



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan convened virtually on Monday, November 15, 2021, and called to order by Mayor Patrick Wimberly, Chairman, at 7:07 p.m.

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

- The agenda
- Entered closed session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 (f).

Prayer

Prayer was led by Rev. George Williams, City Councilmember.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Mayor Wimberly	Present	Councilmember Watley	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Present	Councilmember Chisholm	Present
Councilmember Williams	Present	Councilmember Shaw	Present
Councilmember Washington	Present		

***A Quorum was present**

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve the agenda moving Item 1D, Closed Session, to the end of the agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Williams	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye
Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye
Councilmember Washington	Aye	Councilmember Shaw	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

None

Public Hearings

A. Cherry Hill Family Center Project Ordinance– 29744 Cherry Road

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Chisholm, second by Councilmember Williams to open the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye
Councilmember Washington	Aye	Councilmember Shaw	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye	Councilmember Williams	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

The following persons commented:

- Timothy Williams asked how much revenue the city would realize from the project annually. Answer: Approximately \$90,000
- Norma McDaniel expressed agreement with Councilmember Watley.
- Councilmember LaGina Washington asked if there would be any increases in the senior's rent as a result of the project. Answer: No
- Councilmember George Williams asked if vacancies increased would the projected revenues decrease. Answer: Yes, projected revenues are based on a 95% occupancy rate.
- Marla Edwards-Wheeler asked how the project would improve resources and quality of life for the residents. Answer: The increased revenue would be used to fund resources relevant to public safety.
- Councilmember Dennard Shaw asked if Inkster Housing a participant in the project. Answer: No

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Williams, second by Councilmember Chisholm to close the Public Hearing at 7:53 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Washington	Aye	Councilmember Shaw	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye	Councilmember Williams	Aye
Councilmember Watley	Aye	Councilmember Chisholm	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

A. November 1, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye	Councilmember Williams	Aye
Councilmember Watley	Aye	Councilmember Chisholm	Aye
Councilmember Shaw	Aye	Councilmember Washington	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

Boards and Commission

A. No changes were noted.

Previous Business

A. City Council Meeting Rules

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Watley, second by Councilmember Chisholm to table the amended City Council Meeting Rules for a future meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Watley	Aye	Councilmember Chisholm	Aye
Councilmember Shaw	Aye	Councilmember Washington	Aye
Councilmember Williams	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

Ordinance(s)

A. First Reading

The council offered a first reading of the Cherry Hill Family Development Ordinance that pertains to provisions for a service charge in lieu of taxes for housing projects for low-income persons and families financed with a federally aided or authority-aided mortgage loan or an advance or grant from the authority pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966 (1966 PA 346, as amended: MCL 125.1401, et seq (the "Act")

New Business

- A. Resolution commending the cities of Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Wayne, and Westland for providing automatic mutual aid for fire response at Cherry Hill Place Apartments on October 8, 2021.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, second by Councilmember Chisholm to approve Resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Shaw	Aye	Councilmember Washington	Aye
Councilmember Williams	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye
Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

B. Firehouse Roof Replacement

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Chisholm, second by Councilmember Williams to accept bid from Lutz Roofing to replace the firehouse roof in the amount of \$75,241.84.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Williams	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye
Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye
Councilmember Washington	Aye	Councilmember Shaw	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

C. Firehouse Restroom Upgrades

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howard and seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve the acceptance of an alternate bid from Midwest Construction to upgrade restrooms at the firehouse.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye
Councilmember Washington	Aye	Councilmember Shaw	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye	Councilmember Williams	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

D. Firehouse HVAC Replacement

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Williams, second by Councilmember Chisholm to approve acceptance of bid from Expert Mechanical Service to replace HVAC system at the firehouse.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Washington	Aye	Councilmember Shaw	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye	Councilmember Williams	Aye
Councilmember Watley	Aye	Councilmember Chisholm	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

E. Inkster Trailhead Project Grant Application

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Watley, second by Councilmember Washington to approve a letter of support for the Inkster Trailhead Project grant application for Design Development Grant funding through the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye	Councilmember Williams	Aye
Councilmember Watley	Aye	Councilmember Chisholm	Aye
Councilmember Shaw	Aye	Councilmember Washington	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

Public Comment

The following persons participated in public comment:

- Octavia Smith commented on the availability of services and COVID vaccines at Western Wayne Family Health Center. (313)561-5100.
- Carlos Spicy Weiner – No comment once called upon
- Timothy Williams asked if the city has a plan for infrastructure projects. Answer: Yes, projects have been identified and are shovel ready.
- Bill Ratliff commented on the great loss of Toni Bailey to the City of Inkster, commending her endless clean-up efforts. He proposed to the Council to consider renaming Westwood Park to the "Community Toni Bailey Memorial Park".

City Clerk

- No comment.

Treasurer

- No comment.

City Council

- **Councilmember Watley**
 - Requested a song from Mayor Wimberly, he respectfully declined.
- **Councilmember Washington**
 - Expressed that Middlebrook Manor Block Club is requesting reimbursement for the speed bumps that were installed.
 - Asked the Treasurer to confirm if the city can accept donations for the speed bumps.
 - Residents expressed concerns about water bills.
- **Councilmember Shaw**
 - Reported that the gates to the basketball court on Inkster Road are open and asked if the gates could be closed.
 - Reported a fallen tree near the old library.
 - Expressed a need for the City to hire permanent grant writers; the Balmer Group would pay a person for three years.
 - Requested road patrol on Woodland
- **Councilmember Williams**
 - No Comment
- **Councilmember Chisholm**
 - Reminded everyone that the last day for Yard Waste pick up is December 15, 2021.
 - Commented on redistricting the City based on the 2020 Census.
 - Robo Call policy.
 - Requested monthly reports
 - IT Contract
 - 123 Net Status
 - Chamber of Commerce Trash Initiative
- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard**
 - Requested Plante Moran to present YTD Budget and required Amendments
 - Wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday
- **Mayor Wimberly**
 - Moms Against Violence will give away meals at 11:00 a.m., November 23rd at Thompson Towers.
 - Unity in the Community with the Flight Club will give away Thanksgiving Dinners on Sunday, November 21st at 2:00 p.m. at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center.
 - Sunday, November 21st Turkey give away at Harrison Market at 3:00 p.m.
 - Thanksgiving Day meals with Inkster Cobra's from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center.

Closed Session

Council may enter Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations, purchase or lease of real property and/or pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 (a), (c), (d), (e) and/or (f).

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Chisholm, second by Councilmember Washington to enter Closed Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Watley	Aye	Councilmember Chisholm	Aye
Councilmember Shaw	Aye	Councilmember Washington	Aye
Councilmember Williams	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, second by Councilmember Chisholm to reconvene the Regular Council Meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Shaw	Aye	Councilmember Washington	Aye
Councilmember Williams	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye
Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Chisholm, second by Councilmember Washington to accept the recommendation by General Counsel in the Clark-Harrington matter.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Williams	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye
Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye
Councilmember Washington	Aye	Councilmember Shaw	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Washington, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, and unanimously carried, the Regular Council meeting of November 15, 2021, was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

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Posted: December 7, 2021

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