

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORTIETH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS BY MAYOR DEAN

PRESENT: Councilmember Steve Baker
Councilmember Clarence Black
Mayor Pro Tem Ross Gavin
ABSENT: Councilmember Gregory Patterson

Councilmember Dennis Hennen
Councilmember Jessica Vilani
Mayor Bridget Dean

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

Interim City Manager Nate Geinzer
City Attorney Dan Christ
City Clerk Victoria Mitchell
Deputy City Manager of Public Services Shawn Young
Finance Director Carl Johnson
Community Development Director Kristen Kapelanski
Public Safety Director Matt Koehn
Public Safety Lt. Andrew Hadfield
Library Director Matt Church
Assistant to the City Manager Charlaine Stevenson
DDA Executive Director Mike McGuinness
Emergency Manager Jack Blanchard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MAYOR-LED MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Bridget addressed the community regarding a firearm retailer's plan to open a business in the City. The business owner withdrew the application. She understands the plan caused worry and concern within the community especially as it was located close to a school. She said that Council takes their concerns seriously. She said that in response to community feedback on this matter City staff plans to recommend that the Planning Commission consider new restrictions for firearms retailers. The Proposal would limit these businesses to the Woodward and 11 Mile Retail districts with a 1,000-foot buffer from schools and from each other. This change, if approved by the Planning Commission and then the City Council, would limit locations where firearms retailers could be located, giving us more local control over such decisions in the future. She said it's important to note that under current zoning ordinances a firearms retailer is classified as a general use and general retail uses are permitted in downtown Berkley; this means that if such a business meets all safety legal and zoning requirements they are bound by federal and state laws in this matter. She realizes that times have changed since the zoning ordinance was first written in 1993, and that's why the City has been proactively working with our community since Spring 2023 on a comprehensive rewrite of our zoning ordinances. The goal of this update is to address various uses that weren't anticipated in our current regulations.

She said: I see you Berkley, I hear you, and I thank each of you. She said they had read all of the emails. She said their commitment and voice make the community better and she wants a safe

Berkley. She welcomed their voices and opinions and let them know where the zoning rewrite information is. She wanted to make sure that everyone is clear.

She said she knows people are here for Berkley Days. No decisions are being made this evening on Berkley Days. She said there would be a robust discussion. But no decisions are being made.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dale Carlson, Berkley Historical Committee, two announcements:

1. Berkley Historical Museum will be expanding its hours 5-7 p.m. the second Thursday nights of each month; they will be open on October 10th, November 14th and December 12th. Regular hours are 10am -1pm on Wednesdays and 2-4 p.m. on Sundays.
2. The 2024 Kit Homes Tour is rapidly approaching. Last year's inaugural event was a massive success with 150 attendees. The tour will take place on Saturday, September 28th from 10am – 4 p.m.. Learn more by googling 2024 kit home tour or visit Berkleychamber.com to buy tickets. They are also accepting volunteers until spots are filled.

Bridget and Gordon Marhle, Berkley, spoke regarding city regulations pertaining to retailers near schools.

Carla Osborne, Berkley, spoke regarding city regulations of firearm retailers near schools.

Mark Keist, Berkley, spoke regarding city regulations of firearm retailers near schools.

Linda Baer, Berkley, spoke regarding reinstatement of the prior chipper schedule.

Greg DuRoss, Berkley, asked for a status report on the search for a City Manager candidate.

Nick Forte, Berkley, spoke regarding city regulations of firearm retailers near schools.

Virgina Abramson, Royal Oak, spoke regarding Constitution Week 2024.

Carol Leiber, Berkley, spoke regarding city regulations of firearm retailers near schools.

Stephanie Poirer, Berkley, spoke regarding city regulations of firearm retailers near schools.

Heather Chesnutt, Berkley, spoke regarding city regulations of firearm retailers near schools.

Charles Tyrrell, Berkley, spoke regarding city regulations of firearm retailers near schools.

Hannah, Huntington Woods, spoke regarding city regulations of firearm retailers near schools.

Mike McGuinness, Downtown Development Authority executive director, said he is here to make a plug for Bookley! Its bone chillingly close! Skeletons have been decorated by Berkley families that will be throughout our two miles of downtown. The opportunity to participate still exists, you can go to downtownberkley.com to sign up, there are a few more weeks to pick up a skeleton for your group. He said the community really enjoys this festive and family-friendly festivity and hopes

everyone will visit downtownberkley.com to find out how to get involved. There will be a skeleton decorating party on September 29th at Ullman's on Coolidge at Franklin.

