



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
7:30 P.M.**

City Clerk Stuart welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled August City Council meeting and introduced Council Member Casey R. Ambrose, Council Member Mindy Fernandes, Council Member John Owsinek, Council Member Ryan Woods, Mayor Pro Tem Bennett Lublin, and Mayor Linda Ackley.

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 Owsinek, and Council Member Woods

Those attending by virtual means were doing so from Lansing, Michigan.

OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Whitt, Assistant to City Manager Jaquays, Assistant City Manager Schrader, Finance Director Pesta, Police Chief Shakinas, Deputy Police Chief Kolke, Fire Chief Coomer, Fire Marshal Gonzalez, City Attorney Vanerian, HR Director/Deputy Clerk Sears, DPW Superintendent Ladd, and City Clerk Stuart

CM 09-01-23 MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER LOCH FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING.

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: Motion to excuse Council Member Loch from tonight's meeting.

**RETIREMENT CEREMONY &
PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION**

- 1. Mayor Ackley's Proposed Resolution 2023-79 Resolution of the City Council Providing and Expressing Gratitude with Appreciation to Fire Chief James O. Coomer, Jr.**
 - Mayor Ackley's Proclamation Presentation**

Mayor Ackley said she has prepared a proclamation to present to Fire Chief James O Coomer, Jr. and requested Assistant to City Manager Jaquays to read the proclamation into the record.

City of Walled Lake, Michigan

**PROCLAMATION
DECLARING
CHIEF JAMES O. COOMER, JR. DAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**

WHEREAS James O. Coomer, Jr. dedicated himself to the continuous improvement of the quality of life for Walled Lake citizens as he performed his job with professionalism, integrity, compassion, and pride for over forty years; and

WHEREAS James O. Coomer, Jr. has shown commitment in the performance of his duties which include, protecting public safety and health and welfare; and

WHEREAS the professional and personal commitment of Chief James O. Coomer, Jr. contributes to the most efficient and effective operation of our City; and

WHEREAS the essential services the Walled Lake fire department provides, while being led by Chief James O. Coomer, Jr. makes a difference every day and enhances the quality of life for those who live, work, or visit in our great city; and

WHEREAS the City Council has expressed gratitude this day to our Fire Chief who demonstrates leadership, courage, and compassion in serving the citizens of Walled Lake and the surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon his retirement after forty years of service, on behalf of the City Council of Walled Lake, Michigan, I, Linda S. Ackley, Mayor do hereby declare the day of September 29, 2023, to be:

Chief James O. Coomer, Jr. Day

in the City of Walled Lake and urge our citizens to commend the extraordinary efforts and commitment of our fire department under the leadership of James O. Coomer, Jr.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City to be affixed this 19th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three.

Assistant City to Manager Jaquays read proposed resolution 2023-79 a resolution expressing gratitude with appreciation by honoring Fire Chief James O Coomer, Jr. for forty years of service to the City of Walled Lake and congratulating him on his retirement.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CITY OF WALLED LAKE

*A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE WITH APPRECIATION BY
HONORING FIRE CHIEF JAMES O COOMER, JR FOR FORTY YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON
HIS RETIREMENT*

*At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Walled Lake, Oakland
County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 1499 E. West Maple, Walled
Lake, Michigan 48390, on the 19th day of September 2023, at 7:30 p.m.*

*WHEREAS James O Coomer, Jr., a Walled Lake native showed interest in
the fire service at an early age and in June of 1983 applied for a position with the
fire department; and*

*WHEREAS thereafter James O Coomer, Jr. began his career in the fire
service over forty years ago in 1983 as a firefighter with the City of Walled Lake
Fire Department, Walled Lake, Michigan; and*

*WHEREAS firefighter James O Coomer, Jr. was commended in April of
1989 by State Senator Richard D. Fessler for his courageous actions of rescuing
a resident from a burning apartment building; and*

