



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 20, 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 Ambrose, Council Member Owsinek, Council Member Sturgeon, Council Member Yezbick

**ABSENT:** Council Member Robertson

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager Whitt, Police Chief Shakinias, Fire Chief VanSparrentak, City Attorney Vanerian, Deputy Treasurer Stuart, DPW Coordinator McGill and Assistant to the City Manager Williams

**CM 08-01-13 EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTSON FROM THIS MEETING**

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

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:**

Deputy Treasurer Stuart requested that the consideration of a Property Transfer penalty be added as New Business Item #4.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**CM 08-02-13 APPROVAL OF THE JULY 16, 2013 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the July 16, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

1. Anne Whitten, Lake Village Townhomes – She asked about the work done on the Water Meter Pit and when the vegetation would be replaced that was removed to do the construction.

City Manager Whitt and DPW Coordinator McGill explained that there were easement issues which were going to prevent a tree to be replaced but they will develop a plan and contact the association.

2. Sue Boydanoff, owner of Below the Bridge and Above – thanked Melvin’s Hardware for the donation of flowers to the downtown area which are being maintained by the business owners and improves the look downtown. She spoke in support of the redevelopment liquor license and stated that she had the opportunity to speak with Senator Kowall about it and he helped Holly obtain their license and they now have 100% occupancy. She thinks it will be great for the City of Walled Lake.
3. Valerie Kemp, 182 Angola – came before the City Council in support of a redevelopment liquor license and expressed the support of a local business owner, Dave Cornwell, who is in favor of the redevelopment liquor license as well. She spoke briefly about the economic benefits of this program for Walled Lake.
4. SFC Steve Anderson – Requested the support of the City Council to hold an event to benefit the Wounded Warriors program on November 29, 2013. It would be a walk/ruck march. Mr. Anderson benefited from this program as a wounded warrior and he wants to do this event to show his gratitude and to help the organization to continue to offer these services.

**CM 08-03-13                    APPROVAL OF THE EVENT REQUEST TO HOLD THE  
WOUNDED WARRIORS BENEFIT WALK ON NOVEMBER 29,  
2013 WITH COORDINATION WITH PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
BANNERS BEFORE THE EVENT**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Sturgeon, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the event request to hold the Wounded Warriors Benefit Walk on November 29, 2013 with coordination with Public Safety and banners before the event.

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Council Member Sturgeon asked if they could discuss the labor union agreements in open session. City Manager Whitt explained that the contracts are still tentative and should be discussed in closed session and then if the Council decides to vote on the agreements, they will reconvene in open session to do so.

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

**CM 08-04-13                    APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION TO REPORT ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR  
POLICE**

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

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

**2. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Report on Labor Negotiations for Full-Time Firefighters**

**CM 08-05-13 APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REPORT ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS**

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

**3. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Report on Labor Negotiations for Paid On-Call Firefighters**

**CM 08-06-13 APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REPORT ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR PAID ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS**

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

**CM 08-07-13 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: Sturgeon, Yezbick, Roberts, Ackley, Ambrose, Owsinek  
No: None  
Absent: Robertson

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

**CM 08-08-13 APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REPORT ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR CLERICAL**

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

**6. Banks-Dolbeer Historic Home Festival of Trees**

Deputy Treasurer Stuart explained that the Banks-Dolbeer Historic Home is requesting endorsement from the City Council for their upcoming Festival of Trees event.

**CM 08-09-13 FORMALLY ENDORSE THE BANKS-DOLBEER HISTORIC HOME FESTIVAL OF TREES**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Sturgeon, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To formally endorse the Banks-Dolbeer Historic Home Festival of Trees.

**7. Lakes Area Youth Assistance renewal for 2013-2014**

**CM 08-10-13 APPROVE THE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH LAKES AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 FOR 2013-2014**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the renewal contract for services with Lakes Area Youth Assistance in the amount of \$3,000 for 2013-2014.

**8. Banner Request for Drew Crew 5K on September 21, 2013**

**CM 08-11-13 APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST FOR THE DREW CREW 5K ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2013**

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the banner request for the Drew Crew 5K on September 21, 2013.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Roberts invited everyone to attend the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Market Day on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and noted that it will be a great event for all. Mayor Roberts also expressed condolences to the family of former City Councilmen William (Bill) Burke. Mr. Burke was a long-time member of this city and a faithful community servant.

**COUNCIL REPORT:**

**1. Redevelopment Liquor License**

Council Member Ambrose stated that the DDA heard a presentation in regards to the acquisition of liquor licenses. He said that the DDA was in support of doing whatever it can to encourage development within the city. He said that if the Council would inquire about the liquor licenses then the DDA would be in favor of it. Council Member Ambrose stated that he thinks that it can possibly expedite the process by making a motion to put together a committee to help these people. Ambrose said that our best resources is going to Oakland County for the numbers since we have limited staffing and there would be a lot of numbers to be acquired and a lot of background work. He said hopefully the city can get into this process and acquire some numbers.

Council Member Sturgeon stated that it was a good idea to at least look into this. He agreed with Council Member Ambrose to get a committee together and start looking into this to see what it will do for the city and what financial gain there will be for the city. Mayor Roberts added an addendum to the affect that if there is some expenses at the outset that those expenses be covered by the DDA.

City Manager Whitt stated that if the manager is instructed to set up a committee as Council suggested it seemed logical to do it through the DDA.

**CM 08-12-13            INSTRUCT THE CITY MANAGER, AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, TO  
APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO FURTHER EXPLORE THE  
REDEVELOPMENT LIQUOR LICENSING PROCESS**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Sturgeon, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To instruct the City Manager, as Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority, to appoint a committee to further explore the Redevelopment Liquor Licensing process.

**2. Ricochet Media Group Proposal for Filming in Walled Lake**

City Manager Whitt explained that the film company would like to recreate a crash site at the intersection of S. Commerce and Pontiac Trail on August 24, 25 and 26' 2013. All of the details would be handled by the City Manager and Police Department.

**CM 08-13-13            APPROVE THE REQUEST OF RICOCHET MEDIA GROUP  
PROPOSAL FOR FILMING IN WALLED LAKE AT S.  
COMMERCE AND PONTIAC TRAIL ON AUGUST 24, 25 AND 26,  
2013**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Sturgeon, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request of Ricochet Media Group proposal for filming in Walled Lake at S. Commerce and Pontiac Trail on August 24, 25, and 26, 2013.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Whitt informed the City Council that Fire Chief Ken VanSparrentak had been offered the Fire Chief's position in another community and has submitted his resignation. He noted that Chief VanSparrentak held a Master's degree from the Naval Post-Graduate School and is an instructor at Oakland Community College. Mr. Whitt stated that Chief VanSparrentak has proven to have exceptional professionalism while serving the City of Walled Lake. He was an asset to the City. Friday, August 23, 2013 is his last day and he wished him success in his future endeavors.

**1. Departmental Statistical Reports**

**CM 08-14-13            MOTION TO RECEIVE DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICAL  
REPORTS**

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

**2. Discussion of Moratorium of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries**

City Manager Whitt explained that he has been served with subpoenas regarding criminal cases against the dispensaries in Walled Lake. Mayor Roberts and other staff have also been subpoena but did not have to testify. He suggested the Council revisit the idea of a moratorium. He currently has two pending license renewals for 2013.

City Attorney Vanerian explained that the Council can pass a motion to put a moratorium in place and he would create a resolution from it. This would place a temporary moratorium for new or renewed licenses and then can be furthered addressed when the temporary expires.

**CM 08-15-13            ADOPT A MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY  
MORATORIUM FOR 120 DAYS FOR NEW OR RENEWAL  
LICENSES**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adopt a Medical Marijuana Dispensary Moratorium for 120 days for new or renewal licenses.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**     None

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

City Attorney Vanerian updated the City Council on changes to the Fireworks Display law from the State Legislature. The City can now enforce regulations on the day before, day of and day after a national holiday. This would prohibit the use of Fireworks from 1:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. on those days.

**CM 08-16-13            INSTRUCT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW THE CURRENT CONSUMER FIREWORKS ORDINANCE AND PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO ADD THE TIME RESTRICTIONS**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To instruct the City Attorney to review the current consumer fireworks ordinance and prepare an amendment to add the time restrictions.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**            None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Hurst Jaws of Life Capital Expenditure Request**

Fire Chief VanSparrentak informed the City Council that the current Jaws of Life equipment that the City uses is out-dated and cannot expeditiously extract individuals from newer vehicles because of the type of materials the vehicles are now made from.

**CM 08-17-13            APPROVE THE HURST JAWS OF LIFE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,000 FROM APOLLO FIRE COMPANY**

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Hurst Jaws of Life Capital Expenditure in the amount of \$31,000 from Apollo Fire Company.

**2. Traffic Control Order 2013-06 for Walled Lake Market Day**

**CM 08-18-13            APPROVE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 2013-06 FOR MARKET DAY**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Traffic Control Order 2013-06 for Market Day.

**3. Traffic Control Order 2013-07 for Pet Awareness Day**

**CM 08-19-13            APPROVE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 2013-07 FOR PET AWARENESS DAY**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Traffic Control Order 2013-07 for Pet Awareness Day.

**4. Property Transfer Affidavit Penalty Fee Reversal Request for 895 S Pontiac Trail, Parcel 92-17-34-379-072**

**CM 08-20-13 APPROVE THE PROPERTY TRANSFER AFFIDAVIT FEE REVERSAL REQUEST FOR 895 S. PONTIAC TRAIL, PARCEL 92-17-34-379-072**

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Property Transfer Affidavit fee reversal request for 895 S. Pontiac Trail, Parcel 92-17-34-379-072.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

1. Susan Helke, 1361 Shaw – expressed complaints about the city and that her husband was a retired police detective. She said the quality of the city’s website was bad and that she could not find it when she looked for it on the internet. She questioned the decision of City Council to lay off employees yet still pay for events like the Beach Party and Market Day and programs like Lakes Area Youth Assistance and the purchase of the new Jaws of Life. She thinks we should take better use of the City Marquee and post meeting dates and time.
2. Dalphine Hall – spoke in support of the Redevelopment Liquor License and thanks the City Council for making the decision to further pursue it.
3. Valerie Kemp – thanked the City Council for their decision to form a committee for the Redevelopment Liquor License.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council Member Owsinek reminded everyone to support the Market Day and filming in Walled Lake.

Council Member Sturgeon thanked Fire Chief VanSparrentak for his years of service with the Walled Lake Fire Department and wished him well.

Council Member Ambrose thanked Fire Chief VanSparrentak for his professionalism and all he did for Walled Lake. He also thanked the City Council for the decision to look into the redevelopment liquor license.

Council Member Yezbick asked about the City website and invited everyone to attend the Market Day on Sunday. He also thanked Fire Chief VanSparrentak for his service to Walled Lake.

City Manager Whitt explained that the Council did vote to make a new website but with the labor negotiations and budget preparation it has been delayed. It remains a priority of the City to address the website.

Mayor Roberts wished Fire Chief VanSparrentak all the best and noted his professionalism over the past ten years and that he did a great job in growing the department. He also noted that he is the only Fire Chief with a degree from the Naval Post-Graduate School.

**CM 08-21-13           BILLS FOR APPROVAL**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To authorize the Treasurer to make disbursements and transfers on Warrant #13-2013 in the amount of \$1,134,079.26 this being in the best interest of the City.

The meeting recessed at 8:40 p.m. Council entered into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. and ended this session at 9:30 p.m.

**CM 08-22-13           APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-24 RATIFYING THE  
AGREEMENT WITH THE WALLED LAKE PROFESSIONAL  
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION FROM JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30,  
2016**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2013-24 ratifying the agreement with the Walled Lake Professional Firefighters Association from July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016.

**CM 08-23-13           APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-25 RATIFYING THE  
AGREEMENT WITH THE WALLED LAKE PAID ON-CALL  
FIREFIGHTERS UNION FROM JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2016**

Motion by Sturgeon seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2013-25 ratifying the agreement with the Walled Lake Paid On-Call Firefighters Union from July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016.

**CM 08-24-13           APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-26 RATIFYING THE  
AGREEMENT WITH THE WALLED LAKE MUNICIPAL  
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION FROM JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2016**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2013-26 ratifying the agreement with the Walled Lake Municipal Employees Association from July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016.

**CM 08-25-13           APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-27 RATIFYING THE  
AGREEMENT WITH THE WALLED LAKE CLERICAL  
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION FROM JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2016**

Motion by Yezbick, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2013-27 ratifying the agreement with the Walled Lake Clerical Employees Association from July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

  
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Tamara Williams, Recording Secretary

  
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William T. Roberts, Mayor

**History:** Chapter 6, The Council: Procedure and Miscellaneous Powers and Duties: Section 6.7 (a) *A journal of the proceedings of each meeting shall be kept in the English language by the Clerk and shall be signed by the presiding officer and Clerk of the meeting.*