



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**AND  
PUBLIC HEARING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019  
7:30 P.M.**

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Ackley.

Invocation led by Mayor Pro Tem Owsinek.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Ackley, Mayor Pro Tem Owsinek, Council Member Ambrose, Council Member Costanzo, Council Member Lublin,

**ABSENT:** Council Member Loch, Council Member Robertson

**CM 3-1-19 MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER LOCH AND  
COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTSON FROM TONIGHT'S  
MEETING.**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ambrose, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED:  
To excuse council member Loch and council Member Robertson from tonight's meeting.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in session.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager Whitt, Police Chief Shakinias, Fire Chief Coomer, Finance Director Barlass, City Attorney Vanerian, and Intern Bradow, and Deputy City Clerk Gross

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**1. Grant Application for Mercer Beach Environmental Improvements Land and Water Conservation (LWCF)**

Open public hearing: 7:34 P.M.

City Manager Whitt explained that the application is standard and self-explanatory, and the public hearing provides an opportunity for the public to speak on the proposed improvements.

Audience participation: None

Close Public Hearing: 7:36 P.M.

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:** None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**1. Special DDA, Planning Commission, & City Council Meeting of February 13, 2019**

**CM 3-2-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 13, 2019 SPECIAL DDA, PLANNING COMMISSION, & CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Ambrose, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve the February 13, 2019 Special DDA, Planning Commission, and City Council Meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote

Yes (5) Ambrose, Costanzo, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley  
No (0)  
Absent (2) Loch, Robertson  
Abstain (0)

**2. Regular Council Meeting of February 19, 2019**

**CM 3-3-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 19, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ambrose:

Discussion

Council Member Costanzo opined that on page 23, it does not show that he was not able to speak before the vote was cast to go into closed session. Mr. Costanzo said he just doesn't see that in the council record.

**CM 3-4-19 MOTION TO AMEND MINUTES, PAGE 23, TO HAVE THE RECORD REFLECT COUNCIL MEMBER COSTANZO ATEMPTED TO SPEAK ON THE TOPIC OF THE CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Costanzo, no second. Motion died due to lack of support.

**CM 3-5-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 19, 2019 REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING AS WRITTEN**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ambrose, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve the February 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting minutes as written.

**Roll Call Vote**

Yes (4)	Lublin, Owsinek, Ambrose, Ackley
No (1)	Costanzo
Absent (2)	Loch, Robertson
Abstain (0)	

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Judy Evola explained she is Director of Community Relations and marketing for Walled Lake Schools. Ms. Evola provided council with an overview for the Walled Lake Schools building infrastructure and equity bond election that is going to take place on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Evola said this is an opportunity to change the face of the district in a significant fashion at no additional cost to the tax payers. She said due to increasing property values, new housing, and financing of previous bonds, the opportunity has come to invest 360 million-dollars into the school buildings while still providing tax payers with a tax reduction. Ms. Evola said the program will include several major initiatives: rebuilding Dublin Elementary School on the existing site adding an early childhood wing, significant renovation to Western High School to bring it up to the educational standards of Central and Northern High School, construct an early childhood center to attract and retain preschool children in the Walled Lake Schools, significant infrastructure security and improvements at all other schools. Ms. Evola explained the schools have tremendous needs in the roofs, windows, boilers, chillers, parking lots, and more. She said the current millage levy is 4.53 mils which means an owner of a 200-thousand-dollar home pays approximately 453 dollars per year in school taxes. She said if this bond passes that will drop to 413 dollars per year. Mrs. Evola said this bond represents an opportunity to provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment for all of our students while reducing taxes. Ms. Evola said it is truly a once in a life time opportunity. Ms. Evola said the school district has prepared a packet for council with a lot of information that is also on the district's website. Ms. Evola said the school district is asking each of the municipal bodies to consider passing a resolution in support of this important bond initiative. Ms. Evola said a sample resolution is inside of the packet. Ms. Evola said thank you for giving her this opportunity and thank you for voting on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Ambrose expressed concern about the tax increase to city residents and suggested to Ms. Evola to try and explain to council members how taxes can drop when a new bond issue is being proposed.

Ms. Evola said 4 of the 5 existing bonds are going to expire therefore, if the schools do not have this bond, the school district would be dropping the taxes more. She said when the bonds expire,

taxes expire. Ms. Evola said the district will be maintaining or dropping slightly the existing millage levy by offering what is currently being paid.

Mayor Ackley asked when do the bonds expire and when does the new one take effect?