Clerk Victoria Mitchell:

Sarah Prebola, Michelle Mynderse, Lorene Branch, Ally Morici, Ronit Wagman, Emma Nickel, Kaitlyn Gasque, Ashley Poirier, Mariah Sefel, Ellie Mosko, Valerie Phillips, Irene Ryke, and Cori Peet, via individual emails, wrote regarding city regulations of firearm retailers near schools.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Vilani moved to approve the following Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Baker:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Matter of approving the minutes of the 40th Regular City Council meeting on Monday, August 12, 2024 and City Council Work Sessions on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

WARRANT: Matter of approving Warrant No.1402.

MOTION NO. M-72-24: Matter of approving the 2024-2025 Winter Maintenance Agreement between the Road Commission for Oakland County and the City of Berkley. The City will be reimbursed a total of \$12,449.94 which will be paid in two installments, \$6,224.97 due in December 2024 and \$6,224.97 due in March 2025.

MOTION NO. M-73-24: Matter of approving a budgeted purchase of four Ford F250 Pickup Trucks from Lunghammer Ford of Owosso, MI utilizing the State of Michigan/Macomb County Cooperative Bid Contract number 071B7700180. The purchase is budgeted under accounts 592-536-985-000 (Water and Sewer–Vehicle), 101-441-985-000 (General Fund–Vehicles), 226-528-985-000 (Sanitation–Vehicles), and 208-751-982-000 (Parks and Rec–Equipment).

MOTION NO. M-74-24: Matter of approving a budgeted contract for sewer lining services with SAK Construction utilizing the Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Group. Eight hundred thousand dollars was budgeted for this work under account 592-902-971-150.

MOTION NO. M-75-24: Matter of amending the City of Berkley's Fee Schedule to eliminate the nonresident library card fee and add fees for the Annual Parking Permit, Annual Parking Permit application, and Annual Parking Permit replacement.

MOTION NO. M-76-24: Matter of considering the budgeted purchase and installation of the Avigilon security system and exterior cameras at the library as proposed by Presidio for \$22,050.54 from account 101-790-983-000 (Office Equipment).

MOTION NO. M-77-24: Matter of approving the appointments to various boards and commissions.

MOTION NO. M-78-24: Matter of authorizing the Berkley Instrumental Boosters/Orchestra Association, 2325 Catalpa Drive, Berkley, Michigan, to conduct Berkley Tag Days 2024 in the City of Berkley on Friday, October 18th from 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, October 19th from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, October 20th from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

MOTION NO. M-79-24: Matter of authorizing the City Manager to approve the contract with Carlisle Wortman Associates to provide conceptual plan design for an urban plaza/parklet at the Dorothea Road street stub as part of the awarded SEMCOG planning grant.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-19-24: Matter of proclaiming October 2024 as Berkley Area Chamber of Commerce Month.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-20-24: Matter of proclaiming October 2024 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-21-24: Matter of proclaiming October 2024 as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-22-24: Matter of proclaiming October 2024 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION NO. P-23-24: Matter of proclaiming September 2024 as Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Patterson

Motion Approved.

Regular Agenda

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

None.

PRESENTATION: Matter of receiving a presentation from Assistant to the City Manager Charlaine Stevenson introducing Project Pink.

Assistant to the City Manager Charlaine Stevenson discussed the Project Pink initiative she developed and instituted in the City. The initiative provides feminine hygiene products for free in all City buildings; she said she is very thankful to bring this initiative to the City.

Project Pink was implemented in February of this year. She said the only place feminine hygiene projects were previously available was in City Hall for 25 cents. She said not everyone could afford the 25 cents; she said there were issues with what was available. She showed a product that was previously available which is from 1970. She wants to make sure healthy and usable items are available. Since February the stations have been refilled 10 times with heavier use at the Library and the Community Center.

PRESENTATION: Matter of receiving a presentation from Annaka Norris of Main Street Oakland County, recognizing Downtown Berkley for reaccreditation as a National Main Street Community.

Annaka Norris, Main Street Oakland County, presented with Mike McGuinness the national Main Street accreditation for the sixth time.

