

**CITY OF TRENTON
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Regular Meeting of the City Council of Trenton, Michigan, was called to order by Mayor Rzeppa, at 7:04 p.m. on the above date in the Council chambers.

Present on roll call by City Clerk Debra Devitt: Richard Benedetti, Scott Cabauatan, William LeFevre (via Zoom in Trenton, Michigan), Wendy Pate, Nelson Perugi and Mayor Steven Rzeppa.

Absent: Councilwoman Timber Baun-Crooks.

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to excuse the absence of Councilwoman Baun-Crooks.

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

Other Officers Present: Scott Church, City Administrator; John Laub, Human Resources Director; Joann Gonyea, Parks and Recreation Director; and Dean Creech, Fire Chief.

Other Officers Present via Zoom: Alan Ackerman, City Attorney; John Dahlquist, City Assessor; Joanie Barnett, Deputy City Assessor; Mike McCullough, City Treasurer; Jill Cooper, Deputy City Treasurer; Karen Sall, City Controller; Paul Haley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Bill Hogan, City Engineer; Kevin Sargent, DPS Superintendent; Theresa Monthei, I.T. Administrator; Tim Beaker, Recreation Business Operations Manager; Keith Anderson, Deputy Fire Chief; Todd Scheffler, Police Chief; and Mike Oakley, Deputy Police Chief.

MINUTES

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Perugi, to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Joseph Oaks, to the Civic Commission, and Katherine Mans, to the Downtown Development Authority, for terms expiring February 1, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

AUTHORITIES, CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

- G-1. Civic Commission: Road Closure Request for Memorial Day Parade, Road Closure Request for Christmas Parade

GENERAL

- H-1. 33rd District Court: Line Item Adjustments – 2020 Budget
H-2. 33rd District Court: Court Technology Quarterly Payment
H-3. SEMCOG: 2021 Membership Dues

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- I-1. Trivium Racing: Trenton Summer Festival 5K/8K

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

- J-1. City Administrator: Reversion Rights Policy
J-2. City Attorney: Ordinance 804, Repeal Director of Police & Fire Services/Duties (1st reading)
J-3. City Attorney: Ordinance 805, Repeal City Engineer to perform duties of Director of Public Services/Duties (1st reading)
J-4. City Engineer: Petition to Combine Property – Lots 286-289 Assessors Plat, St. Joseph Ave., Mario Ferrante
J-5. City Engineer: Request for Professional Services, Water System Risk and Resiliency Assessment and Emergency Response Plan
J-6. Parks & Recreation Director: Affholter Park Project Grant Application Requests

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

- N-1. Closed Session to follow

COMMUNICATIONS

G-1, G-2
Civic Commission
Road Closure Request for Memorial Day Parade
Road Closure Request for Christmas Parade

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION 2021-2**

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Trenton, that the annual Memorial Day Parade be, and hereby is approved for Saturday, May 29, 2021, and that the Wayne County Department of Public Services is hereby requested to give permission to the City of Trenton to close West Road from Fort Street to Westfield Road and Westfield Road from West Road to Charlton Road, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; that the City of Trenton will assume liability for any damage claims which may arise as a result of the road closure; and that the City Engineer, William Hogan, is hereby designated and authorized to sign the road closure permit on behalf of the City of Trenton.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton, on this 1st day of February, 2021.

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION 2021-3**

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Trenton, that the annual Christmas Parade be, and hereby is approved for Saturday, December 4, 2021, and that the Wayne County Dept. of Public Services is hereby requested to grant permission to the City of Trenton to close West Jefferson from the south side of Harrison Avenue to the north side of West Jefferson at Elizabeth Drive intersection from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; that the City of Trenton will assume liability for any damage claims which may arise as a result of the road closure; and that City Engineer William Hogan is hereby designated and authorized to sign the road closure permit on behalf of the City.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton, on this 1st day of February, 2021.

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to concur with the recommendation of the Civic Commission and approve the temporary road closure, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., for the 2021 Memorial Day Parade, to be held on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., and the temporary road closure for the 2021 Christmas Parade, to be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., under the direction of the Police Department.

Carried unanimously.

H-1
33rd District Court
Line Item Adjustments – 2020 Budget

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to receive and place on file the line item adjustments to the 2020 33rd District Court Budget.

Carried unanimously.

H-2
33rd District Court
Court Technology Quarterly Payment

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to receive and place on file the 2020 Fourth Quarter Technology payment from the Court Technology Fund to the SINC Consortium, submitted by the 33rd District Court, showing the City of Trenton receiving 2,714.00.

Carried unanimously.

H-3
SEMCOG
2021 Membership Dues

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Perugi, to approve the annual SEMCOG membership dues, in the amount of \$2,422.00, with funding from Account #101-101-958.000.

Carried unanimously.

I-1
Trivium Racing
Trenton Summer Festival 5K/8K

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to schedule a Study Session on Monday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m., to discuss Special Events.

Carried unanimously.

J-1
City Administrator
Reversion Rights Policy

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to approve the proposed Reversion Rights Policy as presented.

Carried unanimously.

J-2
City Attorney
Ordinance 804, Repeal Director of Police & Fire Services/Duties (1st reading)

**CITY OF TRENTON
ORDINANCE NO. 804**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TRENTON *ADMINISTRATIVE* CODE, BY REPEALING SECTION 2-70 – 71 CREATING THE DIRECTOR OF POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES AND ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES OF DIRECTOR OF POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE DUTIES SHALL CONTINUE AND ARE NOW TO BE PERFORMED BY THE POLICE CHIEF AND FIRE CHIEF.

THE CITY OF TRENTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Ordinance 778- Section 2-70 and Ordinance 781- Section 2-71, creating the Director of Police and Fire Services and establishing the duty of the Director of Police and Fire Services is repealed pursuant to the replacement to the duties shall continue and are now to be performed by the Police Chief and Fire Chief.

Section 2. Savings Clause. Nothing in this Ordinance or in the Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 3. Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance be held in a manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such work, sentence, phrase or any portion of the Ordinance held to be so invalid shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Trenton inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 804, to amend the Trenton Administrative Code by repealing section 2-70 - 71 creating the Director of Police and Fire Services and establishing the duties of Director of Police and Fire Services pursuant to the duties shall continue and are now to be performed by the Police Chief and Fire Chief.

Carried unanimously.

J-3

City Attorney

Ordinance 805, Repeal City Engineer to perform duties of Director of Public Services/Duties

**CITY OF TRENTON
ORDINANCE NO. 805**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TRENTON *ADMINISTRATIVE* CODE, BY REPEALING SECTION 2-114 – 131 PROVIDING THAT THE CITY ENGINEER WHO PERFORMED THE DUTIES PREVIOUSLY MAINTAINED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN ADDITION TO OTHER DUTIES ASSIGNED AND WHICH TRANSFERRED DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING SHALL CONTINUE AND ARE NOW TO BE PERFORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR.

THE CITY OF TRENTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Ordinance 757-Section 2-114 providing that the City Engineers who performed the duties previously maintained by the Director of Public Services in addition to other duties assigned and Ordinance 757- Section 2-131, which transferred duties of the Department of Public Works/Services to the Department of Engineering.

Section 2. Savings Clause. Nothing in this Ordinance or in the Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 3. Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance be held in a manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such work, sentence, phrase or any portion of the Ordinance held to be so invalid shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Trenton inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 805, to amend the Trenton Administrative Code, by repealing Section 2-114 - 131 providing that the City Engineer who performed the duties previously maintained by the Director of Public Services in addition to other duties assigned and which transferred duties of the Department of Public Works/Services to the Department of Engineering shall continue and are now to be performed by the Department of Public Services Director.

Carried unanimously.

J-4

City Engineer

Petition to Combine Property – Lots 286-289 Assessors Plat, St. Joseph Ave., Mario Ferrante

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to refer the petition to combine property, Lots 286-289 Assessors Plat; St. Joseph Ave., submitted by Mario Ferrante, to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

Carried unanimously.

J-5

City Engineer

Request for Professional Services, Water System Risk and Resiliency Assessment and Emergency Response Plan

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Perugi, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Fishbeck Engineers for the not-to-exceed project budget of \$38,500, with funds available in Water Account #592-563-818.000.

Carried unanimously.

J-6

Parks & Recreation Director
Affholter Park Project Grant Application Request

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to schedule a public hearing prior to the February 16, 2021 council meeting, at 6:45 p.m., for the purpose of soliciting public input for the Affholter Park Project Grant Application process.

Carried unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS AND STATEMENTS

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the Authorized Disbursements, February 1, 2021, in the amount of \$ 217,426.06.

Carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Perugi, to approve the City Beautiful Commission Minutes, December 3, 2020; Historical Commission Minutes, November 9, 2020, December 14, 2020; Recreation Commission Minutes, October 20, 2020; and the Fire and Police Pension Board Minutes, October 21, 2020, November 18, 2020.

Carried unanimously.

N-1

Closed Session to follow

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to hold a Closed Session immediately following the regular meeting for the purpose of discussing litigation and contract negotiations.

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

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

Mayor Rzeppa

Covid-19 update: 1,112 cases, 31 fatalities; State surpassed one million vaccines administered. Thanked Trenton Rotary and Trenton Business Association for hosting State of the City. Shout out to Bill Jasman and Debbie Devitt for receiving awards. Thanked Kevin Sargent and DPS crews for hard work. Congratulated and thanked Tim Fox on his retirement. City Administrator Church announced he will be

retiring as of February 19, 2021. It was been an honor and privilege to serve the City of Trenton, appreciates everyone who supported him personally and professionally. Fire Chief Creech will be appointed as Acting City Administrator. Deputy Fire Chief Anderson will serve as Acting Fire Chief. Congratulated Kevin Sargent on his appointment to DPW director.

Councilman Cabauatan

Great job on State of the City. Thanked DPS for efforts with snow, ice, water main breaks. Attended Planning Commission meeting last Wednesday. Recycle center hours on website.

Councilman Benedetti

Thanked Administrator Church. Mayor did a great job picking Chief Creech as Acting Administrator.

Councilman LeFevre

Thanked everyone for support. Councilwoman Baun-Crooks is doing better. Shout out to Fire Department for runs at his home.

Councilman Perugi

DPS did an excellent job. Thanked Administrator Church.

Councilwoman Pate

State of the City; great accomplishments for every staff member of the City, overcome impressive obstacles. Thanked Kathy Kane, Rotary and TBA. Thanked and congratulated Administrator Church.

City Clerk Devitt

City Hall closed on Monday, February 15 for President's Day. Next Council Meeting Tuesday, February 16; Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m., Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

City Assessor Dahlquist

2021 assessment overview. Board of Review March 9, 11, 12 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Evening sessions are March 10 and 16 from 3-9 p.m. Mayor Rzeppa did excellent job on his speech. Congratulated Administrator Church and Fire Chief Creech.

City Treasurer McCullough

Taxes due Tuesday, February 16. Congratulations to Administrator Church and good luck to Fire Chief Creech.

Parks & Recreation Director Gonyea

Announced retirement from the City of Trenton after 35 years of service, with her last day of employment to be February 19. Mayor Rzeppa announced Tim Beaker will be appointed to the position of Parks and Recreation Director.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, at 7:56 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY:

STEVEN J. RZEPPA, MAYOR

DEBRA R. DEVITT, CITY CLERK

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Eric J. Hoshaw, Deputy City Clerk
APPROVED ON: _____

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Great Lakes Water Authority: Public Hearing for Proposed FY 2022 Charges