



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017
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 Council Member Robert Robertson.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Ackley, Council Member Helke, Council Member Lublin, Council Member Loch, Council Member Owsinek, Council Member Robertson

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Whitt, Assistant City Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Shakinis, Fire Chief Coomer, Finance Director Coogan, Treasurer Barlass, City Attorney Vanerian, and City Clerk Stuart

CM 04-01-17 MOTION TO EXCUSE MAYOR PRO TEM AMBROSE DUE TO ABSENCE FROM THE CITY

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose from the meeting.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

City Manager Whitt explained that he had made an appointment to the office of City Treasurer. Mr. Whitt requested to add proposed Resolution 2017-25: Appointing a City Treasurer to the agenda and asked to move the item to an early place in the meeting as the new Treasurer's family members were present to watch as she is administered the oath of office for City Treasurer for the City of Walled Lake. Mayor Ackley added that to the agenda after approval of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- 1. Public Hearing and Special Meeting March 15, 2017 and Regular March 21, 2017 Meeting**

CM 04-02-17 APPROVE THE MARCH 15, 2017 PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AND MARCH 21, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Lublin, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the March 15, 2017 Public Hearing and Special Meeting minutes and the March 21, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

2. Resolution 2017-25 Appointment of City Treasurer

At the direction of the City Manager, Finance Director Coogan introduced Mrs. Sandra Barlass, the City's current Deputy Treasurer. Ms. Coogan explained that Mrs. Barlass is a finance graduate of Eastern Michigan University and had served for four and half years as the Finance Director and Treasurer for the City of Clarkston. Ms. Coogan commented on Mrs. Barlass' appointment stating, Mrs. Barlass is the perfect fit for Council's professional visions for Walled Lake city staff.

CM 04-03-17 APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-25 APPOINTMENT OF CITY TREASURER SANDRA BARLASS

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2017-25 Appointment of City Treasurer Sandra Barlass.

City Clerk Stuart administered the Oath of Office.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Thomas Flynn, 1451 Shaw - said he has been a resident for 27 years and has always liked living here. Mr. Flynn said the rental homes along his street are becoming very run down, one has multiple vehicles in the driveway. Mr. Flynn asked if the City tracks this because two rental homes within his own address are an issue, three doors north of 1451 Shaw.

City Manager Whitt said Code Enforcement will track and review. Mr. Whitt said the issue of rental properties and the issues involved are currently being discussed with the city administration and the city attorney.

Mr. Flynn said there are multiple little kids on the block. He said there are motorcycles driving unsafe up and down the streets at least one is up on one wheel. He is concerned with potential accidents and asked if this would be a call to the Police Department or can something else be done. He thanked Council for the good job they are doing and he is happy to live here. Manager Whitt said it will be reviewed.

Ben Thorsen, 759 E. Walled Lake Drive – said he wanted to discuss the Saturday events within the City and that there was a car show this past Saturday afternoon and corvettes were passing each other side by side down Walled Lake Drive revving their engines. Mr. Thorsen said there was a timeframe when the police were staffed along the street and the cars did slow down however, when it was not staffed it began again. He asked if the City is officially supporting

these events, it is major concern of his. He said he reviewed the minutes and did not find anything in the minutes supporting or approving this event.

Mayor Ackley said the car show events are under discussion. City Manager Whitt explained that some people took advantage of this event and that there were arrests made during that time. Mr. Whitt explained that the event was not an official City, Parks and Recreation or DDA event, but the City tries to accommodate those events in an effort to draw people to downtown. Mr. Whitt explained that this event became a public safety issue and Mr. Thorsen is timely in his bring his concerns before Council. Mr. Thorsen requested better notification of these events and said it is an enjoyable and non-disruptive event however, he did not receive any notice of road closures. Mr. Thorsen said these events are good but the road closures create stress and requested he receive a letter notifying the residents so they can park their vehicles elsewhere to get in and out.

Mayor Ackley said she agreed and in the past whoever was sponsoring the event was required to place notices to the residents via flyers or mailings.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: None

COUNCIL REPORT:

Council Member Loch explained that the City sponsored Egg hunt event had beautiful weather. Council Member Loch said there were a ton of children that attended and that the upgrade with a bounce house, a photo booth and face painting made the event a tremendous success for the children.

