THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORTIETH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024 BY MAYOR DEAN

PRESENT: Councilmember Steve Baker Councilmember Clarence Black Mayor Pro Tem Ross Gavin Councilmember Dennis Hennen

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Matt Baumgarten City Attorney Dan Christ City Clerk Victoria Mitchell Facilities Manager Alex Brown Parks & Recreation Interim Director Dan McMinn Community Development Director Kristen Kapelanski Public Safety Lt. Andrew Hadfield Councilmember Gregory Patterson Councilmember Jessica Vilani Mayor Bridget Dean

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Via email: Joshua Hunter, Berkley, submitted questions/comments regarding M-04-24, M-06-24 and M-08-24.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Patterson 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, January 8, 2024 and the Special City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

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

Regular Agenda

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

Agenda.

MOTION NO. M-04-24: Matter of approving the agreement with Allied Building Services for the designbuild work consisting of a new clerk's area and other office reconfigurations at City Hall, at a cost not to exceed \$60,590.50. Please also allocate \$12,000 for construction contingencies. Funds for this project will be coming from account 101-265-976-000. Councilmember Hennen moved to approve Motion No. M-04-24 Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gavin

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

Nays: None

Motion M-04-24 Approved.

MOTION NO. M-05-24: Matter of authorizing the Mayor to execute a third-party Vehicle Lease Agreement between SMART and the City of Berkley for public transportation services primarily designed for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

Councilmember Patterson moved to approve Motion No. M-05-24 Seconded by Councilmember Vilani Ayes: Patterson, Vilani, Baker, Black, Gavin, Hennen, and Dean Nays: None Motion No. M-05-24 Approved.

MOTION NO. M-06-24: Matter of approving the Berkley Days event beginning May 9, 2024 and ending on May 12, 2024 located at the Berkley Community Center, 2400 Robina. Approval is conditional upon submitting required items and documents before event dates. Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to approve Motion No. M-06-24 Seconded by Councilmember Baker Ayes: Vilani, Baker, Black, Gavin, Hennen, Patterson, and Dean Nays: None Motion M-06-24 Approved.

MOTION NO. M-07-24: Matter of approving the Interlocal Agreement for participation in and creation of the Oakland County Building Officials Association Damage Assessment Mutual Aid Agreement. Councilmember Patterson moved to approve Motion No. M-07-24 Seconded by Councilmember Black Ayes: Baker, Black, Gavin, Hennen, Patterson, Vilani and Dean Nays: None Motion M-07-24 Approved.

MOTION NO. M-08-24: Matter of authorizing the amendment of the 2023-24 Budget as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to approve Motion No. M-08-24 Seconded by Councilmember Baker Ayes: Black, Gavin, Hennen, Patterson, Vilani, Baker and Dean Nays: None Motion M-08-24 Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

MAYOR PRO TEM GAVIN

- The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board will be on February 8th at 7pm at the Community Center.
- The Library Board will next meet on February 28th at 7pm at the Library.

COUNCILMEMBER VILANI

• The Environmental Advisory Committee will next meet on February 20th at 6:30pm in the second-floor conference room of the Public Safety building.

- The Berkley Area Chamber Chat will be on February 16th at Avenue Real Estate on 12 Mile at 8:30am and on March 15th at the American Legion at 8:30 am.
- The Berkley Area Chamber would like to welcome one of Berkley's newest businesses, Jewels Pet Cuisine on 12 Mile. We are 'pawsitively' excited that they're here!

COUNCILMEMBER PATTERSON

 Planning Commission met on January 23rd, where it approved a façade change for a business going in on 11 Mile. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27th at 7pm in Council chambers.

COUNCILMEMBER BLACK

- The Technology Advisory Committee is continuing to be worked on by Communications Director Caitlin Flora. We are looking forward to the launch.
- Had the opportunity to do a joint Black History Month/Veteran's video with his wife for Oakland County Veteran's Service Organization.

COUNCILMEMBER HENNEN

- Tree board met to discuss its plans for this coming year; members have completed a report for Council on their accomplishments last year.
- The next meeting of the Tree Board will be on Monday, February 26th.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Monday, February 12th; members are continuing to look at a variance for a gas station on 11 Mile as well as two new cases: a dimensional variance and a parking variance
- The Zoning Ordinance Steering Committee will meet Wednesday, February 7th.
- Talk with Dennis office hours will be from noon 2pm on Saturday, February 10th at the Library.

COUNCILMEMBER BAKER

- The Historical Committee meets next week on Tuesday, February 13th at 7pm in the secondfloor conference room of the Public Safety building. Read about the Committee in the latest issue of the Berkley Buzz – great write up, thanks to the team for their fantastic work. You can also check them out at Berkleyhistory.com.
- The next meeting of the Downtown Development Authority will be on February 14th at 8:15am in the second-floor conference room of the Public Safety building. Visit downtownberkley.com for more information.
- Morgan Freeman once said, "I don't want a Black History Month, black history is American history." This year's Black History Month theme is the arts, the many contributions of black Americans to visual arts, music, cultural movements and more. There are many ways to learn, enjoy and celebrate this month including visiting the Charles Wright Museum in Detroit, which has some tremendous information and displays, watching movies documentaries about African-American history, creating art or volunteering. Please take those into consideration as we embrace this month.
- Stay safe and hug someone you love.

CITY MANAGER MATT BAUMGARTEN

- Attended the Michigan Municipal Executives Winter Institute last week; it's a gathering of city managers from all across the state, about 215 huddled together talking about the triumphs and challenges of the position as well as plans for the future. It is heartening to talk with others going through what you are going through; there are innumerable benefits from attending. He thanked Council for continuing to fund professional development and continuing to believe in the benefits to the City from that knowledge.
- In November, Council adopted a Strategic Plan that will guide us over the next couple of years; it's available on the City's website and a link went out today via social media. It's interesting for the community to see where Council wants to invest our resources and look

at the future. It is different than the Master Plan as it is more tactile, more of how we plan to get there.

• Said 'Happy Birthday' to his boys, Sam and Wes, as well as his wife, Rebecca.

CITY ATTORNEY DAN CHRIST

• Reminded Council that he has an attorney-client privileged communication to share during the scheduled special meeting immediately following this meeting.

MAYOR DEAN

- Had the honor and privilege of attending the State of the State as a guest of Sen. McMorrow. She said just being in the capitol is an incredible experience, the building itself is stunning. She said it's quite historical and awe-inspiring.
- She gave kudos to Ms. Mitchell and the Clerk's Office for all that's been thrown at them and the things they've implemented. There are so many ways to vote now: early voting, absentee voting, as well as coming in and filling in ovals on the day of. She thanked them for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Patterson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:53 pm Seconded by Councilmember Vilani Ayes: Hennen, Patterson, Vilani, Baker, Black, Gavin and Dean Nays: None Motion Approved.

Bridget Dean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria Mitchell, City Clerk