



INKSTER CITY COUNCIL
June 1, 2020 (Virtual Meeting)
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Mayor – Patrick Wimberly
Mayor Pro Tem – Kim Howard, District V

Council Members:

George Williams, District I
La’Gina Washington, District II
Sandra K. Watley., District III
Steven Chisholm, District IV
Dennard Shaw, District VI

FELICIA RUTLEDGE
CITY CLERK

PATRICK WIMBERLY
MAYOR

TREASURER
DARIN CARRINGTON

DAVID JONES
CITY ATTORNEY

Council may be addressed during the Regular Meeting by filling out the Public Participation Form. Address Council as a whole through the Mayor. Email your comment to be read for one (1) minute into the record. frutledge@cityofinkster.com (for virtual meeting)

June 1, 2020

Regular City Council Agenda – 7:00 PM (Virtual Meeting)

1. Call Meeting to Order

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call
- C. Closed Session

Council may enter into Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations, purchase or lease of real property and/or pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 (a), (c), (d), (e) and/or (f).

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Presentations/Discussion

4. Public Hearing

5. Consent Agenda

A. May 18, 2020 Regular (Virtual) City Council Meeting Minutes. Pg. 1

6. Boards and Commissions

A. Update of current list of appointments to Boards & Commissions. Pg. 5

7. Previous Business

8. Ordinance(s)

A. First Reading(s)

B. Second Reading(s)

9. New Business

A. Discussion/Action: (William Riley) Consideration and approval to reduce certain misdemeanor offences to civil infractions within the code of Ordinance. Pg. 12

10. Public Participation (limit to 1 minutes)

11. City Clerk

12. City Treasurer

13. Mayor and Council Communication

14. Closed Session

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15. Adjournment

Felicia Rutledge
City Clerk

May 18, 2020
Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan was a virtual meeting held on the Zoom platform in compliance with the State of Michigan Open Meetings Act and Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s Executive Order on Monday, May 18, 2020.

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting: City Council members discussed:

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Wimberly called the virtual meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

City Council and the public in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Prayer

Roll Call

Mayor Wimberly	Present	Councilwoman Howard	Present
Councilwoman Watley	Present	Councilman Williams	Present
Councilwoman Washington	Present	Councilman Chisholm	Present
Councilman Shaw	Present		

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard to approve the agenda with the addition of item “B” under Presentations. Resolution 05-20- 52COV - Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Watley	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea
Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Councilmember Howard	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Washington	

Presentations/Discussion

- A. Discussion of the current Internet Provider (AT&T) and the proposed Internet Provider (123Net) – Phineas Cody, IT Director
- B. Discussion on the FY20/21 Budget – Darin Carrington, CFO

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

- A. March 2, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. May 4, 2020 Regular (Virtual) City Council Meeting Minutes
- C. Allen Brother’s and Attorney’s PLLC. Invoice \$ 35,540.00

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the May 4, 2020 Consent Agenda. Resolution 05-20-53COV – Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Councilmember Howard	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea

Boards and Commission

- A. Update of current list of appointments to Boards & Commissions.

Previous Business

- A. Allen Brother’s and Attorney’s PLLC. Invoice \$27,340.98 (paid)

Moved by Councilmember Watley, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm No action.

Ordinance(s)

- A. First Reading(s)
- B. Second Reading(s)

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Phineas Cody) Consideration and approval of the 123Net Fiber Internet proposal for 10 years and upon the city Attorney’s approval of negotiated proposal.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Watley to approve of the 123Net Fiber Internet proposal. Resolution 05-20-54COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Howard	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea

- B. Discussion/Action: (City Council) To vote In accordance with the vote taken in closed session (Ruiz).

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Washington to approve of the vote taken in closed session (Ruiz). Resolution 05-20-55COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Howard	Yea
Councilmember Watley	Nay	Councilmember Williams	Yea

C. Discussion/Action: (City Council) To vote In accordance with the vote taken in closed session (Perry).

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve of the vote taken in closed session (Perry). Resolution 05-20-56COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea
Councilmember Watley	Nay	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Howard	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea

Public Participation

- **Michelle Fuseyamore** – Stated she is selling a residential property and wanted to know how to get the building inspection done in time for the closing on June 15, 2020. She stated she already has the form.
- **Yvette Brock** – Asked city officials if Mr. Black is an employee of the city? Is he being paid with city (taxpayer’s funds) funds? If he is a vendor does he have a contract and what are the terms of the said contract. She further asked is Gennifer still working for the city, if so in what capacity? Is the position temporary or permanent? How is it funded?
- **Curtesene Barge** – Stated the 2020 Census is on fire in Inkster. She stated the count is at 57%. She stated that the count needs to go up. She wants Inkster to be at 100%. She said that city council members are working with different members of the complete count board to achieve higher numbers.
- **Octavia Smith** – Stated the Inkster Chamber has white ribbons for distribution to place in your window to support essential workers. These ribbons can be picked up at Applewood. She further stated that Western Wayne Family Health Center is doing COVID-19 Testing. She said that you call and make a tele appointment and they will schedule you thru the drive thru test site.

