THE ELECTRONIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021 BY MAYOR TERBRACK

PRESENT:    Steve Baker, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
             Jack Blanchard, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
             Bridget Dean, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
             Ross Gavin, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
             Dennis Hennen, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
             Natalie Price, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
             Daniel Terbrack, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan

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

INVOCATION: Pastor Rachael Dunlap

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
There was no one present wishing to speak.

Consent Agenda
Mayor Pro Tem Dean moved to approve the following Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Matter of approving the minutes of the 38th Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. O-04-21: Matter of considering the Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan to Amend Section 42-77 of Chapter 42 Downtown Development to Correct the Expiration Date of the Tax Increment Financing Plan.
Ayes: Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

Regular Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. R-12-21: Matter of authorizing the reimbursement of certain permit fees related to the installation of Backwater Check Valve Systems with the additional change of removing the word “occasionally” and adding the word “qualifying” from the first sentence in the final whereas of the resolution.
Councilmember Hennen moved to approve Resolution No. R-12-21
Seconded by Councilmember Price
Ayes: Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, and Terbrack
Nays: None  
Motion Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present wishing to speak.

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER HENNEN: stated the Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Monday, May 10th and will continue to review a request for a home addition. Councilmember Hennen said the Tree Board will also meet on May 10th to discuss agenda items including the legality of hanging things on public trees, grants to have more trees planted in the city, and a discussion with an arborist regarding trees and the City’s sidewalk program.

COUNCILMEMBER GAVIN: stated the Environmental Advisory Committee did not have a meeting in April and will next meet 6:30 p.m. May 20th. Councilmember Gavin said the next Master Plan Steering Committee meeting will take place 7 p.m. May 18th and the next Planning Commission meeting will take place 7 p.m. May 25th.

MAYOR PRO TEM DEAN: stated the High Risk Response Team met today for training with HAVEN regarding the topic of strangulation. She gave thanks to HAVEN and the members of the team that were present today, along with Berkley Public Safety and Royal Oak Police Department for doing everything right with these trainings. Mayor Pro Tem Dean stated registration for Summer Day Camp is now open. She said those interested may register online at Berkley.maxgalaxy.net She stated the camp will take place at Angell Elementary School beginning on June 21st for eight weeks. She said Parks & Recreation summer program information will be coming soon. She stated she will provide an update at the next City Council meeting, but anyone looking for more information sooner may check the Parks and Recreation Facebook page or the website. Mayor Pro Tem Dean said the new play equipment slated for the Tot Lot and Oxford/Merchants Park will be ready for play very soon.

COUNCILMEMBER BAKER: stated the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will meet next Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. on May 12th. He stated in August there will be an event called Art Night Market with more details coming soon. He said it will be a fun time in the City. He provided an update on the Downtown Wayfinding Project and stated it continues with more signs coming up. He said hopefully it will be finished in the next week or so. He discussed even though it is not on today’s agenda, the notion of making Berkley parks dog–friendly, with appropriate guidance in place, is actively being worked on. He stated in parallel with that, the DDA is looking at pocket parks in the downtown which could be a dog park of sorts, and he will keep people posted. Councilmember Baker stated the Historical Committee did not meet in April and will next meet on Tuesday, May 11th. He stated members continue working on scanning materials and museum displays. He said members are also looking into providing a virtual museum tour via Zoom. Councilmember Baker said the Technology Advisory Committee met last month and will not have a meeting this month. He said the next meeting will be June 16th. He gave a shout out to Chief Innovation Officer Stan Lisica and the crew for getting everything in place so we can have free public Wi-Fi at Oxford/Merchants Park. His tech tip of the month is beware of Covid-19 scammers sending emails and text messages. He said if anyone clicks on one of those links, bad things could happen. He said to be conscious of that stuff if it does not come from a trusted source. Councilmember Baker quoted Spencer Johnson, “Integrity is telling myself the truth. Honesty is telling the truth to other people.” Councilmember Baker discussed that sadly we don’t always see that from our elected officials, especially those at the State and National levels. He stated he would like to focus on the safety of the Covid-19 vaccine. He stated that we have successfully vaccinated almost all the fold that actively seeks the vaccine. He said he’s grateful for all those who are making that possible. He said sadly, one-third of the population refuses to consider it. He debunked common myths associated with the vaccine including that the vaccine does not affect fertility, does not contain a microchip, the research was not rushed, does not enter your cells...
nor does it change your DNA, and it is not mandated. He said if one person considers getting the vaccine after this, then he has succeeded. He said it remains a personal choice, but it's safe for yourself, your family, and your neighbors. Councilmember Baker said Covid-19 is not going away and it is important that we do everything we can so that we may enjoy all the cool things that are going in Berkley this summer and fall.

