

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-NINTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 BY MAYOR DEAN

PRESENT: Steve Baker Dennis Hennen
 Michael Dooley Jessica Vilani
 Ross Gavin
 Bridget Dean

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Baker moved to approve the Agenda
Seconded by Councilmember Vilani
Ayes: Dooley, Gavin, Hennen, Vilani, Baker, and Dean
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one present wishing to speak.

Clerk Mitchell read the following email into the record:

“Joel Ulferts, Berkley, asked what is the projected revenue and budget surplus from a 3.4581 millage increase and is there a specific expense driving the change.”

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to approve the following Consent Agenda
Seconded by Councilmember Hennen:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Matter of approving the minutes of the 39th Regular City Council meeting on Monday, December 19, 2022.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-01-23: Matter of proclaiming February 2023 as Black History Month.

MOTION NO. M-03-23: Matter of authorizing the City Manager to sign the Application for Additional Service Credit Purchase for Matt Wells approving two years of additional service credit. This purchase is allowed by the City of Berkley MAPE Agreement and meets all of the requirements of the MERS Plan Document.

Ayes: Gavin, Hennen, Vilani, Baker, Dooley, and Dean
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

Regular Agenda

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS: Matter of any recognitions or presentations from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Gavin read Proclamation No. P-01-23 in its entirety.

PRESENTATIONS: Matter of receiving candidate presentations for the City Council vacancy.

Matt introduced this item. He provided background of the process including the ad hoc committee that reviewed all 13 candidates. He stated the top five scores are present tonight to provide a presentation. He provided the next steps.

1. Clarence Black – He gave thanks. He formally announced his candidacy. He said he had remarks prepared but he decided to speak from the heart. He introduced his wife. He referenced that proclamation. He said this would be opportunity to be inclusive. He said he is Berkley and he wants an opportunity. He said he is a decorated officer.
2. Gregory Patterson – Lived in Berkley since 2011. He was an ICU nurse during the pandemic. He worked with Beaumont nurses in quality and now is an educator. He worked as a nurse in ICU so he can handle stress. He is now a profession at Madonna University. He mentors new colleagues. He was on parks and rec and is on planning commission. He was a part of two of five recreation plans. On Pc since sss. He participated in master plan and listens to residents and treats them with respect. He chaired diversity and inclusivity at Corewell. He spoke about his feelings regarding the city of Berkley including the residents.
3. Andre Rogers – He works for an insurance broker and manages benefits provided to employees. He would help with cost mitigation and fiscally responsible. He has not been here a year yet. He and his wife bought in April. He volunteers at Berkley schools.
4. Scott Rollette – Lived in Berkley for 40 years. He went to Rogers, Anderson. He is a coach at Anderson. And BHS. He said he has an interesting point of view. He served as Berkley Hoops president. He had been on the board for 20+ years and president for six. Professionally he is a coach and a substitute teacher. He talked about his love and respect and passion for Berkley.
5. Josh Stapp – Two-and-a-half-years. He said we love the small-town-feel of Berkley. He really enjoys Berkley. He is very excited at what is coming in and what is happening. He is an attorney he sits on several boards and committees. He talked about his diverse background
6. Stacey Stevens – Thank you for the second opportunity. She discussed her professional background and her personal life. She said this time she wants to talk about her visions for Berkley. She spoke about diversity. Human Relations Commission and Youth Committee. She talked about retro feel and metro appeal. She explained how that is Berkey. She talked about her qualifications. She provided a quote by Chism, dddd folding chair. Stronger Berkley now and into the future.

Bridget thanked everyone. And stated next steps.

MOTION NO. M-04-23: Matter of approving marihuana adult use retailer business license #PMA20-0007 for Yellow Tail Ventures LLC #1 dba Moses Roses Provisioning Center, at 3120 Eleven Mile Road. The applicant was previously approved on October 17, 2022, for a medical marihuana provisioning center business license at the same location.

Councilmember Hennen moved to approve Motion No. M-04-23

Seconded by Councilmember Vilani

Ayes: Hennen, Vilani, Dooley, and Dean

Nays: Baker, Gavin

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-05-23: Matter of approving a local governmental approval form for an outdoor service area at 3087 12 Mile Rd, Berkley MI, 48072.

