



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015
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 Robertson

ROLL CALL: Mayor Ackley, Mayor Pro Tem Robertson, Council Member Ambrose, Council Member Owsinek, Council Member Sturgeon

ABSENT: Council Members Loch and Yezbick

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Whitt, Police Chief Shakinas, Finance Director Coogan, City Attorney Vanerian, Deputy City Clerk Stuart and Confidential Assistant Rodgers

CM 06-01-15 MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBERS LOCH AND YEZBICK FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse Council Members Loch and Yezbick from tonight's meeting.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

City Manager Whitt said he would like to add the swearing in of two new Police Officers under Council Consideration, item added as #1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

CM 06-02-15 APPROVAL OF THE MAY 4, 2015 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Sturgeon, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the May 4, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Audience Participation Rules and Regulations read into record by Deputy Clerk Stuart.

Mike Walker, 100 East Bay Drive – he said his condo is up front in what used to be the old office. He said he has an observation and comments. He said five years ago the town board both (1) changed conditions governing the agreement with the East Bay developer and (2) missed a chance to solve what promises to be an ongoing problem the docking of East Bay boats. He said the town has an opportunity to now resolve this problem pretty much to everyone's satisfaction.

He said first, the magnitude of the problem; there are about four hundred boats around the lake, including ski-do's and sailboat, but not canoes. He said he counted them himself two years ago, found the number too large to believe, so took a friend and they counted them again together. He said if they were talking about twenty East Bay boats that would constitute about five percent of the total on the lake, far less than the percentage of lake access for residents at East Bay. He said as he had commented at an earlier meeting, except on weekend and holiday afternoons, only a few of those four hundred boats are normally on the lake and is not that crowded.

He explained that back in 2010 some of East Bay's boats of which there might have been a dozen total, joined others on a few docks on Walled Lake that began to look like marinas. He said the nearby residents rightfully complained and pushed through the ordinances that are now in place that prevent anyone from renting dock space.

He said since this issue is with docking and not with the number of boats on the lake the town could have solved the problem as regards East Bay residents by allowing a limited number of boat slips to be put at East Bay where there is plenty of space to put in docks without bothering the neighbors. He said since they were already effectively altering the agreement with East Bay by restricting access of East Bay boats among others, the town could have made a new agreement, still restricting docking elsewhere and passing the docking problem onto the East Bay Association to regulate slips.

CM 06-03-15 MOTION TO GRANT MR. WALKER EXTENDED TIME TO SPEAK

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To grant Mr. Walker extended time to speak.

He said instead East Bay boats have still managed to find their way onto the lake by one means or another and now spends time and money trying to police the situation. He said unfortunately, then as now, many residents of the town are blindly against what seems to be giving anything to East Bay, regardless of whether it makes sense of whether the town benefits from it or not. He said these townspeople, and the board, still have the opportunity to dispense with gut reaction and do something that is simply sensible. He said by recognizing that they have already changed the circumstances of the original agreement. He said they could easily and constructively change it a bit further by allowing East Bay a limited number of dock slips.

He said he is being specific about the town altering the circumstances of the agreement. He said at the time of the agreement between the developer and the City there were no laws or ordinances prohibiting condo owners from renting dock space. He said when he asked about

putting his boat in, he was told that he couldn't do that at East Bay but that there were people up and down the lake who would rent dock space to him. He said he thought that was simple enough; he bought his condo and rented dock space for a few years at various places nearby on the City's shores of the lake.

He said a prime purpose in buying his condo at East Bay was to dock and use his boats at his place or nearby on the lake. He said after the ordinances were passed he leased separate lakefront property and put up his own dock. He said by changing the circumstances on the lake that governed the agreement with the developer, the town has caused many of them real harm. He said they paid a premium to live knowing that they would be able to rent dock space to access the lake. He said docking availability is not the same as it was when he bought and by changing the circumstances of access to the lake for East Bay residents, the agreement with the developer has been already effectively broken by the City. He said the argument that a deal is a deal no longer applies because it was already broken, the circumstances were changed. He said letting East Bay have their requested number of boat slips would be a sensible compromise that repairs some of the damage to East Bay residents and resolves an ongoing problem for the City. He thanked council for the extended time to speak.

