

**CITY OF TRENTON  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 19, 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 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; Anthony Balogna, City Attorney; Dean Creech, Acting City Administrator; Joanie Barnett, Acting City Assessor; Paul Haley, Emergency Management Coordinator; John Laub, Human Resources Director; Tim Beaker, Parks and Recreation Director; Todd Scheffler, Police Chief; and Mike Oakley, Deputy Police Chief.

Other Officers Present via Zoom: Jill Cooper, Deputy City Treasurer; Karen Sall, City Controller; Keith Anderson, Acting Fire Chief; and Kevin Sargent, DPS Superintendent.

**MINUTES**

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Perugi, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 6, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA**

**GENERAL**

- H-1. 33rd District Court: Fines, Costs, Fees, June 2021
- H-2. Michigan Municipal League: Designation of Voting Delegates

**GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

- I-1. Bill LeBar: Turn the Town Teal

**DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS**

- J-1. City Controller: Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) Non-Entitlement Unit of Local Government (NEU) Funding Election and Budget Certification (Form 5751)
- J-2. Acting Fire Chief: ESO Software Contract
- J-3. Acting Fire Chief: Request for Purchase of 2021 Dodge Ram Truck

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Moved by Councilman LeFevre, seconded by Councilman Perugi, to receive and place on file the Fines, Costs, Fees, June 2021, submitted by the 33rd District Court, showing the City of Trenton owing \$6,058.78.

Carried unanimously.

H-2  
Michigan Municipal League  
Designation of Voting Delegates

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to designate Councilwoman Baun-Crooks as the representative, and Mayor Rzeppa as the alternate, as voting delegates at the annual meeting of the Michigan Municipal League to be held on September 22, 2021, if they plan on attending the meeting.

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

Motion carried.

I-1  
Bill LeBar  
Turn the Town Teal

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to grant permission to the volunteers associated with "Turn the Town Teal" a national campaign to create awareness of ovarian cancer, to tie ribbons in the City of Trenton, for the month of September.

Carried unanimously.

J-1  
City Controller  
Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) Non-Entitlement Unit of Local  
Government (NEU) Funding Election and Budget Certification (Form 5751)

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to approve the acceptance of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funding and request payment from the State of Michigan in the estimated amount of \$1.9 million.

Carried unanimously.

J-2  
Acting Fire Chief  
ESO Software Contract

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the invoice payment for ESO Solutions, in the amount of \$5,795.00, from the Contractual Services Account, #101-336-818.000.

Carried unanimously.

J-3  
Acting Fire Chief  
Request for Purchase of 2021 Dodge Ram Truck

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Perugi, to approve the purchase of a 2021 Dodge Ram Truck, in the amount of \$25,976.00, under the State of Michigan MIDeal contract pricing, with funding from Machinery and Equipment Account #101-336-982.000.

Carried unanimously.

**DISBURSEMENTS AND STATEMENTS**

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the Authorized Disbursements, July 19, 2021, in the amount of \$901,698.74.

Carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the Financial Summary, June 30, 2021; Schedule of Investments and Cash on Hand, June 30, 2021; Historical Commission Minutes, June 14, 2021; Library Advisory Board Minutes, May 12, 2021; Fire Department Monthly Report, June 2021; and the Police Department Monthly Report, June 2021.

Carried unanimously.

**OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

N-1  
Mayor Pro-Tem Benedetti  
Closed Session

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to move to a Closed Session immediately following the Regular Council Meeting, for the purpose of discussing litigation.

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

Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS**

Mayor Rzeppa	Meeting for Riverview Landfill Expansion Monday, Aug. 2 at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom. SNAP Car Wash on Thursday, July 22 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at KRC parking lot; Trenton Firefighter Charities open house at Fire Station downtown on Saturday, July 31 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Congratulations to THS graduate Micah Ottenbreit, drafted in fourth round by Philadelphia Phillies.
Councilman Benedetti	Wished his mother a happy birthday this Thursday.
Councilman Perugi	Asked for updates on DTE; Administrator Creech responded.
Councilwoman Pate	Wednesday, July 21 8:30 a.m. Trail Town meeting. Thursday, July 23 6:30 a.m. CAG meeting.
Councilman Cabauatan	Thanked city employees and departments; water main breaks. Compliments to Micah Ottenbreit. Goal setting futuring session meeting dates; Mayor Rzeppa responded. Wished wife happy anniversary.
Councilwoman Baun-Crooks	Congratulated Micah Ottenbreit.
City Clerk Devitt	Nominating petitions for November 2 city general election available in Clerk's office; due Tuesday, July 20 by 4:00 p.m. Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, August 2 at 7:00 p.m.

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN  
HELD ON THE 19th DAY OF JULY, 2021

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Acting City Assessor Barnett	July Board of Review Tuesday, July 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissions Room at City Hall.
Deputy City Treasurer Cooper	Tax bills went out July 1; if you haven't received yours please call the Treasurer's office. If taxes paid by mortgage, the copy you receive in mail is yours to keep. Taxes are due August 31.
Parks and Rec. Director Beaker	Thanked and congratulated Moonglow Garden Club and all other garden clubs; take time to walk through the different parks, and if willing to help out, give Parks and Recreation department a call. Thanked committees and organizations for making the City what it is.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

James Watkins	Disagrees with Council's decision to fly Pride flag under American Flag at City Hall.
Gary Longton	Disagrees with Council's decision to raise the Pride flag at City Hall. Thanked Council for recognizing Micah Ottenbreit.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, at 7:32 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. Friends of the Detroit River: McLouth Site NGO Funds
2. State Senator Stephanie Chang: Community Baby Shower
3. AT&T: Annual Video Report, July 14, 2021