*WHEREAS James O Coomer, Jr. has risen in rank to the most senior
firefighter position, Chief of the Fire Department, and had the honor of wearing
the Walled Lake Fire Department badge for the past 40 years; and*

*WHEREAS James O Coomer, Jr. 's service and devotion to the city and its
fire operations have proven to be an enormous benefit to the City of Walled Lake
and its residents in numerous ways, all of which have contributed to the City of
Walled Lake having the finest Fire Department in the area; and*

*WHEREAS James O Coomer, Jr., after having served the City of Walled
Lake, Walled Lake, Michigan for forty years of fire and emergency service, has
decided to retire from the city's service; and*

*WHEREAS the Walled Lake City Council believes that it is in the best
interest of the city, its residents, its employees, and the surrounding communities,
to recognize, honor, and thank James O Coomer, Jr. for his years of devoted
service to the City of Walled Lake.*

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve regular council meeting minutes of August 15, 2023.

COUNCIL REPORT

Council Member Owsinek said there was a planning commission meeting last week and asked Ms. Jaquays to report.

Assistant to City Manager Jaquays explained there was a resubmittal for the applicant representing 800 N Pontiac Trail for Taco Bell. Ms. Jaquays explained the applicant is relocating from their current location on E. West Maple Road to 800 N. Pontiac Trail. Taco Bell wishes to stay in Walled Lake. Ms. Jaquays explained the applicant has relocated their detention pond and will be moving it to an underground stormwater management application, in doing this the applicant has increased the parking substantially for themselves and surrounding businesses. Ms. Jaquays said there will be designated mutual access agreements created for perpetual access between the proposed site and surrounding neighbors. Ms. Jaquays said the current building at 800 N. Pontiac Trail will be demolished and a brand-new building will be constructed.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said there was not a quorum for last month's library board meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said the library renovation project is mostly completed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. **Consent Agenda Written Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports**
 - a. **Police**
 - b. **Fire**
 - c. **Finance**
 - Warrant

CM 09-03-23 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 (6)	Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Ackley
Nays (0)	
Absent (1)	Loch
Abstain (0)	

City Manager Whitt said Police Chief Shakinas will provide a verbal report for the August Code Enforcement.

Police Chief Shakinias explained the August 2023 monthly code enforcement report. Chief Shakinias said summer is always a busy time. Highlighting a few items, the dilapidated fence at 426 E Walled Lake Drive was replaced with a new one, the recent DDA meeting discussion was held about 121 N Pontiac Trail, the blue apartment building at the corner of Pontiac Trail and Walled Lake Drive. Chief Shakinias said that unfortunately, with each effort to communicate with the property owner, there has been very little response and he is anticipating reviews of the site by the Fire Marshal, City Attorney, and further Code Enforcement to bring this site into compliance. Chief Shakinias explained letters went out to all the businesses that abut the city's new linear park requesting cleanup of their sites. Some have been responsive, some have not, and they have been notified, if in late fall the sites are still uncooperative, enforcement will issue citations. Chief Shakinias said Trail Manager Hall will be working with Code Enforcement directly to work with property owners.

2. Gateway Improvements

Assistant to City Manager Jaquays explained Decker Road is one of the four gateways into the City of Walled Lake and there are proposed projects in these areas. Ms. Jaquays explained along Decker Road at 14 Mile Road, there was a proposal received for a drive-thru Starbucks with a retail component and is scheduled for the October 2023 Planning Commission agenda. Ms. Jaquays explained there is work scheduled on 14 Mile Road for resurfacing. However, after a site visit, there is no equipment on site yet. Ms. Jaquays explained she and City Manager Whitt are continually checking on the start date. Oakland County Road Commission will have the most up-to-date information. Ms. Jaquays explained the Kum & Go convenience store and gas station received site plan and special land use approvals and will be transitioned to the construction phase of their process. Ms. Jaquays said she and City Manager Whitt continually direct the maintenance of and promote the integrity of the city's gateway areas. Ms. Jaquays said the maintenance of Decker Road integrity is always a priority for the city. Ms. Jaquays said the site 615 N Pontiac Trail, the old community education building, has not had any movement now but is continually monitored by her and City Manager Whitt.

3. City Events

Assistant to City Manager Jaquays said the annual Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce State of the Lakes luncheon is scheduled for next week and Mayor Ackley has invited staff, board and commission members, and County Commissioner Dr. Ajay Raman to attend. Ms. Jaquays said this is a great event to hear what is occurring in our neighboring communities and a prime opportunity for networking. Ms. Jaquays introduced Ms. Kaylee Hall as the city's newly appointed Parks and Recreation Coordinator. Ms. Hall will be coordinating city events including the upcoming Mayor Ackley's Trunk or Treat event scheduled for October 29, 2023, and the annual tree lighting ceremony scheduled for December 4, 2023.

Ms. Hall said it is wonderful to be a part of the city and to work on upcoming events, such as Mayor Ackley's Trunk or Treat on October 29, 2023. Ms. Hall explained this event is partnering with the Green House recruiting participants and flyers were delivered to local businesses. Ms. Hall explained the City of Walled Lake Market Place has had the highest vendor count so far of

47 vendors and they are asking to book for the season. Ms. Hall explained there is continual improvement. Ms. Hall said the rebranding of the Walled Lake Market Place has been well received. Ms. Hall said the September 20th Market Place will be hosting its Fall Festival offering live music, cider, and donuts, and the Walled Lake Library will be hosting a story hour. Ms. Hall said the annual tree lighting will be hosted on December 4th at 7:00 p.m. and she is working to solidify the theme, once solidified, tasks will move forward; a new pastor is needed, and a Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Ms. Hall invited everyone to next week's Market Place Fall Festival which will run between 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ms. Hall thanked the administration and council for the opportunity to work on these events and tasks.

City Manager Whitt said Ms. Hall is not only the Parks and Recreation Coordinator, Trail Manager, and Market Place Manager, but she is also a reserve police officer and will be going through Oakland Community College Police Academy beginning in January 2024.

**8:21 p.m. Council Member Fernandes arrived in person*

4. City Staff Assignments

City Manager Whitt explained he has staff appointments he would like to make this evening.

City Manager Whitt asked Sergeant Brandon Jousma to step forward and he was appointed to Police Lieutenant effective September 23, 2023, making Lieutenant Jousma the 3rd in charge of the Walled Lake Police Department.

City Manager Whitt asked Deputy Chief Kolke to step forward and she was appointed to acting Chief of Police effective September 29, 2023.

City Manager Whitt asked Fire Marshal Gonzalez to step forward and he was appointed Deputy Fire Chief, and he will also remain as Fire Marshal effective September 29, 2023.

City Manager Whitt said Firefighter Shakinis will be appointed Interim Fire Chief beginning September 29, 2023.

HR Director/Deputy Clerk Gross said Fire Chief Coomer is retiring effective September 29, 2023, and there will be a job posting within the next week or so, posting internally as well and statewide for a full-time Fire Chief.

City Manager Whitt explained there will be an audit of the fire department, fire equipment, policies, etc. to see what may need to be adjusted. City Manager Whitt said Fire Chief Coomer is leaving the city in a good place with the fire department, and he is sure there will be a lot of applicants.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Vanerian said the conveyance of ownership of the trail is now done and the deed has been recorded, it is officially owned by the city. City Attorney Vanerian explained the financial settlement would be discussed at the next trailway council meeting and a check will be coming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

The City Council removed from the table the first reading of C-370-23.

