

**THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FORTY-FIRST COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN
WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:32 PM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026 BY MAYOR DEAN**

PRESENT: Councilmember Clarence Black (attending remotely due to military duty)
Councilmember Gary Elrod
Mayor Pro Tem Ross Gavin
Councilmember Dennis Hennen
Councilmember Gregory Patterson
Mayor Bridget Dean

ABSENT: Councilmember Steve Baker

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Crystal VanVleck

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION: Matter of considering whether to meet in closed session per Crystal VanVleck's request to consider the City Manager's periodic performance evaluation per MCL 15.268(1)(a).

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to convene in closed session.
Seconded by Councilmember Patterson
Ayes: Elrod, Gavin, Hennen, Patterson, Black and Dean
Nays: None
Absent: Baker
Motion Approved.

**THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF THE FORTY-FIRST COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY,
MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:35 PM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026 BY MAYOR DEAN**

PRESENT: Councilmember Clarence Black (attending remotely due to military duty)
Councilmember Gary Elrod
Mayor Pro Tem Ross Gavin
Councilmember Dennis Hennen
Councilmember Gregory Patterson
Mayor Bridget Dean

ABSENT: Councilmember Steve Baker

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Crystal VanVleck

Members of Council met in closed session to consider the City Manager's periodic performance evaluation per MCL 15.268(1)(a).

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to adjourn the Closed Session Meeting at 4:42 PM
Seconded by Councilmember Hennen
Ayes: Elrod, Gavin, Hennen, Patterson, Black and Dean
Nays: None
Absent: Baker
Motion Approved.

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORTY-FIRST COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN
WAS CALLED BACK TO ORDER AT 4:43 PM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026 BY MAYOR DEAN**

PRESENT: Councilmember Clarence Black (attending remotely due to military duty)
Councilmember Gary Elrod
Mayor Pro Tem Ross Gavin
Councilmember Dennis Hennen
Councilmember Gregory Patterson
Mayor Bridget Dean

ABSENT: Councilmember Steve Baker

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Crystal VanVleck

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Patterson moved to adjourn the Special Meeting at 4:45 PM
Seconded by Councilmember Elrod
Ayes: Black, Elrod, Gavin, Hennen, Patterson and Dean
Nays: None
Absent: Baker
Motion Approved.

Bridget Dean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal VanVleck, City Manager