

**CITY OF TRENTON
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 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: Councilpersons Richard Benedetti, Scott Cabauatan, Wendy Pate (via Zoom in Trenton, Michigan), Nelson Perugi (via Zoom in Trenton, Michigan) and Mayor Steven Rzeppa.

Absent: Councilpersons Timber Baun-Crooks and William LeFevre.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Other Officers Present: Alan Ackerman, City Attorney; Dean Creech, City Administrator, and John Dahlquist, City Assessor.

Other Officers Present via Zoom: Michael McCullough, City Treasurer; Jill Cooper, Deputy City Treasurer; Karen Sall, City Controller; Paul Haley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Dennis Chegash, Assistant City Engineer; John Laub, Human Resources Director; Theresa Monthei, I.T. Administrator; Tim Beaker, Parks and Recreation Director; Keith Anderson, Fire Chief; and Todd Scheffler, Police Chief.

MINUTES

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of February 16, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

BID OPENINGS

RFP's for Lease Space at the Kennedy Recreation Center

City Clerk Devitt opened proposals received for the lease space at the Kennedy Recreation Center, from scheduled bid opening of Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

Two proposals were received; from Steven Menzel and Kevin Lucidi for a restaurant; and from K.C. Begeman and Rick DeSana for a restaurant.

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Perugi, to refer the proposals to the Parks and Recreation Department for review.

Carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

GENERAL

- H-1. 33rd District Court: Fines, Costs, Fees, January 2021
- H-2. LR Enterprises, LLC/Rivertown Saloon: Redevelopment Liquor License, 2960 West Jefferson

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- I-1. Friends of the Detroit River: Annual Cleanup Project

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

- J-1. City Administrator: Redevelopment Ready Community 2.0 Program
- J-2. City Assessor: Sale of Property, Lot #247 Kirby-Sorge-Felske Co. Sibley Park Sub TRS R11E L34 P69 WCR
- J-3. Controller: PA2020 FY 2020 Determination of Underfunded Status and in Corrective Action Letter
- J-4. Mayor: Appointment of Delegate and Alternate, DCC
- J-5. Mayor: Proposed Study Session, Monday, March 22, 2021

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

- N-1. Councilman Benedetti: Closed Session

COMMUNICATIONS

H-1

33rd District Court
Fines, Costs, Fees, January 2021

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to receive and place on file the Fines, Costs, Fees, January 2021, submitted by the 33rd District Court, showing the City of Trenton owing \$11,492.82.

Carried unanimously.

H-2

LR Enterprises, LLC/Rivertown Saloon
Redevelopment Liquor License, 2960 West Jefferson

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION 2021-6**

**RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION MADE
PURSUANT TO MCL 1521(a)1 (b) OF THE MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL CODE**

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton established a Downtown Development Authority (“DDA”) within the City of Trenton

WHEREAS, the DDA is located as set forth on the attached map;

WHEREAS, LR Enterprises, LLC, doing business as Rivertown Saloon located at 2960 W Jefferson, Trenton, which location is in the DDA, has or will apply to the Michigan

Liquor Control Commission for approval of an on-premise liquor license pursuant to MCL 1521(a)(1)(b), commonly known as a Redevelopment License; and

WHEREAS, LR Enterprises, LLC meets the eligibility requirements for license issuance under MCL 436.1521a (1)(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Trenton City Council that LR Enterprises, LLC is approved for licensure pursuant to MCL 1521(a)(1)(b), for a new Class C license and SDM license located at 2960 W Jefferson, Trenton, which is located in the DDA, and further recommends that this application be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED BY THE City Council of the City of Trenton, this 1st day of March, 2021.

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to accept and approve the application from LR Enterprises, LLC/Rivertown Saloon, for a Class C and SDM, Redevelopment Liquor License pursuant to MCL 436.1521a(1)(b) of the Michigan Liquor Control Code for Downtown Development Authorities to be located at 2960 West Jefferson, and recommend this application to be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Carried unanimously.

I-1
Friends of the Detroit River
Annual Cleanup Project

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to grant permission to the Friends of the Detroit River to use Rotary Park on Saturday, April 24, 2021, for their Detroit River Cleanup Project, including the gazebo, the boat launch and to allow the use of two of the City's dumpsters for the collected refuse.

Carried unanimously.

