



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 2, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

An orientation session was held at 6:15 p.m. to allow staff to answer questions or address any concerns related to agenda items by the City Council.

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan was called to order by Mayor Wimberly, Chairman at 7:30p.m. Prayer was offered by Rev. Williams, Councilmember.

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**

Closed Session

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to enter Closed Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in the matters of Hines v COI, Williams v COI, and to negotiate real property in accordance with MCL 15.268 (a), (c), (d), (e), and /or (f).

No action taken.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 3B: Annapolis Point Presentation

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 10-23-148R

Presentation

LaToria Triplett and Alyssia Anderson, DPS, presented the Code Red system that has been adopted by the city to communicate emergencies and closures to residents and employees.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to approve the consent agenda with noted spelling corrections to the September 18, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 10-23-149R

New Business

A. Special Land Use for 1475 Middlebelt Road

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Chisholm to approve a special land use of an auto repair shop at 1475 Middlebelt Road in the B-3, General Business District.

VOTE: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 10-23-150R

B. Automated License Plate Readers

Chief Ratliff, IPD and the Deputy Chief Mitchell from the River Rouge Police Department presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Howard to authorize the administration to enter an agreement with FLOCK Group, Inc. to lease six FLOCK automated license plate reader cameras for the Inkster Police Department using JAG Grant funds in the amount of \$20,900.00 including installation for first year and the department will budget \$18,000 annually.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Shaw asked if the project was included in the budget. Chief Ratliff responded that it would be initially funded with JAG Grant funds.

VOTE: 6-0, MOTION CARRIED. Resolution 10-23-151R

C. Land Sale (Case #23-14)

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Williams approving an offer to purchase one (1) vacant parcel located on the west side of Central Street between Parkwood and Rosewood Streets in the amount of \$1,500.00 from David Bonsky.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 10-23-152R

D. Redford Model Railroad Club

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Howard to recognize through resolution the Redford Model Railroad Club, located on Michigan Avenue, as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization conducting activities in Inkster.

VOTE: 4-2, motion carried. Resolution 10-23-153R

E. Accounting Services Contract

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Howard authorizing the administration to enter a contract with Maner Costerisan for accounting services.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 10-23-154R

Public Participation

- Walter Cooper announced the "Faith in Blue Weekend" and other IPD events.
- Octavia Smith commented on the NKFM, ITF, WWFHC, and COC Calendar. Concluding that the final farmers' market would be held on October 4th.
- Barbara Cooper raised awareness to the following:
 - Inkster Good Fellows' Pancake Breakfast to support "No Child without a Christmas" and encouraged everyone to support the paper with an ad.
 - She also applauded Ink-Town Riderz for their contributions.
- Sandrew King commented on:
 - Grow Facilities
 - DPS working on the overgrown lots in the city.
 - Inkster being the next area of commerce.
- Robin Edison commented on:
 - Flooding streets causing roadblocks.
 - Four way stop sign at Andover & Moore.
 - Water and Sewer Rates.
- Pastor John Hearn announced NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner on October 15th at 4p.m. and expressed his support for IPD cameras.
- Gabe Henderson expressed that he would love for the Mayor to give a State of the City address or reinstate luncheons with the mayor.
- Hardy Robb expressed community concerns.
- Pastor Jean Overman announced a NAACP Candidate Forum on October 11th.

City Clerk

- No Report.

City Treasurer

- Treasurer Greene announced that the FY 2021-22 Audit is Complete and available for viewing at the Clerk's office.

IPD introduced the new Assistant Police Chief, Tamika Jenkins.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilmember Watley** suggested action against Flower Bowl II after reviewing an opinion offered by the City Attorney.
- **Councilmember Shaw** asked if the brush yard is open and if it could be modernized.

Adjournment

The regular council meeting of September 18, 2023, adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by motion of Chisholm, second by Washington, and unanimous consent of the body.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved:
Posted: