



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025
7:30 P.M.**

City Clerk Stuart welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled August 19, 2025, City Council meeting then introduced Council Member Casey R. Ambrose, Council Member Mindy Fernandes, Council Member Bennett Lublin, Council Member John Owsinek, Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Woods, and Mayor Linda S. Ackley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Ackley.

PLEDGE TO FLAG & INVOCATION

Invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Woods.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ackley, Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Council Member Ambrose, Council Member Fernandes, *Council Member Loch, Council Member Lublin, and Council Member Owsinek

OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Whitt, Assistant to the City Manager Jaquays, HR Director Sears, Public Safety Deputy Director Shakinas, Deputy Police Chief Kolke, Fire Chief Gonzalez, DPW Superintendent Ladd, City Attorney Vanerian, and City Clerk Stuart

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES

City Manager Whitt explained that Mr. Randy Thomas, Insite Commercial, was present this evening to provide City Council with an update on 615 N. Pontiac Trail. He has brought the individuals who are in the process of purchasing the lot and developing it.

City Manager Whitt recommended moving resolution 2025-18 earlier on the agenda because this resolution involves Mr. Thomas.

PRESENTATION

1. Update from Randy Thomas, Insite Commercial

- 615 N. Pontiac Trail/Walled Lake Consolidated School Property

Mr. Thomas introduced the purchaser and developer of property at 615 N. Pontiac Trail. They explained they are proposing a lease unit complex with multiple buildings.

Mr. Danny Berry owner of Livonia Builders explained he has worked in many communities over the last 55 years and is very excited about this building.

City Manager Whitt requested the conceptual plan be shown and said as this project progresses through the city boards and commissions, City Council will have the final say. City Manager Whitt said appropriate actions will be taken by going through city staff and its consultants for required plan reviews and approvals. City Manager Whitt explained the lot is vacant and it has been vacant for some time. City Manager Whitt said the city is excited about this development and the city will be ready for action.

Council Member Lublin asked if the proposed development would be apartments or condominiums.

Mr. Berry said for lease units.

Mayor Ackley asked for tentative time frame.

Mr. Berry said some time next year they will begin working with city staff now and then bring a package to City Council late this year and start next year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- 1. Proposed Resolution 2025-18 Approval to Amend and Appropriate funds from the Downtown Development Authority Fund Balance to Proceed with Discussions of Purchasing Downtown Lots from Walled Lake Investments, LLC**

CM 08-01-25 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-18 APPROVAL TO AMEND AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND BALANCE TO PROCEED WITH DISCUSSIONS OF PURCHASING DOWNTOWN LOTS FROM WALLED LAKE INVESTMENTS LLC

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve resolution 2025-18 approval to amend and appropriate funds from the Downtown Development Authority Fund Balance to proceed with discussions of purchasing downtown lots from Walled Lake Investments, LLC.

Discussion

City Manager Whitt said he is asking City Council for approval of the resolution, DDA provided instructions for this action and City Council has the final say.

Mayor Ackley said this is what the DDA's purpose is, to bring development to the city. Mayor Ackley said it is fantastic that the DDA took initiative to provide this instruction to purchase. Mayor Ackley said bringing these parcels to be something the neighbors will be happy with will be great.

City Manager Whitt said by purchasing this, the DDA and City Council will guarantee these sites will be something the community wants to see. City Manager Whitt said parking was the biggest legal issue, height was a concern, no one who brought proposals understood that they needed to work on the parking and provide something acceptable to the neighborhood. City Manager Whitt said each council member will have a say of what will become of these parcels. City Manager Whitt said lot owner, Mr. Keisoglou has been great to work with over the years letting the city utilize these parcels over time.

*Council Member Loch joined meeting online at 7:47 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

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

PRESENTATION

1. Update from Randy Thomas, Insite Commercial

- 615 N. Pontiac Trail/Walled Lake Consolidated School Property

Discussed earlier in meeting.

1. Boss Engineering – Preliminary Civil Engineering and Landscape Design for Downtown Sidewalk Improvement

Mr. Patrick Cleary and Mr. Bradd Maki from Boss Engineering provided a presentation on Phase 1 of the downtown project. Mr. Cleary discussed a recap of the survey work provided and the topographic survey work. Preliminary Phase I Design contract, detailed options provided at the May City Council meeting addressing a coal chute, elements to improve accessibility and creating an inviting downtown environment. The baseline includes Pontiac Trail to Hillcroft to Mercer Beach. They also surveyed the corner concept areas near Hillcroft, to work forward with blending new designs and incorporating them into the downtown. Mr. Cleary explained option 2 was chosen and highlights were discussed under Design Features and Components of their presentation.

Council Member Fernandes asked about lighting.

Mr. Cleary explained they will be relocating a few poles and updating the heads on the poles to bring better lighting.

Council Member Lublin said this project is well overdue and he is very excited; the city has saved funds for projects like.

**CM 08-02-25 MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE PHASE I
DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS**

Motion by Lublin, lack of a second.

City Manager Whitt said he appreciates Council Members Lublin's eagerness however; he is going to withdraw his request this evening for any approval. City Manager Whitt explained with City Councils action this evening to purchase the lots downtown, he recommends bringing this information before the DDA Board. City Manager Whitt said he would like the DDA Board to provide input.

Council Member Lublin said he agrees and withdrew his motion, CM 08-02-25.

**CM 08-03-25 MOTION TO TABLE APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR THE
PHASE I DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Woods: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To table approval of funding for the Phase I downtown improvements.

Roll Call Vote

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Laura Hennesy, widow of lost Firefighter Engineer Mr. Hennesy, said he passed June 1st and on June 7th the city paid tribute to his life and years of service. Ms. Hennesy said thank you from the bottom of her heart to the City for providing the resources to pay tribute to the late Mr. Hennesy. Ms. Hennesy thanked Police Chief Shakinas and Fire Chief Gonzalez for providing a celebration of his life and service that was moving and honored his legacy. Thank you.

Mr. Richard Gunther, 486 E Walled Lake Drive said he is here to today to drop off a formal ordinance complaint. Mr. Gunther said he made a phone call to the city on this and has not received any feedback. Mr. Gunther said on August 7th a neighbor of his told him a flag was placed in another neighbor's yard; this flag is clearly a temporary election sign which is ordinance Article 20 says temporary election signs are only allowed to be placed 30 days prior to the election. Mr. Gunther said he made a complaint verbally, has not received any feedback and to date the flag has not been taken down. Mr. Gunther said City Council Member Ambrose has not removed it from the flagpole, so he wanted to make City Council aware he has submitted a formal complaint. Mr. Gunther said he could put up 1000 of them tomorrow but he does not want to go there because it is obviously an ordinance violation.

Mr. Ron Kwas, 227 Osprey said he is here tonight speaking about an article placed in front of his home last week by the city. Mr. Kwas explained there is a section of road on Osprey that has been terminated with the placement of a berm. Mr. Kwas said there was a barricade installed last week by the DPW. Mr. Kwas said Osprey used to go all the way through until the city placed the berm there several years ago. Mr. Kwas said he has been a resident in his home for 33 years. Mr. Kwas explained the street dead ends with the berm. Mr. Kwas said the culvert is used by bike riders, walkers, strollers, etc. and this new barricade now prevents anyone from going through. He said now folks use his property to walk on to cross the area. He spoke with Code Enforcement Barch, and he was told that a complaint was made that the culvert was unsafe. Mr. Kwas is asking if a sidewalk could be placed. He asked for suggestions from council to solve this and stop people walking on his property now to pass through.

DPW Superintendent Mr. Ladd explained the DPW did place a fence, it is temporary. Mr. Ladd said the ditch/slope was installed by Mr. Kwas and the slope height is too great. Mr. Ladd said an option to remove the ditch/slope is placing a sidewalk.

