PRESENT: Steve Baker Jack Blanchard
Dennis Hennen Bridget Dean
Natalie Price Ross Gavin
Daniel Terbrack

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve the Agenda
Seconded by Councilmember Baker
Ayes: Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

INVOCATION: Pastor Zack Dunlap

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
Zack Dunlap, Berkley, spoke and stated he is glad to see tacos on the agenda tonight.

Consent Agenda
Mayor Pro Tem Dean moved to approve the following Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Gavin:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Matter of approving the minutes of the 38th Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020, Budget Work Session on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 and Budget Work Session on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.
Ayes: Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

Regular Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. R-18-20: Matter of approving a resolution of the City Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan requesting the cancelation of the annual Woodward Dream Cruise event for 2020 due to public health and safety concerns attributed to the Covid-19 pandemic.
Councilmember Hennen moved to approve Resolution No. R-18-20
Seconded by Councilmember Price
Ayes: Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-24-20: Matter of authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one-year Professional Services Agreement with Du-All Cleaning, Inc. of Sterling Heights, Michigan to perform Janitorial
Services for the City of Berkley municipal buildings, not to exceed $82,200 annually. This expenditure will be charged to account numbers 101-265-811-000, 101-310-811-000, 101-441-811-000, 101-738-811-000, and 614-105-811-000.
Mayor Pro Tem Dean moved to approve Motion No. M-24-20
Seconded by Councilmember Hennen
Ayes: Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

**MOTION NO. M-25-20**: Matter of authorizing the closure of Griffith Avenue from the Berkley Common building to the intersection at 12 Mile Road from June 2, 2020 to October 1, 2020. The closure is to conduct a Berkley Common Pop-Up event titled, “Uncommon Taco, Tiki, and Street Food.”
Councilmember Baker moved to approve Motion No. M-25-20
Seconded by Councilmember Gavin
Ayes: Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

**MOTION NO. M-26-20**: Matter of approving a one-year contract extension of the 2015-2018 bargaining agreement between the City of Berkley and the Berkley Public Safety Command Officers Association (BPSCOA).
Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-26-20
Seconded by Councilmember Price
Ayes: Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

**MOTION NO. M-27-20**: Matter of approving a one-year contract extension of the 2015-2018 bargaining agreement between the City of Berkley and the Berkley Public Safety Officers Association (BPSOA).
Councilmember Gavin moved to approve Motion No. M-27-20
Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard
Ayes: Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

**MOTION NO. M-28-20**: Matter of appointing the Public Works Director, Derrick Schueller, as the City of Berkley’s representative and the City Manager, Matthew Baumgarten, as the alternate representative to the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA) Board of Trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020; and instruct the City Clerk to send a copy of this motion to the SOCRRA Board
Councilmember Hennen moved to approve Motion No. M-28-20
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dean
Ayes: Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

**MOTION NO. M-29-20**: Matter of appointing the Berkley Public Works Director, Derrick Schueller, as the City of Berkley’s representative and the City Manager, Matthew Baumgarten, as the alternate representative to the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) Board of Trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020; and instruct the City Clerk to send a copy of this motion to the SOCWA Board.
Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-29-20
Seconded by Councilmember Gavin
Ayes: Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, and Terbrack
Motions: None
Motion Approved.

**MOTION NO. M-30-20:** Matter of appointing the Chief Innovation Officer, Stan Lisica, as the City of Berkley’s representative and the City Manager, Matthew Baumgarten, as the alternate representative to the Intergovernmental Cable Communications Authority (ICCA) Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020; and instruct the City Clerk to send a copy of this motion to the ICCA Board.
Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-30-20
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dean
Ayes: Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

**MOTION NO. M-31-20:** Matter of appointing the Community Engagement Officer, Torri Mathes, as the City of Berkley’s representative to the Community Media Network Public Access TV (CMNtv) Board of Trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020; and to instruct the City Clerk to send a copy of this motion to the CMNtv Board.
Councilmember Price moved to approve Motion No. M-31-20
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dean
Ayes: Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There was no one present wishing to speak.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**COUNCILMEMBER BAKER:** stated both the Historical Committee and the Technology Advisory Committee look forward to reconvening in the month of June. He stated the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will meet online next week on Wednesday. He said he is looking forward to seeing some additional progress as we wrap up this fiscal year. Councilmember Baker stated projects like the one on Griffith, which was voted on earlier, are examples of the DDA and the Berkley Area Chamber of Commerce making a difference to bring about some fun where needed. Councilmember Baker recited a quote by John Lennon, “Peace is not something you wish for; it’s something you make, something you do, something you are, and something you give away.” Councilmember Baker said he has been closely following the recent horrific events of violence and racism in our country. He stated he condemns the inhumanity of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis after he was held down by a police officer last Monday and the false accusations made against Christian Cooper a bird watcher in Central Park simply because of the color of his skin. He said before that, the senseless shooting of Ahmaud Arbery that occurred while he was jogging in Georgia. He said it is tragic that these instances of bigotry, violence and hate continue. Councilmember Baker said the pandemic that we are living in is also an invisible frightening force that is becoming more visible when we see images of those suffering and hospitalized or know someone personally who is affected. He said this virus is devastating, but racism in our country is another invisible and horrifying force that spreads when people foster negative stereotypes and assumptions based on the color of someone’s skin. He said the effects of racism are also deadly. Councilmember Baker said these recent incidents have had an impact on the health and wellbeing of people across the country, especially our brothers and sisters of color. He said combined with public health disparities, illustrated by COVID-19’s devastation, the news is even more tragic. He said for all of these reasons, he wants to take a moment to think about the friends
and families of these people along with the people living in the cities of those directly impacted. Councilmember Baker said as residents and as a city, we must stand united in rejecting all forms of discrimination and violence in our community. He said our City’s motto is, “We care.” Councilmember Baker said that means in times of tragedy, fear and suffering, we care by doing what we can to support those among us who are hurting.

