



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

7:30 P.M.

Confidential Assistant Ms. Hana Jaquays welcomed participants to the hybrid meeting. Ms. Jaquays introduced city staff and board members attending the meeting; City Officials, City Attorney Vanerian, City Clerk Stuart, Deputy City Clerk/HR Administrator Gross, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Police Chief Shakinas, Deputy Police Chief Kolke, Fire Chief Coomer. Ms. Jaquays introduced Mr. Rob Widdis with Merge Live who provided our video and live streaming.

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 Loch, Council Member Owsinek, and Council Member Woods

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

OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Whitt, Confidential Assistant Jaquays, Police Chief Shakinas, Deputy Police Chief Kolke, Fire Chief Coomer, City Attorney Vanerian, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Deputy Clerk Gross, and City Clerk Stuart

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Ackley introduced a proclamation in honor of the 53rd annual Professional Clerks Week May 1, 2022 through May 7, 2022. Proclamation was read into the record by Confidential Assistant Jaquays.

City of Walled Lake, Michigan

PROCLAMATION

For

53rd ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS

WEEK May 1 - May 7, 2022

Whereas, City Clerk Jennifer Stuart and Deputy City Clerk Miranda Gross serve the City of Walled Lake as Professional Municipal Clerks and

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

Whereas, Professional Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

Whereas, The Professional Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

Whereas, Professional Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations.

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Walled Lake, County of Oakland, State of Michigan that:

Section 1. The City of Walled Lake hereby recognizes May 1-7, 2022 as Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Professional Municipal Clerks - City Clerk Jennifer Stuart and Deputy City Clerk Miranda Gross - and to all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent

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

*LINDA S. ACKLEY
Mayor*

**04-01-22 MOTION TO ISSUE AND SIGN PROPOSED PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING THE 53RD ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL
MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK MAY 1, 2022 THROUGH MAY 7,
2022**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To issue and sign proposed proclamation recognizing the 53rd Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week May 1, 2022 through May 7, 2022.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Debra Lee, 1035 Walled Lake Villa Drive – said Villa Drive is a mess. Ms. Lee explained she walks a lot, and her walks are disrupted by terrible existing sidewalks and lack of sidewalks. Ms. Lee explained she was given the wrong petition form from the Villa office staff. Ms. Lee explained this is a small community, with seniors and disabled people with riding instruments. Ms. Lee explained she wants to walk around the building unobstructed. Ms. Lee explained you cannot walk without being afraid of getting hit. Ms. Lee explained she obtained 75 signatures on the wrong petition form. Ms. Lee explained there are a lot of people who want to walk, and she will be starting a walking club. Ms. Lee asked council to fix the sidewalks.

City Manager Whitt explained the petition was received with respect to sidewalks. City Manager Whitt explained there have been ongoing discussions on this very issue. City Manager Whitt explained sidewalk discussions for this area took place again just last week.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin explained there was a previous water main break that was repaired by WRC in this area.

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained there was a water main break in January 2022, and the contractor utilized materials that were available for repair at that time which was a limestone mixture. Mr. Ladd explained due to weather restraints the permanent patch is on hold, a proper sawcut needs to be done and hot patch to be placed.

Jeffrey Lutz, 1035 Walled Lake Villa Drive – said he has complaints about Walled Lake Villa Drive; there is no walkway. Mr. Lutz said people go to fast, there is no sidewalk, and people don't see walkers or other cars trying to get out. Mr. Lutz said there was a

recent accident, and two vehicles were damaged. Mr. Lutz explained inside the Walled Lake Villa complex there should be a crosswalk. Mr. Lutz said he has been here for 21 years and if the inside of the building was fixed, the outside front of the building should be fixed as well. Mr. Lutz explained he has also made calls to Oakland County Road Commission for the street light timing to be addressed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting of March 15, 2022

CM 04-02-22 MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2022

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Fernandes, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve regular council meeting minutes of March 15, 2022.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Fernandes explained the city's egg hunt was great, there was a huge turnout. Council Member Fernandes said the park looked great and thanked DPW Superintendent Mr. Ladd and his crew for their efforts.

City Manager Whitt explained the event was great. City Manager Whitt said Ms. Gross acting as the parks and recreation director made it successful.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays explained vendor, Detroit Mini Donut, provided positive feedback and did very well, they had a line the entire day and look forward to coming back.

City Manager Whitt explained he stayed until the event was closed and this vendor was there the entire time.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays explained vendor, Chamberlin Pony Rides was there offering not only pony rides but a variety of farm animals to pet and feed. Ms. Jaquays explained there was also a huge obstacle course bounce house.

Council Member Loch said her children attended many years ago when they were younger. Council Member Loch explained she loves how the event has evolved from just an egg hunt to much larger all-day event with multiple activities.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports

- a. Police**
- b. Fire**
- c. Code Enforcement**
- d. Finance**
 - Warrant**

CM 04-03-22 MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE DEPARTMENTAL / DIVISIONAL STATISTICAL REPORTS

Motion by Loch, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To receive and file the departmental / divisional statistical reports.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

City Manager Whitt explained there will be an update on all the projects going on within the city from various departments.

