



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023
7:30 P.M.**

City Clerk Stuart welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled August City Council meeting and then introduced Council Member Casey R. Ambrose, Council Member Mindy Fernandes, Council Member Tamra Loch, Council Member John Owsinek, Council Member Ryan Woods, Mayor Pro Tem Bennett Lublin, Mayor Linda Ackley, and special guest County Commissioner Dr. Ajay Raman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Ackley.

PLEDGE TO FLAG & INVOCATION

Invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Lublin.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ackley, Mayor Pro Tem Lublin, Council Member Ambrose, Council Member Fernandes, Council Member Loch, Council Member Owsinek, and Council Member Woods

REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Ackley added a proposed resolution for nomination and appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission under the Mayor's Report.

Finance Director Pesta requested to add a proposed resolution ratifying the agreement with the Michigan Department of Treasury on behalf of the City of Walled Lake and Municipal Employee's Retirement Systems for the Protecting Michigan Pension Grant Program Award. Mayor Ackley added as new business #7.

Director of HR/Deputy Clerk Gross requested a closed session to discuss pending union negotiations pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

CM 08-01-23 MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING UNION NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING FULL-TIME FIRE AND PAID ON-CALL FIRE PERSONNEL PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(C) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO INCLUDE HR DIRECTOR GROSS, CITY MANAGER WHITT, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER SCHRADER, AND ASSISTANT TO CITY MANAGER MS. JAQUAYS

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Loch, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To go into closed session to discuss pending union negotiations regarding full-time fire and paid on-call fire

personnel pursuant to section 8(c) of the open meetings act to include HR Director Gross, City Manager Whitt, Assistant City Manager Schrader, and Assistant to City Manager Jaquays.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jeannett DeCourcy, 773 Woods Court requested her subdivision receive a sign that says *do not block driveway*. Ms. DeCourcy explained there is a tremendous amount of traffic and with a pending gas station going in, it will surely change the flow of traffic with the new gas station driveways going in.

City Manager Whitt explained a study will be done by a traffic engineer to relieve current and new potential traffic.

Ms. DeCourcy asked the sidewalk area between the curb and Dance Dynamics along Maple Road be looked at, it needs attention because it is dangerous.

City Manager Whitt explained DPW Superintendent Ladd will be reviewing tomorrow and report back to the council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2023

CM 08-02-23 MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2023

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve regular council meeting minutes of June 20, 2023.

COUNCIL REPORT

Council Member Owsinek explained at the last planning commission meeting there was a request from the consultant building official to review the generator ordinance. Council Member Owsinek explained the planning commission approved review by the city attorney and city planner.

Council Member Fernandes explained there was not a quorum for the recent Parks and Recreation meeting. Council Member Fernandes said there were discussions of those present about pickleball courts, the replacement of park equipment, and the desire to update the city's parks and recreation master plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin explained the library will be closed beginning August 20, 2023, through September 11, 2023, for renovations.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. **Proposed Resolution 2023-71 Mayor's nomination and appointment of Heaven Adams to the Parks and Recreation Commission**

CM 08-03-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-71 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION TO APPOINT HEAVEN ADAMS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY CHARTER; MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Loch, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-71 a resolution accepting the Mayor's nomination to appoint Heaven Adams to the Parks and Recreation Commission pursuant to the requirements of the City Charter; making an appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

CONSENT AGENDA CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. **Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports**
 - a. **Police**
 - b. **Fire**
 - c. **Code Enforcement**
 - d. **Finance**
 - Warrant
2. **Municipal Employee Retirement System / Walled Lake Update**
3. **Economic Development Update**
4. **Labor Relations / Union Update**

CM 08-04-23 APPROVAL OF CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Ambrose, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve City Manager's Consent Agenda items.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

City Manager Whitt explained the upgrade quote was driven by Mayor Ackley's discussions and request for improvements to virtual city meetings. City Manager Whitt explained the police training room is where the city meetings take place, and he provided a packet with upgrades to the council for review.

Mayor Ackley explained she agrees, an upgrade is needed, and improvements to audio and video systems are desperately needed. Mayor Ackley asked if the city could obtain the necessary funding through its membership with the Western Oakland County Cable Communications Authority (WOCCCA).

