

June 3, 2024

**Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, was held on June 3, 2024, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting: City Council members discussed: The Agenda.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Rutledge to go into Closed session @ 7:01 to discuss pending litigation. (Flower Bowl II)**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| <b>Councilmember Scott</b>      | <b>Yea</b> | <b>Councilmember Bishop</b> | <b>Yea</b> |
| <b>Councilmember Rutledge</b>   | <b>Yea</b> |                             |            |
| <b>Councilmember Richardson</b> | <b>Yea</b> |                             |            |
| <b>Councilmember Chisholm</b>   | <b>Yea</b> |                             |            |

**Call Meeting to Order**

Mayor Byron Nolen called the meeting to order at 7:35pm

**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 John Hearn

**Roll Call**

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| Mayor Nolen              | Present (Inkster, MI.)      |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm   | Present (Inkster, MI.)      |
| Councilwoman Rutledge    | Present (Inkster, MI.)      |
| Councilman Bishop, II    | Present (Inkster, MI.)      |
| Councilwoman Scott       | Present (Inkster, MI.)      |
| <b>Councilman Howard</b> | <b>Absent (Inkster, MI)</b> |
| Councilman Richardson    | Present (Inkster, MI)       |

**Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop to approve the agenda with the addition of Item "A" under Public Hearings. Resolution 06-24-143FR - Motion carried.**

**Presentations/Discussion**

- Inkster Master Plan 2024-McKenna Project Schedule Dates – A.C. Williams

### **Public Hearings**

A. A public hearing on the FY24-25 Budget Appropriations.

**Moved by Councilmember Rutledge, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm to OPEN the public hearing.**

- **LeWanna Abney-Mitchell** – Asked what are the budget cuts?
- **Lenoria Womack** – Asked about a tax milage.
- **Sandra Watley** – Asked if the audit had been completed and if the city would be receiving money after the audit.
- **LeWanna Abney-Mitchell** – Asked why neighbors sidewalks were repaired and others not?
- **Ava Lindsey** – Asked about trees being cut down. She stated she had inquired previously about trees in her yard.

**Moved by Councilmember Scott, Seconded by Councilmember Richardson to CLOSE the public hearing.**

### **Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of the May 20, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Moved by Councilmember Rutledge, Seconded by Councilmember Scott Resolution 06-24-144FR - Motion carried.**

### **Boards and Commission**

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

**Moved by Councilmember Rutledge, Seconded by Councilmember Richardson to appoint Gina Allen to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Resolution 06-24-145FR- Motion carried.**

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop to re-appoint Sonya Jennings to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) District 4 Resolution 06-24-146FR - Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Scott, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop to re-appoint Randa Davis to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) District 5 Resolution 06-24-147FR - Motion carried.**

### **Previous Business**

#### **Ordinance(s)**

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

**New Business**

A. Discussion/Action: (Georgina Holliday, Clerk) Consider approval for Inkster Vikings All Class Picnic, Location 3250 Middlebelt, Inkster, MI 48141 (former Inkster High School grounds) event dates: 7/26/24 thru 7/28/24: Day 1 6pm-10pm; Day 2 11am-11pm; Day 3 10am-10pm

**Moved by Councilmember Richardson Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm to approve the Inkster Vikings All Class Picnic, Location 3250 Middlebelt, Inkster, MI 48141 (former Inkster High School grounds) event dates: 7/26/24 thru 7/28/24: Day 1 6pm-10pm; Day 2 11am-11pm; Day 3 10am-10pm with an amount of \$2300.00  
Resolution 06-24-148FR – Motion carried.**

B. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins) Consider adopting a Resolution on behalf of the City of Inkster for the Greenway Trail phase III TAP Grant funding request.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop to approve a Resolution on behalf of the City of Inkster for the Greenway Trail phase III TAP Grant funding request.  
Resolution 06-24-149FR – Motion carried.**

C. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Economic Development Director) Consider approval to purchase two (2) vacant parcel (Case #LD24-29) The parcel is located on the east side of Ash Street between Chestnut and Beech Street Parcel ID# **44010060664000 & 44010020119000** for \$9000. (Please see the attached Wayne County Public Records).

**Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve the purchase two (2) vacant parcel (Case #LD24-29) The parcel is located on the east side of Ash Street between Chestnut and Beech Street Parcel ID# 44010060664000 & 44010020119000 for \$9000. (Please see the attached Wayne County Public Records).  
Resolution 06-24-150FR – Motion carried.**

D. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Economic Development Director) Consider approval to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (Case #LD#24-28) The parcel is located on the south side of 26925 Notre Dame between Sylvia and Princess Ave. Parcel ID# **44022010409301** for \$1500 (Please see attached Wayne County Records)

**Moved by Councilmember Bishop, Seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve the purchase of (1) vacant parcel (Case #LD#24-28) The parcel is located on the south side of 26925 Notre Dame between Sylvia and Princess Ave. Parcel ID# 44022010409301 for \$1500 (Please see attached Wayne County Records)  
Resolution 06-24-151FR – Motion carried.**

E. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Economic Development Director) Consider approval of Special Land Use (24-02) for a proposed Hookah Lounge In the B-3, General Business District at 29709 Michigan Avenue.

**Moved by Councilmember Scott, Seconded by Councilmember Rutledge to approve a Special Land Use (24-02) for a proposed Hookah Lounge In the B-3, General Business District at 29709 Michigan Avenue.**

**Resolution 06-24-152FR – Motion carried.**

F. Discussion/Action: (Georgina Holliday, Clerk) Consider approval of Jones and McDowell Family Reunion on July 20, 2024, at Wheatley Park. Attendance is approximately 150 people. From 8am-10pm.

**Moved by Councilmember Scott, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop to approve the Jones and McDowell Family Reunion on July 20, 2024, at Wheatley Park. Attendance is approximately 150 people. From 8am-10pm.**

**Resolution 06-24-153FR – Motion carried.**

G. Discussion/Action: (Georgina Holliday, Clerk) Consider approval of a Juneteenth Peaceful March on June 19, 2024, 12-1:30p.m. on East Michigan Avenue to John Daly, Inkster Park for approximately 150 people with the details of the event to be worked out with Administration prior to the event.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop To approve a Juneteenth Peaceful March Peaceful March on June 19, 2024, 12-1:30p.m. on East Michigan Avenue to John Daly, Park for approximately 150 people with the details of the event to be worked out with the Administration prior to the event.**

**Resolution 06-24-154FR – Motion carried.**

**Public Participation**

- **Chris Sanders** – Stated that he knows Todd Perkins and that he is a good Attorney for the city. He further acknowledged the city councilmembers who attended the Memorial Day parade.
- **Pamela Spears Bradford** – Stated she had concerns about a certificate of occupancy that was issued to her address.
- **Walter Cooper** – Announced the event with Westland and Inkster Police Departments at Gethsemane Church. He said the event would be held on June 8, 2024, from 11am-3pm.
- **DaSalla Scott** – Stated she had concerns with Inkster Housing and how issues within her unit were being handled. She asked for a section 8 voucher.
- **James Eberhart, Jr.** – Stated he there were issues with a tree in his front yard. He further announced that he was going to the Capital on June 13, 2024, to advocate for more funding for the Inkster community to help assist with gun violence.
- **George Ramey** – Stated the signs right at the speed bumps in his neighborhood needed to be placed before getting to the speed bump.
- **April Garrett** – Announced the Juneteenth Parade at by the Weslyn Foundation to be held on June 15, 2024, at the LeAnna Hicks Library. She welcomed all to attend.
- **Tawann Fredenburg** – Asked what can be done about the rodent issue in the city. She stated that she has high grass around her home. She further stated there was a snake in her basement.
- **All Makki** – Stated he needed assistance with a license at his home that is located next to Auto Zone.
- **Vanola Williams** – Stated she is a Commissioner on the Zoning Board of Appeals. She asked when the meetings would be held and who would notify her.
- **Regina Jackson** – Stated that the house on Irene Street should be cited by Code Enforcement. She stated that there is a flatbed, trailer, and couch in the front yard. She further stated that the home has chickens and turkeys.

- **LeWanna Abbney-Mitchell** – Thanked the Mayor and Council for attending the celebration to honor the Inkster students that graduated from high school. She further stated that a lot of the Inkster students received a significant amount of scholarship money.
- **Pastor Thelma Jean Overman** – Announced Camp Inspire on July 8<sup>th</sup> thru July 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 3:30pm at Operation Refuge. The age group for the camp is seven (7) to fourteen (14).

**City Clerk**

**City Treasurer**

**Mayor and Council**

- **Councilwoman DeArtriss Richardson** – Thanked Police Chief Jenkins for the Domestic Violence event where she spoke. She stated she did a great job.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm** – Stated that he is available after the meeting for residents that want to sign up for Code Red.
- **Mayor Nolen** – Stated that on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the city would be going to Priority for trash pick-up. He further stated that if your water bill has not been paid, that it will be placed on the property taxes soon. He lastly, thanked Clint McDaniels and Evonne Moore for the Memorial Day Parade. He said it turned out good.

**Closed Session**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made.

by Councilmember Rutledge, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop and carried, to conclude the Regular City Council meeting of Monday, June 3, 2024, at 9:02pm

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