

July 6, 2020
Regular (Virtual) 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, July 6, 2020

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

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Wimberly called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 Councilmember Shaw to approve the agenda with added item “C” under New Business. Resolution 07-20- 73COV - Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Presentations/Discussion

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

- A. June 15, 2020 Regular (Virtual) City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. July 23, 2020 Special (Virtual) City Council Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Washington to approve the Consent Agenda. Resolution 07-20- 74COV - Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Boards and Commission

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

**Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Watley to appoint Mac Willis to the Planning Commission.
Resolution 07-20- 75COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to appoint Steven Chisholm to the Cable Commission
Resolution 07-20- 76COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to appoint Roosevelt Stubbs to the Historical Commission.
Resolution 07-20- 77COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to appoint Troy Seaton to the Cable Commission.
Resolution 07-20- 78COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

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

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Phineas Cody) Consideration and approval for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Ecosphere for the installation of Ubiquiti network hardware city wide. Such an agreement would optimize network security, connectivity and telecommunications in support of files, emails and voip.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard to approve for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Ecosphere for the installation of Ubiquiti network hardware city wide. Such an agreement would optimize network security, connectivity and telecommunications in support of files, emails and voip for 3 years.

Resolution 07-20-79COV – Motion carried

NAY: (Watley)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- B. Discussion/Action: (Special Project Director) Consideration and approval Consider approval of offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-03) one (1) residential house, which is located on the west side of Spruce St. between Beech St. and Carlisle St. and is legally described as 25R82 83 LOTS 82 AND 83 WESTWOOD HEIGHTS SUB T2S R9E L63 P2 WCR (Property I.D. 44 010 03 0082 000), or 3544 Spruce, in the amount of \$1.00 to Platinum Acquisitions.

Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to TABLE an offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-03) one (1) residential house, which is located on the west side of Spruce St. between Beech St. and Carlisle St. and is legally described as 25R82 83 LOTS 82 AND 83 WESTWOOD HEIGHTS SUB T2S R9E L63 P2 WCR (Property I.D. 44 010 03 0082 000), or 3544 Spruce, in the amount of \$1.00 to Platinum Acquisitions.

Resolution 07-20-80COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- C. Discussion/Action: (Adrianna Jordan) Consider approval of Special Land Use (SLU 19-26) for a proposed Adult Foster Care Facility to be located at 3041 John Daly between Yale and Norfolk in the R-1B, One-Family Residential District with the conditions noted per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Steven Flum is the applicant.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to TABLE approval of Special Land Use (SLU 19-26) for a proposed Adult Foster Care Facility to be located at 3041 John Daly between Yale and Norfolk in the R-1B, One-Family Residential District with the conditions noted per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Steven Flum is the applicant.

Resolution 07-20-81COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Public Participation

- **Kefentse Mandisa** – Had several statements regarding the Ecosphere contract. He also stated he is interested in volunteering.
- **Patricia Donald** –_Thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Howard for speaking up for the residents in District V, regarding group homes. She stated Inkster is not a dumping ground for businesses no one else wants in their city. She stated she wants to see the city flourish.
- **Rebecca Daniels** –_Stated there is a home at 4180 Moore Street that needs to go on the demo list. She asked for the city to take a look and see if it meets the requirements.

City Clerk

- Stated the Clerk’s office is encouraging residents to vote by Absentee Voter Ballots. She stated there is no reason absentee voting and that citizens should take advantage so they do not have to attend the polls on election day due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

City Treasurer

- Stated that the city tax bills have gone out and are due August 31, 2020. He further stated you can pay your tax bill online.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilman Shaw** – Stated that he would like for his colleagues to consider spending out of the General Fund. He asked about the property on Henry Ruff and Michigan Ave. He stated that property is in a prime area. He further asked for the clarification of seven instances for denying Special Land Use.
- **Councilwoman Washington** –_Asked about what is going on with the Sunoco gas station. She stated several residents have contacted her regarding the gas station.
- **Councilwoman Watley** –_Asked what can be done about the fireworks that are being set off in the city? She stated she had been contacted by former Councilwoman Mitchell about a person within the city who stated he has PTSD and the fireworks really affect him. She asked if homes to be demolished within the city can be used by the fire department for training. She stated this may help assist with the cost of demolishing a home.
- **Councilman Chisholm** –_Stated he concurs with Councilwoman Watley about the fireworks. He said something needs to be done and because of his own personal experience he now thinks differently about fireworks. He further stated that a resident contacted him regarding the citizen’s request on the website. He said she stated the citizen’s tracker only works with I-phones and she has a Samsung Android phone. The resident wanted to know if something could be done about the issue.
- **Councilman Williams** –_Stated that the old Knox store should be on the demo list. He further stated that the big house on Harrison and Cherry needs to be evaluated to determine its status. Lastly, he stated there are several lights out on Middlebelt and what can be done about all these mini bikes.
- **Councilwoman Howard** –_Stated a resident asked her if they could have a privacy fence in Annapolis Park. She stated the resident did not know if they were part of an association. She lastly stated that maybe city council needs to look at getting speed bumps for persons who keep speeding within the residential neighborhoods.

- **Mayor Wimberly** —_Thanked Curtesene Barge and Ruth E. Williams for the complete count Census 2020 parade. He stated it was very encouraging to ride the route and was also an eye opener for vacancy and needs within the city. He encouraged residents to complete their Census but also ask someone else to complete theirs.
- **Curtesene Barge** —_Stated the complete count parade went very well. She said the city is at sixty one percent but looking to be at ninety percent. She asked everyone to complete their Census 2020 information.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to go into closed session at 9:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made
By Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Howard carried, to conclude
the Regular Virtual City Council meeting of July 6, 2020 was adjourned at 9:27PM.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster