

October 17, 2016

**Regular City Council Meeting – 7:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan convened in the Council Chambers, 26215 Trowbridge, on Monday, October 17, 2016.

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting: City Council members discussed:

- A. The agenda.
- B. HB5382
- C. Housing Commission
- D. Distress Cities Grant

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Oden** Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e).

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT:

**Moved by Councilmember Oden, Seconded by Councilmember Jones** to adjourn the closed Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

**Call Meeting to Order**

Mayor Nolen called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

City Council and the public in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**Prayer**

Prayer was led by Pastor Thelma Jean Overman.

**Roll Call**

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| Mayor Nolen             | Present | Councilwoman Howard    | Present |
| Councilwoman Watley     | Present | Mayor Pro-Tem Williams | Present |
| Councilman Oden         | Present | Councilman Jones       | Present |
| Councilwoman Richardson | Present |                        |         |

**Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to approve the agenda with added item "G" and "H" under New Business.**  
**10-16-236R - Motion carried.**

**Presentations/Discussion**

- A. Commissioner Glenn Anderson's office – Mary McClendon
- B. Parks and Recreation Halloween Party – Craig Lewis & Nicole Fuller
- ~~B. The RISE Initiative ALNUR Inkster African Dance and Drumming Class – Crystal Linton (REMOVE)~~

**Public Hearings**

**Consent Agenda**

- A. October 3, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to approved the Consent Agenda.**  
**Resolution 10-16-237R – Motion carried.**

**Boards and Commission**

- A. Update of current list of appointments to Boards & Commissions.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to appoint Lenoria Warmack to the Compensation Commission.**  
**Resolution 10-16-238R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams to appoint Thelma Jean Overman to the Compensation Commission.**  
**Resolution 10-16-239R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to appoint Debra Owens to the Compensation Commission.**  
**Resolution 10-16-240R – Motion carried.**  
**NAY: (Howard, Richardson)**

**Previous Business**

**Ordinance(s)**

- A. First Reading(s)
- B. Second Reading(s)

**New Business**

- A. Discussion/Action: (William Riley) Consider approval of the request to purchase three (3) 2006 Harley Davidson Police Motorcycles from the city of Dearborn Heights Police Department for a total of \$14,000.00 to be paid with drug forfeiture funds.

**Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to approve the request to purchase three (3) 2006 Harley Davidson Police Motorcycles from the city of Dearborn Heights Police Department for a total of \$14,000.00 to be paid with drug forfeiture funds.**  
**Resolution 10-16-241R – Motion carried.**

- B. Discussion/Action (Jeannie Fields) Consider a resolution in support of commitment and cooperation with the Michigan Main Street Program in continuing as an Associate Main Street Community.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve a resolution in support of commitment and cooperation with the Michigan Main Street Program in continuing as an Associate Main Street Community.**  
**Resolution 10-16-242R – Motion carried.**

- C. Discussion/Action: (Jeannie Fields) Consider approval of an offer to purchase (Case # LD 16-11) one parcel of land in the Town Center District (TCD) in a residential area located on the west side of Justine Ave between St. Michael Ave (east of Harrison) and S. River View Dr. and is legally described as Lot 149 SONK Sub T2S R9E L53 P70 WCR (Property ID #44-007-07-0149-000) in the total amount of \$250.00 to Mark W. Fritz.

**Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve approval of an offer to purchase (Case # LD 16-11) one parcel of land in the Town Center District (TCD) in a residential area located on the west side of Justine Ave between St. Michael Ave (east of Harrison) and S. River View Dr. and is legally described as Lot 149 SONK Sub T2S R9E L53 P70 WCR (Property ID #44-007-07-0149-000) in the total amount of \$250.00 to Mark W. Fritz.**  
**Resolution 10-16-243R – Motion carried.**

- D. Discussion/Action: (Chuck Hubbard) Consider approval and adoption of the City of Inkster Emergency Plan.

**Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to approve the adoption of the City of Inkster Emergency Plan.**  
**Resolution 10-16-244R – Motion carried.**

- E. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Consider adoption of a Resolution in support of HB5382.

**Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve a Resolution in support of HB5382.**  
**Resolution 10-16-245R – Motion carried.**

- F. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Consider a Resolution to refund Inkster Citizens That Care their room rental rate from Parks and Recreation for their annual Chicken and Waffles Breakfast fundraiser to support Coats for Kids.

**Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Oden**

**to approve a Resolution to refund Inkster Citizens That Care their room rental rate from Parks and Recreation for their annual Chicken and Waffles Breakfast fundraiser to support Coats for Kids.**

**Resolution 10-16-246R** – Motion denied.

**NAY (Nolen, Howard, Oden, Watley, Richardson)**

**ABSTAIN: (Williams)**

- G. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Consideration of a Resolution in support of condemning violence and hate speech, expressing solidarity with Muslims and all those targeted for their ethnicity, race or religion.

**Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Richardson to approve a Resolution in support of condemning violence and hate speech, expressing solidarity with Muslims and all those targeted for their ethnicity, race or religion.**

**Resolution 10-16-247R** – Motion carried.

- H. Discussion/Action: (City Council) To vote in accordance with the vote that was taken in closed session. (Branden)

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to vote in accordance with the vote that was taken in closed session. (Branden)**

**Resolution 10-16-248R** – Motion carried.

### **Public Participation**

- **Mary McClendon** – Announced the Coffee Talks for Commissioner Glenn Anderson. She stated that Wayne County has a balanced budget. She said take your Souls to the Polls.
- **Nichole Fuller** – Announced the Halloween Party at Parks and Recreation on October 31, 2016.
- **Owen Roper** – Announced October 27<sup>th</sup> Clean – Up in Denby from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
- **Judge Debra Thomas** – Stated it is important to vote in the upcoming November election. She said that be sure to vote the non-partisan section of the ballot.
- **Freddie Lee** – Stated the Firefighters that work in the Fire Department need a raise.
- **Karen Lee** – Stated that the Firefighters had a pay decrease and their sick and vacation taken. She asked that the Firefighters be paid what the surrounding cities are being paid. She asked when the city calendars would be disbursed, is VA Housing benefiting the residents. Lastly she asked what is being done about H&H metals with regards to Michigan Ave.
- **Shirley Hankerson** – She stated she is a product of Lemoyne Gardens and it hurt her heart to hear about the conditions during the orientation discussion.
- **Ernest Hendricks** – Stated he loves the City of Inkster and does believe that change is necessary. He stated that the quality of change concerns him. He asked residents to pay attention to section six in the new proposed charter.
- **Gabe Henderson** – Announced the Inkster Goodfellows Pancake Breakfast. He stated the proceeds of the breakfast would go to Toys for Tots so that every child can have a Christmas.
- **Larry Motley** – Stated he received a charter flyer in the mail and the endorsements that were on the flyer did not have proper permission. He asked residents to vote no on the charter.
- **Regina Thomas** – Stated she is a candidate on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot and asked for support from the residents.
- **Jean Overman** – Announced the Ministerial Alliance meeting. She asked residents to get out and vote. She said that fifty Thanksgiving baskets would be given out.

- **Akindede Akinyemi** – Announced the DDA meeting. He stated that Wayne County Community College is looking for persons interested in Cyber Security degrees.
- **Rev. George Williams** – Stated that the Recreation Complex is allowing some organizations to use the Recreation Complex with no charge.
- **Nicole James** – Stated she is a candidate for Michigan Court of Appeals and asked for the community support
- **Opal Nolen** – Invited residents to watch the debate at the Stardust. She also announced the Senior Forum Luncheon on October 27, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. she asked that City Council bring gifts as they usually have in the past.

#### City Clerk

- The City Clerk encouraged residents to vote in the November 8, 2016 General Presidential Election. She also stated that persons can vote absentee.

#### City Manager

- Stated that a new cashier would be starting work. He said his plans are to open City Hall during lunch.

#### Mayor and Council

- **Councilwoman Watley** – Stated that a district discussion would take place at Christ Temple City of Refugee Church. She announced the Charter Revision Forum on October 27, 2016. Additionally, she stated that ICAN would be would be hosting their annual ICandy Convoy. She said that ICAN members got to different areas in the city and disburse candy to children that can't make it out to the Halloween party. Lastly, she encouraged all residents to vote in the November 8, 2016 General Presidential Election.
- **Councilwoman Howard** – Thanked DPS and the City Manager for their work on Inkster Rd. She stated that residents should pay attention to section 5.11 in the new proposed charter. She said that residents stated to her that at the charter forums, the questions they wanted to ask were not being asked. Lastly she stated she received a flyer in the mail supporting the charter and only four councilpersons were on the photo. She stated that if they all could not be united then the flyer with the photo should not have gone out.
- **Councilwoman Richardson** – Stated it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She encouraged everyone to get their breast screening and checkups. Lastly, she read a poem about Cancer.
- **Councilman Jones** – Announced the Coffee Hour for Senator Knezek on November 14, 2016 He also announced the Boo Bash at the Recreation Complex on October 31, 2016. He stated that Tim Cain would be visiting Detroit and if any person was interested in attending to let him know.
- **Councilman Oden** – Stated he has been working with Middlebelt Park Block Club with regards to cleaning up District II. He said they are slowly getting the area cleaned up and thanked them for their assistance. Lastly, he said that children are playing basketball in the streets and cars have to stop and wait before they can pass them. He said he is very concerned that some kid is going to get hurt.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** – Thanked Pastor Overman for the prayer. He stated he has been quiet about the charter. He stated he is in support of the new proposed charter. He said the old charter is almost one hundred years old. He lastly stated that the city needs to move forward.
- **Mayor Nolen** – Announced Lunch with the Mayor on Thursday, October 20, 2016. He further announced that Commissioner Glenn Anderson would be hosing Make a Senior Smile on November 5, 2016. He stated that he loves the City of Inkster and is working for on behalf of the citizens. He encouraged residents to vote yes on the new proposed charter.

#### Closed Session

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and carried, the Regular Council meeting of October 3, 2016 was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk  
City of Inkster