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to approve Motion No. M-05-23

Seconded by Councilmember Dooley

Ayes: Vilani, Baker, Dooley, Gavin, Hennen, and Dean

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Comments:

Dude – man from Commons explained

Mitch, Berkley resident, says he wants to make sure that the property is asdfsad. Are there any plans to make sure that space is a public space like a park.

Matt answered Mitch.

RESOLUTION NO. R-01-23: Matter of adopting a resolution approving a Headlee Override millage proposal for submittal to the voters on the May 2, 2023, special election ballot.

Councilmember Hennen moved to approve Resolution No. R-01-23

Seconded by Councilmember Dooley

Ayes: Baker, Dooley, Gavin, Hennen, Vilani, and Dean

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Matt opened this. He said there will be very robust dialogue with the community. Matt went through his prepared remarks. He explained it would touch everything and every single department. HE stated benefits include facilities, infrastructure, dddd. He discussed who, what, why. He said the brass tax is that we would have to cut back on external facing items if it didn't pass. He said he has been stretching tax payer dollars as much as possible. He reviewed what happened during last budget process including cutting millions of dollars. He said it is a nonsustainable track. He listed projects that were cut from the budget. He said we will be talking a lot about how we got to this point. He explained Prop A and Headlee. He said we can no longer internally cut ourselves out of it. He explained that we don't get the full amount of tax revenue. He explained how we get a fraction of that and what that does over time. He said without the general fund millage, adfas. He said we have proven in the past we are good stewards of the taxpayers' dollars. He gave examples. He said the time is here to move forward on this. He stated the last millage we weren't even able to collect that all before it was rolled back. He said it will mean staff will have to work that much harder to make use, but we are up to the task. He said our time is now before we are over a cliff or in an

emergency. He said the auditor even said the time is now. He said a homeowner can equate this to a cup of coffee a day. He said we will set up a calculator on the website so that taxpayers can exactly calculate what their tax increase will be. He said they will provide information to any group wants it. He said all information will be provided.

Public Comment:

Joshua Hunter, Berkley, he thinks one difference with other proposals is that there was a citizens committee. He thinks that is important. He said this is a pretty sizeable tax increase. He estimates it will be about a \$400 tax increase for the average homeowner. He said revenue is growing. He said we need to have a plan on how this money will be used and this is important because if it doesn't pass, then what? He wants residents to be informed.

Matt said we would love to have a citizens committee. He said the City can't lead this. Someone would need to step up. Matt said Mr. Hunter is correct that it would be about \$400.

Vilani – she thanked Matt for the thoughtful layout it was helpful. She said it would be helpful for residents to learn about taxable value and Zillo value.

Matt said what you can get from your home is often completely different than taxable value. He said the majority of homes the taxable value lags behind the assessed value. He explained the caps of 5 percent or dddd. Matt gave a real home example. He explained further about Headlee and millage rates. He talked about if a home is sold or new construction. He said people gets a tax break for staying in their homes. He said Headlee and Prop A is a good example where two rights make a wrong.

Hennen – thanked Matt for prepared remarks as they hit on a lot of his questions. He said there is five months which is plenty of time. He said there is a lot to share and time will go quickly.

Baker – asked Matt if it moved forward tonight what would the plans be and how would this be shared. Baker said we would rather maintain our services rather than degrade them. He thanked Matt for the opening comments.

Matt said we would be utilizing mailers, social media, taking to groups, talking to anyone, and city hall is always open for those that would like to talk about this. He reiterated he would love to see some citizen advocacy groups. He said the city has a consultant the city is working with. He said the plan is at hand.

MOTION NO. M-06-23: Matter of approving the Macomb County Cooperative Bid Program pre-order purchase of one 2023 Ford F250 Pickup and one 2023 Ford F550 Chassis/Cab at a total cost of \$112,353 from Lunghammer Ford (formerly known as Signature Ford) of Owosso, Michigan.

Councilmember Vilani moved to approve Motion No. M-06-23

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gavin

Ayes: Dooley, Gavin, Hennen, Vilani, Baker, and Dean

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-07-23: Matter of approving the revised and updated drug and alcohol policy as prepared and required by the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART).

