



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016  
7:30 P.M.**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose.

Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose stated the meeting was noticed the required 18 hours prior to. City Clerk Stuart said the special meeting notice was issued on Friday, September 2, 2016 and placed at city hall, council chambers, police, library and website.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose.

Invocation led by Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose, Council Member Helke, Council Member Lublin, Council Member Loch, Council Member Owsinek, Council Member Robertson

**ABSENT:** Mayor Ackley

**CM 09-01-16 MOTION TO EXCUSE MAYOR ACKLEY FROM  
TONIGHT'S MEETING**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse Mayor Ackley from tonight's meeting.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager Whitt, Assistant City Manager Rodgers, Finance Director Coogan, Police Chief Shakinias, Fire Chief Coomer, and City Clerk Stuart

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Resolution 2016-32 Ratifying the Agreement with the Michigan Association of Public Employees (MAPE) on behalf of the Public Works and Clerical Employees from July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019**

City Manager Whitt requested Police Chief Shakinias, lead negotiator of negotiating team to provide a report. Police Chief Shakinias explained there was a combining of two bargaining units Public Works and Clerical into one unit and one agreement as they have similar interests. The agreement is for three years with no base wage increase which means no increase to pension plans. Longevity was reintroduced which provided an incentive but without any pensions spikes.

In addition within the three year agreement there is a one year clause to maintain the bargaining unit as a whole.

City Manager Whitt said the unit has ratified the agreement and Council must approve it by resolution.

**CM 09-02-16                    MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2016-32 RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (MAPE) ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND CLERICAL EMPLOYEES FROM JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2019**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2016-32 Ratifying the agreement with the Michigan Association of Public Employees (MAPE) on behalf of the Public Works and Clerical employees from July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019.

**2.    Public Safety Campus redesign construction plan pursuant to previously approved Council motion CM 08-03-16**

Finance Director Coogan said this project has been discussed for three years and at last council meeting the City Engineer made a presentation about the seriousness of the situation and the need to move this project forward this year.

City Engineer Marc Jones from Boss Engineering said the construction along Walled Lake Drive began today to replace failing catch basin and storm sewers. The Public Safety Campus has similar underground systems of failing pipes. Oakland County Water Resource Commission (WRC) has some jurisdiction over the underground pipes within the public safety campus and working in conjunction with this redesign project WRC will provide reimbursement for some of the work to be done. The goal is to make the public safety campus safer for pedestrians and traffic flow. Negotiations took place with Cadillac Asphalt who worked the Maple Road project and they will hold the prices the same and with Council approval they could get started as soon as next week.

Finance Director Coogan said the contract with Cadillac Asphalt has been reviewed by the City Attorney, City Administration and Boss Engineering. This is one piece of the project the other component is with DTE. The City Attorney reviewed an easement request from DTE because of the relocation of existing power pole to be placed underground. This underground pole will allow safer maneuverability for pedestrian and traffic flow. The cost is basically the same if the pole were to be relocated. A motion to approve the DTE easement is required should Council decide to place it underground.

Council Member Helke asked if the vote was for Cadillac Asphalt and the DTE easement.

**CM 09-03-16 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2016-33 PUBLIC SAFETY  
CAMPUS REDESIGN**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Loch,

**DISCUSSION**

Council Member Helke said she understands public safety campus parking lot deterioration and the sink hole that was partially repaired by the (WRC). She questioned the remaining pipe to be upgraded at a later date, does that mean the WRC will repair it later or the City.

Mr. Jones said as part of the repaving project and WRC offered a solution that the price could be included in the City's contract and they would reimburse the City. It is estimated to be \$25,000 which includes the cost of the pipe and manhole itself. There is a very old pipe under the concrete area that could fail at any time.

Council Member Helke questioned the estimated saving of \$43,000 and what does that pertain to.

Mr. Jones said there is whole network of failing storm sewers and pipes that are under the parking lot and the redesign is able to address those failing pipes with re-grading of the parking lot instead of pipe replacement. The redesign will redirect water flow to the detention basin.

Council Member Helke asked where the \$43,000 savings came from. Mr. Jones said that is what it would have cost to replace the failing pipe itself.

Council Member Helke questioned the police vehicles backing out. If this is important not to back out, why are they not backing in to begin with? How many seconds would be knocked off a police run if cars didn't have to back up for response to a call?

