

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

Councilmember Black read P-01-23 in its entirety.

PRESENTATION: Matter of receiving a presentation by 44th District Court Chief Judge Derek Meinecke and Judge Andrew Kowalkowski.

Judge Meinecke and Judge Kowalkowski introduced themselves and described their goals for the Court.

MOTION NO. M-01-24: Matter of approving the purchase and installation of various truck-mounted equipment from Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc. utilizing the MITN Cooperative Bid Contract at a total cost of \$99,150 to be split between account numbers 202-464-985-000, 226-528-985-000, and 592-536-985-000.

Councilmember Baker moved to approve Motion No. M-01-24

Seconded by Councilmember Hennen

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

Nays: None

Motion M-01-24 Approved.

MOTION NO. M-02-24: Matter of approving a proposal from Hubbell, Roth, and Clark for Engineering assistance related to the 2024 Road Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$96,285.37. Account numbers 203-464-821-010 and 443-901-821-000 would be utilized to fund this assistance.

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to approve Resolution No. M-02-24.

Seconded by Councilmember Black

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

Nays: None

Motion No. M-02-24 Approved.

MOTION NO. M-03-24: Matter of authorizing the City Manager to approve the contract with McKenna Associates, Inc. to provide building services for trade inspections, non-residential plan review, and code enforcement. Funds from this expenditure will come from account 101-745-822-001.

Councilmember Patterson moved to approve Motion No. M-03-24.

Seconded by Councilmember Vilani

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

Nays: None.

Motion M-03-24 Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-01-24: Matter of adopting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Berkley to affirm the boundaries of voting precincts in the City of Berkley.

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to approve Resolution No. R-01-24

Seconded by Councilmember Baker

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

Nays: None

Resolution R-01-24 Approved.

ORDINANCE NO. O-01-24: Matter of considering the First Reading of an ordinance of the Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan amending Chapter 46 Elections, Article II Precincts, Section 46-16 through 46-23 of the Berkley City Code.

Councilmember Vilani moved to approve Ordinance No. O-01-24

Seconded by Councilmember Patterson

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

Nays: None

Ordinance O-01-24 Approved on First Reading

COMMUNICATIONS

MAYOR PRO TEM GAVIN

- Next meeting of the Parks & Rec Advisory Board is on February 8th at 7 pm at the Community Center.
- Next meeting of the Library Board is Wednesday, January 17th at 7 pm.

COUNCILMEMBER VILANI

- Environmental Advisory Committee will meet on January 16th in the second- floor conference room of the Public Safety building.
- The January Chamber chat will be at Little Lou's on January 19th from 8:30 – 9:30 am. The February Chamber Chat will be on February 16th at Avenue Real Estate on 12 Mile.
- If you're looking to save some money in the new year, the new 2024 Berk Perk Card is available for only \$35 at participating businesses and gives you a chance to shop small and save big.

COUNCILMEMBER PATTERSON

- Thanked Councilmember Hennen for reading the dates of the Zoning Rewrite sessions.
- Planning Commission met on Tuesday, January 23rd in Council Chambers.
- The Zoning Rewrite Steering Committee workshop is ongoing, with a session tonight as well as on January 17th, 24th and 31st at 6pm in the Berkley High School Collaborative Center. Different topics will be discussed each week.

COUNCILMEMBER BLACK

- Technology Advisory Committee is excited to move forward; Communications will be working with the City Clerk's Office to get the word out on the new drawing.
- Welcomed Berkley high School's first African-American football coach, Casey Humes. He's full of passion and the perfect choice to lead our young men to hopefully more victories this year.

COUNCILMEMBER HENNER

- The Tree Board will next meet on January 22nd. Everyone should have received their new or replacement trees by now.
- Zoning Board of Appeals will meet tomorrow on January 9th. Their case is the auto repair place on 11 Mile between Coolidge and Woodward that is requesting to add a gas station.
- If you'd like more information on the Zoning Rewrite workshops you can visit berklemich.org/zoning.

COUNCILMEMBER BAKER

- Wished everyone a happy New Year.
- The Historical Committee meets tomorrow, Tuesday January 9th at 7 p.m.; a new quarterly newsletter is out, this one with a display of Berkley churches. If you have any information, pictures, artifacts or things that you'd like to contribute to the Museum please bring them in! Volunteers will be happy to scan the item and you can keep the original. The Berkley Historical Museum is open on Wednesdays from 10 am – 1 pm and on Sundays from 2-4 pm. You can also always visit them online at berkleyhistory.com.
- The Downtown Development Authority meets Wednesday, January 10th at 8:15am in the second-floor conference room in the Public Safety building. They are setting the course for a fantastic 2024. Thanked everyone on the DDA, the volunteers and supporters of all the great functions that the DDA engaged in throughout the year; we are looking forward to even more in

the new year. If you want to get the early scoop on some of those things, please visit downtownberkeley.com.

- Martin Luther King Jr. said, “The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy.”
- In a lot of ways 2023 was a good year, in a lot of ways it was a very difficult year. As we as a community and as a country approach this year there are certainly going to be many opportunities for us to see out measure. Please stay informed, please understand the issues and topics that are being discussed and considered, please do your homework and research. The ultimate responsibility, as we discussed earlier with the Clerk, is to be an informed voter, to come in with education, knowledge and awareness of what it is we are voting for and the importance that it has in our society.
- It’s going to be an awesome year, one way you can all help make this year super great is to please hug someone you love. Don’t take any day for granted. Be safe enjoy, and make it count.

CITY MANAGER MATT BAUMGARTEN

- Explained that this will be the only City Council meeting in January due to January 1st and 15th both being holidays for the City. The next meeting will be on February 5th, which will be the only meeting for the month of February.
- Advocated for everyone to review their winter safety plan to be sure of what they would do should the worst come (let’s hope that doesn’t happen).
- Go Blue and go Lions!

CITY ATTORNEY JOHN STARAN

- Happy New Year, it’s great to be seen and see.
- He thanked everyone for their kind thoughts.
- Go Blue!

MAYOR DEAN

- Thanked City Manager Baumgarten for his congratulations on her appointment as a trustee to the MML Workman’s Compensation Board; she said she is honored to have been chosen to serve in that capacity and is looking forward to lots of learning as well as bringing that learning back to our City.
- She wished everyone Happy Holidays and may you embrace the new year with a grateful heart.
- Recognized Mayor Maybelle Frazer, who passed away last month. She was the first mayor of the City of Berkley, paving the way for Marilyn Stephen and herself. She said she was a very proud and dedicated resident who led with her heart. She was a champion for girls and women; she worked hard to provide opportunities for young women, particularly in sports. Her commitment to the things she believed in was admirable; she was a true role model who led with care and compassion. May she rest in peace.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Patterson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Baker.

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

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

Bridget Dean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria Mitchell, City Clerk