City Manager Whitt explained WOCCCA receives money from the city and in his 13 years with the city, the WOCCCA board has done very little for the city. City Manager Whitt explained the proposal he provided would place permanent cameras with several legitimate views, host a production crew, and provide new audio, recording, and live-streaming opportunities. City Manager Whitt explained waiting for the WOCCCA board to approve funding will slow down the process however he agreed to still pursue funding from WOCCCA. City Manager Whitt explained in the meantime he recommends approving this purchase and moving forward on the purchase and installation of new cameras and audio upgrades, pay for it now, and bill WOCCCA for the reimbursement. City Manager Whitt explained if WOCCCA does not agree to reimburse, then why continue to give funds to WOCCCA. City Manager Whitt asked for the account balance of WOCCCA.

Assistant to the City Manager and WOCCCA recording secretary Jaquays stated the WOCCCA board has over a million dollars in the account.

City Manager Whitt opined the city is sending funds to WOCCCA, contributing to the \$1.2 million, and opined why should the city continue to build an entity that is not giving back to the city.

Mayor Ackley said she agrees, the city submits funds to WOCCCA but receives very little in return.

City Manager Whitt explained the city has paid a lot of money for live streaming and providing transparency.

CM 08-05-23 MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FROM THIRD COAST TECH, LLC TO PURCHASE UPGRADES TO THE POLICE TRAINING ROOM RELATING TO VIDEO AND AUDIO EQUIPMENT NOT

TO EXCEED \$45,000

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Loch, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve the bid from Third Coast Tech, LLC to purchase upgrades to the police training room relating to video and audio equipment not to exceed \$45,000.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

City Manager Whitt explained the city received a pension grant and asked Finance Director Pesta to report.

Finance Director Pesta explained the proposed resolution she is presenting is to ratify the agreement with the Michigan Department of Treasury on behalf of the City of Walled Lake and MERS for the Protecting Michigan Pension grant. Mrs. Pesta explained the city requested \$3.9 million but was awarded at the end of July 2023 a total of \$4.3 million which enables the city to become 60% funded. Finance Director Pesta explained the agreement needs to be signed so funds can be received directly into the city's Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) retirement fund which has a current liability of \$10,896,320.

City Manager Whitt explained the city was 69% underfunded at one point with this being a battle of the city even before his position with the city. City Manager Whitt explained this grant permits the city to reach the 60% funding level. That is because the state legislature did make efforts to protect pension funds. City Manager Whitt stressed this grant acceptance also creates a scenario of those that accept the funds, will be bound to keep the pension funded.

CM 08-06-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-72 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (MERS) FOR THE PROTECTING MICHIGAN PENSION GRANT PROGRAM AWARD

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Loch, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-72 a resolution ratifying the agreement with the Michigan Department of Treasury on behalf of the City of Walled Lake and Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) for the Protecting Michigan Pension Grant Program Award.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley

Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

City Manager Whitt explained there are several up-and-coming developments and requested Assistant to the City Manager Jaquays to report.

Assistant to the City Manager Jaquays explained there have been projects proposed such as a drive-thru Starbucks at the corner of Decker Road and 14 Mile Road, the city is awaiting a formal application to be submitted. The current Starbucks in that area desires a drive-thru and hence the new location in Walled Lake. Ms. Jaquays explained at the corner of Decker Road and Maple Road there was site plan and special land use approval granted by the planning commission for a proposed Kum & Go gas station. The site will house a convenience store, outdoor seating, and six fuel pumps. Ms. Jaquays explained the site at 800 N Pontiac Trail is being pursued by Taco Bell currently in Walled Lake, they desire to expand and remain in Walled Lake relocating to 800 N Pontiac Trail from their current location. Ms. Jaquays explained the current proposed plan is not as accommodating to current businesses already existing in the area. She said there are outstanding issues that need to be addressed still. Ms. Jaquays said she and City Manager Whitt are scheduled to meet with Taco Bell's engineering firm tomorrow to work towards a plan mutual to all in this area.

Council Member Fernandes asked what is proposed then with the current building at 800 N Pontiac Trail. Ms. Jaquays said the applicant would tear it down and rebuild it.

Council Member Loch explained some of the Taco Bell sites she has seen, paired with a sister company. Ms. Jaquays explained the proposal has only one entity on site.

City Manager Whitt said there is a code enforcement issue on E Walled Lake Drive and it has become increasingly unsightly.

City Attorney Vanerian explained the site was issued a construction permit three years ago, for an addition to the existing home on E Walled Lake Drive. City Attorney Vanerian said that this area has upscale homes in the immediate area. City Attorney Vanerian explained there were setback concerns that were resolved by way of court action. City Attorney Vanerian explained the current issue is the length of time for construction. City Attorney Vanerian explained the site is extremely unsightly, an eyesore for neighbors and the whole community. City Attorney Vanerian explained the owner was issued a ticket and the court hearing was earlier in the day, the owner explained there was a delay due to COVID, labor, and materials. City Attorney Vanerian said the owner is stalling the project for far too long. City Attorney Vanerian said he has been working with the Code Enforcement Officer to move the project forward citing the owner with a ticket for failing to complete the project within a reasonable time. City Attorney Vanerian said he explained in court this morning the city's position, is to accomplish the exterior of the house to be complete before the end of the 2023 year. City Attorney Vanerian explained the property owner was overall receptive and assured he fully intended on meeting that deadline. City Attorney Vanerian said there is another pretrial conference in sixty days for a progress report.

