

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-NINTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN  
WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023 BY MAYOR DEAN**

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Steve Baker  
Councilmember Mike Dooley  
Mayor Pro Tem Ross Gavin  
Mayor Bridget Dean  
Councilmember Gregory Patterson  
Councilmember Jessica Vilani  
Councilmember Steve Baker

**OTHER STAFF PRESENT:**

Parks and Recreation Director Theresa McArleton  
Department of Public Works Director Shawn Young  
Deputy City Clerk Rachel Patterson  
City Manager Matt Baumgarten  
City Attorney Daniel Christ  
Community Development Director Kristen Kapelanski

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Deputy Clerk Patterson read the following Email into the record:*

Lauren Dolega, Franklin, emailed to urge Council to quickly decide on the ban on retail sales of dogs and cats. She said it has been three months without an ordinance. She would like the passage of a full ban on retail sales of cats and dogs.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember Baker moved to approve the following Consent Agenda:

Seconded by Councilmember Patterson:

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Matter of approving the minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Regular City Council meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023.

**WARRANT:** Matter of approving Warrant No. 1387.

**MOTION NO. M-42-23:** Matter of appointing Public Works Director Shawn Young as the City of Berkley's representative and Assistant Director of Public Works Robert Chalmers as the alternate representative to the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA) Board

of Trustees for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024; and instruct the City Clerk to send a copy of this motion to the SOCRRA Board.

**MOTION NO. M-43-23:** Matter of appointing Public Works Director Shawn Young as the City of Berkley's representative and Assistant Director of Public Works Robert Chalmers as the alternate representative to the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) Board of Trustees for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024; and instruct the City Clerk to send a copy of this motion to the SOCWA Board.

**PROCLAMATION NO. P-22-23:** Matter of proclaiming July 2023 as Parks and Recreation Month.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Approved.

***REGULAR AGENDA:***

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

**MOTION NO. M-44-23:** Matter of approving the purchase of official Woodward Dream Cruise merchandise to be sold at various locations during the month of August at a cost not to exceed \$28,000. Funds for this expenditure will come from account 614-915-818-000.

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to approve Motion No. M-44-23

Seconded by Councilmember Baker

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

**MOTION NO. M-45-23:** Matter of approving the appointments to various boards and commissions.

Councilmember Dooley moved to approve Motion No. M-45-23

Seconded by Councilmember Hennen.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

**MOTION NO. M-46-23:** Matter of approving updates to the City of Berkley's Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2023.

Councilmember Hennen moved to approve Motion No. M-46-23

Seconded by Councilmember Patterson

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

Nays: Hennen

Motion Approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-16-23:** Matter of considering a resolution approving a cooperation agreement with Oakland County to continue participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for program years 2024 to 2026.

Councilmember Baker moved to approve Resolution No. R-16-23

Seconded by Councilmember Hennen.

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

Nays: None

Resolution Approved.

**MOTION NO. M-47-23:** Matter of authorizing the amendment of the 2022-2023 Budget as presented.

Councilmember Patterson moved to approve Motion No. M-47-23

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gavin.  
Ayes: Dooley, Gavin, Hennen, Patterson, Vilani, Baker and Dean  
Nays: None  
Motion Approved.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Matter of considering convening in closed session at the conclusion of the regular meeting to discuss a confidential attorney/client privileged communication.

Councilmember Baker motioned to move into Closed Session  
Seconded by Councilmember Vilani.

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **COUNCILMEMBER HENNEN**

- Tree Board is off for the summer, next meeting will be in September
- Zoning Board of Appeals heard four cases: two involved second floor additions, which were allowed; an interpretation which allowed aesthetic & spa services in our office district; a request from Lume Marihuana for a sign larger than the ordinance allows, which was denied.
- Next meeting of the ZBA will be on Monday July 10<sup>th</sup>