Council Member Owsinek explained that Council got together with the head of the Parks and Recreation Commission and upgraded the event with the addition of the bounce house, the face painting, and a photo booth. Council Member Owsinek said, however there was another item he would like to see upgraded – he said the Easter Bunny costume it is threadbare and outdated. Council Member Owsinek introduced a new outfit and provided a handout to Council. Council Member Owsinek suggested retiring the old Easter Bunny, and purchasing a new Easter Bunny costume with cost not exceed \$200.

**CM 04-04-17 MOTION TO RETIRE CURRENT EASTER BUNNY COSTUME
AND UPGRADE WITH A NEW COSTUME WITH COST NOT TO
EXCEED \$200**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To retire current Easter Bunny costume and upgrade with a new costume with cost not to exceed \$200.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports

- a. Police
- b. Fire
- c. Code Enforcement
- d. Finance -Warrant Report #4-2017

CM 04-05-17 TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL / DIVISIONAL STATISTICAL REPORTS

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive and file the monthly Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports.

Council Member Lublin said he appreciates the update to the reports with description lines.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading C-330-17 Amendments to Downtown Development Authority Ordinance

CM 04-06-17 TO APPROVE SECOND READING C-330-17 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II OF THE WALLED LAKE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 SECTIONS 26-52 REGARDING THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Owsinek

Discussion:

Council Member Robertson said he would like to move forward with second reading but keeping the membership total at the original 11-member board not 9.

City Manager said if Council agrees then the motion to move forward with second reading can happen if there is supported to amend.

CM 04-07-17 MOVE TO AMEND C-330-17 TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL BOARD MEMBER TOTAL OF 11 MEMBERS

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To amend ordinance C-330-17 to keep the original board member total of 11 members.

2. DDA Board Composition and Rules Amendment

City Manager Whitt said City Attorney Vanerian provided a memo and complete packet of the DDA Rules and Regulations since its inception. Mr. Whitt stated this packet had been available since the discussions first occurred weeks ago with the DDA and Council. Mr. Whitt requested Council create a record to receive and file the packet of DDA bylaws which includes every set of Rules and Regulations from the beginning that were passed by the DDA and Council at its earliest inception. Mr. Whitt explained that this would provide a record showing the DDA bylaws were available to the Council and public.

CM 04-08-17 MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE DDA BOARD REGULATIONS AND RULES AMENDMENT

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive and file the DDA Board Regulations and Rules amendment.

3. Proposed Resolution 2017-20 Fourth Amendment to DDA Rules of Procedure

Mayor Ackley said Council will vote on the rules and then it will go before the DDA Board and come back to Council. City Manager Whitt explained that the DDA Board had been provided the packet and bylaws and the had already discussed the bylaws

City Attorney Vanerian recommended Council move to amend the draft rules and bylaws that he provided that the DDA Board will be an 11-member board not 9 staying consistent with ordinance C-330-17.

CM 04-09-17 MOTION TO AMEND THE DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP OF 11 NOT 9 MEMBERS

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Lublin, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To amend the draft Rules of Procedure to keep the original board membership of 11 not 9 members.

CM 04-10-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-20 FOURTH AMENDMENT TO DDA RULES OF PROCEDURE

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2017-20 Fourth Amendment to DDA Rules of Procedure.

City Manager Whitt said with that there is now an opening on the DDA Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Resolution 2017-24 Rescind and Adopt a Schedule of Benefits for all General Employees

Finance Director Coogan said there is an old benefit schedule from 2007. The new schedule mirrors the current union contracts and some employee contracts.

CM 04-11-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-24 RESCIND AND ADOPT A SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS FOR ALL GENERAL EMPLOYEES

Motion by Loch, seconded by Lublin, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2017-24 Rescind and adopt a Schedule of Benefits for all general employees.

2. First Reading Ordinance C-332-17 Michigan Airline Trailway

City Manager Whitt explained that the City owns the trail now and there is a need for an ordinance to maintain the trail. Mr. Whitt said the first reading may move forward tonight but it needs to be sent to City Attorney for legal review.