City Clerk

- Stated she would be mailing registered voters absentee applications for the August 4, 2020 and November 3, 2020 elections. She further stated she is encouraging residents to vote by absentee. She stated is safe and secure and allows your vote to be counted without having to go into a polling location and exposing yourself or getting exposed to COVID-19,

City Treasurer

- Stated that due to city hall being closed. The city has not assessed late fees on the water bill for the months of March, April and May. He further stated that water bills and taxes can be left in the drop box outside of city hall.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilman Williams** – Stated that he has been trying to get a water bill taken care of that has tripled in price.
- **Councilman Chisholm** – Stated that the Governor’s Executive Order now states that businesses that are opening will have to submit a plan for re-opening. He asked if the city would be submitting that type of plan.
- **Councilwoman Watley** – Stated that Wednesday would be the SeeClickFix webinar would take place on Wednesday at 1pm. She stated this webinar would show council how to communicate more with residents that sign up for the service. She further asked what Dennis Black does for the city of Inkster? She stated if he is a contractor for the city of Inkster, where is the contract?

- **Mayor Pro-Tem Howard** –_Thanked all employees at City Hall, Police and Fire for their commitment to the city. She said she knows we are in difficult times but she thanks everyone for their service. She wants everyone to stay safe.
- **Mayor Wimberly** –_Stated that on June 1, 2020 City hall would be open. He said that doing business at city hall would look different. He stated there will be an Auxillary Police will be on site to make sure mask are worn and temperatures taken of persons who enter city hall. He said Department of Public Services is back to work full time and that grass is beginning to be cut and tree trimming. He stated that things are coming in place fort he building department. He said that Carolyn Wilson would be the lead Administrative Assistant and that a former Buccilli employee Tina would also be coming back. He further stated he is in talks with the City of Ecorse Building Official to split his time with Inkster and Ecorse.

Closed Session

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard to go into closed session to discuss litigation at 9:05 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to adjourn closed session at 9:53 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made
By Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm and carried, to conclude
the Regular Virtual City Council meeting of May 18, 2020 was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster

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BUILDING AUTHORITY COMMISSION - INACTIVE

[MEETINGS: Second Monday in January]

3 Year Term

5 Members

State Law and Resolution 74-1-39

Nathaniel Elcock
Hersey Bryant, (C)
Horace Wells

Exp. 12/31/05
Exp. 12/31/00
Exp. 12/31/01

CABLE TELEVISION COMMISSION

[MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., Recreation Center]

3 Year Term

9 Members

Ordinances 593 and 609

Vacant

Troy Seaton Dist. 1
Phineas Cody Dist. 3
Octavia Smith Dist. 4
Thelma Jean Overman Dist. 5
Connie R. Mitchell Dist. 6
Sandra Watley **Mayoral**
Steven Chisholm At-Large

Ex. Officio

Exp. 01/17/20-Expired
Exp. 10/07/22
Exp. 07/03/20
Exp. 02/06/20
Exp. 02/04/22
Exp. 01/06/23
Exp. 01/17/20- Expired

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ETHICS

[MEETINGS: Monthly]

3 Year Term

3 Members

Ordinances 237 & 559

Vacant

Vacant - (Employee Representative)
Vacant (Commission Appointment)

CONDEMNATION BOARD

[MEETINGS: AS NEEDED]

5 Members

Ordinance 150.140 thru 150.145

Mark Minch (Building Contractor)
Deborah Owens (General Member)
Guy Borrusch General Member
Tom Michellini Contractor
James Garrett (Engineer)
Charles Rizzo (Alternate)

Exp. Tenure

Exp. 01/22 (2 Year Term)
Exp. 9/19 (2 Year Term)-Expired
Exp. 01/23 (3 Year Term)
Exp. 9/20 (3 Year Term)-RESIGNED
Exp. 01/21

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CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE BOARD

[MEETINGS: As required]

3 Year Term	3 Members	Ordinance
Shirley Hankerson		Exp. 12/21
Yvette Brock		Exp. 12/21
Charles Rizzo		Exp. 12/21
Rebecca Daniels		Exp. 02/22
Tom Michelini		Exp. 04/19-Expired
- Building Inspector		