City Manager Whitt said there were drainage issues in this area some 15 years ago.

Mr. Ladd said yes, and Mr. Kwas placed this drainage plane ditch/slope to help address those issues.

City Manager Whitt instructed DPW Superintendent Ladd to provide a sidewalk.

Mr. Dennis O'Rourke, 371 Osprey - said he was here in support of Mr. Kwas' request. He thanked City Council for taking care of this because the other part of the resolution that's in place right now requires people to go over the berm, which is rough. It is not a smooth pathway and there is a higher risk of people falling. He said a sidewalk is appropriate and he was glad City Council is acting. Mr. O'Rourke said on the snow and it being pushed against a sidewalk, it will be 10 times better than trying to navigate the culvert because of its angle. He said the berm is a higher risk. The bikes use the berm as a ramp. Mr. O'Rourke thanked City Council for taking this concern so seriously and acting so quickly.

Resident of 1189 N Eddie - said for the last three months, someone has been blowing a horn from midnight until 6am up and down his street. He said he is not blaming anyone, he does not know what can be done. He asked for this to be reviewed.

Mayor Ackley asked if this has been reported.

Resident said yes but other than having an officer assigned to sit on the street, what else can be done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2025

**CM 08-04-25 MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2025**

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve regular council meeting minutes of June 17, 2025.

Roll Call Vote

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

COUNCIL REPORT

Council Member Fernandes said the Parks and Recreation Commission met this last week and she was impressed with what has been accomplished. She said the marketplace is going great and the summer concert series will end tomorrow with the final show by the band Electric Flower. She said the Walled Lake Market Place will be hosting a special back-to-school event tomorrow, Wednesday August 20th.

Council Member Lublin said the Library Board met at their monthly meeting and explained statistically they improved in patron visitors, active card members, kid programs, adult programs, and additional physical items versus last year. Council Member Lublin said Library Director Ralston is staying within budget and improving the library. He said The Friends of the Walled Lake Library and their president Ms. Patty Soma-Holland are a positive force and great support system for the library working diligently to support the library.

Council Member Ambrose said he was excited to provide updates from the DDA meeting but that was discussed earlier on agenda, so he nothing to report on besides giving credit to Council Member Fernandes with the Parks and Recreation Commission and Council Member Lublin with the Library Board, kudos, well done.

Council Member Owsinek said the Planning Commission did not have a quorum for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Woods said he, Mayor Ackley and Council Member Lublin were at a recent Chamber of Commerce event involving networking for nonprofits. He said great conversations were had and he was able to share everything that was going well in Walled Lake. Attendees included Hospitality House, DTE Community Relations, Cross Point Church and Commerce Township Historical Society. He said the Hospitality House is looking for volunteers to help. He said feedback was positive about the city's mental health co-responder that is partnered with the Police Department to support mental health help. He explained DTE had reached out to follow up with the work Ms. Jennifer Whittaker began, regarding removing poles and cleaning up areas where they are not needed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ackley said she attended a luncheon at the Walled Lake Villa with food provided by Casey's of Walled Lake. She said it was a nice luncheon; the Villa residents really appreciated this event. Mayor Ackley wished to thank City Council for all their participation and what they are bringing back to the city. Everyone is coming back with such positive reports. Mayor Ackley said the downtown has been an issue for a long time but that is now being addressed with Phase 1 rehabilitation of downtown. Mayor Ackley said the city is bringing forward great improvements downtown. Mayor Ackley said she appreciates the police departments, fire departments, city staff, and the City Council, they are the backbone of the city, continually working hard. Thank you.