City Attorney Vanerian said he stressed under no uncertain terms the exterior is to be completed, looking like a completed home. City Attorney Vanerian said in the event it is not done, the city will move forward to have the property demolished.

City Manager Whitt explained there are a lot of angry people looking at this eye sore.

CORRESPONDENCE None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- 1. Memorandum Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 82 Utilities, Article II Sewer Services**
 - **First Reading C-370-23 Ordinance to amend Chapter 82, "Utilities", Article II "Sewer Services"**

City Attorney Vanerian explained the express definition of building sewer service leads is not defined. City Attorney Vanerian explained the codification of the definition that the City and Oakland County Water Resources Commission (WRC) currently applies is desired. City Attorney Vanerian explained the proposed amendment expressly identifies the service lead location and that it is the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain and repair, especially as it relates to the portion in the public right-of-way or public property. This amendment codifies the existing definitions and policies that have been in place and practiced for a long period of time.

Council Member Owsinek explained for clarification, in most cases the sewer main is on the opposite side of the street, with a lateral that comes across under the street to the owner's property line. Council Member Owsinek asked if the laterals are the responsibility of the homeowner.

City Attorney Vanerian yes, that is the way the city and WRC have approached it.

Council Member Owsinek opined that it is a reach, what if a heavy truck travels the street and busts up the lateral, the homeowner is then responsible for digging up the road and replacing the lateral at no fault of their own.

City Attorney Vanerian said that is what was explained to him, yes that is correct.

Council Member Owsinek explained when the sewer lines were put in the 70's, since then a lot of trees have grown to full size, trees have grown into the lateral to the main, to have the property owner responsible is a lot.

City Attorney Vanerian explained as he understands, the responsibility would be the property owner. City Attorney Vanerian explained the current ordinance is silent in defining what the building sewer service lead is. There are no express definitions that speak to the responsibility of the lead. City Attorney Vanerian said it was explained to him that it was the owner who is responsible for repair and maintenance.

Council Member Owsinek explained sewer lead lines were placed right to the property line with a six-inch crock with a 4-inch cast iron lead onto the private property and that was the connection. Council Member Owsinek explained he is good with the responsibility of maintaining leads on his private property but to maintain what the city owns, no.

City Attorney Vanerian explained the owner is responsible for the entire portion of the lead where it connects to the main, including the lateral.

Mayor Pro Lublin asked for clarification if the pipe from the house to the main is the responsibility of the homeowner as in most other communities the homeowners are responsible.

Further discussion was held on the location of the mains and the leads.

City Manager Whitt recommended tabling for further discussion.

CM 08-07-23 MOTION TO TABLE FIRST READING OF C-370-23 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 82 "UTILITIES" OF THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE CODE OF ORDINANCES ARTICLE II "SEWER SERVICE" TO CODIFY DEFINITIONS AND CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING SEWER SERVICE LEADS AND RELATED PIPES AND FACILITIES CONNECTING BUILDINGS TO CITY SEWER MAINS

Motion by Woods, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To table first reading of C-370-23 an ordinance to amend Chapter 82 "Utilities" of the City of Walled Lake Code of Ordinances Article II "Sewer Service" to codify definitions and clarify requirements for building sewer service leads and related pipes and facilities connecting buildings to city sewer mains.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

2. Memorandum Financial Settlement with Trailway Council

- **Proposed Resolution 2023-73 Approving Settlement of Financial Obligations to the Trailway Council Agreement**

City Attorney Vanerian explained his memo provides the outstanding financial obligation due from the city to the trailway. City Attorney Vanerian explained the city withdrew from the trailway in May of 2020, the interlocal agreement requires assets to be divided three ways. City Attorney Vanerian explained the trailway manager has provided an itemized accounting at the time the city withdrew including any additional expenses since the city's withdrawal. City

Attorney Vanerian explained the withdrawal was a lengthy process, a couple of years, due to MDNR delays. City Attorney Vanerian said the approval of the withdrawal was granted by the MDNR years later and during that time the city was incurring costs.

