

May 3, 2021

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

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, and Michigan was a virtual meeting held on the Zoom platform in compliance with the State of Michigan Open Meetings Act and in conjunction with the Wayne County Health Departments COVID-19 mandate on Monday May 3, 2021

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting: City Council members discussed: The Agenda.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Wimberly called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Prayer

Prayer was led by Pastor Virgil Humes of New Hope Baptist

Roll Call

Mayor Wimberly	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilwoman Watley	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilman Williams	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilwoman Washington	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilman Chisholm	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilman Shaw	Present (Inkster, MI)

Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the agenda.
Resolution 05-21-96COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Watley	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea

Presentations/Discussion

A. Ferrous Processing & Trading Company

Public Hearings

A. A public hearing on the FY202/2022 Budget Appropriations.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to *OPEN* the public hearing on the FY2021/2022 Budget Appropriations Resolution 05-21-97COV – Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea

- **Councilwoman Washington** – Asked about the positions of Planning Tech, HR Generalist, Payroll Specialist and IT Consultant.
- **Councilman Shaw** – Stated that City Hall should be on four (4) days and not five (5). He asked for water rates to not be increased.
- **Councilman Chisholm** – Stated that the city is top heavy and asked Council to look into Attorney fees and do a cost comparison. He further stated that some municipalities have a public safety director in place of a Police and Fire Chief. He asked about a cost summary for bringing the building department in house compared to using a contracted company.
- **Councilmember Watley** – Asked about all the employees that have left the city and what happened to their salaries and where is that money going.
- **Shirley Hankerson** – Stated that if city employees are being asked to take a ten (10%) to twenty (20%) percent pay cut than she asked the Mayor to take one as well.
- **Yvette Brock** – Asked if the budget amendments were for this year or last years budget. She stated that if the water meters were working properly, that residents understand about water rate increases. She said that residents know that utilities do go up every year. She asked if the city was on a net thirty (30) payment plan. She said that if the city was on a net thirty (30) the city would know where it stands financially every month.
- **Kimberly Faison** – Stated she supports the position that would be created within the Department of Public Services, the “project manager” position. She stated at some point the DPS Director will be retiring and the city does not want all that knowledge to walk out the door.
- **Lynette Cain** – Asked about he line item for youth services and what the forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) would be used.
- **Rebecca Daniels** – Stated she supports the position of “project manager” being created within the Department of Public Services.
- **Jerome Bivins** – Stated that prior to Consent agreement he had thirty-five (35) employees. He stated after the Consent agreement he had eight (8) employees. He stated he is trying to rebuild the department and has the money in the enterprise fund to do so. He stated he lives in the city of Inkster and he does not ask for what he doesn’t need.

Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to *CLOSE* the public hearing on the FY2021/2022 Budget Appropriations. Resolution 05-21-98COV – Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea

Consent Agenda

A. April 19, 2021 Regular (Virtual) City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Washington
Resolution 05-21-99COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea

Boards and Commission

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

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Williams
to appoint Charmaine Kennedy to the TIFA Board
Resolution 05-21-100COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea

**Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Williams
to appoint Iris Long to the Beautification Commission.
Resolution 05-21-101COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea

**Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard
to appoint JoAnne Bland to the Beautification Commission.
Resolution 05-21-102COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Watley	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea
Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Williams
to appoint Kevin Harrington to the Beautification Commission.
Resolution 05-21-103COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Nay
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw

to appoint Vijay Virupannavar to the TIFA Board.
Resolution 05-21-104COV - Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard
to appoint Jean Overman to the TIFA Board.
Resolution 05-21-105COV - Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea

Previous Business

- A. Consideration and approval of the FY2021 Budget Amendments.
(REMOVE FROM THE TABLE)

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Washington
to approve to *REMOVE FROM THE TABLE* the approval of the FY2021 Budget
Amendments.

Resolution 05-21-106COV - Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams
to approve to *TABLE* the FY2021 Budget Amendment until May 17, 2021.

Resolution 05-21-107COV - Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Watley	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea

Ordinance(s)

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

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Vijay Virupannavar) Consideration and approval of the Deficit Elimination Plan
to be provided to the State of Michigan.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve of the Deficit Elimination Plan to be provided to the State of Michigan.

Resolution 05-21-108COV – Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Nay
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea

B. Discussion/Action: (Mayor Wimberly) Consideration and approval of an Agreement for Professional and Technical Planning Advisory Services.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Washington to approve of an Agreement for Professional and Technical Planning Advisory Services for one (1) year until May 15, 2022 and can be terminated, for any reason, by any party.

Resolution 05-21-109COV – Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea
Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea

C. Discussion/Action: (Tracy Ann-Jennings) Consideration and approval one (1) offer to purchase Vacant Parcel (Case # LD 21-2) located on the West Side of Beech Daly Between Yale Street and Norfolk Street which is legally described as 30T 147 TO 153 LOTS 147 TO 153 INCL YALE DALY HEIGHTS SUB NO. 2 T2S R10E L71 P68 WCR), Parcel ID # 44023070147000, in the amount of \$500 to Octavia Smith to build a home.

Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve to TABLE one (1) offer to purchase Vacant Parcel (Case # LD 21-2) located on the West Side of Beech Daly Between Yale Street and Norfolk Street which is legally described as 30T 147 TO 153 LOTS 147 TO 153 INCL YALE DALY HEIGHTS SUB NO. 2 T2S R10E L71 P68 WCR), Parcel ID # 44023070147000, in the amount of \$500 to Octavia Smith to build a home.

Resolution 04-21-110COV – Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Watley	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Chisolm	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea

D. Discussion/Action: (Vijay Virupannavar) Consideration and approval to change the medical employee benefit coverage carrier from Priority Health to HAP while continuing with Manquen Vance as the City’s broker. This approval should be subject to final legal approval of the contract.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve to change the medical employee benefit coverage carrier from Priority Health to HAP while continuing with Manquen Vance as the City’s broker. This approval should be subject to final legal approval of the contract.

Resolution 05-21-111COV – Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Watley	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea

E. Discussion/Action: (Vijay Virupannavar) Consideration and approval to change life and disability employee benefit coverage carrier from The Standard to The Hartford while continuing with Manquen Vance as the City’s broker. This approval should be subject to final legal approval of the contract.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve to change life and disability employee benefit coverage carrier from The Standard to The Hartford while continuing with Manquen Vance as the City’s broker. This approval should be subject to final legal approval of the contract.

Resolution 05-21-112COV – Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro—Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea
Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea

F. Discussion/Action: (Vijay Virupannavar) Consideration and approval to outsource payroll to DM Payroll. Approval should be contingent on legal approval.

Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve to outsource payroll to DM Payroll. Approval should be contingent on legal approval.

Resolution 05-21-113COV – Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea

G. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Consideration and approval vote in accordance with the discussion in closed session (Horne)

Moved by Councilmember Watley, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to vote in accordance with the discussion in closed session. (Horne)

Resolution 05-21-114COV – Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea

Public Participation

- **Connie Mitchell** – Stated that the LeAnna Hicks Library would be gifting the city with three (3) Little Libraries. She stated that Mr. Lans built the libraries, and they are used to stock reading books that persons can read and return back to the little library.
- **Charles Blackwell** – Stated that Patrick Andre Wimberly is Jodi off. (cut off)
- **Denise Champagne** –_Thanked everyone for their participation with the vaccination clinics. She stated she is working with Wayne County to begin going door to door for persons who are homebound.
- **Ken Hutson** –_Stated if the city hires a new lawyer, he hopes it is not who he thinks it is. He suggests that Mayor Wimberly and Councilwoman Watley go to dinner.
- **Octavia Smith** –_Stated the clean up with the beautification commission went very well in the city. She stated the Inkster Task Force Farmer’s Market will take place on Wednesday May 5, 2021 at the Chase Building grounds.
- **Ron Allen** –_Asked about city property being sold to residents and the first right of refusal program.
- **Yvette Hardy** –_Stated that the new company that now resides in the old H and H Metals facility did not follow the city Ordinance. She stated that when ownership changes there are several processes that need to happen that include the Planning, Building Department, site plan reviews and business license. She said this company is operating illegally.

City Clerk

- The City Clerk read her resignation letter and thanked the residents and the Mayor and Council for allowing her to serve the City of Inkster. Her official last day is May 11, 2021 although, she will be helping to assist the city to make the transition with another City Clerk seamless.

City Treasurer

- _Thanked his staff for all their hard work.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilman George Williams** – Thanked the residents in District One for participation in the Inkster clean up with the Beautification Commission. He thanked City Clerk Felicia Rutledge for her years of service and said it had been a pleasure working with her. He further wished her well in her future endeavors.
- **Councilwoman Washington** – Thanked Councilman Shaw, Troy Seaton and everyone that participated in the city wide clean up. She thanked City Clerk Felicia Rutledge for her professionalism and wished her much success in her future roll.
- **Councilwoman Watley** – Said “Bye Felicia” and thanked her for her service.
- **Councilman Shaw** – Stated that Felicia Rutledge has been the same person since she began her career with the city in 2012. He said she has the same personality and same demeanor. He stated that city council has depended greatly on her and thanked her for her years of service. He told her to keep being awesome. He asked the Mayor for the monthly reports. He asked for Police presence on Oakland and West Hills. He asked for the police number where persons can call in anonymously. He wished all mothers a Happy Mother’s Day.
- **Wimberly** – Stated the Clerk position is an appointed position, and the council would be preparing to have interviews in the future. He stated that all applications would go before council for review and then dwindle down to the top three choices for interviews. He stated the city does not have money for speed bumps and said that maybe a fundraiser could take place. He announced the Inkster Cobra’s Blessing of the Bikes on May 9, 2021 from 10am until 6:00pm. He wished mother’s a Happy Mother’s Day.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Washington to go into closed session 10:44 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. (Horne)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Returned from Closed session at 11:04 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made.

By Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried, to conclude the Regular Virtual City Council meeting of Monday, May 3, 2021 at 11:05 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster