

**CITY OF TRENTON
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 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 7:05 p.m. on the above date in the Council chambers.

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

Absent: Councilman Nelson Perugi.

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to excuse the absence of Councilman Perugi.

Carried unanimously.

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

Other Officers Present: Alan Ackerman, City Attorney; Dean Creech, City Administrator; Karen Sall, City Controller; Dennis Chegash, City Engineer; and Kevin Sargent, DPS Superintendent.

Other Officers Present via Zoom: John Dahlquist, City Assessor; Joanie Barnett, Deputy City Assessor; Jill Cooper, Deputy City Treasurer; Paul Haley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Erin Chapman, City Librarian; Theresa Monthei, Network Administrator; Tim Beaker, Parks and Recreation Director; Keith Anderson, Fire Chief; and Todd Scheffler, Police Chief.

MINUTES

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2021, and the Special Meeting of March 29, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman LeFevre, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Elizabeth Hartig, Carol Bridges, Jack Eggleston, Hana Mitsusada-Boylan, Bonnie Forrest, Patrick Taylor, Amanda Petrarca and Cassandra Kings to the Cultural Commission, for terms expiring April 1, 2024; and John Hodgson to the Historical Commission, for term expiring April 1, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

GENERAL

H-1. 33rd District Court: Fines, Costs, Fees, February 2021

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

I-1. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 426/VFW Post 1888: Annual Poppy Distribution

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

- J-1. Economic Development Consultant: Verbal Update
- J-2. City Controller: Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Budget
- J-3. City Controller: PA202 Fiscal Year 2017 - Retirement Corrective Action Plan Monitoring: Notice of Compliance
- J-4. City Engineer: Petition to Combine Property, Lots 286, 287 and parts of 288 and 289, N side of St. Joseph, Mario Ferrante
- J-5. City Engineer: City Hall Front Entrance Upgrade
- J-6. City Engineer: Request Extension of Concrete Replacement Program
- J-7. Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent: WWTP Blower #2 Emergency Repair
- J-8. Department of Public Services Director: Request to Extend Lawn Mowing Contract for 2021 Season
- J-9. Department of Public Services Director: Fire Station 2 (King Road) HVAC Rooftop System Replacement
- J-10. Department of Public Services Director: Request to Purchase a New Water & Sewer Dept. Supervisors Truck
- J-11. Parks & Recreation Director: Destination Downriver Yearly Fee 2021

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

- N-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Benedetti: Budget Sessions
- N-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Benedetti: Closed Session, Thursday, April 22, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS

H-1
33rd District Court
Fines, Costs, Fees, February 2021

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to receive and place on file the Fines, Costs, Fees, February 2021, submitted by the 33rd District Court, showing the City of Trenton owing \$10,686.32.

Carried unanimously.

I-1

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 426/VFW Post 1888
Annual Poppy Distribution

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to grant permission to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 426 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1888 to distribute poppies in the City of Trenton on May 6, 7 and 8, 2021, under the direction of the police department, pending civic commission approval.

Carried unanimously.

J-1

Economic Development Consultant
Verbal Update

Jim Wagner introduced Dennis Schreibeis, representative of Crown MSC and EPA On-Scene Coordinator Brian Kelly.

Dennis Schreibeis gave an update on the progress of the McLouth property.

Brian Kelly gave an EPA update.

Jim Wagner gave updates regarding ongoing projects within the City.

J-2

City Controller
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to receive and place on file the Mayor's Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget and schedule a Public Hearing for the purpose of taking public comment on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

J-3

City Controller
PA202 Fiscal Year 2017 - Retirement Corrective Action Plan Monitoring: Notice of Compliance

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to receive and place on file PA202 Retirement Corrective Action Plan Monitoring: Notice of Compliance.

Carried unanimously.

J-4

City Engineer

Petition to Combine Property, Lots 286, 287 and parts of 288 and 289, N side of St. Joseph,
Mario Ferrante

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION 2021-9
RESOLUTION TO COMBINE PROPERTY
MARIO FERRANTE**

WHEREAS, Mario Ferrante petitioned the Trenton City Council for the purpose of combining the following lots located in the City of Trenton, Michigan, the legal descriptions of area is as follows:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A

WHEREAS, by combining the above lots, they would be taxed as such:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trenton City Council does hereby approve the combination of the above described property, and be assessed for ad valorem purposes as follows:

Lots 286, 287 and parts of Lots 288 and 289 of "Assessors Trenton Plat No. 3" of Charles R. and Irene Truax to the Village (Now City) of Trenton and Blocks B, C, D, L, M, N, R, S, T, X and Z of Plat of the Village of Trenton and Part of Fractional Sections 18 & 19, Town 4 South, Range 11 East, Village (Now City) of Trenton, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 66 of Plats, Page 49, Wayne County Records. Containing 0.243 Acres (10,587.19 Sq. Ft.) of Land, More or Less.

In accordance with the survey attached herein and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk cause a copy of this Resolution to be recorded with the Office of the Register of Deeds for Wayne County, and a copy to be forwarded to the City Assessor and the Wayne County Assessment and Equalization Division.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED BY THE City Council of the City of Trenton, on this 12th day of April, 2021.

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to approve the petition to combine property, Lots 286, 287 and parts of 288 and 289, Assessors Trenton Plat No. 3 subdivision, located on the north side of St. Joseph Avenue between 3rd Street and 4th Street, submitted by Mario Ferrante, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the attached resolution and for the City Clerk to forward the documents to the Wayne County Assessment and Equalization Division for recordation.

Carried unanimously.