J-1
City Administrator
Redevelopment Ready Community 2.0 Program

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION 2021-7
PARTICIPATION IN MEDC RRC 2.0 PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton has discussed the RRC 2.0 program with the State and with several members of the administration and its City Planner, Beckett & Rader and recognize the benefits of becoming a certified participant in the program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton, through the Mayor and City Council hereby approve engagement with the Redevelopment Ready Program, and

WHEREAS, City Administration, staff and the City Planner has discussed the merits of proceeding with the MEDC, and

WHEREAS, the City Administration and staff will appraise the boards and commissions of the beneficial aspects of the RRC 2.0 program, therefore be it

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Trenton, through its Mayor and City Council, hereby authorizes that the City enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the MEDC and its representatives to engage in the Redevelopment Ready Communities program and authorizes the Mayor sign such agreement on behalf of the City of Trenton.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED BY THE City Council of the City of Trenton, this 1st day of March, 2021.

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to concur with the recommendation of Administration to enter into a memorandum of understanding between the City of Trenton and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MDEC) to engage in the Redevelopment Ready Communities program and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the city.

Carried unanimously.

J-2

City Assessor

Sale of Property, Lot #247 Kirby-Sorge-Felske Co. Sibley Park Sub TRS R11E L34 P69
WCR

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Perugi, to concur with the recommendation of the City Assessor to sell the city-owned property on Cleveland Avenue, lot number 247 Kirby-Sorge-Feldke Co. Sibley Park Sub TRS R11E L34 P69 WCR, vacant land parcel number 82-54-001-04-0247-000, for \$1,800.00 and to place this parcel back on the tax roll with the expectation that a single residential home will be built on this site in the near future.

Carried unanimously.

J-3

Controller

PA2020 FY 2020 Determination of Underfunded Status and in Corrective Action Letter

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to receive and place on file Public Act 202 Fiscal Year 2020 - Determination of Underfunded Status and in Corrective Action letter.

Carried unanimously.

J-4

Mayor

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate, DCC

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Perugi, to approve the appointment of Steven Rzeppa as delegate and Dean Creech as alternate, to the Downriver Community Conference.

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

Motion carried.

J-5

Mayor

Proposed Study Session, Monday, March 22, 2021

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to schedule a Study Session on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing medical marijuana.

Carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Pate suggested providing a Trail Town update during the Study Session.

DISBURSEMENTS AND STATEMENTS

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the Authorized Disbursements, March 1, 2021, in the amount of \$281,802.85.

Carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the Fire Department Monthly Report, January 2021.

Carried unanimously.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

N-1
Councilman Benedetti
Closed Session

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to schedule a Closed Session on Monday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of discussing property acquisition.

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

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

Mayor Rzeppa	Construction project on Van Horn near Allen Road started today. Covid-19 update: 1,177 cases, 33 fatalities. Vaccine schedule: doing everything we can to get a vaccine clinic in Trenton as soon as possible. Meijer and Rite Aid pharmacies, as well as your health care provider are good places for Covid-19 vaccine sign-up.
Councilwoman Pate	Wished all council members well. Be careful and don't let your guard down; times are hard. Calls regarding coyotes spotted near Hedke school. Appreciates time to talk about Trail Town. Thanked everyone for pitching in.
Councilman Cabauatan	Enjoyed weather over the weekend. Asked Mayor Rzeppa if judge retirement at 33 rd District Court impacts costs to the Court. Asked Mayor Rzeppa for update from Economic Development Coordinator. Thanked Mayor for update on the covid clinic.
Councilman Benedetti	After getting covid shot, still wear your mask and wash your hands; takes six weeks for full effect of vaccine. Asked Parks and Recreation Director for turnout at the rink; P&R Director Beaker responded. Schedule for upcoming budget.
City Clerk Devitt	Next Regular Council Meeting Monday March 15 at 7:00 p.m. Clerk's office has face masks available for Trenton children up to 8 years old, compliments of Wayne County. Happy birthday to grandson Julian who turned 1 year old today.
City Assessor Dahlquist	Residents should have received Annual Assessment Notice. Board of Review dates: March 9, 11, 12, from 9 a.m-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.;

evening sessions March 10 and 16 from 3 p.m.-9 p.m. in the Commissions Room at City Hall. Estimated 54 personal property assessments this year.

City Treasurer McCullough

Received Covid shot at Meijer in Southgate; they did a fantastic job.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Robert Burns

Thanked Mayor and Council for support with the Detroit River Cleanup Project.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, at 7:53 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. State of Michigan EGLE: Dewatering System Design and Operating Plan Approval, DTE Electric Company, Sibley Quarry Landfill
2. Wayne County Treasurer: 2021 Financial Hardship Extension Policy
3. Wayne County Construction Improvements: Allen Road and Van Horn Road