Police Chief Shakinis explained seconds count on emergency response calls and the redesign allows for the police cars to drive in and pull right out.

Council Member Helke said Walled Lake is struggling financially. This plan has a lot of bells and whistles.

Council Member Lublin said the plan has been designed well. The amount of \$750,000 is a lot of money and at this time he would like to see the campus improved and look good but this is not the best way to spend the money. There is a fire ladder truck that is being purchased this year close to a million dollars. He has no problems with plan design but the spending of the money.

Council Member Owsinek said if it is not fixed now and the public safety campus continues to crumble and deteriorate even more, then when the City has to completely rebuild it will cost abundantly more. Council Member Lublin agreed but said this design is a full build out whether it is done now, next year or three years from now. He said he does not feel the City is saving anything by beginning this year.

Council Member Owsinek said inflation does not rest and it continues to go up. If the project is done now the opportunity exists to get the plan done before the cement plants close for the winter.

Council Member Helke asked if the areas of concern could be worked on individually. Mr. Jones said the guarantee of prices would change because the scope of work would be changing.

Council Member Helke asked if 56 parking spaces could really fit. Mr. Jones explained the redesign is better traffic flow with two way traffic for both parking lot entrances and only losing two parking spaces and gaining additional handicap parking.

Council Member Lublin said he had worked with parking lot construction and maintenance this proposal is major work and spending \$750,000 is not something he agrees with right now.

Council Member Helke said last discussion there was mention of \$40,000 worth of landscaping and it is not listed in this packet. Mr. Jones said the landscaping piece will come later.

Council Member Owsinek called vote to question.

Council Member Lublin asked if police forfeiture funds will be utilized. Finance Director Coogan said all funds that can be utilized will be used.

City Manager Whitt said that is exactly why this needs to be voted on tonight. There are forfeiture funds being used to assist those people who use the parking lot including the library members. If the project is done in the future the funds will be coming from the General Fund not out of the Forfeiture Fund. It is prudent and he recommends it. He said the Police Chief and Fire Chief also recommend the redesign. The City engineer has provided a good plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose said this campus has been a hodgepodge of repairs for over 50 years. There is an opportunity here. He said there is no way to tell what other terrible issues that could arise. He said the forfeiture dollars are available now.

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Loch, MOTIONED CARRIED: To approve Resolution 2016-33 Public Safety Campus Redesign.

Roll Call Vote:

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

City Manager Whitt said the DTE easement is part of the discussion and needs to be voted on.

**CM 09-04-16                    MOTION TO CONVEY INTEREST IN THE DTE  
EASEMENT PROPOSAL TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO BE  
PLACED ON THEIR DOCKET TO COMPLETE IN SPRING 2017  
BASED ON RECOMMENDATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY  
WITH INSTRUCTION TO HAVE CITY MANAGER TO  
EXECUTE**

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: Motion to convey interest in the DTE easement proposal to have opportunity to be placed on their docket to complete in spring 2017 based on recommendation from City Attorney with instruction to have City Manager to execute.

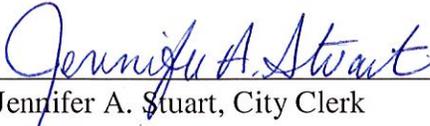
**3. Approve budgeted Information Technology platform upgrade (New City Server)**

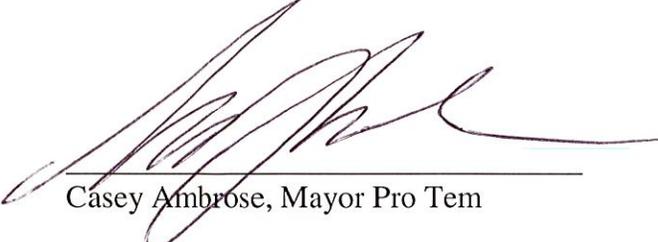
Police Chief Shakinis explained the server is in direr need to be replaced because it is unstable. Nimble Systems has provided a quote, \$22,460 and funds will come from the Federal Forfeiture line. It is well under the \$30,000 budgeted amount and it is \$8,000 less than the previous IT group. The server was last replaced over 5 ½ years ago.

**CM 09-05-16                    MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2016-34 BUDGETED  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM UPGRADE (NEW  
CITY SERVER) NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2016-34 Budgeted Information Technology Platform Upgrade (new city server) not to exceed \$25,000.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

  
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Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk

  
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Casey Ambrose, Mayor Pro Tem