Ms. Evola explained 4 of the 5 bonds are going to expire and be paid off within the next few years, the debt will be reduced by 50 percent and the payments by 73 percent. She said as a result of the stable and growing taxable values within our community, the schools are able to spread the taxes among all of the growth and also reduce the rate. Ms. Evola said all of the bonds were 30-year bonds and all of them are being paid off between 20 to 25 years because they have been refinanced and refunded.

Council Member Ambrose explained while taxpayers are waiting for the 4 out of 5 bonds to expire, then this bond will be an additional bond which will increase that bond amount and taxes.

Ms. Evola said if the bond does not pass the district is already going to have a significant decrease.

Council Member Ambrose said the schools are going to add an additional bond to the five right now and four will expire within so many years, is that correct?

Ms. Evola said yes that is right but there will be no increase. She said because the tax base has increased this bond will be spread among so many additional businesses and homes and will be paid off, the debt will be reduced. Ms. Evola said if we don't pass this then all of the tax payers will be paying a lot less.

Council Member Ambrose said but the bond does not reduce until all the others expire.

Ms. Evola explained many of them are beginning to expire because they have been refinanced and refunded.

Council Member Ambrose explained if you have 5 and you add one more you have 6 that's an increase in taxes to the residents.

Ms. Evola explained 4 of the 5 will be done very quickly. She said this one bond by the time it's sold those will have expired. Ms. Evola said there is a video by the superintendent and the assistant superintendent on the wlcsd.org website that explains the whole financial piece of it. She said this is a unique opportunity we have in our community, if we do not act on it then a lot of the repairs and things that need to be done won't get done. Ms. Evola said a lot of the elementary schools like Guest and Walled Lake Elementary were built in the 1950's and there is lots of work that needs to be done to these buildings. Ms. Evola said people believe Walled Lake Western is the oldest High School in Walled Lake when really it is Walled Lake Central. Walled Lake Central was re-built in 1996 and now Western needs to be brought up to the standards of Central and Northern. Ms. Evola said there is sample language in the packet she provided for a possible resolution to support the bond and the district is asking council to consider that.

Mr. Whitt opined that overall this is probably a good idea, however, the way the school is promoting it may or may not be a good idea. Mr. Whitt said there is not really a tax decrease with this millage proposal, and he is not going to get into the politics of it. Mr. Whitt said the proposal raises taxes initially, but they are going to retire bonds, or they will expire, or they will pay it down.

Mayor Ackley said she wanted clarification that there was going to be a time period where we would be paying for 5 bonds until these other ones expire.

Ms. Evola said that is not how it has been explained to her, all she does know is if you look at your tax bills, they have been decreasing for the past several years because of the increased tax base that we have and have to pay. She said the district can only levy what is needed to pay the bonds and the amount that is needed continues to decrease significantly.

City Manager Whitt said the taxable value in Walled Lake is not increasing but other communities like Commerce and Wixom, that are in the school's jurisdiction, their taxable values are exploding. Mr. Whitt opined that it is important to think about our schools and infrastructure because our schools are very important.

Mayor Ackley said her suggestion is that council take home their packet and review it and vote on it at the next meeting.

Kyler Pilnick, 1428 N. Pontiac Trail – was audio and video recording the meeting and spoke to alleged he was hearing impaired. Mayor Ackley suggested council members talk clearly into the microphone.

#### **COUNCIL REPORT:**

Council Member Owsinek provided an update on the trail and explained the other two agencies involved are currently reviewing documents.

Council Member Lublin provided a library board update. Mr. Lublin said the circulation is up 40 percent in the last 5 years and this coincides with our library director Alyson Lobert. Mr. Lublin said Ms. Lobert is doing a wonderful job with her staff and has built a great hard-working team. Mr. Lublin said some of the board is working on continuing to maintain a balanced budget, updating technology as needed, and work on book and video inventory. He said the board is working on replacing the older bookshelves, replacing the floor, and adding tables and chairs to the conference room. Mr. Lublin said the room is always in use and those that use our library appreciate the personable and welcoming approach.

Mayor Ackley thanked Mr. Lublin and said she appreciates the time he spends with the board and the board is doing a great job.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**1. Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports**

- a. Police
- b. Fire
- c. Finance  
    -Warrant

**CM 3-6-19 TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL / DIVISIONAL STATISTICAL REPORTS**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To receive and file the monthly Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (5) Lublin, Owsinek, Ambrose, Costanzo, Ackley  
No (0)  
Absent (2) Loch, Robertson  
Abstain (0)

**2. Report on Special Meeting of February 13, 2019**

City Manager Whitt opined that the special meeting held on February 13, went well and the city received useful input. Mr. Whitt explained that the consultant planner Alexandra Novak did a fantastic job at the meeting, however, she no longer works for McKenna. Mr. Whitt said the planning firm, McKenna is still providing services to the city, but there are other issues now in terms of how to deal with planning in the future. Mr. Whitt said that may include a Request for Qualifications of a city planner.