CM 04-12-17 TO APPROVE FIRST READING C-332-17 MICHIGAN AIRLINE TRAILWAY

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve First Reading C-332-17 Michigan Airline Trailway.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Lublin said the Easter Egg hunt was outstanding. City Council Members present at the egg hunt concurred. Mayor Ackley said the additional items of bounce houses, face painting, and photo booth were great.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Ackley said the appointment to Boards and Commission does need to be reviewed. She provided Council with nominations of those to add and or renew concerning the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Ackley nominated Mr. Kyle Hecht to become a new member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

CM 04-13-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-26 ACCEPTING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF KYLE HECHT TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY CHARTER; MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2017-26 Accepting the Mayor's nomination of Kyle Hecht to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission pursuant to the requirements of the City Charter; making an appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission for an unexpired term.

Mayor Ackley nominated Ms. Sarah Skronek to the Parks and Recreation Commission stating that Ms. Skronek attended Saturday's Easter Egg event and helped make the event a great success.

**CM 04-14-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-27 ACCEPTING THE
MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF SARAH SKRONEK TO FILL A
VACANCY ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY
CHARTER; MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2017-27 Accepting the Mayor's nomination of Sarah Skronek to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission pursuant to the requirements of the City Charter; making an appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission for an unexpired term.

Mayor Ackley nominated Mr. Tim Moore. He has been a member for some time and is very helpful.

**CM 04-15-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-28 ACCEPTING THE
MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF TIM MOORE TO FILL A
VACANCY ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY
CHARTER; MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM**

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Lublin, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2017-28 Accepting the Mayor's nomination of Tim Moore to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission pursuant to the requirements of the City Charter; making an appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission for an unexpired term.

Mayor Ackley nominated Mr. Reuben Cheney and said he is very helpful and always there when needed.

**CM 04-16-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-29 ACCEPTING THE
MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF REUBEN CHENEY TO FILL A
VACANCY ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE**

**CITY CHARTER; MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR AN
UNEXPIRED TERM**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2017-29 Accepting the Mayor's nomination of Reuben Cheney to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission pursuant to the requirements of the City Charter; making an appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission for an unexpired term.

Mayor Ackley said she would like to nominate Ms. Tamra Loch. She was the liaison between Council and the Commission when she started with the Commission and she would like to see her become a full member.

**CM 04-17-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-30 ACCEPTING THE
MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF TAMRA LOCH TO FILL A
VACANCY ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
CITY CHARTER; MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR AN
UNEXPIRED TERM**

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2017-30 Accepting the Mayor's nomination of Tamra Loch to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission pursuant to the requirements of the City Charter; making an appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission for an unexpired term.

Mayor Ackley nominated Mr. Robert Palmer to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**CM 04-18-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-31 ACCEPTING THE
MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF ROBERT PALMER TO FILL A
VACANCY ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
CITY CHARTER; MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR AN
UNEXPIRED TERM**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2017-31 Accepting the Mayor's nomination of Robert Palmer to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission pursuant to the requirements of the City Charter; making an appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission for an unexpired term.

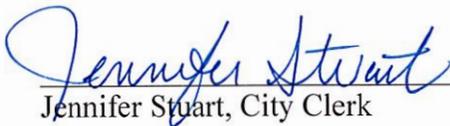
Mayor Ackley nominated Mrs. Joey Rondeau she has been on the board for a good time and contributes a lot to the Commission.

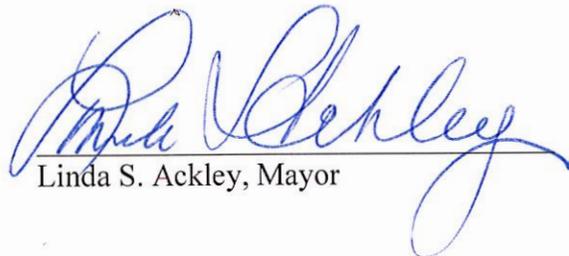
CM 04-19-17

**TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-32 ACCEPTING THE
MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF JOEY RONDEAU TO FILL A
VACANCY ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
CITY CHARTER; MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR AN
UNEXPIRED TERM**

Motion by Loch, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2017-32 Accepting the Mayor's nomination of Joey Rondeau to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission pursuant to the requirements of the City Charter; making an appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission for an unexpired term.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


Jennifer Stuart, City Clerk


Linda S. Ackley, Mayor