

**CITY OF TRENTON
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a moment of silence was held for Charlie Kittle, Laurie Reno and Ruth Kasenow, who passed away. The Regular Meeting of the City Council of Trenton, Michigan, was called to order by Mayor Rzeppa, at 7:03 p.m. on the above date in the Council chambers.

Present on roll call by City Clerk Debra Devitt: Councilpersons Timber Baun-Crooks, Richard Benedetti, Scott Cabauatan, William LeFevre, Wendy Pate, Nelson Perugi and Mayor Steven Rzeppa.

There being a quorum present, the Council was declared in session.

Other Officers Present: Alan Ackerman, City Attorney and Scott Church, City Administrator.

Other Officers Present via Zoom: John Laub, Human Resources Director; Michael McCullough, City Treasurer; Jill Cooper, Deputy City Treasurer; Karen Sall, City Controller; Paul Haley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Theresa Monthei, I.T. Administrator; and Tim Beaker, Recreation Business Operations Manager.

MINUTES

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 2, 2020.

Carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Plante and Moran Audit Report

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to receive and place on file the Financial Report with Supplemental Information June 30, 2020, performed by Plante and Moran.

Carried unanimously.

Bill Brickey and Justin Kolbow of Plante and Moran gave an overview of the Audit Report.

APPOINTMENTS

Civic Commission, Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Veronica Carrier to the Civic Commission, Chuck Earl and Mario Ferrante to the Planning Commission, and David Patz to the Downtown Development Authority, for terms expiring November 1, 2023.

Roll call: Benedetti, yes; Cabauatan, yes; LeFevre, yes; Pate, yes; Perugi, yes; Rzeppa, abstain; and Baun-Crooks, yes.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

N-1. Councilman Benedetti: Closed Session

N-2. Councilman Benedetti: Closed Session

DISBURSEMENTS AND STATEMENTS

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the Authorized Disbursements, November 16, 2020, in the amount of \$495,374.61.

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the Authorized ACH Transactions, October 2020, in the amount of \$288,656.46.

Carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the Financial Summary, October 31, 2020, and the Schedule of Investments and Cash on Hand, October 31, 2020.

Carried unanimously.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

N-1
Councilman Benedetti
Closed Session

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to hold a Closed Session immediately following the Regular Meeting for the purpose of discussing litigation.

Roll call: Cabauatan, yes; LeFevre, yes; Pate, yes; Perugi, yes; Rzeppa, yes; Baun-Crooks, yes; and Benedetti, yes.

Motion carried.

N-2
Councilman Benedetti
Closed Session

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to hold a Closed Session on Monday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing litigation.

Roll call: LeFevre, yes; Pate, yes; Perugi, yes; Rzeppa, yes; Baun-Crooks, yes; Benedetti, yes; and Cabauatan yes.

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

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| Mayor Rzeppa | * | Changes with covid-19 pandemic; 474 positive cases and 11 fatalities. Ice rink will be closed for three weeks. Try to do business remotely/over the phone, utilize drop box. Happy Veterans Day. Thank you to Clerk Devitt and all election workers for a fantastic job on the Presidential Election. |
| Councilman Benedetti | * | Great job to Clerk's office staff on the Election. |
| Councilman LeFevre | * | Great job to Clerk Devitt and her staff. |
| Councilman Perugi | * | Great work to Clerk Devitt and her office. |
| Councilwoman Pate | * | Thanked Clerk Devitt for great work on the election; thanked DPW for leaf collection. Trail Town; discussed economic development. New shop downtown, great things happening. Created a link for Shop Local for all Trenton businesses on Facebook. Rebooting Cultural Commission. Attended Zoom call for Change for Trenton. Happy Thanksgiving. |

Councilman Cabauatan * Thanked those in the education field during this critical time. Thanked Parks and Recreation department for all their efforts during ups and downs. Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Baun-Crooks * TEF Signature Event; shout out to Kelly Howey and Linda Dickman. Raised over \$60,000. Amazing to see community come together. Three people on the Wall of Fame: Kyle Stack, Richard K. Bryant and Lt. Colonel Nathaniel Davis.

City Clerk Devitt * Thanked Council for their kind words. Great turnout, 77% on Election Day, over 12,000 voted out of our 15,000 registered voters. Staff and election workers handled extra work so well. Assured voters that their ballots counted; phone calls received after the election. Thanked her staff, Eric, Kathy, Sue, Judy and awesome election workers for a great job during the pandemic. Special thanks to Sue Wade, Carl Brogley, Mark Enright, Jackie Pangborn, Barb Galofaro, Patsy Williams, Jackie Sheridan, Paul Haley, Linda Bradley, Joy Pasquini, Jennie Jezewski, Marianne Robinson, Tim Barnard and Pam Taurence. Happy Thanksgiving. Goodfellows will not be going door to door this year; donate money by bringing donations to Clerk's office, dropbox outside City Hall, or mail to P.O. Box 370. Next Regular Council Meeting is Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Amy Chappelle * Curbside recycling.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, at 7:51 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Patrick Taylor: Cultural Commission