Mayor Ackley said she saw John Jackson was at the Parks and Recreation meeting and asked if he was going to be coming to the meetings now.

City Manager Whitt said he is not sure yet, he has not been able to sit down with Mr. Jackson. Mr. Whitt said it is not Mr. Jackson's call on whether someone is assigned here, it is the city's call. Mr. Whitt said he will discuss with Mr. Jackson and develop a plan and report back to council in terms of who is doing the city planning. Mr. Whitt said having a planner is important and it is time to look at the planning service we have.

**3. Request for Closed Session to discuss Contract Negotiations with Labor Unions pursuant to Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA)**

City Manager Whitt requested a motion to go into closed session to brief members of council on labor negotiations. Mr. Whitt said nothing specific, other than to tell council in closed session which contracts are up for negotiation and to begin to have the discussion of what is standard in negotiations.

**CM 3-7-19 MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS  
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH LABOR UNIONS  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 (C) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT  
(OMA)**

Motion by Costanzo, seconded by Lublin: **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**: To enter closed session to discuss contract negotiations with labor unions pursuant to section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA).

Roll Call Vote

Yes (5) Lublin, Owsinek, Ambrose, Costanzo, Ackley  
No (0)  
Absent (2) Robertson, Loch  
Abstain (0)

**4. SEMCOG Green Infrastructure Implementation Program and Grant**

City Manager Whitt explained that he would like a general motion from council for the city to apply for grants that the city may qualify for. Mr. Whitt said the city applies, but often times do not receive, the grants. Mr. Whitt said he would like the record to reflect that council is in support of the application for those grants.

**CM 3-8-19 MOTION TO SUPPORT SEMCOG GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE  
IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM AND GRANT**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Owsinek; **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**: To support SEMCOG Green Infrastructure Implementation Program and Grant.

Discussion

City Manager Whitt opined that the city staff is doing what they are supposed to do, the motion of support was requested to show that the council supports the efforts of city management and staff in seeking grant funds.

Roll Call Vote

Yes (5) Owsinek, Ambrose, Costanzo, Lublin, Ackley  
No (0)  
Absent (2) Robertson, Loch  
Abstain (0)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

### **1. Memorandum on Recreational Marijuana Legislation**

City Attorney Vanerian said as most people know by now, the ballot initiative regarding the legalization of recreational use of marijuana passed this past November and went into effect early December. Mr. Vanerian said in addition to legalizing and regulating the recreational use, possession, production and commercial distribution of limited quantities of recreational marijuana. Mr. Vanerian said the act also establishes a state regulatory process to permit and license certain types of marijuana establishments that include grower and safety compliance facilities, processor, retailers, secure transporters and a new type of facility known as a micro business. Mr. Vanerian said there are a lot of similarities between the recreational act and the medical act in terms of the licensing and permitting process at the state level and the different types of the facilities that are being allowed. Mr. Vanerian said the facilities are defined very similarly to one another in regard to growers and safety compliance facilities processors, retailers, so forth. Mr. Vanerian said the main difference being the recreational facilities have broader powers and can sell and provide marijuana related services to all license business, so a recreational grower could grow marijuana for both a medical and recreational facility. Mr. Vanerian said the main difference for municipalities under the medical marijuana licensing facilities act is that if you didn't opt in you were presumed to opt out. Mr. Vanerian said this means if you did nothing then you would not have marijuana facilities in your city. Mr. Vanerian said for the recreational marijuana licensing facilities act it is the opposite. Mr. Vanerian said if the city wants to prohibit or regulate the recreational facilities in the city then the city needs to affirmatively do that through the passage of an ordinance. Mr. Vanerian said if the city does nothing, what would happen is, it would be up to the state to decide how many and what types of marijuana facilities could potentially open in the city of Walled Lake. Mr. Vanerian said adopting an ordinance to either regulates these facilities in some way is obviously important if you want to have some level of regulatory control over these facilities at the local level. Mr. Vanerian said the main features of the law as far as a municipality can do in terms of regulation is prohibit or limit the number of establishments, establish reasonable restrictions on public signs, the time, place and manor of operation and adopting other types of regulations that are not unreasonably impractical and don't conflict with the state law or the rules. Mr. Vanerian said the state law similar to the medical law provides for the adoption of administrative rules by the state which have additional detailed guidelines on the different facilities and how they get licensed and regulated. Mr. Vanerian said some new rules will come along in regard to the recreational facilities. The city can not adopt an ordinance that prohibits a grower, processor, or retailer from operating in a single facility or operating at a location shared with an approved medical marijuana facility. Mr. Vanerian said these are the main features of the new law in terms of what the city can do in regard to regulation. Mr. Vanerian said the facility called a micro business which means a person licensed to cultivate not more than 150 plants process and package and sell marijuana to individuals or safety compliance facilities but not other marijuana establishments. Mr. Vanerian said it is similar to a micro-brewery, they actually grow it, process it and sell it on site but they can't sell it to other marijuana establishments. Mr. Vanerian said that is the only new type of facility. Mr. Vanerian said the city needs to determine, without worrying if it is recreational or medical, how many facilities they want in the city. Mr. Vanerian said the way the law is set up it allows the medical marijuana facilities to transition into recreational