Discussion

Council Member Owsinek said he has had discussions with individuals who do this type of repair for a living and the cost of repairing under the roads would be egregious to place upon the resident. Council Member Owsinek said this needs to be reworked with additional language, limiting the culpability of the homeowner to \$500 or something to this effect. Council Member Owsinek said the council would need to have the city take responsibility for the majority of the cost. Council Member Owsinek said for example, if you had to dig under the road under Pontiac Trail or S. Commerce for a repair you would need, traffic control, maintain the right-of-way, have one lane always open, half of the road could only be worked on at a time. Council Member Owsinek opined this amendment as is, is very costly to the resident, bankrupting most homeowners for this work. Council Member Owsinek said there needs to be a limit to the cost to the homeowner that would be advantageous, fair, and equitable.

Mayor Ackley asked if this situation had occurred before.

DPW Superintendent Ladd said yes, a homeowner had this situation and the city paid and brought in a company for the tree root cleaning.

Council Member Owsinek said there needs to be a cap on the cost to the homeowner.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin asked what other communities are doing, and what is fair and equitable, \$500 does not go very far. Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said we do not wish to hurt homeowners.

City Manager Whitt said he recommended to table this item and find out what other communities are doing, it is a good idea to cap the cost to the homeowner.

CM 09-04-23 MOTION TO TABLE FIRST READING OF C-370-23 AND HAVE STAFF REVIEW ITEMS DISCUSSED AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To table first reading of C-370-23 and have staff review items discuss and report back to council.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Lublin, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Resolution 2023-80 Ratifying the Purchase of a New City Server

Finance Director Pesta explained this server has reached its end of life, the warranty has been extended for as long as possible, and up-to-date technology is necessary to ensure a secure network. Finance Director Pesta explained the purchase of a new city server was discussed during the City Manager's budget work sessions as part of the capital improvement plan.

CM 09-05-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-80 RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW CITY SERVER AS THE OLD CITY SERVER IS END OF LIFE IN OCTOBER 2023 AND IS NO LONGER ABLE TO BE SERVICED, WITH CURRENT PRICING SIGNIFICANTLY LESS, PROVIDING THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR PURCHASE

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-80 ratifying the purchase of a new city server as the old city server is end of life in October 2023 and is no longer able to be serviced, with current pricing significantly less, providing the most cost-effective opportunity for purchase.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

2. Proposed Resolution 2023-81 SMART Contract FY24

Finance Director Pesta explained this is a request for approval of the annual SMART contract for community service credits for fiscal year 2024. Finance Director Pesta explained this will allow continued transportation services to city residents through our subcontractor, Western Oakland Transportation Authority, WOTA.

CM 09-06-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-81 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH THE SUBURBAN MOBILE AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION (SMART) FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES USED TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO CITY RESIDENTS THROUGH SUBCONTRACTOR WOTA

Motion Lublin, seconded by Woods,

Discussion

City Manager Whitt asked Assistant City Manager Schrader, the city's voting representative of WOTA to provide an update on the most recent WOTA meeting.

Assistant City Manager Schrader explained at the recent WOTA meeting that the preliminary budget was on the agenda and WOTA's fiscal year starts January 1. The millage provides a large funding source to WOTA, and the contract between the county and WOTA is a work in progress, as things change, new members join the county, and the county works with each organization to fund the expansion into other communities. There were some purchases of vehicles. Assistant City Manager Schrader explained his reception at the WOTA meeting was not what he had hoped. Mr. Schrader explained the WOTA board did not recognize him as a voting member because they did not have the city's resolution appointing Mr. Schrader as the city representative on hand for the meeting. Mr. Schrader said they worked through this.

City Manager Whitt said the WOTA board did not recognize Mr. Schrader without a resolution yet this board passes their budget by motion not the required budget resolution. City Manager Whitt asked Mr. Schrader if he participated in today's meeting and did he vote.

Mr. Schrader said yes.

City Manager Whitt said that Mr. Schrader participated in the meeting as a voting member and that was a foolish conversation by the WOTA board members.

