

**CITY OF TRENTON
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2021**

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a moment of silence was held for auxiliary officer Dennis Church, who passed away after 13 years of service. The Regular Meeting of the City Council of Trenton, Michigan, was called to order by Mayor Rzeppa, at 7:01 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; Dean Creech, Acting City Administrator; Karen Sall, City Controller; Paul Haley, Emergency Management Coordinator; Dennis Chegash, City Engineer; Mike Oakley, Police Chief; and Kevin Sargent, DPS Superintendent.

Other Officers Present via Zoom: Joanie Barnett, Acting City Assessor; Jill Cooper, Deputy City Treasurer; Theresa Monthei, I.T. Administrator; and Keith Anderson, Acting Fire Chief.

MINUTES

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 20, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Retirement Plaque: Todd Scheffler

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

Carried unanimously.

Mayor Rzeppa thanked Former Police Chief Todd Scheffler for his 27 years of service and presented him with a retirement plaque.

Chief Scheffler thanked his wife and the Trenton Police Department.

American Indian Heritage Month Proclamation

Mayor Rzeppa proclaimed November 2021 as American Indian Heritage Month in the city of Trenton, Michigan.

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

Carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

AUTHORITIES, CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

G-1. Jodi Tate: Letter of Resignation from the Civic Commission

GENERAL

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H-2. Truago: Lobster Festival, Road Closure Request

H-3. Small Biz Buys.com: Trunk or Treat - Saturday, October 30, 2021

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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I-2. Trenton Hockey Association: Hockey Decal Sale

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

J-1. City Controller: Budget Amendment as of 9-30-2021 For Fiscal Year Ending 6-30-2022

J-2. City Engineer: Resolution 2021-9 (Revised) Petition to Combine Property, Lots 286, 287 and parts of 288 and 289, N side of St. Joseph, Mario Ferrante

J-3. City Engineer: Petition to Combine Property, Lots 152 and 153 of Teifer Subdivision, William R. Street, Dale Klepadlo

J-4. Parks & Recreation Director: Sale of Pictures

J-5. Parks & Recreation Director: Civic Commission Dinner for Awards Banquet

J-6. Councilwoman Pate: City of Trenton designated a Pure Michigan Trail Town

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LATE COMMUNICATIONS

K-1. City Administrator: Block Party Road Closures

K-2. Canterbury Residents: Block Party Request

K-3. Stacie Kuciemba, Local Support for Haven: Bottle/Can Drives

K-4. Barbara Rzucidlo: Ken Gorno, Zoning Board

COMMUNICATIONS

G-1

Jodi Tate

Letter of Resignation from the Civic Commission

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to receive and place on file the letter submitted by Jodi Tate, resigning from the Civic Commission, and request Administration to send a letter of appreciation to her for her services.

Carried unanimously.

H-1

The Vintage Market

Kickoff to Christmas - Downtown Trenton Sip, Shop & Stroll

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to grant permission to The Vintage Market, LLC, to hold a Kickoff to Christmas Downtown Trenton Sip, Shop & Stroll on Saturday, November 27, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. under the direction of the police department.

Carried unanimously.

H-2

Truago

Lobster Festival, Road Closure Request

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION 2021-27**

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Trenton, that Truago (JK Blue, LLC) is holding a Lobster Festival on Friday, October 15, 2021 and Saturday, October 16, 2021, and that the Wayne County Department of Public Services is hereby requested to give permission to the City of Trenton to close West Road from West Jefferson to the alley between West Jefferson and Riverside Drive on Friday, October 15, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 17, 2021, 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 4th day of October, 2021.

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the road closure request from Truago (JK Blue, LLC), for their Lobster Festival, to be held on Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16, 2021, under the direction of the police department, pending final inspections from the Fire and Building Departments.

Carried unanimously.

H-3
Small Biz Buys.com
Trunk or Treat - Saturday, October 30, 2021

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve the request from Small Biz Buys.com to hold a Trunk or Treat at the Westfield Center and Library parking lot on Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., under the direction of the police department.

Carried unanimously.

I-1
Trenton Varsity Crew
Bottle/Can Drive

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to grant the Trenton High School Varsity Crew Team permission to conduct a bottle and can drive collection in the City of Trenton, distributing flyers on Saturday, March 26, 2022, and collecting the bottles on Saturday, April 9, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., under adult supervision and the direction of the police department.

Carried unanimously.