1. Proposed Resolution 2025-18 Approval to Amend and Appropriate funds from the Downtown Development Authority Fund Balance to Proceed with Discussions of Purchasing Downtown Lots from Walled Lake Investments, LLC

Discussion earlier in the meeting

2. Proposed Resolution 2025-19 Accepting the Independent Auditor's, Pfeffer, Hanniford, and Palka Engagement Letter for the Year Ended June 30, 2025

City Manager Whitt said this is a routine engagement letter for the audit to be performed. City Manager Whitt said the city has had substantial savings over the years, and the city has paid all the debt. City Manager Whitt said the Walled Lake tax payers are not paying debt. City Manager Whitt said the leadership of this City Council is why we can do all of this. City Manager Whitt said the city's legacy costs are less and the city is in good shape financially. City Manager Whitt said there is still work to be done downtown other than Phase I that included the action taken tonight that approved further discussions of purchasing the downtown lots.

CM 08-05-25 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-19 ACCEPTING THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S, PFEFFER, HANNIFORD, AND PALKA ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Motion by, seconded by, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve resolution 2025-19 accepting the Independent Auditor's, Pfeffer, Hanniford, and Palka Engagement Letter for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Roll Call Vote

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**1. Consent Agenda of Written Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports**

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

CM 08-06-25 APPROVAL OF CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Woods, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve City Manager's Consent Agenda Items.

Roll Call Vote

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

2. Discussion to Appoint a Development Coordinator

City Manager Whitt explained under New Business there is a resolution that details the appointment of the City Attorney as the Development Coordinator. City Manager Whitt said he wishes to appoint him; City Attorney works for the City Council. City Manager Whitt said there will be no more money involved, he and City Attorney Vanerian work well together, he is good at what he does. City Manager Whitt said when the agenda item is up for discussion he will be asking for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE *None*

ATTORNEY'S REPORT**1. Request for Closed Session to discuss Confidential Attorney Client Communications pursuant to Section 8 (e) of the Open Meetings Act****CM 08-07-25 APPROVE REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 (E) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve request for closed session to discuss confidential attorney client communications pursuant to Section 8 (e) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote

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

2. Request for Closed Session to discuss Confidential Attorney Client Communications pursuant to Section 8 (f) of the Open Meetings Act

**CM 08-08-25 APPROVE REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS
CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 (F) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Woods, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve request for closed session to discuss confidential attorney client communications pursuant to Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS *None*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Resolution 2025-20 Appointment of Development Coordinator

**CM 08-09-25 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-20 A RESOLUTION
APPROVING, AUTHORIZING, AND ASSIGNING THE
DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR POSITION, DUTIES,
FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO CURRENT
EMPLOYEE VAHAN C. VANERIAN**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Loch , CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve resolution 2025-20 a resolution approving, authorizing, and assigning the Development Coordinator position duties, functions and responsibilities to current employee Vahan C. Vanerian.

Discussion

City Attorney Vanerian explained there was a substitute resolution that replaces the current one. City Manager Whitt requested substitute resolution be handed out and reviewed by City Council.

**CM 08-10-25 MOTION TO APPROVE SUBSTITUTED RESOLUTION
2025-20 AS PRESENTED A RESOLUTION APPROVING,
AUTHORIZING, AND ASSIGNING THE DEVELOPMENT
COORDINATOR POSITION, DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES TO CURRENT EMPLOYEE VAHAN C.
VANERIAN**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve substituted resolution 2025-20 as presented by a resolution approving, authorizing, and assigning the Development Coordinator position, duties, functions and responsibilities to current employee Vahan C. Vanerian.

Discussion

City Manager Whitt said it is consistent with what the city has been doing, department heads wear multiple hats, this saves money. City Manager Whitt explained the substituted resolution references charter and ordinances; it is essentially the same.

