

**CITY OF TRENTON
PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Public Hearing of the City Council of Trenton, Michigan, was called to order by Mayor Rzeppa, at 6:51 p.m., on the above date in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Councilwoman Baun-Crooks.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

The City Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing that was posted at Trenton City Hall, Trenton Veterans Memorial Library, and the City website.

Mayor Rzeppa asked for comments from the public.

There was no comment from the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

STEVEN J. RZEPPA, MAYOR

DEBRA R. DEVITT, CITY CLERK

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

**CITY OF TRENTON
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a moment of silence was observed in honor of former Police Officer Robert Pare who was killed in the line of duty on February 9, 1968. The Regular Meeting of the City Council of Trenton, Michigan, was called to order by Mayor Rzeppa, at 7:12 p.m. on the above date in the Council chambers.

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

Absent: Councilpersons Timber Baun-Crooks and Scott Cabauatan.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Councilman Cabauatan entered the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Other Officers Present: Alan Ackerman, City Attorney; Scott Church, City Administrator; John Dahlquist, City Assessor; Joann Gonyea, Parks and Recreation Director; Dean Creech, Fire Chief.

Other Officers Present via Zoom: John Laub, Human Resources Director; Joanie Barnett, Deputy City Assessor; Jill Cooper, Deputy City Treasurer; Karen Sall, City Controller; Paul Haley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Kevin Sargent, DPS Superintendent; Theresa Monthei, I.T. Administrator; Tim Beaker, Recreation Business Operations Manager; Todd Scheffler, Police Chief; Julie Willison, Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent; and Dennis Chegash, Assistant City Engineer.

MINUTES

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Perugi, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 1, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Councilman Perugi, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Kelly Kirkland, to the Civic Commission, and Ken Gorno, to the Zoning Board of Appeals, for terms expiring February 1, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

GENERAL

H-1. Downtown Beauty Bar: Downtown Development Authority Liquor License Request

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

- J-1. City Attorney: Ordinance 804, Repeal Director of Police & Fire Services/Duties (2nd Reading)
- J-2. City Attorney: Ordinance 805, Repeal City Engineer to perform duties of Director of Public Services/Duties (2nd Reading)
- J-3. City Assessor: Reappointment of Stan Gruzdaitis, Board of Review
- J-4. City Assessor: Amendment to City of Trenton 2021 Real Property Tax Hardship Exemption Guidelines to incorporate Public Act 253 of 2020
- J-5. Parks & Recreation Director: Affholter Park Project Grant Application Resolution of Support
- J-6. Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent: Request to Purchase Drive Roller for Belt Filter Press
- J-7. Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent: Request to Purchase a Val-Matic Air-Cushioned Check Valve for Raw Pump #1

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

N-1. Councilman Benedetti: Closed Session

COMMUNICATIONS

H-1

Downtown Beauty Bar
Downtown Development Authority Liquor License Request

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to accept the request from Downtown Beauty Bar, to apply for a Downtown Development Authority liquor license for its proposed business, to be located at 2620 West Jefferson Avenue.

Carried unanimously.

I-1

Trivium Racing
Trenton Summer Festival 5K/8K

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to approve the Trivium Racing Summerfest 5K/8K run to be held on June 26, 2021, with route to be determined, working with the Parks and Recreation and Police Departments.

Carried unanimously.

J-1

City Attorney

Ordinance 804, Repeal Director of Police & Fire Services/Duties (2nd 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.

Section 5. Readings. This Ordinance shall be given a first reading on February 1, 2021, shall be enacted on February 16, 2021.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton this 16th day of February, 2021.

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Perugi, to approve the second 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-2

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.

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Section 5. Readings. This Ordinance shall be given a first reading on February 1, 2021, shall be enacted on February 16, 2021.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton this 16th day of February, 2021.

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the second 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-3
City Assessor
Reappointment of Stan Gruzdaitis, Board of Review

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to approve the City Assessor's reappointment of Stan Gruzdaitis to the Board of Review as a regular member, for a three year term expiring on December 31, 2023.

Carried unanimously.