COUNCILMEMBER PRICE: stated the Library Board met virtually for the first time last week since the beginning of the pandemic. She said members reviewed the detailed plans of the multi-stage approach for reopening the library to the public. She thanked Berkley Public Library Director Matt Church and his staff for such a well-researched, thoughtful approach in response to COVID. She said she has no doubt the patrons and the staff will be the top priority as they reopen. She reminded residents in the meantime, the library has a wealth of digital eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, graphic novels, movies, music, and narrated picture books that may be accessed for free with a library card. She said to check out the library’s website for details. She stated if you don’t have a library card or you need to renew, email or call the library using the contact information listed on the website. Councilmember Price said today kicks off our LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Berkley. She said although many of the regional Pride celebrations have been canceled due to COVID, members of the community are encouraged to share photos and stories on social media that reflect their support and recognition of the contributions made by members of the LGBTQIA+ community. She stated as our proclamation reminds us, Berkley's LGBTQIA+ community members are a vital part of our overall community and contribute to making it a stronger one. Councilmember Price said finally, as recent events and demonstrations emphasize the systemic racism in our society, she would like to recommit to learning how to do better understanding the devastating impacts of racism and how to mitigate it. She thanked all of the residents who reached out to her in the past few days expressing their concerns. Councilmember Price thanked Chief Koehn and the City’s officers for addressing many of the concerns and sharing how our Public Safety Department works proactively to protect all of our residents against discrimination and excessive force.

COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD: stated the Berkley Area Chamber of Commerce and the DDA have done an excellent job getting the word out to the business community on all of the changes that are coming at rapid fire. He said DDA Executive Director Jennifer Finney said she is trying to get the word out because there is a lot of information impacting our businesses on the financial side and the operations side. Councilmember Blanchard thanked the Berkley Public Safety Department for its excellence in responding to runs as the number of cases and deaths due to COVID-19 has held steady for a while. He said both the residents and the Public Safety Department are doing a great job to make sure everyone is safe. Councilmember Blanchard said Councilmember Baker’s words are an excellent reflection. He added one of the keys to something like this is community policing and that is where the police work with the residents and get to know them. He said our Public Safety Department epitomizes community policing. He said that is how they do everything and we will continue to do that and hopefully we will be as safe as we can be through their efforts.

MAYOR PRO TEM DEAN: offered her support to the comments made by councilmembers Price and Baker regarding inherent bias and racism. She said she does applaud our Public Safety Department for the work that it does continuously to keep training up to date, look at these things, and keep the community safe for everyone. Mayor Pro Tem Dean stated last Wednesday she listened to a webinar put out by the Tri-Community Coalition regarding domestic violence and breaking the cycle. She stated while she doesn’t think there was anything new in terms of information, what was stated is that Oakland County does have a lot of resources and that still isn’t enough. She provided the phone number for HAVEN, 248-334-1274 and Common Ground, 1-800-231-1127. She said there was a statement made that the incidents of domestic violence are increasing significantly. She stated being under this pandemic, curtails a lot of outlets and resources for people. Mayor Pro Tem Dean said the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee has met regarding its Five-Year-Plan and a survey will be out later this month. Mayor Pro Tem Dean said the City Wellness Checks program continues. She said anyone that would like a call can contact her at 248-930-0544 or the Director of Parks & Recreation Theresa McArleton at 248-672-0295.
call she makes reminds her of having a pen pal. She said she has a connection with the people she is calling that she wouldn’t have had with the residents she is calling had it not been for the pandemic. She said if someone is looking for a silver lining, that is one of them. Mayor Pro Tem Dean said this too shall pass and we are Berkley strong.

**COUNCILMEMBER HENNEN:** stated the Zoning Board of Appeals will not be meeting in June for lack of cases, but the Tree Board will have its first virtual meeting next week on Monday the 8th starting at 7 p.m. Councilmember Hennen said he wanted to thank his fellow councilmembers for their comments about racism, especially Councilmember Baker. He said it was very well said and he couldn’t say it better himself.