Ms. Norris provided a description of the Main Street Accreditation program including the impact of the program. She provided statistics describing the effect. She said they know Main Streets and DDAs don't have a lot of resources. She said it is a grassroots organization; she is happy to present the accreditation certificate. She thanked Council for its support and for providing the DDA with life and support.

Mr. McGuinness thanked Main Street Oakland County. He said this is the only county-level organization in the nation that has a dedicated Main Street program and that by going through the program Berkley has a higher degree of access to resources and support. He said this year the DDA invested those grant resources for a refresh of their website.

MOTION NO. M-80-24: Matter of approving a request for an indefinite road closure of Dorothea between Coolidge and the alleyway to facilitate a seasonal downtown public space.

Councilmember Baker moved to approve Motion No. M-80-24

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gavin

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

Nays: None

Absent: Patterson

Motion No. M-80-24 Approved.

Charles Tyrrell, Berkley, spoke in opposition to M-80-24.

ORDINANCE NO. O-08-24: Matter of approving the first reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan, to amend Section 30-186 through 30-189 of Article V, Rental Property, of Chapter 30, Businesses, of the Berkley City Code to allow for the regulation, licensing, and collection of fees associated with Short Term Rentals, prescribe a penalty for violations, and repeal conflicting ordinances.

Councilmember Black moved to approve Ordinance No. O-08-24

Seconded by Councilmember Vilani

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

Nays: None

Absent: Patterson

Ordinance No. O-08-24 Approved.

Greg DuRoss, Berkley, spoke regarding O-08-24.

Nick Fullmer, Berkley, spoke regarding O-08-24.

Sandra Porter, Berkley, spoke regarding O-08-24.

Bobby Roberts, Berkley, spoke regarding O-08-24.

MOTION NO. M-81-24: Matter of accepting the quarter ended June 30, 2024 budget-to-actual report.

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to approve Motion No. M-81-24

Seconded by Councilmember Hennen.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Patterson

Motion No. M-81-24 Approved.

Greg DuRoss, Berkley, spoke regarding M-81-24.

MOTION NO. M-82-24: Matter of authorizing the rollover amendment for the 2024/25 budget as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to approve Motion No. M-82-24

Seconded by Councilmember Hennen.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Patterson

Motion No. M-82-24 Approved.

MOTION NO. M-82-24: Matter of authorizing the rollover amendment for the 2024/25 budget as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to approve Motion No. M-82-24

Seconded by Councilmember Hennen.

Ayes: Black, Gavin, Hennen, Vilani, Baker, and Dean
Nays: None
Motion No. M-82-24 Approved.

MOTION NO. M-83-24: Matter of directing staff to communicate the end of the yard waste bag tag program and the establishment of a bi-weekly brush clean-up program beginning April 1, 2025, and to make any necessary budget amendments.

Councilmember Vilani moved to approve Motion No. M-83-24
Seconded by Councilmember Baker
Ayes: Gavin, Hennen, Vilani, Baker, Black, and Dean
Nays: None
Absent: Patterson
Motion No. M-83-24 Approved.

MOTION NO. M-84-24: Matter of suspending the Council Rules and Order of Procedures to allow new business to be introduced and discussed past 10 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to approve Motion No. M-84-24
Seconded by Councilmember Baker
Ayes: Hennen, Vilani, Baker, Black, Gavin, and Dean
Nays: None
Absent: Patterson
Motion No. M-84-24 Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-21-24: Matter of approving a resolution banning carnivals within the City of Berkley.

Councilmember Hennen moved to approve Resolution No. R-21-24
Seconded by Councilmember Baker
Ayes: Vilani, Baker, Gavin, Hennen, and Dean
Nays: Black
Absent: Patterson
Resolution No. R-21-24 Approved.

DISCUSSION: Matter of receiving the Berkley Days After Action Report and considering a resolution banning carnivals.

Mr. Geinzer said this is not about ending Berkley Days; this is about ending carnivals. He said two key things: 1) we had an incident on that night that required 41 public safety officials to be in our community to get a circumstance under control. That's going to cause a lot of stress on our community and public safety officers as well as create strain on our mutual aid partners. He said this is the second year in a row that something like this has happened. 2) We have to think about worse-case scenarios, unfortunately, and he has a hard time coming to grips with what could have happened if we had another incident at that same time in our community.