Gerald Anderson, 127 S. Pontiac Trail – said the City of Walled Lake is being asked to fix a problem that does not exist. He said the City has lived up to the agreement made with the developer of East Bay Condominiums. He said no original, past or current owners have been harmed by any action taken by the City. He said this request is designed to enrich a few owners, not to improve the overall community. He said the original configuration, density, height, and numbers of units were all negotiated in good faith prior to any construction. He said the bylaws do not include boat docks or motorized watercraft based on the agreement reached with the City. He said no privileges or rights were taken away from the owners. He said this agreement was made prior to any construction. He said please follow the vote by the Planning Commission of 5-1 not modify the Planned Unit Development agreement. He said he felt the City would be going down a slippery slope if past agreements are modified when no hardship or unintended consequences involving health and public safety are involved.

Marybeth Novitsky, 138 Sandy Lane – said she is on the board at East Bay. She said she is one of the original owners and they were told they could rent somewhere and put a boat on the lake. She said they knew they could not dock in front of their complex but they were told they could rent. She said the ordinance that Mike was referring to passed in 2010, C-287-10 and to quote it – *“payment acceptance of providing any valuable consideration in exchange for any docking, mooring or other lake access privileges pursuant to this section is prohibited”*. She said that's not what the people knew when they bought. She said they knew they could not put boat in front of them but they knew they could be somewhere else on the lake. She said that is the main thing, that contract was already changed or ordinance changed. She said the ordinance changed after they bought their condo.

Mayor Ackley asked who told her they could rent dock space on the lake. Ms. Novitsky said it was agreement by everybody. Mayor Ackley said even before the ordinance, renting dock space is a business and it was not allowed by other City Ordinances. She disagreed with Ms. Novitsky

He said he would like to get on the council agenda for the future to briefly go over the types of cases, programs provided, etc. He thanked council for their time.

Tina Miller, 1957 West Lake Drive – said she does not wish East Bay to be granted privileges to dock on the lake. She said residents knew this when they purchased their units. She said since they knew it already, she wishes to stay with the original agreement.

Randy St Laurent, East Bay Village - said because he does live on an all sport lake and he doesn't have boat privileges. He said the Lakes Area Homeowner's Association (LAHA) and other groups are hiring Goose Busters to remove the beautiful wildlife on the lake which he lives. He said because he doesn't have boat privileges it really breaks his heart that people are aborting this wildlife that he enjoys. He said he felt it is important, that is wildlife is being moved and maybe get groups involved like (People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

Kathy Crawford, State Representative of the 38th District said she was here to introduce herself. She said she is on five policy committees which include Health Policy, Families, Children and Seniors, Regulatory Reform, Work Force and Town Development, and she is the Vice Chair of the Capital Committee. She said she was founder of Novi Senior Center. She said she retired from there and eventually became a Novi City Council member. She said she understands council's job and appreciates what they do. She welcomed Council to the House on the 8th floor to visit her. She reported that there has been a road solution and it should be presented shortly and the budget should be passed within the next few weeks. She thanked council for their time. She presented them with a tree seed and said the tree is known to be the largest of its kind in the entire United States.

Darlene Williams, 1543 Bolton – said she is a newly appointed historical commissioner as March of 2014. She said she wanted to let council know the commission has met at least four times to date and she provided a 2015 annual report.

City Manager Whitt said the filing of an annual report is one of the requirements of the Board and consistent with the City Ordinance.

**CM 06-04-15 MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE HISTORICAL
COMMISSION REPORT FOR 2015**

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive and file the Historical Commission report for 2015.

Mayor Ackley asked if Council wished to address their budget request now or next agenda. Council discussed and they will address next agenda.

Robert Cummings, 1254 E. Lake Drive – said he has lived on the lake 15 years. He said in 2010 he was at 206 Rosebud Court. He said when he lived on Rosebud, his neighbor at 209 Rosebud signed a letter of intent to live at East Bay and they read the deed and found out that residents of East Bay did not have any boating rights. He said that had deterred them and they purchased at

is agrees that City staff told her she could go out and rent dock space. She said maybe in a discussion when she had bought or maybe with people along the lakeshore who were renting dock space unbeknownst to the City.

Ms. Novitsky asked if this ordinance was changed in 2010. Mayor Ackley said the City created and passed a docking ordinance in 2010 however, if people start renting property, they are then considered a business and that is what brought this into action. Ms. Novitsky said they were just sharing space along a dock.

Ms. Novitsky said last time they were before council, they were asked get a vote of the owners. She said it was a challenge, a lot of people were on vacation and they had to get an extension until April 17th. She said they allowed one vote per condo as per their bylaws. She said they had 180 votes which is their required 2/3.

Ken Holmes, 905 E. Walled Lake Drive – said it does not make a lot of sense for the City to allow 180 boats from the condos on the lake. He said if the City starts allowing dockage for condo's, then they are basically opening up the whole City of Walled Lake to come and put a dock on Walled Lake. He said because unless each deed has deeded access to the lake which allows them to have dockage. He said he feels it would be a bad idea.

Jim Tesoraro, 1627 W. Lake Drive – said he wanted to make a couple points of observation. He said people have access to the lake that is deeded or granted through an ordinance. He said when East Bay was developed there was an agreement there would be no dock. He said he asked himself what changed since that time; adding docks is the only thing he can think of. He said he does not see a compelling reason why it needs to change. He said every property around the lake that has deeded access and there's a value to that. He said properties sell at a higher value if they have deeded access, lake access, or backlot owner access. He said by granting this the City would be gifting property value to a small select group of residents at East Bay Village. He said he does not know how this could be fair because when they bought their property the value was not there but if docking approved, the City would be granting that value. He said it may generate some tax basis but that will create a problem of how they will gift property value to someone. He said just because there are 400 boats on the lake now, it is assumed that everyone who has deeded access has a boat on the lake and that is not the case. He said he has two neighbors to the left of him who don't have any boats on the lake. He said you're not taking into account people who have access that do not use it. He asked how will it be determined who gets extra property value or if it's just granted to East Bay. He asked who decides for East Bay, who gets the value. He said this could create conflicts of interest, biases, and possibly corruption based on who gets dock space if they are just granted 20 spaces and if they get to decide who gets the space. He asked that council consider this when making their decisions.

David Law said he is the 52-1 District Court Judge. He said he was recently appointed by the Governor a few months ago. He said he is here to introduce himself to council members, community, and law enforcement members. He said he is looking forward to working with the City. He said he has worked with City Attorney Vanerian and he felt the City is well represented. He said he and the two other judges and himself really care about the community.

240 Rosebud Court instead. He said it was fully understood by them and most of those at East Bay, that there was a contract and there were no boating privileges. He said he is against any dockage or boating rights for East Bay. He said if 20 slips are issued, it will eventually increase and they will ask for 30 or 40. He said he is not in support of any dockage for that area.

Mark Miller, 1957 W. Lake Drive - said he would hope that council would not be persuaded or coerced by comments made during audience participation of which were threatening in nature and he requested an apology to the community from one of the audience participation member for his bullying.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

1. Swearing in of Police Officers Jacobs and Beattie

Deputy Clerk Stuart provided the ceremonial swearing in of Police Officers Jacobs and Beattie.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Ackley said Memorial Day weekend was very busy with the 5k run and parade, both were successful. She said she received a resignation letter from Reuben Cheney from the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

CM 06-05-15 MOTION TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF REUBEN CHENEY FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive and accept the resignation of Reuben Cheney from the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

COUNCIL REPORT:

Council Member Ambrose stated there was a public hearing of the Walled Lake Improvement Board scheduled for tomorrow June 3, 2015. He said he will provide a report next council meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Engineering Report and Presentation – Boss Engineering

Brent Lavanway, Boss Engineering and Kate Bond, R.L.A., Associate Project Manager for West Maple street scape improvement provided a presentation to council. Mr. Lavanway said the paving of Decker Road and Pontiac Trail intersections was done late fall of 2013 and now they will move onto the signalization and sidewalk. He said the City Hall complex parking lot was reviewed as well for a potential repaving project that he would like to dovetail in with the West

Maple Road paving project scheduled for 2016. He said they will be having a meeting with the Road Commission tomorrow.

Ms. Bond provided several potential areas for enhancements. She provided a handout to Council for review. She said they are still working on funding sources.

City Manager Whitt said Council Member Loch initiated this review and that is why they are here. He said it is necessary to have a plan in place to apply for grants. He said this is a serious process to make a plan to deal with improvement project by project. He said the City runs the risk of losing it if it is not spent timely.

Mayor Ackley said the more the City does in conjunction with road improvements, there is a potential for cost savings working together.

Council Member Ambrose said for the record the telephone poles in the middle of the sidewalk are not a local government issue it is a county issue. He said when the Road Commission widen the road there is only so much funding available to move the poles that is why some are still there.

2. Monthly Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports

CM 06-06-15 MOTION TO RECEIVE MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL DIVISION & STATISTICAL REPORTS

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Mary Ann Szabowski

Council Member Sturgeon made motion to waive requested readings and to receive and file the correspondence, MOTION FAILED, due to lack of support.

CM 06-07-15 MOTION TO AMEND TO READ LETTER DATED APRIL 30, 2015 OF CORRESPONDENCE PACKET, WAIVE READING OF REMAINING LETTERS AND RECEIVE AND FILE THE REMAINING DOCUMENTS

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To amend to read the first letter dated April 30, 2015 of correspondence packet, waive reading of remaining documents and receive and file remaining documents.

Mary Ann Szwabowski
424 Boardwalk Drive
Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

April 30, 2015

HAND DELIVERED

Members of the City Council
City of Walled Lake
1499 E. West Maple Road
Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

Dear Council Members:

RE: Boat Slips and Motorized Boat Docking at East Bay Village

I have learned that the East Bay Village matter to allow boat slips and motorized boat docking will be heard in front the City Council at the June 2015 City Council Meeting. I am revising my prior request to the City Council where I asked that my April 23, 2015 letter to the City Council be read at the May 2015 Council Meeting. Instead, I ask that the two of the attached documents be read at the June 2015 City Council Meeting. The documents that I want read are the letters marked Attachment A and Attachment B, they are both one page only. I feel that these two letters speak clearly on my position and reasons why this matter should not be approved, so therefore I ask that they be formally read on the record. The other attached documents, Attachments C thru F, I am not asking to be read unless the City Council chooses to read them. All if these attached documents were documents that I previously submitted to the City Council.

Once again, I greatly appreciate the City Council's time in this matter. I hope that the City Council will read these letters at the meeting in their entirety or at least read the key points if there is a time constraints.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Szwabowski

Cc: *Dennis Whitt, City Manager*
Vahan Vanerian, City Attorney

Mayor Ackley said the remaining letters and material will be on file with the City.

2. Letter from Wesley Goff

Mayor Ackley requested letter be read into the record, Deputy Clerk Stuart read.

1674 Bolton Street
Walled Lake, MI 48390

Mayor Linda Ackley
City of Walled Lake
1499 West Maple Road
Walled Lake, MI 48390

Dear Mayor Ackley:

I'd like to thank Jim Coomer for recommending me and the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Walled Lake for selecting me. I was deeply honored to be selected as Grand Marshall of the Walled Lake Memorial Day Parade.

It has been my privilege to serve with Naval Construction Battalion 3 in Viet Nam and with the Walled Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

Chosen to represent all the brave men and women who gave their all in the service of their country and community was very humbling.

Thorton Wilder said, "We can only be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures. I know those treasures are family, friends, home, community and country and if you hold them in your heart every hour of the day they will carry you through. I thank my family and friends for their support and my country for our freedom.

I thank all of you for sharing this special day where we honor all who gave everything so we might gather here in their memory for Memorial Day and on all our tomorrows.

Please share my thanks with all parties involved, I was blessed with the kindness and generosity of everyone involved.

Sincerely

Wesley Goff

*Cc: James Coomer, Fire Chief
Tim Moore, Chairman, Parks & Recreation
Janell Joyce, Secretary, Parks & Recreation*

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Vanerian said there were tremendous changes to the Freedom of Information Act; significantly changing the Cities duties and responsibilities making stiffer fines and penalties. He said the requirements are effective July 1 and many communities have asked for a summary

of changes. He said if council has an interest, it will only involve a couple hours of billing time, he will put together the information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. East Bay Village Condominium Dock Petition Appeal – Marybeth Novitsky

Marybeth Novitsky, 138 Sandy Lane – said she appreciates council working with their association on this. She said there is a packet provided to council with votes from the owners. She said at their March 24th board meeting, they did not address the process of awarding the boat slips. She said there is a cost in place and they have an idea. She said those that will be appointed boat slips will be responsible for putting the docks in and out and responsible for all expenses. She said they went door to door taking the vote. She said the application and proposed dock rules are not set in stone. She said their dock options have been presented to Council. She said the dock owners along Leon Road are in support of their proposal. She said the ball is in council's court. She said a contract was in place when the original builder began the project however, the builder is not even a part of them anymore. She said the ordinance created by the City in 2010 was a change. She said they want to do what council wants. She said they would dock on one side versus both. She said East Bay Village is a law abiding community and the demographics have changed a lot they have several families living there now not 30 year olds drinking all night long with bonfires. She said they have votes of 180 yeas to 18 nays. She said they stopped there because their bylaws only require 173 votes in favor of change. She said the yeas to no's was so overwhelmingly in favor of it. She said she would like to see the process move forward.

Council Member Owsinek said he read through all three letters that were provided in the packet and he felt it raised some questions. He said he has an issue with the 5th amendment to the Master Deed, he said this needs to be considered and reviewed by the City attorney. He said he wants the City Attorney to review this and know what legal ramifications are to the City in regard to granting this type of request.

City Attorney Vanerian said that would be in order. He said he has read through the proposed amendment and there are a number of potential concerns with it. He said as it is presented, legally there are significant differences to what would transpire. He said the document is worded very broadly and it would legally provide East Bay to have boat dockage and use rights that are above and beyond what was initially presented to Council and the Planning Commission. He said he will review and provide comments and recommendation to the 5th amendment and bylaws changes.

Council Member Sturgeon made motion to present to City Attorney, **DISCUSSION ON MOTION**

City Manager Whitt stated East Bay is here on an appeal, their application was denied by the Planning Commission. He said a motion for the City Attorney to review and provide legal

comment is necessary. He said the 5th amendment provided appears to have already been filed with Oakland County; it did not come to the City first.

City Attorney Vanerian stated the document provided tonight does not seem to resemble what was presented before.

Ms. Novitsky asked for the items of concern to be flagged and their attorney will review.

Mayor Pro Tem Robertson said he has problems with the proposal. He said he feels they are creating a marina and they need Department of Natural Resources (DNR) approval. He said the guidelines he read is what they are creating. Mayor Ackley agreed.

Ms. Novitsky asked what the difference was between East Bay and the neighboring condominiums. She said she does not know the difference between them and their neighboring condominium complex, Shore Line and Point Du Lac. Mayor Ackley said she has concerns about the existing dock that is there being used as swimming area. She said she has seen boats coming in during the day and it scares her with the young children swimming there. She said she was part of the East Bay Condominium negotiations in the very beginning and there are reasons why Council made the decisions they did when the development first came in. She said she is willing to let the City Attorney review and comment; there is a long way to go.

Council Member Ambrose said a lot of discussions went into this project and a lot of items were negotiated and agreed upon with the developer including height and density. He said to be fair, this should be addressed the same way it was initially with public hearings to inform the public that the agreement is being reviewed. He said East Bay created problems by creating a demand for boat slips. He said that is the reason the City had to create an ordinance; it was out of control there were 15 to 20 boat slips on personnel docks. He said this was not an ordinance that changed, it was an ordinance created to address docking as a business.

Ms. Novitsky said they have 54 boats registered with the City. She said she thinks change is good and positive. She appreciates council's consideration.

**CM 06-08-15 MOTION TO AMEND MOTION TO INSTRUCT THE CITY
ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE LEGAL REVIEW AND COMMENT
OF THE 5TH AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER DEED OF EAST
BAY VILLAGE THAT WAS SUBMITTED AND REVIEW THE
SPECIFICS OF THE DEFINITION OF MARINA**

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Owsinek CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To amend motion to instruct the City Attorney to provide legal review and comment of the 5th amendment to the Master Deed of East Bay Village that was submitted and review the specifics of the definition of marina.

2. Second Reading C-319-14 Sign Ordinance Amendment

**CM 06-09-15 MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING C-319-14 SIGN
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve second reading of C-319-14 Sign Ordinance Amendment.

3. Second Reading C-321-15 Wireless Communication Ordinance Amendment

City Attorney Vanerian said this ordinance did go before the Planning Commission for the required public hearing. He said he wanted to bring to the attention of council, under the current ordinance; co-location in RM zoning districts would not be permitted if it is a residential use building. He said for example, the Walled Lake Villa has come in and asked to place an antenna on the rooftop top of their building. He said this building is a residential use, and under the new language before council tonight it would be allowed. He said council can keep the same language which would require applicants to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for a variance or change the language to say collation on rooftops is allowed on buildings zoned multiple family residential uses.

Council Member Owsinek said he would like to keep the language the same and require applicants go before the ZBA on a case by case basis. City Attorney Vanerian agreed.

**CM 06-10-15 MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING C-321-15
WIRELESS COMMUNICATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve second reading C-321-15 Wireless Communication Ordinance Amendment.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Resolution 2015-17 Summer 2015 Millage Request and Tax Levy

**CM 06-11-15 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-17 SUMMER 2015
MILLAGE AND TAX LEVY**

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2015-17 Summer 2015 Millage Request and Tax Levy.

2. Proposed Resolution 2015-18 Delinquent Water, Sewer, and Refuse Receivables

**CM 06-12-15 MOTION TO APPROVE DELINQUENT WATER, SEWER, AND
REFUSE RECEIVABLES**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2015-18 Delinquent Water, Sewer, and Refuse Receivables.

3. Proposed Resolution 2015-19 Delinquent 2014 Property Transfer Affidavits

**CM 06-13-15 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-19 DELINQUENT
2014 PROPERTY TRANSFER AFFIDAVITS**

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2015-19 Delinquent 2014 Property Transfer Affidavits.

4. Proposed Resolution 2015-20 West Nile Virus

**CM 06-14-15 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-20 WEST NILE
VIRUS**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2015-20 West Nile Virus.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Susan Helke, 1361 Shaw – said she participated in the City’s Memorial Day parade this year and for the third time something happened and she felt it is arbitrarily being done. She said she had three signs on her husband’s truck which read “vehicle provided by Susan Helke City Council Campaign Committee”. She said she worked two days on the signs and she does not have a budget to work with. She said she was told to remove signs and it was because the City did not want to disrespect the veterans in anyway. She said she doesn’t feel this was disrespectful. She said in her opinion she was told to remove her signs at random and arbitrarily. She said she reread the parade rules and nothing was in there about no political language. She said there wasn’t anything in rules. She said if the City does not want political language they need to be specific on the application. She said Mr. Klint Kesto had one hundred people wearing t shirts with his name on them. She wants to know who she can go to so this does not happen to her again.

Mayor Ackley said it was decided a long time ago that parade participants could have their name only if they were a congressmen, senator, or judge but no politics, no statements of running for office or campaigning for City Council. She said, long ago she had the job of lining up parade participants before and she had to tell Judge Youngman, whom she worked for, to remove his signs. She said the City has never allowed political gestures in parade.

Ms. Helke requested the parade application be specific to state that. Mayor Ackley said that was a good suggestion and that Ms. Helke was not singled out. Mayor Pro Tem Robertson agreed and said other participants were told to remove their political item as well.

Mr. Walker asked council why the East Bay dockage request be considered in the same manner as the docks that are at the road ends of Leon and other streets. He asked if those were considered marinas.

Mayor Pro Tem Robertson said those road ends are deeded rights, East Bay clearly doesn't have riparian rights.

Laurie Masi, 163 East Bay – said we all have to adapt and evolve, we cannot hope to advance as a community if we do not. She said she has not heard why a portion of the lake would not be fair or equitable. She said East Bay owns their frontage. She said Leon or Welfare do not add docks to their space. She said she thinks it would be a fiscally responsible decision to help with all the improvements of Walled Lake. She said she does not understand what the lake homeowners would want, she feels it is discrimination of the have and have nots.

Ms. Williams said when Kathy Crawford spoke; she did not mention she is also chairperson to the Novi Historical commission. She said she feels it would be a good idea to pattern the Novi Historical Commission.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Sturgeon announced he will not be seeking another term as council member. He thanked council and City staff for their efforts. He added that the Memorial Day Parade was a great.

Council Member Ambrose said this was the 65th annual Memorial Day Parade, he thanked all for participating. He said he would like to have everybody represented in the Community.

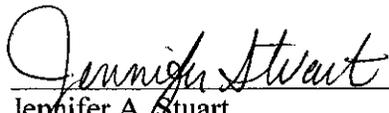
Council Member Owsinek said the day before the parade, the City had a 5k run. He thanked City staff for their efforts in making that a success.

Council thanked Member Sturgeon for his service on City Council and the DDA.

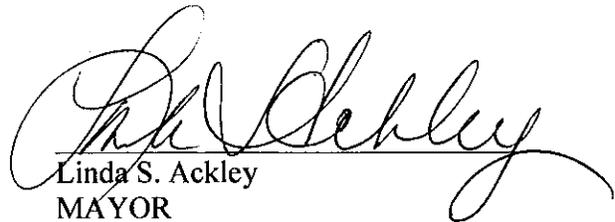
CM 06-15-15 BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To authorize the Treasurer to make disbursements and transfers on Warrant #6-2015 in the amount of \$535,586.96 this being the best interest of the City.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.



Jennifer A. Stuart
DEPUTY CITY CLERK



Linda S. Ackley
MAYOR