facilities and it is expected that any if not all will do exactly that. Mr. Vanerian said the existing medical facilities will have first dibs at applying for recreational facility. Mr. Vanerian said the bottom line is the council needs to decide how many facilities you want to allow, where you want to allow them and if you are going to allow the new facility called the micro business. Mr. Vanerian said in terms of timing, the state is required to start accepting and processing applications on December 6, 2019. Mr. Vanerian said now if they don't do that they can apply through the city and the city will do that process on behalf of the state. Mr. Vanerian said if that happens it would be a good idea to have an ordinance in place by then. Mr. Vanerian said it is not likely but if the state were to start accepting and processing applications early it would also be a good idea to have an ordinance fully in place.

Mayor Ackley asked City Attorney Vanerian to prepare a draft ordinance for council as he did before for the medical marijuana ordinance and leave the numbers blank for council to fill in. Mayor Ackley said so at least we get moving on the process if that's the direction council decides to go in.

City Attorney Vanerian yes, that can be done.

City Manager Whitt reported that the city does not issue marijuana licenses, however, the city issues business licenses. Mr. Whitt said the city has issued one business license and the city has denied one application.

2. **Confidential Attorney Client Communication – East Bay Status Report**
3. **Confidential Attorney Client Communication – Coeus Lawsuit Status**

City Attorney Vanerian said he has supplied council with some reports on pending litigation. Mr. Vanerian said no council action needs to be taken.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Proposed Resolution 2019-2 Withdraw from the Commerce, Walled Lake, and Wixom Trailway Management Council**

**CM 3-9-19 MOTION TO TABLE RESOLUTION 2019-2 TO WITHDRAW FROM THE COMMERCE, WALLED LAKE, AND WIXOM TRAILWAY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL FOR 30 DAYS**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To table resolution 2019-2 to withdraw from the Commerce, Walled Lake, and Wixom trailway management council for 30 days.

Roll Call Vote

Yes (5)      Ambrose, Costanzo, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley  
No (0)  
Absent (2)    Robertson, Loch  
Abstain (0)

**CM 3-10-19      MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ANY  
UPDATES ON THE NEGOTIATION OF THE TRAIL**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To go into closed session to discuss any updates on the negotiation of the trail

Roll Call Vote

Yes (5)      Ambrose, Costanzo, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley  
No (0)  
Absent (2)    Loch, Lublin  
Abstain (0)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Proposed Resolution 2019-9 Health Care Benefit Package for Full-Time Employees for Plan Year 2019-2020**

Finance Director Barlass said there is a memo in the council packet that explains the employee health care benefit plan that begins April 1<sup>st</sup> as well as an attached resolution asking for approval for the plan. Mrs. Barlass explained there has been no changes with the providers.

**CM 3-11-19      MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-9 A RESOLUTION  
APPROVING A HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR  
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES FOR THE PLAN YEAR APRIL 1, 2019  
TO MARCH 31, 2020**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Costanzo: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2019-9 a resolution approving a health care benefit package for full-time employees for the plan year April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

Roll Call Vote

Yes (5)      Costanzo, Lublin, Owsinek, Ambrose, Ackley  
No (0)  
Absent (2)    Loch, Robertson  
Abstain (0)

**2. Proposed Resolution 2019-10 Health Care Benefit Package for Eligible Previous Employees of the City of Walled Lake**

Finance Director Barlass said there is a resolution before council to continue providing the eligible employees with health care for the plan year April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020

**CM 3-12-19 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-10 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTHCARE FOR THE PLAN YEAR APRIL 1, 2019 TO MARCH 31, 2020 FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ambrose: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2019-10 a resolution approving an appropriation for healthcare for the plan year April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019 for eligible previous employees of the City of Walled Lake

Discussion

Council Member Costanzo said on page 99 he counted 15 former employees with a reimbursement amount limits to be determined by the department of finance and budget. Council Member Costanzo explained he didn't understand the criteria used to determine that.