Mr. Geinzer said he and Chief Koehn had a very good conversation with the Chair of the Berkley Days Association. They all share the same concerns and priorities regarding the event moving forward. He can't put words in their mouth but to him what he heard was relief but new excitement to continuing and reimagining the event.

Chief Koehn said last year we had some issues, we put the recommendations from last year's after-action report to use in planning this year's event. The Berkley Days committee did a great job and hired a great security company; he said they did everything asked of them. He said the Public Safety Department also upped their game, they had more people there initially. He said they gave their best effort to make this a safe event. He said he grew up in Berkley and went to Berkley Days

himself as a kid before bringing his own kids there; he said he knows Lt. Hadfield was the same way. He said this is tough for all of us.

Lt. Hadfield presented the after-action report. He said he is the incident commander and didn't have any incidents until last year.

Lt. Hadfield went over the history of Public Safety involvement at Berkley Days. He said conflict was limited to scuffles that were quickly handled. The biggest issue previously had always been parking.

Last year the event was shared through social media channels. He said that in talking with the Berkley Days committee it was nothing that they pushed out it was just shared because it's public information. He said that last year around 5 p.m. they began getting many juveniles arriving wearing masks and carrying duffle bags. He said that it felt different and that they needed to get it under control. The event was shut down; during the shutdown, there were traffic concerns/congestion.

He said they began working on the plan in February; there were discussions in regards to a security company and fencing coming in. They implemented a no-bags rule. He said that at some point on Saturday, the kids started to sneak masks in. They changed parking routes and emergency access. Before Thursday they only had two parking complaints. On Friday they had another parking complaint, a littering charge and a stolen bicycle. On Saturday at 6 p.m. the crowds started to increase. Kids were trying to get sneak masks in. He said more conflicts began to happen, they began to feel that it was similar to 2023. He said the first fight broke out and another broke out and the event was terminated. They started to push everyone out; that went well when having to send 2-3,000 out on side streets. Two fights were observed by officers. As the kids were pushed out towards Coolidge and 12 Mile there were calls of kids fighting, but officers couldn't find them. The plan was to move the crowd to main roads. Lt. Kobernick had officers in those areas get the businesses shut down. He said there was no robbery at CVS, he was there within minutes of Berkley Days being shut down. When they got to 11 Mile and Coolidge, 50 or more kids had pulled masks on. Now they had a big issue with kids running across 11 Mile in masks. Most kids had no way home; he said that was probably one of the biggest problems was the unsupervised children who were there who had been dropped off by parents or friends and had no way home. A 10-year-old waited for two hours to get picked up by a parent. He said there were other rumors, but nothing else happened. By 10 p.m. almost everyone had been picked up. By 11 p.m. the report was cleared.

He reviewed the costs: 16 Berkley PSOs responded at 7 p.m.; 25 mutual aid officers also responded at 7 p.m.; total estimate for law enforcement \$13,276 (Saturday); total estimate for entire event \$37,488. He said he hears Arts, Beats, and Eats doesn't have this problem; he said they have a \$200,000 security budget. He went over local; carnivals and how they were shut down or canceled. Unsupervised youth has a potential for problems. Had something else happened at the same time, what would they do? He said it also impacted Oak Park as kids spilled into their community.

Emergency Manager Jack Blanchard said they worked very closely with the Berkley Days committee; he said they did a great job working with Public Safety and spent over \$18,000.

Mr. Geinzer said this is an event that has outgrown our community and our resources.

Councilmember Vilani thanked Public Safety and Mr. Blanchard and everyone involved. She said it may not have been the outcome they wanted, but safety was maintained. She said they moved here when she was four; she said the scariest thing we had to do was did you eat the elephant ear before or after the spinny ride. She said this year she was leery before sending her kids out to go

to Berkley Days despite all the best efforts. We all felt that frustration. She thinks it is time to look at other options; she said it's time for a celebration that is fitting to the community.

Councilmember Baker said he echoed the sentiments of gratitude and appreciation expressed by his colleagues for all the work that has gone into preparing the last two Berkley Days events. He said the reactions and adjustments made based on the experiences from the first year helped make the second year much safer. The quick action and swift thinking of our response teams were commendable; the thoroughness of the report is also worth noting, and we appreciate the time and effort that it took to gather all the facts based on evidence and interviews.