CM 08-08-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-73 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS ARISING UNDER THE TRAILWAY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Motion by Loch, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-73 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Walled Lake approving the settlement of financial obligations arising under the Trailway Interlocal Agreement.

Discussion

Council Member Owsinek asked for clarification that the city's obligation to the trailway council has ended, whether there is a sign-off of the title, and if the city now completely owns its portion of the trail.

City Attorney Vanerian said yes as far as what he has reviewed, this is the final step.

City Manager Whitt explained he himself has served on the trailway council with Council Member Owsinek over the years and it was not an equitable venture.

Council Member Fernandes clarified there was a millage proposed to the voters for the trailway prior.

City Manager Whitt said there was a millage before the registered voters, and it failed. City Manager Whitt explained the voters of Walled Lake did not wish to fund the trail with a millage, the majority did not support the millage for a trail. City Manager Whitt opined the problem with the extraordinary entities, is that the costs keep building and the members do not have a say. City Manager Whitt explained that WOTA is a perfect example, the county is trying to take the lead on the county transit system, but WOTA is trying to take over the county. City Manager Whitt said budget amendments are voted on by WOTA with no resolution or transparency. City Manager Whitt explained the park will be included in the city's parks and recreation master plan, as a newly acquired linear park.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Proposed Resolution 2023-xx Ratifying the Agreement with MAFF on behalf of the Walled Lake Professional Fire Fighters Association from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2027**

Resolutions pertain to union negotiations, a request for a closed session was made earlier in the meeting. Motion for proposed resolution made after closed session discussions.

- 2. Proposed Resolution 2023-xx Ratifying the Agreement with MAFF on behalf of the Walled Lake Paid on Call and Part-time Fire Fighters from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027**

Resolutions pertain to union negotiations, a request for a closed session was made earlier in the meeting. Motion for proposed resolution made after closed session discussions.

- 3. Proposed Resolution 2023-74 Local Road Repair of Asphalt in the Glenwood Hills Subdivision on Glenwood Court**

CM 08-09-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-74 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE SOLE SOURCE BID FROM VETTED VENDOR H.G. SARTOR TO REPAIR ASPHALT IN THE GLENWOOD HILLS SUBDIVISION IN A PREDETERMINED SECTION ON GLENWOOD COURT

Motion by Woods, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-74 a resolution to accept and approve the sole source bid from vetted vendor H.G. Sartor to repair asphalt in the Glenwood Hills Subdivision in a predetermined section of Glenwood Court.

Discussion

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained this area is just disintegrating and turning into gravel. Mr. Ladd opined it is a public safety issue and he strongly recommends approval of this project. The process of doing this will be a mill with a 2-inch cap.

City Manager Whitt explained Annjo was done recently. Interestingly there were complaints on the improvement.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

4. Proposed Resolution 2023-75 Appointment of Voting Member and Alternate Member of the WOTA Transportation Authority

CM 08-10-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-75 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE APPOINTING SCOTT SCHRADER AS THE VOTING MEMBER OF THE WESTERN OAKLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Fernandes, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-75 a resolution of the City of Walled Lake appointing Scott Schrader as the voting member of the Western Oakland Transportation Authority.

Discussion

City Manager Whitt explained Assistant City Manager Schrader has a strong background in finance and he will point out for the record to WOTA what is not financially appropriate and actions by the board that are not appropriate. City Manager Whitt explained the city will not be a part of a system like this. Manager Whitt explained Mr. Schrader will go and work to get WOTA operating properly. City Manager Whitt opined there are people on the WOTA board who have no clue. Mr. Schrader will be the city's voice that the WOTA board is doing it wrong.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Lublin, Loch, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

5. Proposed Resolution 2023-76 Authorizing Continued Participation in Michigan Class Pool and Amendments to Participation Agreement

CM 08-11-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-76 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE MICHIGAN CLASS POOL FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AND ACCEPTS AMENDMENTS TO THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT OF THE MICHIGAN COOPERATIVE LIQUID ASSETS SECURITIES SYSTEM (MICHIGAN CLASS)

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Fernandes, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-76 a resolution of the City of Walled Lake authorizing continued participation in the Michigan Class POol for investment purposes and accepts amendments to the participation agreement of the Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (Michigan Class).

Discussion

Finance Director Pesta explained the city has been a member of MI Class since 1993, and there have been a number of amendments made to the participation agreement. Mrs. Pesta explained to keep everything up to date and acknowledge amendments she is asking for approval of said resolution.

City Manager Whitt explained the administration of the MI Class was created in 1991, and in 1993 the city moved to participate in MI Class. This program has been an asset to the city.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

6. Second Reading C-369-23 Amendment to Chapter 51, Article 21.00, Section 21.50 Liability Waiver

City Attorney Vanerian explained the required public hearing was held with the Planning Commission at their July 11, 2023 meeting.