Assistant City Manager Schrader said there was a request to amend resolution 2023-81 and strike the third whereas section, he said the vehicles through SMART have been reassigned to WOTA itself, the city is no longer in possession of any vehicles through SMART and WOTA has obtained any leases with SMART. Mr. Schrader explained that WOTA will be directly responsible for maintenance, upkeep, etc.

City Manager Whitt asked what the proposed budget for WOTA was.

Assistant City Manager Schrader said the proposed budget was \$6 million dollars.

City Manager Whitt how many pages was the proposed budget?

Assistant City Manager Schrader said it was one page.

City Manager Whitt asked if the WOTA budget was acted upon.

Assistant City Manager Schrader said no, it was not acted upon.

City Manager Whitt said that makes no sense, a one-page budget, for \$6 million dollar budget. I think we are done.

CM 09-07-23 MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2023-81 STRIKING PARAGRAPH THREE

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To amend resolution 2023-81 striking the third whereas sentence.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Fernandes, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

Main Motion

CM 09-08-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-81 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH THE SUBURBAN MOBILE AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION (SMART) FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES USED TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO CITY RESIDENTS THROUGH SUBCONTRACTOR WOTA

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-81 a resolution to approve the annual contract with the Suburban Mobile Authority for regional transportation (SMART) for reimbursement of expenditures used to provide public transportation to city residents through subcontractor WOTA.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Ambrose, Fernandes, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

3. Proposed Resolution 2023-82 Appropriating Funds and Authorizing WRC to Repair, Improve Operations and Safety of the City's Water System

Finance Director Pesta explained during the recent annual meeting with the Water Resources Commission (WRC) that it was brought to the city's attention that it is necessary to repair a bypass valve located off of Decker.

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained WRC said the shut-off valve, north of the pressure relief vault needs to be replaced. Mr. Ladd said the bypass valve is inoperable and there is maintenance required on the other one. Mr. Ladd said the shut-off valves are necessary. Mr. Ladd explained the shut-off they currently have is at Leon and Decker. Mr. Ladd explained this new valve would be safer for the workers to maintain the lines and decrease disruption to residents.

Mayor Ackley asked how long the repair would take.

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained approximately one day, there would be five residents along Decker Road without water during the repair.

CM 09-09-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-82 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING WRC TO REPAIR, AND IMPROVE OPERATIONS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-82 a resolution appropriating funds and authorizing WRC to repair and improve operations and safety of the city's water system.

Discussion

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin asked if funding would be from the water account.

Finance Director Pesta said yes, the capital reserves from the water account.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

4. Proposed Resolution 2023-83 Oakland County Assessing Contract Years 2023-2035

City Attorney Vanerian explained the current assessing agreement expired at the end of June this year. Attorney Vanerian said the proposed agreement is for a two-year term and covers the same services Oakland County Equalization provides now. Attorney Vanerian explained there were

some differences and he wanted to make the council aware. Attorney Vanerian explained Oakland County's Equalizations role in the Michigan Tax Tribunal (MTT) cases, appeals specifically, there is language that changes the scope of the services they provide. Attorney Vanerian explained Oakland County Equalization would be doing less, and asking the city attorney to do more as it relates to processing the tax appeal cases. Attorney Vanerian said he already addresses the city's tax appeals however, the main difference is that Oakland County Equalization would become the final decision maker on the tax appeal case, and that is significant. Attorney Vanerian explained most cases, like court cases are resolved through a settlement, and Attorney Vanerian explained the new language, which provides for Oakland County Equalization to be the final decision maker, not the city. Attorney Vanerian said whether Oakland County Equalization interprets this language that way or it is just to have it in the contract is another question. Attorney Vanerian said the county seems more inclined to settle cases than the city at times.

Mayor Ackley asked if there were cases where if this clause were not present, would the city act opposite the equalization ruling?

City Attorney Vanerian said he would have to defer to the county if the property is too high and should be lower, the county then gives the city options as to what an appropriate evaluation of the property is. Attorney Vanerian said the county clearly wants to have more say regarding the disposition of these cases and a bigger decision in the cases. Attorney Vanerian explained we will continue to work collaboratively with the county.