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

[MEETINGS: Third Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers]

4 Year Term	12 Members	State Law and Ordinances 687 and 741
Connie R. Mitchell		Tenure
Martha Theis		Exp. 12/17/22
Angela Dodson		Exp. 02/19/22
Barbara Cooper		Exp. 10/7/23
Octavia Smith		Exp. 10/21/23
Sonja Jennings		Exp. 11/4/23
Randa Davis		Exp. 11/4/23
Val Ogbonave		Exp. 07/20/19 - RESIGNED
Winston Wade		Exp. 07/17/21
Rerhi Onomake (Treasurer)		Exp. 3/16/19-Expired
Uche Ndubuisi		Exp. 7/20/19-Expired
Clarence Oden		Exp. 7/1/23

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

[MEETINGS: Second Thursday each month, held in the Conference Room, City Hall]

6 Year Term	11 Members	State Law and Ordinances 517 and 570
Bishop Walter Starghill, Jr.		Exp. 06/07/16-Expired
Octavia Smith		Exp. 10/21/25
Angela Dotson		Exp. 10/21/25
Deborah Walker		Exp. 06/07/16-Expired
Mary Weislo		Exp. 03/07/17-Expired
Cassandra Leonard		Exp. 06/07/16-Expired
Herbert Johnson		Exp. 06/07/16-Expired
Dennis Weislo		Exp. 06/07/19-Expired
Charmaine Kennedy		Exp. 01/17/23
Connie R. Mitchell		Exp. 02/06/23

ELECTRICAL EXAMINING BOARD-INACTIVE

Indefinite Terms 4 Members State Law and Ordinance 616

- Walter Bays (Elec. Cont.)
- Andrew Hughes (Adm. Official)
- Carlton Trouteaud (Rep. of Detroit Edison)

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BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

[MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 P.M., City Hall Council Chambers]

Terms 1, 2 and 3 years Up to 9 members

Resolution 02-9-458

Emily Williams, City Council Representative	Tenure (Tenure is up)
Darin Carrington, Treasurer	Tenure
Vacant Community	Tenure
Tonia C. Williams	Exp. 02/20/19
Vacant	Exp. 11/6/20

NOTES:

 Vacancies and/or Expired terms

*Has not taken the oath

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

To: Patrick Wimberly, Mayor

Date: 5/26/2020

From: Ord. Enf. Sgt. D. Wall

Date for Council's Consideration: 6/1/2020

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve a request to reduce certain misdemeanor offenses to civil infraction within the code of ordinances.

Current Action XX Emergency _____ Future _____

Funds Budgeted: If Yes _____ Account # _____ No _____ N/A X

Mayor's Approval _____

BACKGROUND:

Having passed Am. Ord. 817 on 7-18-18 reducing the 1st and 2nd violations for the same blight issue to the same individual to civil infractions, an accompanying fee schedule had not been adopted. Without a fee schedule citations for newly adopted blight civil infractions cannot be utilized.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Use of the civil infractions system for blight violations reduces minor infractions from misdemeanors to civil infractions. A fine schedule to be adopted by Mayor and Council would set a fee for 1st offense of these ordinances at a specific rate, 2nd offense at a higher rate and, then finally escalating the offense to a misdemeanor for the 3rd violation by the same offender. (Suggested fee schedule attached.)

JUSTIFICATION:

Adoption of the fee schedule will allow for use of the civil infraction system and allow for quicker disposal of cases, thereby freeing up officers and court personnel's time as well as affording citizens a more equitable outcome to these minor infractions of the ordinance while still retaining more severe enforcement authority at the 3rd step level.

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS:

- 1. Improve and promote the image of Inkster.

COSTS:

There are no known costs to the city at this time.

PROJECTED TIME TABLE:

The projected time table is unknown at this time.

RESOLUTION:

Adopt the submitted fee schedule and changes allowing for listed minor offenses of the ordinance to be reduced from misdemeanor offenses to civil infractions with an accelerated fee/enforcement scale.

Resolved by _____

Seconded by _____

Yes:

No:

Absent:

**SUGGESTED FINE SCHEDULE FOR BLIGHT VIOLATIONS
REDUCED FROM MISDEMEANOR TO CIVIL INFRACTIONS**

1ST OFFENSE-\$100.00

2ND OFFENSE-\$200.00

**3RD OFFENSE ESCALATES TO A MISDEMEANOR (LANGUAGE ALREADY
IN THE ADOPTED ORDINANCE)**