He said that as we look into the future, it's important to remember that Berkley Days began as a parade in 1926 to celebrate the paving of Coolidge. Before Berkley was even a city, the paving of a road was a significant event, and it served as the impetus for starting this celebration. Since then, it has evolved into an annual celebration of Berkeley becoming a city, which began in 1932.

He said he thinks revisiting the past could provide us with potential ideas for incorporating additional ways to engage with residents, in addition to having a destination at the end of a parade or whatever we choose to do. That would be really fun. He said he, too, is saddened that a midway carnival is no longer feasible, not only from a geographic and space perspective as the event grows but also because the logistical challenges are becoming insurmountable. It is clear that Berkley is not the only city facing these challenges; this trend seems to be quite popular.

Mayor Dean said as she was reading through the packet she spent time with Mayor McClellan from Oak Park. They did it all too. She said the guns weren't inside the event; it was a success, but then the guns were in the neighborhood. She thinks they are in a moment of rethinking Berkley Days. She said she looks forward to hearing from the Berkley Days committee. She thinks they could have a successful event that reflects the pride and values of our community, as well as the togetherness that Berkley Days signifies. For many people, it marks the beginning of summer and serves as a homecoming of sorts. Those who grew up here but no longer live in Berkley return to see friends and family gather. She said she thinks we can still capture that spirit in a reimagined way. While what this event looks like may change, she said she believes it will still feel like the Berkley community event we all know and love.

Councilmember Hennen said He believes this is the appropriate resolution for the right time. He hopes this is just a temporary trend that will eventually pass, allowing the community to revisit the idea of carnivals and potentially resume them when they are safe again. For now, he thinks this is the appropriate step to take.

Councilmember Black said this is tough for him because the warrior in him wants to say that this is terrorism. He believes that people are trying to change their way of life, and he wants to advocate for steeling themselves and continuing as they have, without letting external forces alter their path. However, he realizes they must be realistic about the situation.

He acknowledges that there are many phenomenal people in the community who have done an amazing job planning these events. While he wants to express something warrior-like and inspirational, urging them to fight back and not let these incidents change their way of life, the parent in him resonates with Council Member Vilani's point. He recalls sending his three children

to an event and feeling a wave of anxiety when something happened. That feeling led him to realize it's not just about their community; it's a larger issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin said there is a lot of sadness and disappointment, but at its core, it's appropriate, prudent, and measured.

Greg DuRoss, Berkley, spoke regarding a proposed city ordinance to ban carnivals.

Tom Luca, Berkley, spoke regarding a proposed city ordinance to ban carnivals.

Monique Luca, Berkley, spoke regarding a proposed city ordinance to ban carnivals.

Bobby Roberts, spoke regarding a proposed city ordinance to ban carnivals.

Mike McGuinness, DDA Director, asked if the resolution spells out what a carnival is. If it was a festival. It would benefit the community to spell out the definition of what a carnival is.

Gambino Protection, spoke regarding security services they have available for the event.

Jenna Hance, Berkley Days, spoke regarding a proposed city ordinance to ban carnivals.

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER BAKER

- He thanked everyone who came out to speak on any of the issues on the agenda.
- The DDA met last Wednesday morning and talked about strategies for Coolidge; the striping for Coolidge has been completed.
- Congrats on our sixth-anniversary awarding of Main Street Community. That is a tremendous accomplishment.
- Bookley! month is coming up beginning with skeleton decorating now underway. Visit downtownBookley.com or downtownberkley.com.
- The Historic committee meets tomorrow evening. They are excited about the upcoming kit home tour. Tickets are available at Berkleychamber.com. Museum hours are expanding, in addition to Sundays and Wednesdays they will now be available the second Thursday of each month.
- Patrick Leone once said, "The best way to help your community is to become an active volunteer."
- In addition to their roles here, Council volunteers to help advance the causes of their community and like-minded folks across the state, and of those is active participation in the Michigan Municipal League. They attended the MML annual convention last week representing the City; it is with great pleasure he announces additional advancements from members of Council: Mayor Dean was elected to the Michigan Association of Mayors, Councilmember Hennen was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees and as elected president of the Elected Officials' Academy.
- Hug somebody, it's really important.

COUNCILMEMBER HENNEN

- He said that we started and ended the night talking about guns. There is very little we can do at the local level but one thing they can do is fast-track the ordinance prohibiting guns. He would like to see us even faster than the current zoning ordinance get it through as quickly as they can.
- Tree board summer hiatus is over, they will next meet on September 23rd 7 p.m.
- Zoning Board of Appeals heard two cases at their August meeting and approved additions for two residential dwellings. They had no cases in September, but will consider three cases on October 14th.

- All councilmembers attended the MML and it was great to connect with other communities and network. The one session he wants to share is the deeper dive into developing thriving communities; the MML staff is working on tools to help communities thrive. He is staying in touch with staff there and hopes to bring their improvements to our community.

COUNCIL MEMBER BLACK

- Technology Advisement Committee will meet on September 18th in the second-floor conference room of the public safety building. He said they are excited to see what this merger of TAC and CEAC will yield.
- He said as a proud gun owner, no one wants more common-sense rules than gun owners.
- He said what breaks his heart about Berkley days is that these are kids. He said as an active military member, he spends his days trying to figure out how to get America's enemies off this planet. A 14-year-old with a gun, with all respect to security company that spoke, bad men are different than babies. All of us need to invest in our kids. Take that with you home.

COUNCIL MEMBER VILANI

- Chamber Chat will meet on Friday, September 20th at Woodward Corners.
- Kit home tour is coming up on September 28th from 10 a.m. to 4 pm. It's a great chance to tour unique homes, and reach out to the chamber for tickets.
- October 23rd – save the date for the State of The City. Get ready to hear lots of great information about our City.
- The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee is this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Public Safety building.
- Congrats to the Berkley High School sports team, boys' varsity soccer and football both got wins this weekend!
- As always thank you to all of those that have come to share their opinions on a lot of topics.
- November is a big election regardless of what side you are on, suburban women voters have the highest apathy rates around. Take this time to get to know candidates. Ms. Mitchell has done a remarkable job working to ensure that we have safe and accessible voting here in Berkley. Early voting is available nine days leading up to the election and you can register to vote the day of the election. Get out there and use your voice, it is your civic duty and responsibility.

MAYOR PRO TEM GAVIN

- The next Library Board meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Library.
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board will meet next on October 10th at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.
- Echoed comments made by his colleagues on various topics tonight.
- He said he really appreciated the chance to be at MML to learn best practices and network with other electeds and continue to improve our communities.
- He gave a big congratulations to both the Mayor and Councilmember Hennen on their hard work and achievement as recognized municipal leaders.
- congratulations to Director McGuiness on re-accreditation as a National Main Street Community, a lot of hard work, a lot of effort, and love go into what you do and of course what the county does generally with Main Street and so we're just very appreciative of that effort.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER NATE GEINZER

- He said there will be a press release going out tomorrow regarding the search for candidates for City Manager. Council has invited the finalists from 5-6 p.m. to A Little Taste of Berkley, residents can mingle with candidates and leave their thoughts on available comment cards.
- Interviews will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1st.

CITY ATTORNEY DAN CHRIST

- No updates

MAYOR DEAN

- Wished a Happy Birthday to "Aunt Mary", who turned 108 on September 4th.
- DCFC Youth South Oakland Boys 2008 Rogue Team are National President's Cup champions. These young men worked hard, they had two games that went into overtime that they won and two shootout games that they also won so congratulations to the team and Coach Douge.
- In regards to MML, she said she appreciates the opportunity to be in a setting where learning is a focus and talk to other officials. She said she moderated a session entitled Equitable Small Business Ecosystems Tangible Ways to Support Your Business Community, which was not only interesting but she learned that Berkley's already doing many of the things that were suggested, so thank you Ms. Kapelanski and your department for being proactive and to Mr. McGuinness for attracting new business and working with businesses that are thinking about coming into Berkley.
- October is 'Berkley Cares' month, to kick it off there will be a pancake breakfast benefitting Berkley Cares food pantry. The breakfast will be in the social hall on the lower level of the Church from 8 to 11 a.m. The menu will be pancakes, juice, bacon, and coffee; a minimum donation of \$15 per adult and \$10 per child (10 and under). Donations can be made at the berkleycaresfoodpantry.com; the pantry accepts PayPal so if you go that route please put pancake breakfast in the notes section and how many adult or child plates you're paying for. This is a council-initiated effort, as many who are able will be there setting up, cleaning, and serving. The pantry does so much good not only in Berkley but in the surrounding community.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Vilani moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:44 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Hennen

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Patterson

Motion Approved.

Bridget Dean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria Mitchell, City Clerk