

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORTIETH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023 BY MAYOR DEAN

PRESENT: Councilmember Clarence Black Councilmember Gregory Patterson
Mayor Pro Tem Ross Gavin Councilmember Jessica Vilani
Councilmember Dennis Hennen Mayor Bridget Dean

ABSENT: Councilmember Steve Baker

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Matt Baumgarten
Deputy City Clerk Rachel Patterson
Community Development Director Kristen Kapelanski
Downtown Development Authority Director Mike McGuinness

City Attorney Dan Christ arrived at 7:02pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike McGuinness, DDA, spoke about various community events happening throughout December.

Commissioner Charlie Cavell, Oakland County Commissioner District 19, provided an update on upcoming and currently available programs and funding.

Pat Maslowsky, Berkley, spoke regarding the Columbia project.

Joel Ulferts, Berkley, via email, asked a question regarding the prioritization of ordinances.

Consent Agenda

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Matter of approving the minutes of the 39th Regular City Council meeting on Monday, November 20, 2023 and the 40th Regular City Council meeting on Monday, November 20, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. O-12-23: Matter of considering the Second Reading and Adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan to amend Chapter 66, Article II, Library Board of the City of Berkley Code of Ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. O-13-23: Matter of considering the Second Reading and Adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan to amend Article VII, Construction/Demolition Site Standards, Sections 106-303 and 106-304 of Chapter 106 Streets, Sidewalks and other Public Places, to Modify the Standards for Construction/Demolition Sites and to Prescribe a Penalty for Violations.

ORDINANCE NO. O-14-23: Matter of considering the Second Reading and Adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan to add new Article VIII, Parklets, to Chapter 106, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, of the Berkley City Code to Allow greater variety of outdoor service options to Berkley food service establishments of the Berkley City Code by authorizing and regulating conversion and use of underutilized on-street parking spaces.

ORDINANCE NO. O-15-23: Matter of considering the Second Reading and Adoption of an ordinance of City Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan to add new Article XVIII, Retail Pet Store, to Chapter 30, Businesses, of the Berkley City Code to Require an existing Retail Pet Store to Obtain an Annual License From the City; to Prescribe License Requirements and Conditions; and to Repeal Article XVII, Retail Dog and Cat Sales Temporary Moratorium, of Chapter 30 of the Berkley City Code.

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

Regular Agenda

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

PRESENTATION: Matter of receiving a presentation by artist Daniel Cascardo regarding artwork he created with resident input during the Street Art Festival this past summer. The artwork will be displayed in City Hall.

Daniel Cascardo was present at the meeting and discussed how the painting was created utilizing Berkley stakeholder input.

ORDINANCE NO. O-16-23: Matter of considering the First Reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan to amend Section 126-7, Installation and Section 126-74, Supervision of Connection in Chapter 126, Utilities of the City of Berkley Code of Ordinances to update the policies and inspection procedures for sewer connections.

Councilmember Patterson moved to approve O-16-23

Seconded by Councilmember Hennen

Ayes: Gavin, Hennen, Patterson, Vilani, Black and Dean

Nays: None

Absent: Baker

Ordinance No. O-16-23 Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER PATTERSON

- The Planning Commission will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, December 19th at 7 pm in Council Chambers.
- The Beautification Advisory Committee is selling luminaries to celebrate the winter solstice, 6 for \$5. They are available at the library; the luminaries are to be placed on the sidewalk in front of your home on December 21st.
- Thanked Cinda Coon, Junior Women's League, DPW, Public Safety, Santa, and all the volunteers who helped make the Holiday Lights Parade a success this year.

COUNCILMEMBER VILANI

- On Tuesday, December 5th, the Berkley Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Chamber Holiday Party at Republica. Register on Republica's website.
- The January Berkley Area Chamber Chat will be on Friday, January 19th at Little Lou's Hot Chicken from 8:30 to 9:30 am. The next Chamber Chat will take place on February 16th at Avenue Group Real Estate on 12 Mile from 8:30 to 9:30 am. Registration is not required; all are welcome to attend.
- Echoed Councilmember Patterson's comments about the lovely parade.

MAYOR PRO TEM GAVIN

- The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be on December 14th at 7 pm in the Community Center.
- Register for vacation camps at recreation.berkleymich.org; winter programming is available for registration as well. Thanked everyone who came out for Grinch Night on Friday.
- The next meeting of the Library Board will be on Wednesday, January 17th at 7 pm.
- Ditto to Councilmember Patterson's remarks about the successful parade.

COUNCILMEMBER HENNER

- Tree Board update: the City's tree vendor is still waiting on trees; once the trees come in (expected in the next two weeks) they'll finish planting on the west of Coolidge.
- The next meeting of the Tree Board will be in January.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals has not met since the last City Council meeting; they have no cases to hear in December.
- Created an interactive holiday decor map, so if you'd like to see which neighborhoods have the best decorations or if you want to add your own decorations visit bit.ly/berkleyholiday2023

COUNCILMEMBER BLACK

- The Citizen's Engagement and Advisory Committee and Technology Advisory Committee updates will be returning soon, said that he will be the probable liaison to those committees.
- Said that he'll be meeting with Chief Innovation Officer Stan Lisica and Communications Director Caitlin Flora on Wednesday to discuss what that will look like going forward. As a

father to four teenagers whom he's always trying to get off of technology, he can appreciate the irony of being a liaison to the Technology Advisory Committee.

CITY MANAGER MATT BAUMGARTEN

- The Holiday Lights Parade was a great time; he had the pleasure of walking with the Berkley Steelers. He and his family had a wonderful time throwing out candy, seeing neighbors and friends, and celebrating the Steelers' Superbowl victory this year. The event was well put together, he thanked the Department of Public Works. He said he knows we have put them through the wringer with the recent changes to the leaf collection program that didn't go as well as we had hoped. A lot of that extra work fell on to our DPW staff and crew who have worked tirelessly to keep up with leaves as well as working double duty as Santa's Little Helpers in preparation for the parade. Thanked everyone who makes the Holiday Lights Parade happen, it's a great time to come together and celebrate our community.

CITY ATTORNEY CHRIST

- No updates.

MAYOR DEAN

- Said she had the pleasure of attending the Berkley/Huntington Woods Youth Assistance Annual Meeting and Sponsor Breakfast. They are an incredible organization; this was a giant meeting with all the communities there. Our own Berkley Youth Assistance does so much that you probably don't see or hear about: they provide mentors, short-term counseling, camperships, and much more to families in our community. They are first responders to families that have some kind of need. They are a very do-good organization and it was nice to be in that meeting with representatives from the other communities that benefit from Youth Assistance.
- Said that she just finished juggling around liaison assignments. In addition to Council responsibilities, each Councilmember has a liaison appointment which requires even more volunteerism in our community. Councilmembers attend the meetings of their assigned committee; it exemplifies not only their commitment but also their passion for the city. Thanked Council for taking those roles seriously.
- Regarding the Holiday Lights Parade, one of her favorite jobs as Mayor, other than marrying people, is to give Santa the key to the City at the end of the Parade. When she looks out and sees all the smiling faces of the children and families, it's a feel-good night in Berkley.
- Recognized Councilmember Hennen for renewing his Master Citizen Planner credentials from MSU. It's a step beyond even what the City requires of Planning Commissioners and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Congratulated him on completing the program, it's a lot of work. Said that it's good to have him as a go-to for those questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Patterson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Vilani

Ayes: Vilani, Black, Gavin, Hennen, Patterson and Dean

Nays: None

Absent: Baker

Motion Approved.

Bridget Dean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel Patterson, Deputy City Clerk