Finance Director Barlass explained to Council Member Costanzo that the criteria are determined by each individual employee's contract, as well as employee eligibility with another employer to receive health care benefits then they need to take that employers health care benefits.

Roll Call Vote

Yes (5) Lublin, Owsinek, Ambrose, Costanzo, Ackley  
No (0)  
Absent (2) Loch, Robertson  
Abstain (0)

**3. Proposed Resolution 2019-11 Adoption of MERS Defined Benefit Plan for Fire and Police Personnel Hired After June 30, 2016**

Finance Director Barlass said this is a resolution requesting approval to open a defined benefit plan for the police and fire new employees that were hired June 30, 2016 or after. Mrs. Barlass said the city hasn't had any until recently, it is a new division, the division has different multipliers and different benefits.

**CM 3-13-19 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE TO AUTHORIZE THE ADOPTION OF A DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION MEMBER EMPLOYEES AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MEMBER EMPLOYEES OF MICHIGAN HIRED AFTER JUNE 30, 2016**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2019-11 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Walled Lake to authorize the adoption of a Defined Benefit Plan for collective bargaining Professional Fire Fighters Association Member Employees and collective bargaining Police Officers Association Member Employees of Michigan hired after June 30, 2016.

Roll Call Vote

Yes (5) Lublin, Owsinek, Ambrose, Costanzo, Ackley  
No (0)  
Absent (2) Robertson, Loch  
Abstain (0)

**4. Consideration of Metro Environmental Services Portable Restroom Bids**

City Manager Whitt explained that the consideration is the standard renewal for portable restrooms and requested a motion to award the bid.

**CM 3-14-19 MOTION TO APPROVE METRO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PORTABLE RESTROOM BID FOR 2019**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Owsinek: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve the agreement with Metro Environmental for portable restroom services for 2019 and 2020.

Roll Call Vote

Yes (5) Owsinek, Ambrose, Costanzo, Lublin, Ackley  
No (0)  
Absent (2) Robertson, Loch  
Abstain (0)

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council Member Lublin said the new Maher building looks great.

Mayor Ackley said she has got several complaints lately about the accessibility to the post office with the glass door entrance and asked that the City Manager look into it.

Council Member Costanzo said he is pleased to announce that from what he understands the trailway contribution from the City of Walled Lake will go down almost 75 percent. Mr. Costanzo said it looks like it is going to be a significant drop.

Council Member Ambrose said the Rails to Trails is a reality, the trailway is now under construction and improvements are ongoing. Mr. Ambrose explained a few things with the Trailway interlocal agreement still have to be worked out. Council Member Ambrose opined that the Trailway, is a terrific project that the citizens of Walled Lake can buy into now.

Mayor Ackley said it is great the cost of the trail has come down, she believes the city took the right stand and it is going in the right direction. Mayor Ackley said there are still items in the interlocal agreement that need to be worked out. Mayor Ackley said she thinks there are contributors that do need to be thanked but the city manager and this council need to be commended for tasking the right stand and are headed in the right direction.

City Manager Whitt explained that the mention of a reduction in initial cost to the city for trailway construction should not cause confusion for council members or citizens. Mr. Whitt opined that this reduction in initial cost had nothing to do with the good will of the other communities. Mr. Whitt said the interlocal agreement formula is still fundamentally unfair to the Walled Lake tax payers. Mr. Whitt explained that he did not want everyone walking away thinking because there is a reduction in the initial cost to the city that somehow that our partner cities provided the city a reduction in cost. Mr. Whitt said we are paying more than our fair share based on population or taxable value. Mr. Whitt opined that if the council had not taken a stand on the cost issues, there wouldn't be these ongoing discussions to get the best deal for the Walled Lake tax payers.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None


Council recessed 8:35 p.m.

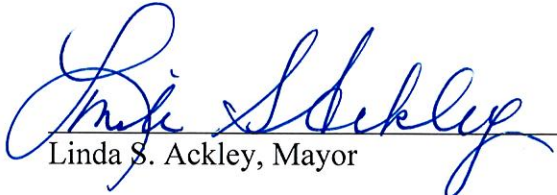
Council reconvened and entered into closed session 8:46 p.m.

Council arose from closed session 9:18 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

  
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Miranda Gross, Deputy City Clerk

  
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Linda S. Ackley, Mayor

*approved  
April 16, 2019*