Councilmember Baker moved to approve Motion No. M-07-23

Seconded by Councilmember Vilani

Ayes: Gavin, Hennen, Vilani, Baker, Dooley, and Dean

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-08-23: Matter of approving the appointments to the Public Safety Pension Board. Bryan Bemis

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to approve Motion No. M-08-23

Seconded by Councilmember Dooley

Ayes: Hennen, Vilani, Baker, Dooley, Gavin, and Dean

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

COUNCILMEMBER VILANI:

She extended her congrats to Mayor Dean, MPT Gavin, and councilmember Dooley. She thanked everyone else that applied and for leaning in to local government. TAC and CEAC next meeting Feb. dd. 17th is chamber meeting. The chamber is hiring part-time events planner. She described the position. Reach out to Darlene@berksdfasdf. She said MLK is not a day off, but a day on of service. Small acts count. She encourages everyone to get out there and make a difference. She said you can learn more by reaching out to Berkley School.

MPT Gavin:

He thanked all of the applicants. He offered congrats to mayor Dean for being mayor. He said they have served together for five years or so and her thoughtfulness, asdfasdfasdf thanked dooley. EAC jan. xxx. PC jan 24

Baker:

Keep up the appreciation train for mayor, mpt, dooley, and all of the applicants. He said this is largely a thankless job asdfsadfa and you have to go through it to see how cool this is. He looks forward to continuuig the conversations. HC meets jan 17th. Continue prep for 100 ann of village. They say the approx. size and of time capsule will be determined at next meeting. HE said visitors always open and said the hours. Berkleyhistory.com. DDA meets on jan 11th. Topics from last meeting included asdfsad, asdfasdf, crosswalks on Coolidge, downtown design, asdfs, merrimonth. Board is busy planning an entire calendar of events. Month long leprechaun scavenger hunt. Downtownberkley.com. US rep. elan omar, hope will be found by adf diversity is adsf and why we need asdfsa. He said Berkley is an amazing community and tried to be open and inclusive. He said the residents look to them asdfsadfa. He said steven covery once wrote, "asdfsdfsdfsadsadsaf." Please stay safe and hug someone you love close they need it.

Hennen: thanked dean, mpt, dooley. He said also great to see so many people asdfsadf.as He encourages those not accepteda to volunteer. Tree Board asdfsdf. Zba won't meet in jan. Jan 31 city and dda will be holding parking open house. Looking for input. It will be a drop in .

Dooley: He congratulated the mayor and mpt. He said it is an honor to work with them, He said everyone was awesome to work with. He said a lot of information coming at once. He said P&R winterfest is coming up asddd from dd-dd. He said they have pancake walk, bouncers, smores, asdfsadf. Vacation camp feb. 21-24. You can register online at asdfsadf. Continue to look at website for other oportunities. He thanked everyone.

Baumgarten – he congratulated everyone and said the only thing better than a packers loss to the lions is the new faces. He said Berkley schools is collaborating with royal oak schools for mlk day. Virtualy keynote speaker, key note speaches from dddd, and Mallory mcmorrow and Berkley choirs. Freedom walk at about 9:30 first 250 guests will get a commemorative button. Everyone is invited. Then capping off with a donation drive. He listed out some of the things that will be collected. He said there is a lot going on in the community all in the Berkley Buzz. He said it just went out and is also online. He said it provides all great information happening in the winter.

John staran:

HE jumped on the train and thanked the new and old councilmembers and commenede all those that asdfasdf.

Dean:

Thanked mayor terbrack for all his years of service and coaching. She thanked him for all of his time, adfasd, asdfasd,f sdf, and she said she thanks him. She thanked Council for their support. She said serving in this capacity it makes so much nicer that people have her back. She said she is gratefule to have them to her right and left. She thanked the community. She welcomed Dooley and thanked Gavin for being her MPT. She said they have a lot to accomplish in 2023 and she looks forward to the challenges. She said asdfsadf. She said Berkley residents, we love this City. She said it is their goal to move the city forward as celebrate 100 years and wont mis

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Vilani moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:35 p.m.
Seconded by Councilmember Hennen
Ayes: Baker, Dooley, Gavin, Hennen, Vilani, and Dean
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

Bridget Dean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria Mitchell, City Clerk