



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 18, 2013**

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Roberts.

Invocation led by Mayor Pro Tem Ackley.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem Ackley, Council Member Owsinek, Council Member Robertson, Council Member Sturgeon, Council Member Yezbick

**ABSENT:** Council Member Ambrose

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager Whitt, Police Chief Shakinis, Fire Chief VanSparrentak, Finance Director Coogan, City Attorney Vanerian, Deputy Treasurer Stuart, and DPW Coordinator McGill

**CM 06-20-13            EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER AMBROSE FROM THIS MEETING**

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Yezbick, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse Council Member Ambrose from this meeting.

**REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES:**

Finance Director Coogan requested to add agenda item for Escrow Payment for 2002 Building Bond Authority Bonds Refunding. Mayor Roberts added as New Business item 4.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**CM 06-21-13            APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 4, 2013 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND THE JUNE 10, 2013 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the June 4, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Susan Dubois, 64 Grandview Circle, asked about her FOIA request that she made to the City regarding the City credit card. She received a letter from us requesting additional time and to check back on June 3, 2013. She asked the status of her request.

City Manager Whitt said he is aware of her FOIA request pertaining to the City credit card. He has packaged the requested information on the City's behalf. He does not have a credit card. The card belongs to the City, not to him individually. His name is on the credit card because he holds the Office of City Clerk. He stated he has not submitted reimbursement requests in the three years he has been employed with the City. He felt this FOIA request was targeted at his expenses. He will provide either hard copy at \$0.25/page, or via email in a PDF version and waive the fee.

Terry Hawke, 1385 Decker Road, said he was here a month ago about the disbanding of the fire department and now the City is discussing terminating five police officers. He is concerned with how the situation was reviewed. He asked how he, as a citizen, will be protected. He is concerned. He is aware of the City's financial problems. He feels these cuts are being railroaded through awfully fast. He said City Council is responsible for looking into all avenues. If millages need to be passed then let the citizen's vote. He understands City Council postponed the approval of the budget to obtain tentative agreements and he has been in contact with a few people and Council members. He asked how the budget and City will be handled with these changes. What are the goals and objectives?

Mayor Roberts stated the budget meeting was moved to June 24, 2013 and unfortunately he will not be able to attend due to personal circumstances. He said the City Manager is in the midst of union negotiations.

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

**1. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Report on Labor Negotiations for Police**

**CM 06-22-13            APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION TO REPORT ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR  
POLICE**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request to enter into Executive Session to report on labor negotiations for Police.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:            Ackley, Owsinek, Robertson, Sturgeon, Yezbick, Roberts  
No:             None  
Absent:        Ambrose

**2. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Report on Labor Negotiations for Fire**

**CM 06-23-13            APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION TO REPORT ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR FIRE**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request to enter into Executive Session to report on labor negotiations for Fire.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Owsinek, Robertson, Sturgeon, Yezbick, Roberts, Ackley  
No: None  
Absent: Ambrose

**3. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Report on Labor Negotiations for Public Works**

**CM 06-24-13 APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REPORT ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request to enter into Executive Session to report on labor negotiations for Public Works.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Owsinek, Robertson, Sturgeon, Yezbick, Roberts, Ackley  
No: None  
Absent: Ambrose

**4. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Report on Labor Negotiations for Clerical**

**CM 06-25-13 APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REPORT ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR CLERICAL**

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request to enter into Executive Session to report on labor negotiations for Clerical.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Robertson, Sturgeon, Yezbick, Roberts, Ackley, Owsinek  
No: None  
Absent: Ambrose

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Roberts said the hydroplane races were great and it was a great attraction for City.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member Owsinek said the Trailway Council met last week and the checking account is in place and functioning well. Phase II of the environmental study is in process and there have been seventeen locations selected for boring.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**CM 06-26-13            MOTION TO RECEIVE DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICAL REPORTS**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive the monthly departmental statistical reports.