COUNCILMEMBER PRICE: stated the Beautification Advisory Committee is back to work this Spring with spring cleaning at the Tot Lot, bus stop at 12 Mile and Woodward, and Friends Park. She stated to email her for more information at np PRICE@berkleymich.net. She stated the Library will be hosting virtual events in May including an introduction to Mindfulness, an afternoon book club and a presentation by Author Kathryn Remlinger about Youper Talk. She said those interested may register on the Library’s website or by phone. She said that curbside pickup and porch deliveries continue for books, DVDs, puzzles, and hotspots. Councilmember Price said she attended the Michigan Municipal League Advanced Weekender. She shared some key takeaways including from Alfredo Hernandez who is the equity officer for the Michigan Department of Civil rights. He defined inclusion as the act of fostering diversity, equity, support, and respect within every facet of organizational services and activities. She said he pointed out that diversity itself does not imply inclusion. She stated Selma Tucker outlined Community Wealth Building as a new framework for enabling and empowering our City's worth in addition to financial security. She said we must focus on sustainability, arts and culture, infrastructure, lifelong learning, and public health in order to build long-term wealth in our community. She said the final take away was from Michelle Elder who is a city commissioner in Huntington Woods. Councilmember Price said she shared their process for developing and adopting an anti-racism plan. Councilmember Price stated we now have a model and a number of resources for expanding diversity, equity, and inclusion in our community.

COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD: reminded everyone that this Thursday, May 6th, is the second Covid-19 Clinic at the Recreation Center for those who received their first dose on April 15th. He asks that those coming for their second doses come between 10 a.m.-1 p.m. He stated those that were walk-ins for their first dose should come between noon-12:30 p.m. Councilmember Blanchard stated that 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Friday, May 7th the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be offered at Untied Wholesale Mortgage sports complex in Pontiac. He said that 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, May 8th the Moderna vaccine will be offered at North Farmington High School. He asked that everyone please gets their vaccines to make everyone safe.

CITY MANAGER BAUMGARTEN: stated anyone visiting Public Safety or City Hall may notice construction. He stated the construction is to make the Public Safety lobby ADA compliant. He said those visiting the Public Safety Building will see signs asking them to call 248-658-3380 for non-emergency service. He said those that have an emergency should call 911. He said residents still have options to visit the Department in the midst of the construction and to please pardon the mess. City Manager Baumgarten stated the Budget Work Sessions and budget Public Hearing will take place May 11, 12, and 17th respectively. He stated that if residents want to know how the City intends to put their money to work, the draft budget will be available on the website.

ATTORNEY STARAN: stated he will be talking to and with Council about several matters in the upcoming Closed Session that will start in a couple of minutes. He said he will reserve his comments and remarks for that time.

MAYOR TERBRACK: stated that his colleagues have covered everything that was on his list as well, and there is no reason to repeat the information that was so eloquently stated.

CLOSED SESSION: Matter of considering whether to meet in Closed Session with the City’s Attorneys to discuss confidential attorney/client privileged communications.
Councilmember Baker motioned to move into Closed Session
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dean
Ayes: Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

A Closed Session of the thirty-eighth council of the City of Berkley, Michigan was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Terbrack.

**PRESENT:**
Steve Baker, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Jack Blanchard, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
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Ross Gavin, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Dennis Hennen, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
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Councilmember Baker moved to adjourn the Closed Session at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Gavin
Ayes: Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

The electronic Regular Meeting of the thirty-eighth council of the City of Berkley, Michigan was called back to order at 9:15 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2021 by Mayor Terbrack

**PRESENT:**
Steve Baker, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
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**ADJOURNMENT**
Councilmember Blanchard moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:17 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Baker
Ayes: Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.