to stop in during Berkley Days to celebrate Berkley History Month in May and see the committee's display.

**COUNCILMEMBER KIDECKEL:** welcomed Councilmember Graveline to the Berkley City Council. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Director Theresa McArleton, the Parks and Recreation staff, the Library Director Matt Church, the Library staff, and Andy the Duck for a successful Tail on the Trail event. Councilmember Kideckel invites everyone to participate in the Taste of Berkley on Thursday, May 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The tickets are \$25 per adult, the event is hosted by the Berkley/Huntington Woods Youth Assistant and the proceeds go to helping send kids to camp. There are 15 restaurants participating in the event and the American Legion will be serving drinks.

**COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN:** invites everyone to join in the following Library programs: Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m. is the Secrets to Successful Backyard Bird Feeding presented by LuAnn Linker of Wild Birds Unlimited in Royal Oak; Wednesday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. is Family Craft Night; and Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. is Family Storytime. She encouraged anyone interested in registering for the programs to visit the Berkley Public Library or call them at [\(248\) 658-3440](tel:2486583440).

**COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD:** welcomed Councilmember Graveline to the Berkley City Council. He provided a most recent volume of the Support Emergency Operations Plan for the City Berkley to City Council and City Administration. Councilmember Blanchard cautioned everyone to be careful when driving on the streets of Berkley and be aware of the children playing.

**INTERIM CITY MANAGER ESHMAN:** welcomed Colleen Graveline to the Berkley City Council.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR SABUDA:** welcomed and congratulated Councilmember Graveline to the Berkley City Council. He announced that the annual budget is complete and available; he looks forward to working with council in the coming weeks.

**CITY ATTORNEY CHRIST:** advised council that the U.S. District Judge John Corbett O'Meara has accepted an agreement between the Secretary of State's office, local governments, and school groups to provide factual information on local ballot proposals. The gag order was part of a larger campaign finance bill that passed the Legislature and was signed by Gov. Rick Snyder, becoming Public Act 269 of 2015.

**MAYOR O'DWYER:** assigned Councilmember Graveline as the new Council Liaison for the Planning Commission and as a new member of the Road Ad Hoc Committee. He gave an update from the Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Planning Commission on Thursday, April 21st. The City Council and Planning Commission came to an agreement to form a Coolidge Highway Ad Hoc Committee. This committee will consist of 2 Councilmembers, 2 Downtown Development Authority (DDA) members, 2 Planning Commissioners, 1 Chamber of Commerce representative, 1 Public Safety Department representative, and 1 Environmental Committee member. Mayor O'Dwyer appointed Councilmember Blanchard as the Chairperson and Councilmember Graveline as a member of the Coolidge Highway Ad Hoc Committee. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Berkley Day's event beginning Thursday, May 12th through Sunday, May 15th and the annual softball game between the City Council and the Dad's Club on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Kideckel moved to adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Seconded by Councilmember Steadman.

Ayes: Terbrack, Blanchard, Graveline, Kideckel, Steadman, and O'Dwyer

Nays: None

Motion Approved.