Mayor Ackley said we have had the county for a while and has no interest in hiring a private assessor.

City Attorney Vanerian said he is not suggesting the council does this, but he wanted to make the council aware of some changes to the county's role and authority to the MTT appeals, highlighting the county's motivation is different than the city's.

Council Member Owsinek said he noticed a 4% increase for this year and another 4% the following year. Council Member Owsinek said the county wants ultimate control and it costs the city more money.

City Manager Whitt said from management's point of view, we do not want to be in the assessing business. City Manager Whitt said he recommends approving the agreement.

**CM 09-10-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-83 A RESOLUTION
APPROVING OAKLAND COUNTY ASSESSING CONTRACT
YEARS 2023-2025**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Ambrose, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve Resolution 2023-83 a resolution approving Oakland County Assessing Contract Years 2023-2025.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

5. Proposed Resolution 2023-84 Oakland County Elections Agreement for the Purpose of Providing Early Voting as per Voter-Approved Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Michigan

CM 09-11-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-84 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OAKLAND COUNTY ELECTIONS AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EARLY VOTING AS PER THE VOTER-APPROVED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Fernandes, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-84 a resolution approving the Oakland County Elections agreement for the purpose of providing early voting as per the voter-approved amendment to the Constitution of the State of Michigan.

Discussion

City Clerk Stuart explained the early voting hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday 12 to 8 p.m. This opportunity will be available beginning with the city's November 7, 2023, election. The cycle will begin Saturday, October 28th, and run through Sunday, November 5th at the Commerce Township Library 180 E Commerce Street. The Central site for all of Oakland County will be at the Waterford Oaks Activity Center at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford, MI.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Lublin, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

6. Proposed Resolution 2023-85 Purchase of Police Patrol Vehicle

CM 09-12-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-85 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2023 DODGE DURANGO PATROL VEHICLE AS PART OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE FLEET ROTATION CYCLE

Motion by Woods, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve 2023-85 a resolution ratifying the purchase of a new 2023 Dodge Durango Patrol Vehicle as part of the public safety fleet rotation cycle.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

7. Second Reading C-370-23

Moved to Unfinished Business Item #1 for the first reading.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Fernandes said thank you to our clerks, they are doing a great job to get the election organized and ready, and votes will count. Thank you.

Council Member Woods said with the ordinance enforcement, it takes good neighbors to have good neighborhoods. Council Member Woods said thank you to Fire Chief Commer for his services and much appreciation for all he has done.

Council Ambrose said thank you and congratulated Fire Chief Coomer, Walled Lake cannot thank you enough for all you have done.

Council Member Owsinek said it has been fun and an interesting 40 years and thanked Chief Coomer for all he has given. Council Member Owsinek said he wishes Mr. Schrader more success in future WOTA meetings. Council Member Owsinek said the DPW is doing an outstanding job. Council Member Owsinek congratulated Deputy Police Chief Kolke on her appointment to acting Police Chief. Council Member Owsinek thanked the city staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said thank you to the city staff, we have seen a lot of change, and our team excels because we all work together. Thank you.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

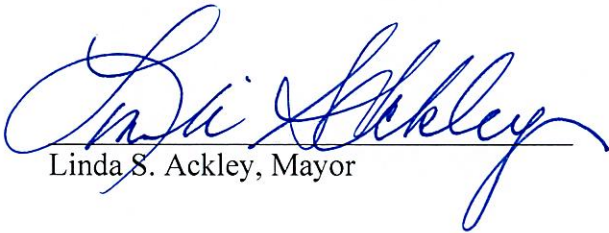
Mayor Ackley said thank you and she echo's everyone's sentiment. Mayor Ackley said for the size of our staff and what is accomplished here in Walled Lake, is great.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk



Linda S. Ackley, Mayor

Approved
10/17/23