Roll Call Vote

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

3. Proposed Resolution 2025-21 Acquisition of Filtration System for the Department of Public Safety Fire Department Garage

Fire Chief Gonzalez explained the existing exhaust system for the fire department apparatus bay currently has several yellow hoses hanging in the ceiling. He explained the new system will remove all those hoses that have been there since 1996 and has been piecemealed together over the years. Fire Chief Gonzalez explained the current system could cause damage to the trucks when they pull out of the station. Fire Chief Gonzalez said the new system is completely self-contained and there will be only 4 small filtration units that will hang from the ceiling and then filter everything out, no yellow hoses. Fire Chief Gonzalez said the new system will be completely contained within the building, is Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) compliant, and cost-effective for yearly maintenance. The new system has filters like a home furnace filter that will be replaced based on how often the fire vehicles go out. Fire Chief Gonzalez said on average it looks like the department should be able to keep the filters for two years. Fire Chief Gonzalez said the new

system is just under \$35,000 including the installation and the removal of the old system will be handled by the fire department and the DPW providing cost savings.

CM 08-11-25 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-21 A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE APPROVED BUDGET CAPITAL PURCHASE OF A NEW FILTRATION SYSTEM FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT FIRE DIVISION GARAGE

Motion by, seconded by, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve resolution 2025-21 a resolution for the purchase of the approved budget capital purchase of a new filtration system for the Public Safety Department Fire Division garage.

Roll Call Vote

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

4. Proposed Resolution 2025-22 Acquisition of a For F350 One Ton Pick-Up Truck with Equipment for the Department of Public Works

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained he is requesting a replacement truck for winter maintenance, city maintenance of streets, and parks. The current vehicle is a 2014 model.

CM 08-12-25 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW 2026 FORD F350 ONE TON PICK-UP TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Motion by, seconded by, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve resolution 2025-22 a resolution authorizing the purchase of one new 2026 Ford F350 One Ton Pick-Up truck and equipment installation for the Department of Public Works.

Discussion

Council Member Fernandes asked if the truck is available in stock right now and does the price include badging.

DPW Superintendent Ladd said it will take nine months to prepare the truck, and warranty will not be effective until truck is received. The badging will be done in house.

Roll Call Vote

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

5. Proposed Resolution 2025-23 Acquisition of Three (3) 2026 Dodge Durango Police Package Patrol Vehicles for the Department of Public Safety Police Division

Deputy Public Safety Director Shakinas explained that the resolution is part of the Department of Public Safety vehicle rotation program. There are three vehicles one was totaled, the other two have reached their performance use. Deputy Director Shakinas explained federal forfeiture funds and insurance monies provided \$19,000 will be used for purchase. Deputy Director Shakinas said the single source bidder of Canfield Equipment is the best in the game, returning vehicles quickly and correctly outfitted.

Mayor Ackley asked if the retired vehicles would be auctioned off.

Deputy Director Shakinas said yes and added the scheduled vehicle rotation also allows the cars to not have an overwhelming high mileage which leads to better bids.

Mayor Ackley said the rotation of vehicles is a good program, rotating on a specific basis is working very well for the police department and the city.

CM 08-13-25 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-23 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) NEW 2026 DODGE DURANGO POLICE PACKAGE PATROL VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE DIVISION

Motion by, seconded by, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve resolution 2025-23 a resolution approving the purchase of three (3) new 2026 Dodge Durango Police package patrol vehicles for the Department of Public Safety Police Division.

Discussion

Council Member Lublin said this is all saved funding, the city is not borrowing for these purchases.

City Manager Whitt said the city has a state-of-the-art fire department, police department and DPW. City Manager Whitt said this City Council can purchase state-of-the-art equipment because they save and purchase out of the forfeiture funds. City Manager Whitt said this vehicle program works very well for the city and saves money. City Manager Whitt said paying for maintenance repeatedly on the same vehicle will eventually total just as much as a new vehicle.

Roll Call Vote

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Fernandes said she has lived in the city for 25 years; there have been lean times and moments of embarrassment by some things our city had done. Council Member Fernandes said that is what prompted her to get involved and join the DDA. Council Member Fernandes said the city has come a long way, we are paying cash for everything, and we are not going into debt. Council Member Fernandes said she is proud of the staff and all that they do. Council Member Fernandes explained she appreciates the accolades from Mayor Ackley, but the kudos goes to Ms. Hana Jaquays and her team for their support of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Council Member Lublin said we have a great team, the departments work well together, no one is on an individual island, our City Manager, director of all operations, keeps things going smoothly. Council Member Lublin said he is proud of the City Council and all the Boards and Commissions. We are going to keep it going.