**COUNCILMEMBER GAVIN:** stated the Planning Commission met on the 26th and covered topics relating to Oxford/Merchants Park, a façade change on Coolidge on Vibe Credit Union, and some discussions on zoning text amendments and site regulations. He said the next meeting will be June 23rd at 7 p.m. on Zoom. He said the Master Plan Steering Committee will meet on June 16th at 7 p.m. He said in the meantime, they continue to host webinars with the next one taking place tomorrow night on the topic of parking. He said on June 4th at 11 a.m. the webinar topic will be gathering spaces. He said June 11th at 6 p.m. will be storm water utilities and green infrastructure. He said more than 1,200 Master Plan survey responses were received as of this morning. He said that is a great showing and he is excited so many people have shared their voices and visions. He said all Zoom meeting links may be found on the City’s calendar. Councilmember Gavin stated the Environmental Advisory Committee will meet virtually on June 18th at 6 p.m. Councilmember Gavin commended Councilmember Baker and Councilmember Price for their comments this evening. He said this is a tumultuous time with unconscionable active brutality that we all witnessed. He said we need to do our part as leaders and just as citizens of this country to pull together and work together to address the institutionalized biases and racism that exists in our society. He said along with that and echoing some of the other comments that evening, he wants to commend Chief Koehn for his words and all of the work and training that the Department of Public Safety does to make sure that everyone is constantly improving and that people interacting with anyone in the department are treated fairly, equally, and with dignity.

**CITY MANAGER BAUMGARTEN:** stated that many of the things he wrote down to say that evening we already covered very well by members of Council. He added that Oakland County continues to offer COVID testing for any and all residents of the County by appointment. He said all you have to do is contact the Oakland County Health Department and schedule your test with the nurse. He said there are testing locations throughout the County. He said testing remains very important as the COVID outbreak has not gone away as we turn our attention to some of the larger, darker forces that take hold of our country right now. He said thankfully, the County is offering some assistance regarding the COVID issue right now.

**CITY ATTORNEY CHRIST:** commended all of the councilmembers’ comments regarding racism this evening, especially Councilmember Baker. Ms. Christ said she applauds and commends councilmembers’ words. She said that she knows Berkley and the Public Safety Department are working in conjunction to make Berkley a great place to live.

**MAYOR TERBRACK:** stated that he has comments that are not Berkley related or COVID related. He said rather they are on a national issue and as an elected leader of this community, he wants to share some of his comments. He said last meeting a big focus was placed on inclusivity in our City. He said and not just being tolerant of others, but being accepting and supporting of others and that means something. Mayor Terbrack said he does not condone violence or looting, but he does support the fact that we as individuals, must stand united against hate, bigotry and racism. He said one of Stephen Covey’s habits of highly effective people is, “Seek first to understand and then be understood.” He said that he can’t sit here and tell anyone that he knows how it feels to be the target of racism because the simple answer is that he doesn’t. He said he does not have the panacea of what plagues our country and it is a plague. Mayor Terbrack said it needs to be eradicated. He said it has been around for hundreds of years, but it is our job, first individually and then collectively, to stand up against hatred. He said we started this meeting by saying, “Liberty and justice for all.” He said unfortunately, for many of our fellow Americans, those word ring hollow
right now. Mayor Terbrack said please seek first to understand the plight of others because only then can we begin to be truly supportive and realize the differences among us and honor those differences and remember the struggles because that together will make us stronger. Mayor Terbrack said then we need to have courageous conversations because being silent is complicit. He said we all need to do our parts and conversations must be had. He said this 400+-year-old wound can’t be fixed with a band aide; the wound is getting deeper and it is severely infected. He said the pain for those that feel it is unbearable. He said and although this particular wound is the result of hatred stemming from a small minority of those who were sworn to serve and protect, he would like to close with a message mentioned a couple of times that evening from Chief Koehn in a statement from the Public Safety Department released earlier that day:

“I wanted to take a moment to reaffirm to the public that the Berkley Department of Public Safety will always treat EVERYONE we encounter with dignity and respect. We strive to accomplish this by hiring the right people, conducting extensive training, and holding our officers and staff accountable. As a department, we continue to improve ourselves through de-escalation training, diversity, decision making, interacting with people with special needs, and implicit bias training. This training, conducted through in-person, online, and scenario-based methods, is an ongoing process. The Department has also participated in the voluntary National Use-of-Force Data Collection since the inception of the program. To participate in this program, we voluntarily submit monthly reports to the FBI reporting any incidents involving a fatality or serious injury connected to the use of force or a firearm shot at or in the direction of a subject during the use of force. We have submitted all “Zero Reports”, and have had no incidents meeting the criteria. In addition, we also have in-car cameras in all of our marked patrol vehicles and fire apparatus and our policies and procedures are reviewed and updated as necessary. We always investigate all use of force by our officers. Each and every event is used to hold our officers accountable and is a method to improve our performance in the future. The use of excessive force is never appropriate and will not be tolerated.

We appreciate the support of our community and strive to be as open and transparent as we possibly can. We are the community and are always here for you.

Matt Koehn, Director of Public Safety”

Mayor Terbrack said he wants to thank the chief for those words. He said our department has and will continue to do its very best to protect and serve all those that come to our city. He said they are doing their jobs and now it's on all of us to do ours.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hennen moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:22 p.m.
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dean
Ayes: Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.