### **COUNCILMEMBER BAKER**

- Wished everyone a safe, fun Father's Day weekend.
- Downtown Development Authority met on June 14<sup>th</sup>:
- Berkley Pride Block Party is coming up on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 pm at Robina & 12 Mile.
- Draft parking study recommendations are expected at end of June.
- The Art Space Plaza, south of Catalpa on Coolidge by Berkley High School will have a grand opening during Street Art Fest on July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Berkley Outdoor Social Scene (BOSS) has been approved by the state, work is continuing to gain each participating business's state approval. Anticipate it to be ready by CruiseFest in August. Complete Streets implementation bid was higher than anticipated, reworking it a bit and casting the net wider in an effort to get it worked on during this construction season.
- Downtown Farmers Market is every Thursday from 9 am – 3 pm, from June 1<sup>st</sup> to October 26<sup>th</sup>. Visit [downtownberkley.com](http://downtownberkley.com) for more information.
- Berkley Historical Committee met on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The new edition of the newsletter is available at the Museum, Library and City Hall. Main headline: Pizza! On display in the museum through September is a photo display of Berkley history told through maps which shows the development of the community and growth of our city going back to the 1800s. The Berkley Historical Museum is open on Wednesdays from 10am – 1pm and Sundays 2-4 pm. For more information visit [berkleyhistory.com](http://berkleyhistory.com).
- Today is Juneteenth. President Joe Biden said, "Juneteenth marks the long hard night of slavery and subjugation and a promise of a brighter morning to come. It is a day of profound weight and power that reminds us of our extraordinary capacity to heal hope and emerge from our most painful moments into a better vision of ourselves." As a country and as a city we've come a long way, there's still quite a road ahead. Please take a moment to learn more about our newest Federal holiday.
- You can show you care by hugging someone you love.

### **MAYOR PRO TEM GAVIN**

- Environmental Advisory Committee's next meeting will be tomorrow at 6:30 pm in the Public Safety building. There will be no July meeting, the next meeting will be on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Parks & Recreation is hosting Senior Bingo on July 6<sup>th</sup>. You can register by calling Parks and Recreation or online.
- The first Berkley Beats concert of the summer season will be on June 28<sup>th</sup> at Oxford Park at 7 pm.
- Community Garage Sale ends this weekend on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Addresses and a map are available online and at city buildings.
- The new Jaycee Park playground is nearing completion, stay tuned for more information on its opening date.
- The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER VILANI**

- Technology Advisory Committee/ Citizen's Engagement Advisory Committee has not met and has no updates.
- Berkley Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Street Art Fest on July 15<sup>th</sup> from 11am-5 pm. Now accepting registrations for artists and sponsorships, visit [berkleystreetartfest.com](http://berkleystreetartfest.com) for more information. If you're interested in T-shirt sponsorships for CruiseFest the due date is July 14<sup>th</sup>; reach out to Darlene at the Berkley Chamber for more information.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER DOOLEY**

- Library Board meets June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in the big library room. Register youths or teens for summer reading program by visiting the library at regular business hours to sign up.
- The Library will be closed on Saturdays through Labor Day; beginning in July they will close at 6pm rather than 8pm on Thursdays.
- Gave a shout out to Library Director Matt Church, who put together a well-attended ice cream social together.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER PATTERSON**

- Planning Commission did not meet. Next meeting will be on July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Council Chambers.

#### **CITY MANAGER MATT BAUMGARTEN**

- Noted that residents looking for follow-up at the last meeting had their questions answered. The City makes every effort to provide answers to residents who sign up with questions.
- Looks forward to locating Communications Director up to the task of breaking through the noise and delivering solid information to our residents.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY DAN CHRIST**

- Oral arguments were recently heard by the Michigan Court of Appeals, the city now awaits their decision.

#### **MAYOR DEAN**

- Gave a shout out to everyone who worked on Art Bash: all the volunteers, the Chamber of Commerce, April McCrumb, Maureen Monty and everyone else who contributed their hard work to another successful event. The event gets bigger every year and better; it's an enjoyable event for residents and the larger community.
- Congratulated the graduates of the Class of 2023, especially Cameron Knight who received the Berkley scholarship for public service.
- Wished the best to recent City retirees Karen Endres and Kenny Ozanich. Thanked them for their years of service and dedication to the City.
- Took a moment to acknowledge the importance of Juneteenth in our collective history. It provides an important opportunity to celebrate freedom, resilience and unity and remember how far we have come and recognize how far we still have to go. This is a time to acknowledge the cruelty of slavery and oppression as well as honor the individuals who endured and those who persevered to see its end.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Hennen moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:53 pm  
Seconded by Councilmember Vilani.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

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Bridget Dean, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rachel Patterson, Deputy City Clerk