J-5
City Engineer
City Hall Front Entrance Upgrade

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to permit the Engineering Department to proceed with preparing plans, specifications, advertising and receiving competitive bids for the City Hall Front Entrance Upgrade, as well as entering the Professional Services Agreement with Fishbeck Engineers for the not-to-exceed project budget of \$15,700.00, with funding from DDA Authority Projects Account #494-802-974.009.

Carried unanimously.

J-6
City Engineer
Request Extension of Concrete Replacement Program

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer and extend the 2020 Concrete Program contract to Dominic Gaglio Construction Co. as indicated in the proposal, until December 31, 2021, and waive the usual bidding procedure in the best interest of the City, with funding from Major Street Capital Improvement Account #202-451-988.000, the Local Street Capital Improvement Account #203-451-988.000 and the Water Fund Concrete Account #592-563-974.010.

Carried unanimously.

J-7
Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
WWTP Blower #2 Emergency Repair

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to authorize payment on invoice #1063540 to Detroit Pump, for an emergency repair to the Waste Water Treatment Plant Control System MBC 12 U Sulzer/ABS, in the amount of \$10,820.50, with funding from Capital Equipment Account #592-529-979.000.

Carried unanimously.

J-8
Department of Public Services Director
Request to Extend Lawn Mowing Contract for 2021 Season

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to extend one year lawn mowing contracts to DJ's Lawn Service, Frank's Lawn Maintenance, Lou's Landscape and grant a one-year contract to Turf Concepts for the 2021 season at the same terms as the original contract, with funding from Parks and Facilities Account #101-265-818.001, Library Contractual Services Account #271-742-818.000, Major Streets Contractual Services Account #202-463-818.000 and Water & Sewer Contractual Services Account #592-563-818.000.

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

Motion carried.

J-9

Department of Public Services Director
Fire Station 2 (King Road) HVAC Rooftop System Replacement

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to authorize the replacement of the heat exchanger on the rooftop unit at Fire Station 2, and utilize Flo-Aire Heating and Cooling, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$8,020.00, with funding from Parks and Facilities Contractual Services Account #101-265-818.000.

Carried unanimously.

J-10

Department of Public Services Director
Request to Purchase a New Water & Sewer Dept. Supervisors Truck

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to approve the purchase of one F-150 4x4 pick-up truck at a cost of \$36,599.00, which is budgeted for in the current 2020-21 budget, with funding available from the Water & Sewer machinery and equipment account #592-563-982.000.

Carried unanimously.

J-11

Parks & Recreation Director
Destination Downriver Yearly Fee 2021

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to approve payment of the Destination Downriver yearly fee 2021, to the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber, in the amount of \$5,000.00, with funds available from Membership & Dues account #101-691-958.000.

Carried unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS AND STATEMENTS

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to receive and place on file the Authorized Disbursements, April 5, 2021, in the amount of \$210,087.55, approved on March 29, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to approve the Schedule of Investments and Cash on Hand, March 31, 2021; Board of Review Minutes, March 2021; Library Advisory Board Minutes, January 13, 2021; Fire and Police Pension Board Minutes, February 17, 2021; and the Police Department Monthly Report, January 2021 and February 2021.

Carried unanimously.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

N-1

Mayor Pro-Tem Benedetti
Budget Sessions

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to schedule budget sessions on Monday, April 12, 2021 and Monday, April 19, 2021, immediately following the regular meetings, Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. if needed.

Carried unanimously.

N-2

Mayor Pro-Tem Benedetti
Closed Session, Thursday, April 22, 2021

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to schedule a closed session on Thursday, April 22, 2021, immediately following the budget session, for the purpose of discussing sale or acquisition of property and contract negotiations.

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

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

Mayor Rzeppa

Covid-19 update: huge surge, 1602 positive cases, 37 fatalities. Contracted Covid six days after vaccine. Follow CDC exposure guidelines. Vaccine clinic in Trenton at Westfield Center Saturday, April 17 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Monday, April 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., for residents of Trenton, Riverview, Rockwood, Woodhaven and Gibraltar. Congratulated and welcomed new City Engineer Dennis Chegash. Asked Parks and Recreation Director Beaker for update on Summer Festival. Thank you to Emergency Management Coordinator Haley and

	Network Administrator Monthei for their work on the covid vaccine clinic. Bottle drive flyers circulating; has not been approved.
Councilwoman Cabauatan	National Public Safety Telecommunications Week; thanked dispatchers for keeping our city safe. Animal Control Appreciation Week, Public Health Week, National Library Week in April. Thanked Garden Club for improvements at Cultural Center; great facility. Thanked Controller Sall and Administrator Creech for work on the budget. Thanked Tim Beaker and staff for great work on programs. Passing of former City Planner Ben Tallerico; great loss for this community.
Councilwoman Baun-Crooks	Inquired on when the Westfield Center will be re-opening. Recreation Director Beaker responded.
Councilwoman Pate	Thanked Mayor for working with her and resident to form Cultural Commission. Shout out to Emergency Management Coordinator Haley. Working with Beaker and City Beautiful Commission on new trash can receptacles. Working on AARP grant for Serenity Park (at Meyer Ellis Park).
City Clerk Devitt	Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m., with Budget Session to immediately follow.
Parks and Rec. Director Beaker	Gave update on Summer Festival. No beer tent. Vintage Market joining vendors. Hope to have more announcements in the near future.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, at 8:29 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN
HELD ON THE 12th DAY OF APRIL, 2021

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. Seventh Day Adventist Church: Literature Evangelistic Program
2. Great Lakes Water Authority: FY 2022 Wholesale Water Schedule of Charges
3. State of Michigan: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
4. State of Michigan: Notice of Public Hearing, Electric Customers of DTE Electric Company Case No. U-21015