I-2
Trenton Hockey Association
Hockey Decal Sale

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to grant permission to the Trenton Hockey Association to hold their annual decal sale in the City of Trenton on Saturday, November 6, 2021, with adult supervision and under the direction of the police department.

Carried unanimously.

J-1

City Controller

Budget Amendment as of 9-30-2021 For Fiscal Year Ending 6-30-2022

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve Budget Amendments as of September 30, 2021, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Carried unanimously.

J-2

City Engineer

Resolution 2021-9 (Revised) 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 (Revised)
RESOLUTION TO COMBINE PROPERTY
MARIO FERRANTE**

WHEREAS, Mario Ferrante has 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:

The following parcel's lots are known as existing Tax ID # 82-54-014-03-0286-000, 82-54-014-03-0287-304, and 82-54-014-03-0288-303.

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 PART OF LOTS 288 AND 289, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE S.W. CORNER OF SAID LOT 288; THENCE N09°44'28"E, 164.66 FEET; THENCE S80°37'19"E, 80.50 FEET; THENCE S09°40'53"W, 164.89 FEET; THENCE N80°27'40"W, 80.67 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, "ASSESSOR'S TRENTON PLAT NO. 3" OF ADDITION OF CHARLES R. AND IRENE TRUAX TO THE VILLAGE 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 AND 19, TOWN 4 SOUTH, RANGE 11 EAST, VILLAGE OF TRENTON (NOW CITY OF TRENTON), WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 66 OF PLATS, PAGE 49, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS. CONTAINING 0.797 ACRES (34,717.64 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 4th day of October, 2021.

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to approve the revised Resolution 2021-9, Petition to Combine Property - Lots 286-289, Assessors Trenton Plat No. 3, St. Joseph Ave. for Mario Ferrante, with correction to acreage and square footage of child parcel according to survey.

Carried unanimously.

J-3

City Engineer

Petition to Combine Property, Lots 152 and 153 of Teifer Subdivision, William R. Street,
Dale Klepadlo

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Perugi, to refer the petition to combine property, Lots 152 and 153 of Teifer subdivision, William R. Street, submitted by Dale Klepadlo, to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

Carried unanimously.

J-4

Parks & Recreation Director
Sale of Pictures

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to approve the sale of wall decorations and pictures, secured from the restaurant space that are no longer in use, utilizing FaceBook, Ebay or postings with profits of the sale to be placed in the KRC fund, Account #208-692-762.000.

Carried unanimously.

J-5

Parks & Recreation Director
Civic Commission Dinner for Awards Banquet

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, to approve payment made to Kosch Hospitality for the City of Trenton Awards Banquet to be held at the Elizabeth Park Chateau on January 15, 2022, in the amount of \$4,948.50, with funding from Account #101-000-685.021.

Carried unanimously.

J-6

Councilwoman Pate

City of Trenton designated a Pure Michigan Trail Town

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to receive and place on file the communication announcing the City of Trenton has been designated a Pure Michigan Trail Town by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in partnership with Pure Michigan.

Carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Pate gave a brief background on the trail town designation, announced Charlotte Craft as the winner of the logo design contest and thanked everyone involved. Kick-off ribbon cutting this Saturday, October 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the Trenton Trib office.

J-7

Mayor

2021-28 Joint Resolution to Support Legislative Redistricting

**CITY OF TRENTON
RESOLUTION 2021-28**

JOINT RESOLUTION

of the Downriver Community Conference Board of Directors
and the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber

WORKING IN UNIFICATION TO SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the Downriver Community Conference (DCC), a consortium of twenty Downriver communities in Wayne County whose total population exceeds 500,000, has joined in an effort to improve local government and enhance the quality of life for area residents through municipal cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC), representing 21 communities in most of the same DCC area, works in cooperation with DCC on legislation that affects this entire region; and

WHEREAS, DCC & SWCRC have been working together as a united voice to get our regional economy restarted and on track while protecting the health and safety of our citizens. In addition to our representatives in Lansing and Washington working to provide critical resources for our region, we will need to focus on strong and effective initiatives to encompass the 'whole' of our area; and

WHEREAS, we share common bonds linked to public policy issues or identities that may be affected by legislation; likely to result in a desire to share a united regional congressional district, and equally established state legislative districts within the region in order to secure more effective representation; and

