

April 7, 2025

Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, was held on April 7, 2025 in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

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

Closed Session

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge Seconded by Councilwoman Scott to go into Closed session @ 7:03pm to discuss pending litigation.

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge Seconded by Councilwoman Scott to come out of closed session @ 7:18pm

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Howard
Councilmember Rutledge
Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm

Yea
Yea
Excused

Councilmember Scott
Councilmember Bishop
Councilwoman Richardson

Yea
Yea
Yea

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Byron Nolen called the meeting to order at 7:20pm

Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. Gabe Henderson

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Mayor Nolen	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm	Excused (Inkster, MI.)
Councilwoman Rutledge	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilman Bishop, II	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilwoman Scott	Present (Inkster, MI)
Councilwoman Howard	Present (Inkster, MI)
Councilwoman Richardson	Present (Inkster, MI)

Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilwoman Richardson to approve agenda for April 7, 2025 meeting
Resolution #04-25-52GH-Motion Carried**

Presentations/Discussion

- ❖ **Senator Dayna Polehankl of Michigan State Senate-Legislative Update- 12 million dollars for Wayne Westland Cap for students, Lane Duck 250 senate bills died, minimum wage to increase to \$15 an hr. by 2027; Housing Voucher landlord cant deny a renter by source of income, Coffee Hour In Inkster paid for Wayne/Westland kids to have free drivers Ed. Secretary of State to do a pilot, very successful. Promote learning small class sizes K-3.**

Public Hearings

None

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilwoman Scott
Resolution #04-25-53GH – 5-0 Motion carried.
Excused-Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm**

Boards and Commission

**Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge Seconded by Councilwoman Scott to appoint Gwendolyn Rogers to the Beautification Committee.
Resolution# 04-25-54GH- 5-0 Motion Carried.
Excused-Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm**

**Moved by Councilwoman Howard Seconded by Councilwoman Richardson to appoint Phyllis M. Long to the Beautification Committee.
Resolution # 04-25-55GH- 5-0 Motion Carried
Excused-Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm**

**Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge Seconded by Councilwoman Scott to remove the Compensation Commission, has concluded and certified their findings with the Clerk. Motion to remove members.
Resolution #04-25-56GH-5-0 Motion Carried
Excused-Mayor pro Tem Chisholm**

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

A. First Reading(s) none

B. Second Reading(s) none

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Georgina L. Holliday, Clerk) Consider approval for Juneteenth Celebration Parade, Event Date: Saturday June 14, 2025; Event Hours: 12:30pm-1:45pm Small Parade with floats, bands and walkers; Location: Hamlin Drive, Inkster, MI
Street to close: Hamlin Dr. from Michigan Avenue to Inkster
Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge Seconded by Councilwoman Richardson 5-0 Motion Carried Resolution # 04-25-57GH
Excused Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm
- B. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Community Development Director) Consider approval to purchase Five (5) vacant parcels (Case #LD25-03) The Parcels are located between Meadowdale Ave and John Daly Rd. PARCEL IDS: 44024010190000; 440241019100; 440240192001; 44024010196002 and 4402401013033 In the amount of \$10,500 Deanna Moss, CFO of Armstrong Development Group would like the land to build single family, affordable housing, residential homes. **FAILS** (remove from table).
Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge Seconded by Councilwoman Richardson
#04-25-58GH-Motion carried
Excused Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm
- C. Discussion/Action: (Sharde Crutchfield, Special Project Director) Consider approval of Issuing a replacement deed for 26115 Dunning, Inkster MI 48141, legally described as *30D249B 30D251A* LOT 249 EXCEPT EAST 28FT. LOT 250, AND EAST 7 FEET OF LOT 251 ALSO N ½ ADJ VAC ALLEY THEREFORE WESTWOOD SUB of J.W. DALY FARM T2S R10E L41 P19 (Property I.D. 44020020249300) to Habitat for Humanity
Moved by Councilwoman Richardson Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge
#04-25-59GH-Motion carried
Excused Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm
- D. Discussion/Action: (Darin Carrington, Treasurer) Consider approval of the Administration submitting recommendation to City Council for accepting of a bid for the construction of the Senior Wellness Center at the Dozier Recreation Center. The Administration is submitting this item to council for their review and consideration.
Moved by Councilwoman Richardson Seconded by Councilwoman Howard
#04-25-60GH-Motion carried
Excused Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm
- E. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Community Development Director) Consider amending resolution #11-24-260FR, Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) Certificate application request. The application proposes to break the project down into four phases. For funding purposes, each phase will require separate NEZ Certificate application with a different LLC name.
Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge Seconded by Councilman Bishop
#04-25-61GH-4 Yays-1 Nay Motion Carried
Excused Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm

- F. Discussion/Action: (Sharde Crutchfield, Special Projects Director)**
Consider authorization for the City of Inkster to solicit applicants from developers to participate in the Inkster Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2025-2026 to redevelop/rehabilitate foreclosed properties assigned to through the First Right of Refusal.
Moved by Councilwoman Scott and Seconded by Councilman Bishop
#04-25-62GH Motion Carried
Excused Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm
- G. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Community Development Director)**
Consider approving or denying Special Land Use (25-03) to allow for Automobile Service Station and to allow for Liquor, Beer and Wine Sales in the B-3, General Business Zoned District at 2617 Middlebelt Road. Site is located on the northeast corner of Middlebelt Road and Michigan Avenue. This Item was tabled per the applicant request at the March 3, 2025, City Council Meeting.
Moved by Councilwoman Richardson and Seconded by Councilwoman Howard to remove from Table **#04-25-63GH Motion Carried**
Moved by Councilwoman Scott and Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge
#04-25-65GH DENY-Motion Carried
Excused Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm
- H. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins, DPS Director)** Consider authorizing the Administration to enter into an agreement with Giffels Webster for Phase 3 of Greenway Trail for design and oversight. Adopt the resolution attached for the request for funding for this project
Moved by Councilwoman Howard Seconded by Councilman Bishop
#04-25-64GH-Motion Carried
Excused Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm
- I. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Community Development Director)**
Consider Planning Commission recommendation to deny the application for Zoning Amendment to allow Vehicle Repair Facility-Major in General Business District.
Moved by Councilwoman Scott Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge
#04-25-66GH-Motion Carried
Excused Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm
- J. Discussion/Action: (Georgina Holliday, City Clerk)** Consider approval of street closure; streets to be closed, Northland between Carlisle and Beech. Date and Time: 4/12/25 10a-3p Unity in The Community Easter Egg Hunt
Moved by Councilwoman Howard Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge
#04-25-67GH-Motion Carried

Public Participation

- ✓ **Lisa Burney-IPD Announcements-Trip Bingo 4/18/25 \$10.00 Booker Dozier, ZUMBA Classes LA Fitness, Project Prom Event, outpour of girls yes to the dress raffle free services, hair, makeup and nails., Hustle Class Thursday Dozier Center 1st & 3rd Thursdays 6-8 \$5. Parade 5/26 participants, veterans in Inkster forms online donations welcomed.**
- ✓ **Stephanie Richards-Community Liaison Rep for Wayne County Sheriff's Office Western Wayne Community. Thank You for welcoming me and most engaged community members participation.**
- ✓ **Evonne Moore-Easter Egg Hunt, April 12, 2025 3 things
Unity in the Community 4/12; Taking donations for candy, Mayor purchased 80 pounds of candy event 11-3;**

- ✓ Octavia Smith-4/29 @Leanna Hicks Library 2nd event for Entrepreneur May 19th LLC form that night membership meeting 5/13
- ✓ Aaron Sims-Block Party May 17th 34336 Williams Grand Opening windows are finished for the home Memorial for Wilfred who actually owned the house
- ✓ Vedia Seales-When will the reconstruction of the street start, the target date was fall 2024 changed to March 2025, trees need trimming between Meadowbrook and Blackstone branches hanging
- ✓ Maureen Moynihan-stop sign not being used on Amherst, water issue causing structural integrity to garages; 44 years and no one ever stops at Mount Vernon; have Police Officer there or a camera. Garage leaning not the only house with the issue
- ✓ Kimberly Johnson-Opening a new business in Inkster, opened a resale shop 1040 Middlebelt Rd corner of Avondale for women coming back into the workforce, paroled women.
- ✓ LeWanna Abney-Mitchell-City Services agenda for schools everybody from other districts students passing out edibles, Class of 2025 Mayor and Council Sponsor students that live in Inkster \$138: donations several dates, at the complex or in council chambers on her Committee Councilwomen Scott & Rutledge. Board of Education every school board meeting 2 schools come in and highlight what's going on.
- ✓ Hardy Robb-Just Concerns-Know I ruffled some feathers during elections, I apologize Jerome Bivins doing a good job, good job on Inkster Plaza
- ✓ Ashawanna Butts-Parks and Rec Earth day Celebration April 19, 2025 11a-3p teaming up with P&R 66 trees from Arch; 12 going to Parkwood Park 15 planted on 4/19 and planting the rest on 5/9 time TBD flyers and light refreshments
- ✓ Gay Johnson- When is the renovation for Tyrone Wheatley Park and how long will it take
- ✓ Monaye Taylor-Water is not drinkable, its rusty and smells bad, a lot of senior's citizens water is rusty and low pressure in the bathtub; watermain break off of Middlebelt, water has to run awhile
- ✓ A.C. Williams-Planning Commission work with data and policies
- ✓ Charles Blackwell-Its time for a new era of leadership in Inkster. Patrick Wimberly was a corrupt and crooked Mayor. Byron Nolen is a corrupt and crooked Mayor just like him. Honest, good people need to step forward to help lead the city.

Clerk-AWCC Quarterly meeting was a success, BIG thanks to Stardust Luxury Lounge for their awesome catering and delicious food, it was well attended, Thank You to Lisa Burney for delivering the decorations and staying to assist. And to Chief Jenkins for allowing us to utilize the decorations.

City Treasurer

No comment

Mayor and Council

- Councilmember Rutledge – No comment
- Councilmember Scott – Shop Inkster
- Councilmember Bishop -No comment
- Councilmember Howard- No comment

- **Councilmember Richardson -Reminder WC Treasurer extended until April 8th at 4:30pm foreclosure**
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm – Absent**
- **Mayor Nolen-Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm uncle passed away, HydroCore set up appt to get meters switched out Mon-section first**

Adjournment

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

By Councilwoman Rutledge Seconded by Councilwoman Scott and carried, to conclude the Regular City Council meeting of Monday, April 7, 2025 @ 8:40 pm