



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 3, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

An orientation session was held at 6:15p.m. to allow staff to answer questions or address any concerns related to agenda items.

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan was called to order by Mayor Wimberly, Chairman at 7:00 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of James Owens and Tyrone Murphy, both long time business owner/residents of Inkster. Prayer was offered by Pastor Jean Overman.

Roll Call

Mayor Wimberly	Present	Councilmember Watley	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Present	Councilmember Chisholm	Present
Councilmember Williams	Present	Councilmember Shaw	Present
Councilmember Washington	Present		

***A Quorum was present**

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-047R

Presentations/Introduction of Guest/Announcements - None

Public Hearing

A. Text amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 155, Articles 29 and 146 to update the definitions and standards related to Marijuana uses and amendment to Title XI, Chapter 124 of the City's Code of Ordinances as it relates to the business licensing for marijuana uses.

Jane Dixon, Planning presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Shaw to open the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-048R

1. Councilwoman Watley expressed the following concerns:
 - a. The revamped ordinance includes language that was previously removed, i.e. Designated Consumption Establishments and Special Event licenses.
 - b. Health and Safety of residents.
 - c. Current three (3) operating dispensaries.
 - d. Proposed Green Zone
 - e. Social Equity
 - f. Odor Remediation/Control
 - g. Environmental Measurement
 - h. Unlimited Establishments in the M1 Zone.
2. Councilwoman Washington asked the following:
 - a. If the green zone has a maximum number of establishments.
 - b. Would expanding buffers be compliant or an illegal conformity.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Howard asked if Abe Hatchem held the land on Henry Ruff for cultivating. She expressed concern about the city being saturated with marijuana establishments. She suggested honoring the three (3) existing establishments and capping available licenses.
4. Councilmember Chisholm recommended changes to the ordinance language.

5. Councilmember Williams reminded everyone that the green zone is located in District 1 and reminded everyone that the Planning Commission recommended the green zone. He further expressed that he supports caps and buffers. Final comments were a message to the community to recognize that unity is strength and not to use personal animosity while making decisions for the City.
6. Mayor Wimberly challenged the community, family, with real talk about the status of Inkster and marijuana.
7. Hardy Robb expressed the need to create revenue and advertise/market the businesses in Inkster.
8. Sandrew King called attention to a grow house on his block and expressed that it is unacceptable.
9. Sam Moody suggested collaborations on marijuana and other businesses that will result in opportunity.
10. Terrence Hicks expressed an interest in Secure Transport and Testing Facilities within Inkster.
11. Joseph Hamilton asked about jobs and number of hires.
12. Tony Edmunds, Inkster residents from 1962 through 1979 proposed to bring redevelopment opportunities to Inkster.
13. Rochelle Wells offered a senior perspective of enough is enough and had sent an email to the City Council members requesting them to decline marijuana.
14. Shirley Hankerson stated that she voted for marijuana but suggested that cannabis owners should be held accountable.
15. Tyree Connor expressed that he is an avid weed smoker and suggested that the council get educated on the industry and hold everyone accountable.
16. Rebecca Daniels stated that she would like for marijuana establishments should be capped and concentrate on the existing establishments.
17. Ruth Williams simply offered that councilmembers have a vote and that they should not be afraid to vote "no".
18. Barbara Cooper asked how accountability would be enforced.

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Williams to close the public hearing at 9:30p.m.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-049R

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to approve the consent agenda as presented.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-050R

Boards and Commissions Appointments - None

New Business

A. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application

Saif Alsenad presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Chisholm to approve to support the Recreation Passport and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Applications through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-051R

B. Wayne County Parks Millage Fund for Park Improvements.

Saif Alsenad presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Chisholm to accept funding in the amount of \$85,955.00 from the Wayne County Parks Millage Fund for Park Improvements pending the approval of the Parks Division and the Wayne County Commission.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-052R

City Clerk - Reminded everyone that nominating petitions for local offices are available at the City Clerk's office and are due on April 25, 2023, by 4:00p.m.

Treasurer - No Comment.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilmember Washington:**
 - Reported flooding in District II
- **Councilmember Chisholm:**
 - Announced an Easter food giveaway on Thursday, April 6, 2023, from 2p.m. until 4p.m. at Womack Temple.
- **Mayor Wimberly**
 - Announced funding to redevelop the Library.
 - Called for a special meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 6:30p.m.

Adjournment

The regular council meeting of April 3, 2023, adjourned at 9:50 p.m. by motion of Councilmember Williams, second by Mayor Pro Tem Howard and unanimous consent of the body.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved:
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