WHEREAS, the Downriver Mutual Aid (DMA) was created more than 50 years ago, in 1967, in order to formalize the cooperative relationships that already existed between and among police and fire departments throughout the region, for Public Safety. DCC serves as the Administrator for DMA. For generations, communities had assisted each other when a neighbor called for help; providing backup when police officers were stretched thin during a crisis or sending additional firefighters to battle blazes that threatened a community. But with the creation of the DMA, that help grew to include a number of more sophisticated services that no single department or city could offer, such as creating a regional SWAT Team, a Crisis Negotiations Team, an Underwater Search & Recovery Team (Dive Team), Drug Enforcement Team, the Downriver Auto Theft Team (DRATT) and a Uniformed Police Task Force. Other efforts of DMA include DMA 911 and Radio Communication Services; and

WHEREAS, DCC and SWCRC share historical economic interests associated with a contiguous area on a map, together representing communities along the Detroit River from River Rouge and along the southeastern border to Rockwood, and westerly from Dearborn, Huron Township, Van Buren Township, and Belleville down to the Wayne/Monroe County line; and

WHEREAS, Congressional and state legislative district boundaries must be drawn according to existing municipal boundaries, and shall not divide municipalities and their constituents into separate districts of representation; and

WHEREAS, it is our priority, along with the unification of Downriver and the 21 Southern Wayne County communities into one congressional district, to support efforts to re-align/redistrict our area to the strength of bringing all these communities together to benefit the region as a whole.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Trenton, along with the Downriver Community Conference Board of Directors, working in unification with the SWCRC, supports the Congressional Redistricting to encompass this region with the same representation.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton, on this 4th day of October, 2021.

Moved by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, to approve Resolution 2021-28 Joint Resolution of the Downriver Community Conference Board of Directors and the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber, working in unification to support legislative redistricting.

Carried unanimously.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

K-1
City Administrator
Block Party Road Closures

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve residential road closures with no fee for residents, for the purpose of holding block parties.

Carried unanimously.

K-2
Canterbury Residents
Block Party Request

Moved by Councilwoman Pate, seconded by Councilman LeFevre, to grant permission to the residents of Canterbury Street, to hold a block party on Sunday, October 31, 2021, and approve the road blockage of Canterbury Street between Lexington Street and Norwood Street, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., under the direction of the police department and public service department.

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

Motion carried.

K-3
Stacie Kuciemba, Local Support for Haven
Bottle/Can Drives

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to grant permission to Stacie Kuciemba to conduct a bottle drive in the City of Trenton, dropping off flyers on October 7-11 and collecting the bottles on Friday, October 16, 2021; and deny the second request.

Carried unanimously.

K-4
Barbara Rzucidlo
Ken Gorno, Zoning Board

Moved by Councilwoman Baun-Crooks, seconded by Councilwoman Pate, to receive and place on file the complaint received by Barbara Rzucidlo, regarding contractor work performed by Ken Gorno, at a house located on Trenton Dr. S and Rutledge Street.

Carried unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS AND STATEMENTS

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to approve the Authorized Disbursements, October 4, 2021, in the amount of \$3,506,525.16.

Carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Moved by Councilman Benedetti, seconded by Councilman Cabauatan, to receive and place on file the Recreation Commission Minutes, May 18, 2021; and the Cultural Commission Minutes, July 24, 2021 and August 28, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

Mayor Rzeppa	Condolences to the family of Dennis Church. Trenton Education Foundation Signature Event Friday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Crystal Gardens. Parks and Recreation City Awards Banquet January 15, 2022; nominations facilitated by Parks and Rec Office. Leaf collection begins October 15. Asked Acting City Administrator Creech to give recycling update.
Administrator Creech	Gave update on recycling; item should be on the October 18 council agenda; hopeful in grant process.
Councilwoman Baun-Crooks	Fort St. near Norwood railroad tracks; large shrub/tree that blocks vision; very dangerous.
Councilman Perugi	Thanked Councilwoman Pate for her hard work.
Councilwoman Pate	Thanked Councilman Perugi and everyone for their support on Trail Town.
Councilman Cabauatan	Thanked Councilwoman Pate for her work on Trail Town. Thanked Ron Hinrichs, president of Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber, for his leadership. Shout out to Garden Club volunteers; Cultural Center is a true gem. Boxford Street pumpkins decorations.

City Clerk Devitt

Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, October
18 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

David Heatherly

Thanked Lieutenant Tanguay for monitoring neighborhood regarding railroad problem; asked Mayor what city is doing to resolve the problem. Mayor Rzeppa and Attorney Ackerman responded.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilman Cabauatan, seconded by Councilman Benedetti, at 8:28 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. Wayne County Community College District: Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Tax Levy