City Manager Whitt said every union unit is scheduled to be at the table for negotiations including police and fire. He reminded the public that, City Council passed a resolution ordering the continuation of negotiations to resolve issues and gain middle ground before passing the budget. It is an unusual event when budget adoption is delayed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**     None

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

City Attorney Vanerian said he has prepared a blanket easement agreement to install an easement along the abandoned railroad line. It would give the City legal authority to install utilities there. He has sent it to the State for their review. He anticipates he should have a proposed easement agreement next Council meeting.

Council Member Robertson asked if the financial issues were worked out. Attorney Vanerian replied they have a tentative agreement. City Manager Whitt said the DDA would be brought in once the easement agreement is approved; it will be very useful. The plan is to get the undeveloped areas developed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**     None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. West Nile Fund Program Resolution**

Public Works Coordinator McGill stated the County is allocating funds towards preventing and providing awareness of the West Nile Virus. The City of Walled Lake's portion is \$1,000. She explained instead of wipes they will be purchasing briquettes to place in the catch basins throughout City areas. The plan has been approved through Oakland County and they require Council resolution.

**CM 06-27-13            MOTION TO ACCEPT THE WEST NILE PROGRAM RESOLUTION**

Motion by Ackley seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To accept the West Nile Program resolution.

**2. 2013 Beach Party Contract for “ The Major Woody Band”**

Deputy Treasurer Stuart stated at the last regular scheduled DDA meeting the Board voted to contract with “The Major Woody Band” for evening entertainment. It is now before the City Council for approval.

**CM 06-28-13            MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2013 BEACH PARTY CONTRACT FOR “THE MAJOR WOODY BAND”**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the 2013 Beach Party Contract for “The Major Woody Band”.

**3. Traffic Control Order 2013-04 for the Beach Party**

**CM 06-29-13            APPROVE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 2013-04 FOR THE BEACH PARTY TO CLOSE EAST WALLED LAKE DRIVE FROM LIBERTY STREET TO WITHERALL STREET FROM 6:00 A.M. ON JULY 20, 2013 TO 10:00 A.M. ON JULY 21, 2013**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Traffic Control Order 2013-04 for the Beach Party July 20-21, 2013.

City Manager Whitt said there is a slight change for the Beach Party this year we are partnering with Bayside Sports Grille. There is not the same number of volunteers as in the past and Hospitality House and the Lakes Area Rotary will not be providing a beer tent. He said DDA Deputy Managing Director Stuart and Police Chief Shakinias will be working with the partnership of Bayside and its owner to host this year’s event.

Police Chief Shakinias said the alcohol will be off City streets and contained within Bayside’s parking lot. The stage will be shifted to reduce the noise to surrounding residential homes.

**4. Escrow Payment for 2002 Building Authority Bonds Refunding**

Finance Director Coogan said Council passed a resolution in May to refund the 2002 Building Authority Bonds. Bids have come in better than expected and the annual savings is expected to be \$7,150 a year. She is requesting the approval to pay \$16,302.71 to Huntington National Bank to escrow the interest accrued on the debt since February 1, 2013, the date of the last payment. The accrued interest must be paid as part of the refunding.

**CM 06-30-13            APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$16,302.71 TO HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK FOR THE 2002 BUILDING AUTHORITY BOND REFUND**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Sturgeon, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve payment of \$16,302.71 to Huntington National Bank for the 2002 Building Authority Bond refund.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Deena Potter directed her question to the City Attorney and asked if a response to a FOIA request is required to be provided in writing within ten days of the request or if it becomes assumed that the FOIA is denied. City Attorney Vanerian said the FOIA request is not being denied information is being provided.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council Member Robertson said he would like to remind everybody of the fireworks this Saturday.

Council Member Yezbick said he is also looking forward to fireworks.

Mayor Pro Tem Ackley agreed, and she is also looking forward to the fireworks.

Mayor Roberts wished everyone a happy Fourth of July.

**CM 06-31-13           BILLS FOR APPROVAL**

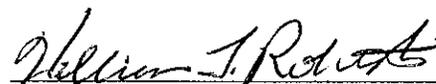
Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To authorize the Treasurer to make disbursements and transfers on Warrant #11-2013 in the amount of \$215,083.27 this being in the best interest of the City.

The meeting recessed at 7:56 p.m. Council entered into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. and ended this session at 8:25 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Jennifer Stuart, Deputy Clerk



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William T. Roberts, Mayor