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained the Decker Road Rehabilitation project is moving forward with installation of traffic control signs. Superintendent Ladd explained there was a meeting last week Wednesday with the Decker Road contractor and the contractor of the 14 Mile Road project to discuss the closure of Decker Road and rerouting traffic. It was agreed to by contractors and engineers to reroute traffic for both projects to Welch Road. Mr. Ladd explained the earliest start date is tentatively set for April 27th. Mr. Ladd explained there is a preconstruction meeting scheduled Wednesday, April 20th to discuss details of the project including where it will start and when.

City Manager Whitt asked for comment from Police Chief Shakinis and Fire Chief Coomer on the traffic control and safety.

Police Chief Shakinis explained there is a meeting scheduled regarding traffic controls and making sure those plans work for public safety and the community. Chief Shakinis explained they will be working continuously to make sure access to every area within the construction zones are addressed and these sites will be reviewed daily.

Mayor Ackley asked what the anticipated end date is.

DPW Superintendent Ladd said potentially July 15, 2022.

Mayor Ackley asked what preparations are being made to address the lakeshore area as the warmer weather moves in.

Police Chief Shakinis explained there are speed radars in the areas around the construction locations and it will be reviewed daily.

Council Member Loch asked regarding the road closures, what has been determined about mail delivery to mailboxes for those that are along Decker Road.

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained that it will be discussed during tomorrow's preconstruction meeting. Superintendent Ladd explained there is no work to be done outside the curb line and there should be access to mailboxes.

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained Pontiac Trail will be resurfaced with the use of Tri Party Funds. Mr. Ladd explained the project cost is approximately \$700,000 and the city portion of that is \$108,000. Mr. Ladd explained the road and storm grates in the road will also be addressed. Mr. Ladd explained this project will have intermittent lane closures a few hours at a time.

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained the Mercer Beach renovation is underway, all the underground work has been installed, including the removal of the old underground storm pipe in the center of beach. Mr. Ladd explained excavating for the curbs are occurring and then there will be paving.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays explained Riley Park has its new playground equipment and is in the process of being installed.

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained the new playground equipment at Riley Park has been installed and the next phase of installation is placement of the poured in place rubber mat. The ambient temperature needs to hit a consistent 50 degrees for placement of the rubber mat. Mr. Ladd explained the poured concrete border is done and opined it looks nice.

City Manager Whitt explained there was a report from Fire Chief Coomer.

Fire Chief Coomer explained the fire department was awarded a grant for replacement air packs. Fire Marshal Gonzalez and Firefighter Overbeck provided a demonstration of the air pack equipment to council. Chief Coomer explained the department was awarded 25 new air packs that were desperately needed. Chief Coomer explained the grant was a partnership with other fire departments. Chief Coomer explained the packs are universal between all the recipients. Chief Coomer explained 25 new air packs cost approximately

\$200,000. Chief Coomer explained these packs are a huge benefit to the city residents and it is safer for the firefighters. Chief Coomer explained the packs have an estimated life expectancy of 20 years. The total number of air packs to this region were 236 servicing six fire departments with a total cost of \$1.9 million dollars.

Police Chief Shakinias explained there were two firework permit applications received by the city. Chief Shakinias explained the first application was from the Walled Lake Civic Fund in partnership with the city's summer festival on June 25, 2022. Chief Shakinias explained he had received communication from the Walled Lake Civic in January of 2022 about the June 25th event and since that time, staffing has been arranged with the ample notice provided by the Walled Lake Civic Fund. Chief Shakinias explained the second application was from Barrels of Wine for a July 23, 2022 event and due to short notice and staffing issues there is a rescheduled date pending.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays explained the Farmers Market opening Day is May 4, 2022 and the applications are on the city website.

Police Chief Shakinias explained this year's Memorial Day Parade route will be redesigned due to construction.

Deputy City Clerk Gross explained the route will not be on Walled Lake Drive or Pontiac Trail. Deputy Clerk Gross explained discussion was had to start and organize the line up at the 850 Ladd Road complex with the parade to begin at the Maple Road exit towards city hall.

Police Chief Shakinias explained this proposed route is going to be much safer with all the construction going on Chief Shakinias said he hopes this route and staging area will be a success due to the fact this new route will decrease the number of cars entering through the parade and its route.

City Manager Whitt explained the details are still being worked on.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays said State Representative Ann Bollin will be attending as well and will be providing a presentation. In addition, the parade's Grand Marshal is Maurielle Lue from Fox 2 Detroit News and she will mc the event.

Council Member Ambrose asked if there will be a fly over.