Council Member Owsinek said the City provides good tools to help keep our city safe and well maintained. Council Member Owsinek said the park behind his home is top notch due to the DPW maintaining it so well. The police and fire provide great service; we cannot have it any better.

Council Member Ambrose said some of the seniors at the Walled Lake Villa provide a different perspective on the city because they care about the details. Council Member Ambrose said they care about the small little details when it comes to this community, and the exciting part is that Mayor Ackley and this City Council focus on those details as well. He said it is rewarding to know that this City Council, Mayor, city administration, City Manager, and everybody focuses on the details.

Mayor Pro Tem Woods said he agrees with all that has been said. Mayor Pro Tem Woods said from the start of the budget season to the discussions tonight to purchase a new filtration system, sidewalk improvements, vehicles purchases, it has been a long road. He said he appreciates all those that were before him and all the work everybody has done to get us here. Mayor Pro Tem Woods said we are having great discussions now and really turning this city around in a great direction.

Council Member Loch said she agrees with her fellow council members she is so proud of everything that this City Council has been able to accomplish. Council Member Loch said she

cannot express enough what an awesome team we have, our city staff is top notch, and she appreciates them. Thank you.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ackley said she echoes her fellow council members. Mayor Ackley said she has sat through a lot of council meetings in the past, and they have not always been together on the same path to help the people. Mayor Ackley said tonight is a prime example of how far we have come, anyone coming up to speak was given a whole effort to solve their concern. Mayor Ackley said all the city departments are here doing this, City Council is walking the city, trying to solve the issues, Mayor Pro Tem Woods is working with DTE on pole removals, Council Member Ambrose is trying to give a little bit of happiness to senior citizens who are limited. Mayor Ackley said she is happy with the City Council members doing this, it is a great feeling. Mayor Ackley said when she is at city hall, she is amazed at the pleasantness that the people are treated even in situations of frustration. Mayor Ackley said the city is respected in the community. Mayor Ackley said she worked in Oakland County for 46 years and she had gotten to know people at every level, she occasionally meets with them, and she hears nothing but positive comments from them on the changes in Walled Lake, what is going on, and the administrative government we operate under. Mayor Ackley said let's keep up the good work.

Council recessed 9:00 p.m.

Council entered closed session at 9:05 p.m.

Council arose from close session at 9:35 p.m.

Council reconvened 9:40 p.m.

**CM 08-14-25 APPROVING RESOLUTION 2025-24 A RESOLUTION
APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT
AGREEMENT WITH VAHAN A. VANERIAN AND
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE
THE AMENDMENT**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, CARRIED: To approve resolution 2025-24 a resolution approving an amendment to employment agreement with Vahan C. Vanerian and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the amendment.

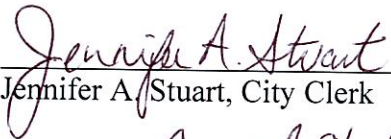
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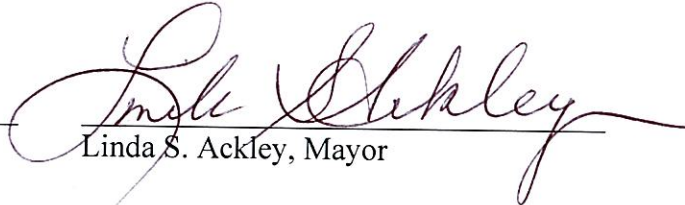
Ayes (6)	Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley
Nays (0)	
Absent (1)	Loch
Abstain (0)	

ADJOURNMENT

CM 08-15-25 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Woods: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 9:42 P.M.


Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk


Linda S. Ackley, Mayor

Approval 9/16/25