

Kerry Baitinger

Congratulations on 37 years of service to the residents of the City of Detroit.

- WHEREAS,** Mr. Kerry Baitinger faithfully served the City of Detroit for thirty-seven years, demonstrating exceptional dedication, professionalism, and commitment to shaping the future of Detroit through thoughtful public policy, urban planning, community engagement, and innovative strategies; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Baitinger began his career, in October 1987 as the Chief of Staff for Councilman David Eberhard. In that role, he drafted several successful ordinances including the first Boot and Tow ordinance, the Food Cart ordinance, and the Vicious Dog ordinance. His motto, “Working Hard for the People”, kept him motivated and centered in excellent customer service. After transitioning from City Council staff in 1993, Mr. Baitinger contributed significantly to numerous projects enhancing the quality of life for Detroit residents through service in the Financial Services Division within the Planning and Development Department. Promoted to the Deputy Director’s staff, he transitioned three hundred department employees and thirty years of files from 150 Michigan Avenue to 65 Cadillac Square, oversaw the first city-wide inventory of vacant City of Detroit owned property, and drafted the Department’s Y2K Emergency Response Plan. He was then promoted to City Council Liaison. Kerry Baitinger was recruited in 2010 to serve in the Research and Analysis Division. He partnered with the Detroit City Council and Dr. Analine Powers to draft a new set of Council Rules, as mandated by the City Charter, to change the 100-year-old operating structure. He was later appointed as the first ever Council Parliamentarian. Upon stepping down as Parliamentarian, he returned to the Planning & Development Department working on projects such as the Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing Program, the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund, and the Community Development Block Grant Program. Kerry Baitinger is considered a subject matter expert in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development monitoring, subrecipient agreements, and contract management; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Kerry Baitinger has been a proud resident of Detroit for 66 years. He attended Edwin Denby High School, Wayne County Community College, and Wayne State University. He and wife, Debbie, raised their son, Michael, in Detroit. Mr. Baitinger earned the respect and admiration of colleagues, city officials, and community members for his unwavering dedication, expertise, and leadership; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That on this day, Thursday, March 27, 2025, President Pro Tempore James E. Tate, Jr., and the entire Detroit City Council celebrate the retirement of Mr. Kerry Baitinger and commend his thirty-seven years of outstanding service and commitment to public service. **Be it further resolved,** a copy of this resolution be presented as a token of appreciation for your remarkable career and lasting impact on the City of Detroit.