City Manager Whitt explained he has been working with Chief Shakinias on inviting the military, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marine Corp, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

1. First Reading C-361-22 Amendment to Chapter 51, Article 2.00, Section 51-2.02 'Definitions' as provided by this ordinance

City Attorney Vanerian explained the proposed zoning ordinance amendment is being presented to council for first reading and the amendment will revise a number of the terms and definitions in the zoning chapter. City Attorney Vanerian explained the proposed amendment will go before the Planning Commission at their May meeting for required public hearing.

CM 04-04-22 MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING C-361-22 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 51, "ZONING", OF TITLE V, "ZONING AND PLANNING", THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 2.00, SECTION 2.02 "DEFINITIONS" AS PROVIDED BY THIS ORDINANCE

Motion by Loch, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve first reading C-361-22 an ordinance to amend Chapter 51, "Zoning", of Title V, "Zoning and Planning", the City of Walled Lake Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 2.00, Section 2.02 "Definitions" as provided by this ordinance.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Lublin, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

2. Confidential Attorney Client Communications – Uninhabitable Residential Building

City Attorney Vanerian explained he has prepared by way of confidential attorney client communication information of an uninhabitable residential building. City Attorney Vanerian explained if council chose to pursue demolition, filing within the circuit court will be required. City Attorney Vanerian asked council what direction they wished to pursue.

City Manager Whitt explained there have been prior situations such as this, during his tenure here. For example, a home on Leon Road and on Sparks Lane. City Manager Whitt opined this is how to address and rectify these situations.

CM 04-05-22 MOTION TO INSTRUCT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE REQUIRED PAPERWORK WITH THE COURTS TO PURSUE DEMOLITION OF SUBJECT HOME

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Loch, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To instruct the City Attorney to file required paperwork with the courts to pursue demolition of subject home.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Resolution 2022-17 Auditor Agreement with Pfeffer, Hanniford, & Palka for fiscal years 2023 through 2025

City Manager Whitt explained his recommendation is to approve. City Manager Whitt explained the city is required by law to have an independent auditor. City Manager Whitt explained the council does have the option to bid it out however, he did not recommend this course of action.

CM 04-06-22 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-17 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICE TO COMPLY WITH THE CITY CHARTER AND STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT IN YEARS ENDED 2023, 2024, AND 2025

Motion by Loch, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2022-17 a resolution of the City Council directing and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for independent auditing service to comply with the city charter and state requirements for an independent audit in years ended 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Loch said she is excited for all the new projects this summer. Council Member Loch said it was not too long ago, the city was in serious financial trouble. Council Member Loch explained these projects are occurring without any raised taxes or added debt and thanked the city staff for that.

City Manager Whitt said he is proud his time here with the city and his professional team. City Manager Whitt explained, City Clerk Stuart will be attending training for treasurer certification as well as Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Pesta, who is in her third and final year of certification to become a certified municipal treasurer.

Council Member Owsinek said he echoes Council Member Loch's comments on how nice the city has progressed. Council Member Owsinek said our first order of business is public safety and to provide the support to do this is important. Council Member Owsinek said the DPW team does great at keeping the city clean, our streets plowed, and the parks well maintained. Council Member Owsinek said the city staff is beyond words, we train them well and they continue to do well with as few staff as we have.

Council Member Woods said he would like to reiterate the prior council members comments on the egg hunt, great community event, he brought his seven-year-old and they thought it was excellent, it was a blast and opined it was not just the egg hunt. Council Member Woods said with all the work everyone is doing, Walled Lake is a great place to be.

Council Member Fernandes said she agrees with all the great things going on in our community, thank you to the volunteers of the community, the chamber of commerce, the optimist club, the rotary, all doing great things in and for our community. Council Member Fernandes explained there is a drug take back day scheduled for April 30th, you can bring medications no longer needed or used to be properly disposed of, could be dropped off at the police department.

Council Member Ambrose said Ms. Miranda Gross and the staff did an amazing job on the egg hunt. Council Member Ambrose said he is excited to see Riley Park finished. Council Member Ambrose said he is super excited and anxious to see the end results on all the projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said thank you to City Manager Whitt and the building of his team. Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said all the divisions work together; administration, police, fire and DPW. He said he is proud of the projects being completed.

City Manager Whitt said Fire Chief Coomer just completed his master's degree program and congratulated him.

MAYOR'S REPORT

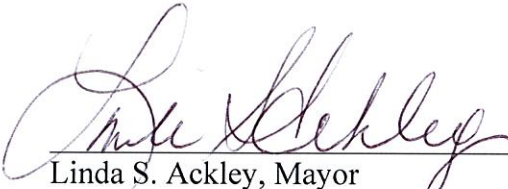
Mayor Ackley said was traveling with family downtown and reminiscing about Walled Lake. Mayor Ackley said in her 40 years on council, she is very proud of the staff and how far the city has progressed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk



Linda S. Ackley, Mayor

approved
5-17-22