CM 08-12-23 APPROVAL FOR SECOND READING C-369-23 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 51 "ZONING", OF TITLE V, "ZONING AND PLANNING", THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE ZONING ORDINANCE, TO AMEND ARTICLE 21.00 "GENERAL PROVISIONS", SECTION 21.50 "MARIJUANA FACILITIES" BY ADOPTING A NEW SUB-PARAGRAPH (r) "WAIVER OF LIABILITY" AS PROVIDED BY THIS ORDINANCE

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve second reading C-369-23 an ordinance to amend Chapter 51 "Zoning", of Title V, "Zoning and Planning", the City of Walled Lake Zoning Ordinance, to amend Article 21.00 "General Provisions", Section 21.50 "Marijuana Facilities" by adopting a new sub-paragraph (r) "Waiver of Liability" as provided by this ordinance.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

7. Proposed Resolution 2023-72 Ratifying the Agreement for the Protecting Michigan Pension Grant Program

Motion CM 08-06-23 to approve was made earlier in the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Loch thanked city staff for their efforts in obtaining grants, city street rehabilitation, etc. all without raising taxes.

Council Member Fernandes explained she was in Hawaii when the fires started, she and her family are praying for all of those there who have lost everything. She asked for prayers for the state of HI and her Facebook page has information on donation options for Hawaii.

Council Member Woods said the cemetery looks great, the concerts in the park are successful, and the farmers market is growing. Council Member Woods congratulated Chief Coomer for the average 3.93 response time. Council Member Woods said he appreciates all the work and the efforts made for the grant award really ties into what the city is working for.

Council Member Ambrose congratulated Ms. Heaven Adams on her appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin echoed his fellow council members adding the pension debt has been on the city agenda for years, good job going after it and obtaining it.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ackley explained the pension grant is a minor relief, but there is still more to go. The grant truly helps. Mayor Ackley thanked City Manager Whitt and city staff. Mayor Ackley said thank you to her fellow council members for their continued support.

County Commissioner Dr. Ajay Raman explained the county is holding its annual budget hearings. There is a special project fund available, the funds are earmarked for certain communities, he explained as grant opportunities come along he will inform City Manager Whitt. Commissioner Raman explained he obtained a \$10,000 grant for the City of Wixom for a holiday display. Commissioner Raman said he would very much like to seize this opportunity for Walled Lake. Commissioner Raman explained the county budgeted funds for youth assistance, and they were able to provide a backpack giveaway, over 5,000 were provided. Commissioner Raman explained the county health department has provided marijuana lock boxes, free of charge and they are available from local police departments. Commissioner Raman explained the Oakland County Transit system is continuing to make investments, for the time being, the county is prioritizing communities that do not already have transit in place. Commissioner Raman explained the People's Express is currently servicing 7 cities, villages, and townships traveling from M-59 to downtown 8 Mile Road and from Highway 23 all the way to Drake Road. These are grouped together, for a fair of \$4.00, seniors, and disabled veterans \$2.

Council recessed at 8:55 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

Council entered a closed session at 9:18 p.m.

Council arose from closed session at 9:45 p.m.

CM 08-13-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-77 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS (MAFF) ON BEHALF OF THE WALLED LAKE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-77 a resolution ratifying the collective bargaining agreement with the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters (MAFF) on behalf of the Walled Lake Fire Fighters Association beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2027, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

CM 08-14-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-78 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS (MAFF) ON BEHALF OF THE WALLED LAKE PAID ON-CALL & PART TIME FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

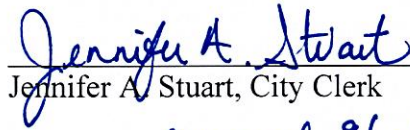
Motion by Loch, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-78 a resolution ratifying the collective bargaining agreement with the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters (MAFF) on behalf of the Walled Lake Paid on Call & Part Time Fighters Association beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2027, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

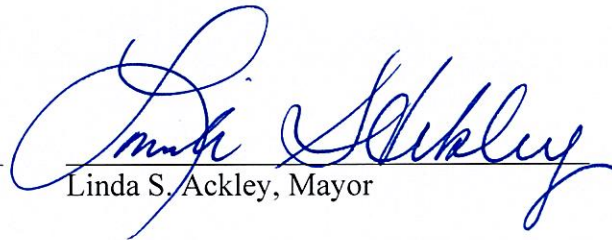
Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.


Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk


Linda S. Ackley, Mayor

Approved 9/19/23