

**CITY OF TRENTON  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 6, 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 Deputy City Clerk Eric Hoshaw: 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; Dean Creech, Acting City Administrator; Joanie Barnett, Acting City Assessor; Michael McCullough, City Treasurer; Karen Sall, City Controller; Dennis Chegash, City Engineer; Erin Chapman, Library Director; Tim Beaker, Parks and Recreation Director; Keith Anderson; Acting Fire Chief; Todd Scheffler, Police Chief; and Kevin Sargent, DPS Superintendent.

Other Officers Present via Zoom: Jill Cooper, Deputy City Treasurer; and Theresa Monthei, I.T. Administrator.

**MINUTES**

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Trenton Rotary Club: Paul Harris Plus One Award

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to make the presentation part of the regular meeting minutes.

Carried unanimously.

Rotary President Elect William Jasman presented Councilwoman Baun-Crooks with the Trenton Rotary Club Paul Harris Plus One Award for her contributions to the Rotary Foundation and thanked her for her support.

**APPOINTMENTS**

City Beautiful Commission, Recreation Commission

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Bob Johnson to the City Beautiful Commission, for term expiring June 1, 2024, and Ilene Flanagan to the Recreation Commission, for term expiring July 1, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA**

**GENERAL**

H-1. 33rd District Court: Annual Financial Report FYE December 31, 2020

H-2. The Senior Alliance: 2022 Annual Implementation Plan

**GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

I-1. American Legion Post 426: Classic Car Show Road Closure Request

**DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS**

J-1. Acting City Administrator: Marihuana Draft Ordinance

J-2. Acting City Administrator: Parking Lot First Right of Refusal

J-3. Acting City Administrator: Clock Tower/Pavilion Sale/Closing

J-4. City Controller: 2020 Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Actuarial Valuation

J-5. Parks & Recreation Director: Kennedy Aquatic Center Emergency Heater Repair

**LATE COMMUNICATIONS**

K-1. Department of Public Services Director: Request to Increase Special Pick-Up Mattress and Box Spring Disposal Fees

K-2. Department of Public Services Director: Request to Increase Water Tap Fees

K-3. Library Director: Library of Michigan American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Equipment Grant Program

**OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

N-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Benedetti: Closed Session to follow

N-2. Mayor Rzeppa: Riverview Land Preserve Meeting

**COMMUNICATIONS**

H-1  
33rd District Court  
Annual Financial Report FYE December 31, 2020

**CITY OF TRENTON  
RESOLUTION 2021-22**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE 33<sup>RD</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT ANNUAL  
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the governing body for the City of Trenton has received and reviewed the Annual Financial Report submitted by Plante & Moran, PLLC, for the 33<sup>rd</sup> District Court for the year ending December 31, 2020.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City of Trenton hereby resolves that the Annual Financial Report be accepted as submitted.

**ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED** by the City Council of Trenton, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to approve the Financial Report, December 31, 2020, submitted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> District Court.

Carried unanimously.

H-2  
The Senior Alliance  
2022 Annual Implementation Plan

**RESOLUTION OF CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN  
AFFIRMING APPROVAL OF THE SENIOR ALLIANCE  
2022 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AGING SERVICES  
2021-23**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Trenton, Wayne County, Michigan recognizes the role of The Senior Alliance as the state designated Area Agency on Aging for southern and western Wayne County to be responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, monitoring, and managing a comprehensive organized service delivery system of services for older adults and caregivers.

**WHEREAS**, the 34 communities of Southern and Western Wayne County, including the City of Trenton, comprises the Planning and Service Area to the agency's governing body.

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Services to the Aging require local Area Agencies on Aging to request approvals of their Annual Implementation Plan from their local governments.

**WHEREAS**, The Senior Alliance has submitted the plan to this honorable body in accordance with federal and state laws.

**WHEREAS**, The Senior Alliance has held a public hearing for client, caregiver, and service provider population feedback which contributed to the development of the Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.

**NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this honorable body of the City of Trenton approves the Annual Implementation Plan for FY 2022, as presented to the City.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED**, by the City Council of the City of Trenton, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to approve the 2022 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Aging Services, submitted by The Senior Alliance.

Carried unanimously.

I-1  
American Legion Post 426  
Classic Car Show Road Closure Request

**CITY OF TRENTON  
RESOLUTION 2021-24**

**RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Trenton, that the American Legion Post 426 is holding a Classic Car Show on Sunday, September 12, 2021, and that the Wayne County Department of Public Services is hereby requested to give permission to the City of Trenton to close West Jefferson from Cherry Street to Harrison Street on Sunday, September 12, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and 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, Dennis Chegash, is hereby designated and authorized to sign the road closure permit on behalf of the City of Trenton.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED**, by the City Council of the City of Trenton, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to approve the road closure request from the American Legion Post 426, for their annual Classic Car Show, to be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., on West Jefferson between Cherry Street and Harrison Street, under the direction of the Department of Public Services and the Police Department, with Administrative approval.

Carried unanimously.

J-1  
Acting City Administrator  
Marihuana Draft Ordinance

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to refer the draft of the proposed ordinance to allow Grow and Processing of Marihuana only in the City of Trenton to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

Carried unanimously.

J-2  
Acting City Administrator  
Parking Lot First Right of Refusal

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to authorize the City Attorney to finalize and approve closing documents when property closing is scheduled, and authorize the City Administrator to sign and execute closing documents after Attorney review.

Carried unanimously.

J-3  
Acting City Administrator  
Clock Tower/Pavilion Sale/Closing

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to receive and place on file the Closing documents related to the land sale at West Jefferson and West Road.

Carried unanimously.

J-4  
City Controller  
2020 Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Actuarial Valuation

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the December 31, 2020 MERS actuarial valuation and special letter.

Carried unanimously.

J-5

Parks & Recreation Director  
Kennedy Aquatic Center Emergency Heater Repair

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the emergency repair made by Flo-Aire at the Kennedy Aquatic Center, with funding from Account #101-697-933.000, in the best interest of the City of Trenton, its residents and the Kennedy Aquatic Center.

Carried unanimously.

**LATE COMMUNICATIONS**

K-1

Department of Public Services Director  
Request to Increase Special Pick-Up Mattress and Box Spring Disposal Fees

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to increase the mattress and box spring special pick up fee from \$10.00 per piece to \$20.00 per piece, in addition to the standard \$20.00 special pick up fee, and also charge the fee for any mattress or box springs disposed of at the Transfer Station.

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

Motion carried.

K-2

Department of Public Services Director  
Request to Increase Water Tap Fees

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to increase water tap fees to \$2500.00 for 1" short side service, \$3500.00 for 1" long side service, \$3500.00 for 1.5"-2" short side service and \$5000.00 for 1.5"-2" long side service.

Carried unanimously.

K-3

Library Director  
Library of Michigan American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Equipment Grant Program

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the Trenton Veterans Memorial Library to apply for the Library of Michigan American Rescue Plan Act Equipment Grant Program.

Carried unanimously.

**DISBURSEMENTS AND STATEMENTS**

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Perugi, to approve the Authorized Disbursements, July 6, 2021, in the amount of \$695,645.14.

Carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to receive and place on file the Planning Commission Minutes, April 14, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

**OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

N-1

Mayor Pro-Tem Benedetti

Closed Session to follow

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to hold a Closed Session immediately following the Regular Meeting 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.

N-2

Mayor Rzeppa

Riverview Land Preserve Meeting

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to support a formal letter from Council urging the Wayne County Facility Inclusion Committee to provide an in-person option for the Riverview Land Preserve Meeting scheduled Monday, August 2 at 1:30 p.m., via Zoom.

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

Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS**

Mayor Rzeppa	Thanked Parks and Recreation, DPS, Summer Festival Committee for their hard work on Summer Festival. Thanked DPS workers who helped in Dearborn with flood damage. Landfill expansion meeting Monday, August 2 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom; information on Wayne County website.
Councilwoman Baun-Crooks	Thanked Tim Beaker, staff, Festival Committee for their work Summer Festival. Westfield building inquires; Beaker responded.
Councilman Benedetti	Heard great things about Summer Festival; Social District was a great idea. Assistance needed for elevator repair for seniors at Trenton Towers building; Mayor Rzeppa responded. Wished grandson happy 10th birthday.
Councilman LeFevre	Summer Festival Committee did a phenomenal job; kudos to our city employees.
Councilman Perugi	Thanked Tim, Festival Committee and DPS for their excellent work.
Councilwoman Pate	Thanked DPS for their work at the Summer Festival. City-sponsored Facebook groups. Blood shortage; get out and donate. Fireworks; hope everyone had safe, fun holiday. Data re: Summer Festival. Support the businesses that participate in the Social District.
Councilman Cabauatan	Thanked Tim Beaker, Parks and Recreation, Fire and Police departments for Summer Festival. Thanked DPS staff; thanks for helping those affected by floods.
Deputy City Clerk Hoshaw	Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m.
City Treasurer McCullough	All tax bills out; if you haven't received one by Friday, give us a call. Printer mistake; back didn't print. Go to website. Thanked early bird taxpayers.
Parks and Rec. Director Beaker	Thanked Festival Committee; staff of Parks and Rec dept. has been phenomenal this year. Thanked DPS, Fire and Police, Honorable Body and Administration for putting together Social



District. Hope residents enjoyed themselves at the Summer Festival.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, at 7:56 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY:

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STEVEN J. RZEPPA, MAYOR

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DEBRA R. DEVITT, CITY CLERK

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

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. State of Michigan: Notice of Hearing, Electric Customers of DTE Electric Company  
Case No. U-20866
2. State of Michigan: Notice of Hearing, Electric Customers of DTE Electric Company  
Case No. U-21044