

**City of Inkster
Regular (Virtual) City Council Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2021 – 7:01 PM**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, and Michigan was held virtually via Zoom in compliance with the State of Michigan Open Meetings Act and in conjunction with the Wayne County Health Departments COVID-19 mandates.

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting, City Council members discussed the agenda.

Call to Order

Mayor Wimberly called the meeting to order at 7:01p.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 Jean Overman.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve **Resolution 08-16-164COV** adopting the agenda with the removal of the following:

- 7A National Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame
- 5A Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2021
- 5B NPS African American Civil Rights Grant

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

- A. Middle Park Manor Block Club
Mr. Sabree, Block Club President, presented a strategic plan for speed bumps to be installed on Middle Park between Wellesley and Meadowlane to curb reckless driving.

Public Hearings - None

Consent Agenda

- A. Removed from the Agenda for action.

Boards and Commission

- A. An updated list of current City of Inkster Board & Commissions members was presented in the packet.
• Councilmember Shaw withdrew Deatrice Richardson from appointment to the Commission on Aging. Mrs. Richardson expressed that she would like to wait until a regular member opening becomes available.
• The body requested attendance records for the ZBA Commissioner and TIFA Board Chair.

New Business

- A. Sale of Parcel #44009020814000 (Case #21-27)
Presented by Tracy-Ann Jennings.

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Washington approve **Resolution 08-16-165COV** approving the sale of one (1) vacant parcel located on Harriet Street between Beech and Carlyle Street.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

- B. Sale of Parcels #44022010381000 and #44022010573300 (Case #LD 21-26)
Presented by Tracy-Ann Jennings.

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Chisholm, second by Councilmember Shaw to adopt **Resolution 08-16-166COV** approving the sale of two (2) vacant parcels located on Florence Street between Princess and John Daly; and Yale Street between John Daly and Princess on the South side of Yale.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

- C. Old School Jazz & Gospel Explosion

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Shaw, second by Councilmember Washington to approve **Resolution 08-16-167COV** authorizing a special event permit to be issued to Barbara Albert of Inkster for the Old School Jazz & Gospel Explosion on September 4, 2021, from noon; until 8:00 p.m. at Brookside Park.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Councilmember Williams Yea

Motion Carried.

D. Annual Car and Bike Show

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Washington to approve **Resolution 08-16-168COV** authorizing a special event permit to be issued to the Ink Town Ryderz's to hold the 3rd Annual Car and Bike Show September 5, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. until dusk at the former Inkster Hight School site.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Public Participation

- **Octavia Smith** – Reminded everyone:
 - Farmers Market
 - Chamber of Commerce Calendar Ads
 - To use caution when near downed power lines
 - Lastly, greetings from Western Wayne Health Center
- **Shirley Hankerson** – Suggested that the City Councilmembers hold individual Town Hall meetings with their districts regarding the Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame.
- **Robin Broadnax** – Expressed her appreciation for the Council, thanked everyone who participated in the Night Out event. She also expressed concern with the dumping on Princeton Street.
- **Aaron Sims** –_Announced a press conference scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at 43366 Williams Street.
- **Ashawna Butts, Commissioner**, expressed concerns about the upkeep of the city parks and the budget for the football team.
- **Pastor Jean Overman and Pastor Joe Stevens** –
 - Covid Testing Sites
 - Food Program on Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m.
 - Summer Program and Butterfly Garden.
- **Robert Turley** – Asked that the Mayor and Council reconsider the R&B Hall of Fame. He iterated that "it must be in Inkster".

City Clerk

- No report.

City Treasurer

- Treasure Green announced that GFL is holding a Job Fair on Wednesday at the Recreation Center.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilmember Shaw** expressed concern about the condition of the Inkster Road corridor. He requested an update on the Jewelry/Pawn shop, monthly reports from staff, patchwork on

Riverview, and police presence on Harrison, Isabelle, and Greenwood. He went on to congratulate the new auxiliary police officers and wished them much success.

- **Councilmember Washington** – Shared information with the citizenry on how to submit a claim to DTE if anyone’s outage was over 120 hours. Newlook.DTEEnergy.com.
- **Councilmember Chisholm** announced the Community Clean up Project led by Tony Bailey and the Beautification Committee on Saturday, August 28th at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to meet at the Recreation Center and support the committee’s efforts. He also announced that there are three days remaining to receive DSNAP assistance distributed by MDHHS at MDHHS.
- **Councilmember Williams** – Expressed that he supports the speed bump initiative and will be on vacation for a few days. He also wished us all God’s Blessings.
- **Councilmember Watley** – Thanked the Clerk for extending her special consideration during the recent storm related power outages. She further asked for a list of administrative personnel who council does not have access to. With that said, she feels the practice diminishes the councilmembers representation.
- **Mayor Wimberly** expressed the following:
 - His pride in Aaron Sims for securing \$380,000 grant.
 - Recreation Center is typically the Heating and Cooling center for Inkster residents, but the power was off, and generator was in disrepair at the Recreation Center.
 - Gratitude to Congresswoman Rashida Tliab for supporting the Senior Center with a Block Grant of \$800,000.
 - Gratitude to House Representative Jewell Jones, Senator Betty Jean Alexander, Congresswoman Rashida Tliab and Governor Whitmer for the gift of forgiveness. \$25M of The City of Inkster’s tax debt was forgiven; there is \$10M remaining.
 - Announced the press conference at the Malcom X House on Thursday.

Closed Session

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Washington to enter Closed Session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 (f) at 6:48.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to reconvene at 7:01 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made. By Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Washington and carried, to conclude. the Regular Virtual City Council meeting of Monday, August 16, 2021, at 8:30 p.m.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved: September 7, 2021
Posted: October 5, 2021