J-4
City Assessor
Amendment to City of Trenton 2021 Real Property Tax Hardship Exemption Guidelines to incorporate Public Act 253 of 2020

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION 2021-4**

**CITY OF TRENTON 2021 REAL PROPERTY TAX HARDSHIP PARTIAL EXEMPTION
GUIDELINES FOR PROPERTY RELIEF UNDER PUBLIC ACT 253 SECTION 211.7U AS
AMENDED.**

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for real property tax hardship partial exemption is required by the Trenton City Council for the City of Trenton; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons and the board of review determines by reason of hardship to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for partial exemption from taxation under Public Act 253 of 2020 (MCL211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 253 of 2020, the City of Trenton, Wayne County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not limited to the specific income and asset levels of claimant and all residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

**CITY OF TRENTON 2021 REAL PROPERTY TAX POVERTY PARTIAL EXEMPTION
GUIDELINES (REVISED AND UPDATED AS OF December 14, 2020 and AMENDED
FEBRUARY 16, 2021) FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF UNDER SECTION 211.7U, P.A. 206
OF 1893**

The following guidelines were adopted by the City of Trenton City Council on December 14, 2020 and are amended on February 16, 2021 to incorporate Public Act 253 of 2020 amended MCL 211.7u related to poverty exemptions.

Section 211.7u(1) of the Michigan General Property Tax Act defines the poverty, or Hardship Exemption, as a method to provide relief for those who, in the judgment of the Board of Review, are unable to fully contribute to the annual property tax burden of their principal residence due to their financial situation. In order to qualify for the Hardship Exemption, the claimant must meet all of the following requirements. It may be possible that a claimant meets the income standard for the Hardship Exemption, but does not meet the asset standard or other standards as set forth in these guidelines. In this instance, the claimant would not qualify for the exemption even though the income standard was met.

The Board of Review shall follow the policy and guidelines when granting or denying a Partial Hardship Exemption. The same standards shall apply to each claimant in the City for the assessment year, unless the Board of review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from policy and guidelines and the substantial and compelling reason are communicated in writing to the claimant. (Section 211.7u (5)). Hardship Applicants are not prohibited from also appealing the assessment of property for which the hardship claim is made before the Board of Review in the same year.

1. Partial Hardship Exemptions shall apply only to the Applicant's qualified Principal Residence and the property must be classified Residential for property tax purposes. Under no circumstances shall a Partial Hardship Exemption be granted or apply to the property of a business, partnership, or a corporation.
2. Applicants who have purchased their principal residence within the current year or preceding two calendar years are not eligible for the exemption. When a home is purchased, it is expected that the buyer considers the cost to maintain the home, including the State mandated property taxes, when determining their affordability of the home purchase. Not doing so, creates a self-induced hardship, which will not be considered eligible for an exemption.
3. The amount of relief due to hardship that will be granted by the Board of Review for any Qualified Applicant shall be a partial exemption equal to a 25% in taxable value for the year in which the exemption is granted. PA 253 of 2020 list the specific percentage used by the City of Trenton for taxable value reduction that may be used by the board of review in granting a poverty exemption. MCL 211.7u(5) states that if a person claiming the poverty exemption meets all eligibility requirements, the board of review shall grant the partial poverty exemption.

To be eligible for the exemption by reason of hardship, a person shall do all of the following on an annual basis:

1. Applicant must be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence, (as defined by MCL 211.7dd), the property for which an exemption is being requested.
2. Applicants must complete in its entirety annually a State of Michigan form 5737 "APPLICATION FOR MCL 211.7U POVERTY EXEMPTION" and form 5739 "AFFIRMATION OF OWNERSHIP AND OCCUPANCY TO REMAIN EXEMPT BY

REASON OF POVERTY” (MCL 211.7u(2)). All claims, including all required information listed below, must be filed with the City Assessor for review of completeness and eligibility compliance. Applications are to be filed after January 1st and before the day prior to the last day of the March, July or December Board of Review meetings for the assessment year. Incomplete applications and/or applications of taxpayers not meeting the eligibility requirements will be returned to the Applicant and will not be considered by the Board of Review. All first time Qualified Applicants, or their authorized Representative, must appear in person before the Board of Review in order to be considered for relief due to financial hardship. Applicants who wish to send a Representative to appear on their behalf must provide them with a Notarized Letter of Authorization. The Representative will be required to present a photo identification along with the letter. Applications meeting all eligibility requirements will be presented before the Board of Review.

3. Applicants must provide copies of the following forms, including all supporting documents and schedules, for a person’s residing in the household, filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year:
- a. Federal Income Tax Return (1040 or 1040A), Applicant must file this tax return even if they owe no income tax or are not required to file a Federal Income Tax Return if they meet the requirements for receiving an Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and any 1099’s received.
 - b. State of Michigan Income Tax Returns (MI-1040), Applicant must file this tax return even if they own no income tax or are not required to file a Michigan Income Tax Return if they were granted a Federal Income Tax Credit. The State will provide a 6% supplement EITC when the Applicant files his/her State Income Tax Return.
 - c. If Applicant did not file a Federal or State Income Tax return, they must complete and file an Income Tax Exemption Affidavit (Treasury Form 4988) for all persons residing in the residence who were not required to file in the current or in the immediately preceding year, and who did not meet the qualifications for receiving an EITC.
 - d. Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit Claim (ML-1040CR).
 - e. W-2 Forms
 - f. Social Security Benefit Statement (form SSA-1099) for all persons residing in the household, who receive Social Security benefits.
 - g. Proof of all sources of income if not included on the W-2 Forms, including any check stubs or receipts of other persons living in the household, or from State or Federal Government Checks.
 - h. Bank and/or credit union statements, for all current and preceding six months, of all checking and savings accounts.
 - i. A copy of a valid Michigan driver’s license or other legal form of photo-identification, which indicates residing property address for all persons in the household.
 - j. Copies of the most recent year’s tax bills and taxable values of all property other than the Homesteaded/Principal Residence owned or partially owned by the hardship Applicant.

The City requires all Applicants to provide copies of their originally-filled tax returns and will not accept summary information reports or reproduced tax returns. Federal and State tax returns must be signed unless “e-filed” documents are included. The City retains the right and is authorized to request a copy of any household occupant’s federal income tax

returns from the Internal Revenue Service or Michigan Income Tax Returns from the Department of Treasury pursuant to MCL 205.28, and all vehicle or titled asset registration information from the Secretary of State. Applicants may present other information in support of hardship status.

4. Applicants must meet the “City of Trenton Income Standards for Eligibility Guidelines” as adopted by the City of Trenton, provided such alternate guidelines do not provide income eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.

CITY OF TRENTON 2020 PARTIAL POVERTY INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Family Size	Annual Income
1 Person	\$18,900
2 Person	\$21,714
3 Person	\$25,583
4 Person	\$27,142
5 Person	\$31,678
6 Person	\$36,319
7 Person	\$40,960
8 Person	\$45,601

Additional greater than 8 persons, add \$4,641 for each additional person

The Board of Review shall consider income from all sources and from all occupants of the household when determining whether an Applicant meets the hardship income standards adopted by the City of Trenton. Income includes:

- a. Money, wages, and salaries before deductions.
- b. Regular payments for social security, railroad retirement, unemployment and worker’s compensation, veteran’s payments and public assistance.
- c. Gifts, loans, and contributions by all persons, whether living in the household or not.
- d. Alimony, child support, and military family allotments.
- e. Private pensions, government pensions, regular insurance or annuity payments, and inheritance payments.

In addition to meeting the income level requirements as noted above, Applicants must also meet requirements based on asset level, or otherwise stated requirements, such as saving accounts, checking accounts, certificates of deposit, investments, (including collectable items purchased for their investment value), stocks, bonds, inheritances, life insurance policies, interest earnings/dividends, retirement funds, and ownership in other real estate property.

5. To be eligible for a partial exemption based on the asset level, or other standards, the following requirement will be meet:

- a. Applicant shall report the total value of savings accounts, checking accounts, and certificates of deposit, all investments, stocks, bonds, inheritances, life insurance policies, interest earning/dividends, and retirement funds from all household members.
- b. Applicants shall not own interest in any real estate or leasing other than their principal residence.
- c. The total value of any recreational vehicles or equipment shall not exceed the amount of the current annual property tax obligation. Recreational vehicles include snowmobiles, boats, jet skis, camping trailers, travel trailers, motorcycles, motor homes, off-road vehicles, or anything else which may be considered a recreational vehicle.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED BY THE City Council of the City of Trenton, this 16th day of February, 2021.

Moved by Councilman Perugi, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the 2021 amended City of Trenton Real Property Tax Hardship Guidelines incorporating Public Act 253 and approve to an individual meeting all poverty exemption requirements, the City of Trenton Board of Review may grant a partial exemption equal to a 25% reduction in taxable value for the year in which the exemption is granted.

Carried unanimously.

J-5

Parks & Recreation Director
Affholter Park Project Grant Application Resolution of Support

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION 2021-5
RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT PROGRAM AND/OR
MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT PROGRAM
RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION**

WHEREAS, The City of Trenton supports the submission of the application titled, “Affholter Park Improvement Project” to the Recreation Passport Grant Program and/or the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Program for the redesign of the existing, three dilapidated tennis courts and adjacent, underutilized inline skating rink to accommodate new pickle ball courts and renovated tennis courts, improvements to the existing basketball court, as well as, the addition of accessible walkways, new fencing, installation of court nets and stanchions, signage, planting of a rain garden feature to promote sustainability, repair and resurfacing of the existing dilapidated asphalt parking area to facilitate easy access at Affholter Park; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the Community’s 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Wayne County is hereby making a financial commitment to the project from the Wayne County Park Millage Fund in the amount of \$55,000; and,

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded the applicant commits its local match and City of Trenton in-kind Engineering services totaling no more than 15% of the project costs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Trenton hereby authorizes submission of a Recreation Passport Grant Program application not to exceed \$150,000 and/or Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Program application not to exceed \$300,000 and further resolves to make available a local match through, budgeted park improvement funds, donations and in-kind services in addition to Design and Engineering services not to exceed 15% of project total and a \$55,000 commitment from the Wayne County Park Millage Fund.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED BY THE City Council of the City of Trenton, this 16th day of February, 2021.

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the request to apply for the MDNR Recreation Passport grant in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 and/or the MDNR Trust Fund Grant not to exceed \$300,000 for improvements to Affholter Park, committing local match through budgeted park improvement funds, donations and in-kind services, in addition to Design and Engineering services not to exceed 15% of project total and a \$55,000 commitment from the Wayne County Park Millage Fund and adopt the formal resolution as evidence of approval.

Carried unanimously.

J-6, J-7

Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
Request to Purchase Drive Roller for Belt Filter Press
Request to Purchase a Val-Matic Air-Cushioned Check Valve for Raw Pump #1

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to authorize the purchase of a drive roller for belt filter press from Andritz at a cost of \$7,125.00 and waive the formal bid process, with funding from Capital Equipment Account #592-529-979.000, and authorize the purchase of a Val-matic check valve from Hamlett Environmental at a cost of \$6,075.00, with funding from Capital Equipment Account #592-529-979.000.

Carried unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS AND STATEMENTS

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the Authorized Disbursements, February 16, 2021, in the amount of \$680,035.31.

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to approve the Authorized ACH Transactions, January 2021, in the amount of \$4,546,754.87.

Carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabautan, to approve the Financial Summary, January 31, 2021; Schedule of Investments and Cash on Hand, January 31, 2021; City Beautiful Commission Minutes, January 7, 2021; Civic Commission Minutes, September 8, 2020, October 5, 2020, November 9, 2020, December 7, 2020, January 4, 2021; Historical Commission Minutes, January 11, 2021; and the Planning Commission Minutes, October 28, 2020.

Carried unanimously.

N-1
Councilman Benedetti
Closed Session

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

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

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

Mayor Rzeppa

Happy Fat Tuesday. Thanked DPW crew for great job on city streets. Flyers for unapproved bottle drive being circulated. Covid-19 update: 1,136 cases, 31 deaths. Retirements: last meeting for Administrator Church, Parks and Recreation Director Gonyea, City Engineer Bill Hogan retiring in April; huge thank you to them. Thanked State Rep. Camilleri for help with proclamations for employees; thanked office staff Leah and Jennie for their help. Read special tributes to retirees.

Councilman Benedetti

Thanked Joann, Scott and Bill; pleasure to work with all of you. Enjoy retirement. DPS did great job with snow removal. Our employees are second to none.

Councilman LeFevre

Losing three great people that have done a lot for the City. Wished Scott, Bill and Joann best of luck and thanked them all.

Councilman Perugi

Thanked DPW for their hard work and all three retirees for their years of service; wished them the best on their retirement.

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN
HELD ON THE 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

Councilwoman Pate	Congratulated three retirees; thanked them for their support and service.
Councilman Cabauatan	Thanked DPW for their hard work and efforts. Thanked all three retirees; city losing a lot of experience and dedication; great job mentoring those stepping into positions.
City Clerk Devitt	Congratulations to Joann and Scott; both will be missed so much. Spoke with Councilwoman Baun-Crooks who said she will miss Scott Church but happy for him on his retirement. Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m.
City Assessor Dahlquist	Congratulated retirees; complimented Joann on beautiful voice, Scott on drop dead dry humor, and has interests in common with Bill. L4175 personal property statement and small taxpayer exemption form 5076 due February 20. Board of Review dates: March 9, 11 and 12: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.; evening sessions March 10 and 16 from 3-9 p.m. in Commissions Room.
City Treasurer McCullough	Will miss Scott, Bill and Joann. Today was last day to pay taxes. Shout out to Treasurer's office staff for doing a great job.
City Administrator Church	Thanked everyone for kind words and support; thanked his family for always being there for him.
Parks & Recreation Director Gonyea	Thanked everyone for support; Trenton will always be a part of her life, will stay involved in the community.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, at 8:02 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. Comcast: Programming Advisory, January 29, 2021