



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019
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 Owsinek.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Whitt, Assistant City Manager Pesta, Police Chief Shakinas, Fire Chief Coomer, Finance Director Barlass, City Attorney Vanerian, Deputy City Clerk Gross, and City Clerk Stuart

REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

Mayor Ackley said she received communication Council Member Loch would be arriving late as she was delayed.

Council Member Costanzo requested to add under Unfinished Business #3 City sidewalks and crosswalks in the downtown district and #4 Public Safety Campus Expansion at property 1275 E. West Maple.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular Council Meeting of July 16, 2019

CM 8-1-19 MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 16, 2019

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes of July 16, 2019.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Ambrose, Costanzo, Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstention (0)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

1. Presentation – Ms. Dori Matkowski on behalf of Dance Dynamics, Co.

Dori Matkowski, 1400 E. West Maple Rd – said she feels that everyone is entitled to an opinion. I respect all people and I do not want to be here to have an argument or negative feelings. But there is a time when an opinion (not fact), especially expressed by public leaders, has a negative impact on a tax paying business and it's my reputation in the community. I would like to address City Council, Mayor Ackley and the city manager regarding a recent protest held against my business, my family and my customers. The apparent support the city has provided to protesters, and their messages by way of opening city hall and serving coffee and bagels. In providing physical support to the protest and by making public statements that the city will no longer do business with Dance Dynamics (rather than making a business decision to pause pending further investigation), the city has demonstrated an interest in taking sides in this issue. It is affecting students' opportunities to participate in their community through their gift of performing. As a member of the Walled Lake business community since 1977, I would like to express that Dance Dynamics has been a leader with Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, Walled Lake DDA, Lakes Area Arts Council. Dance Dynamics has supported all city events including the Ice Festival, Pet Days, Beach Party, Market Days, Memorial Day Parade, the schools and many others. Through Dance Dynamics, Walled Lake has been represented in a positive light all over the world. Dance Dynamics families and staff have also contributed considerable time and donations consistently to the area including our wonderful Hospitality House. For the past 42 years, Dance Dynamics has brought families to the community within a 20-mile radius and they too have been contributing to this community. Even though we do not always agree with some of the things happening in the city, we discuss concerns with the people who need to know—as Mayor Ackley knows, recently, herself. When we had a choice, Dance Dynamics has made a lifetime commitment to be in the city. On behalf of the families, customers and staff at Dance Dynamics, I would like to express publicly that the petition and protests do not convey accurate information. They are opinions, unfounded allegations, and rumors. Dance Dynamics is a business community member that provides a safe, nurturing environment for students to enjoy dance and performing arts and is a leader of safety throughout the nation. We take the safety and well-being of our students seriously and is the number one concern before a child ever steps into the studio. I want to go on public record to communicate that the city manager's decision to denounce Dance Dynamics' involvement with city activities at your last meeting is disrespectful to the children, families and employees that support this community. Dance Dynamics has a long-standing commitment to Walled Lake. Dance Dynamics would like to continue to create joy in this community and support its quality of life. I am hoping this city can turn things around so that my business, other businesses and residents of the community can be proud to be here. I would

expect the city council to support all of its businesses, residents, and organizations and to ensure it gets facts before making public comments against any of them. If you would like to discuss any private matters about myself or my business, I am happy to have a conversation and I will come in at a time that is convenient for both of us. Thank you for honoring my request as I represent Dance Dynamics tonight.

Council Member Costanzo requested to address the presenter. Member Costanzo stated, "I apologize Dori if it seems the city is taking sides. I agree the action was unseemly at a minimum, suspending any action with your business while the investigation is still pending. I apologize."

Manager Whitt said he wanted to address Member Costanzo's comment. Mr. Whitt said, "Do not speak on my behalf, do not apologize for me. I stand with the women with whom I met on that Sunday." Mr. Whitt said he worked that Sunday as he has done for the last nine years working; Saturday and Sunday's. Mr. Whitt stated he met with the women who have been the subject of predatory conduct according to their testimony. Mr. Whitt said we have a police report and explained his statements were made based on the comments Ms. Matkowski made. Mr. Whitt stated Ms. Matkowski made an admission that her son had been diagnosed with a disease and that he was being treated for the predatory conduct.

Mr. Whitt stated he stands with the young women, dating back to 2002. He explained he stands with the women who came forward and made a complaint that if proven, is a felony. Mr. Whitt explained, he himself, paid for coffee and the donuts out of his own pocket not through the city. Mr. Whitt opined he does not know Ms. Matkowski and added Dance Dynamic has been great for the community however, the predatory conduct is not.

Manager Whitt addressed Member Costanzo directly and stated, "Councilman you should know more about it and be ashamed of yourself."

Council Member Costanzo requested his point of order to be recognized by the chair.

Mayor Ackley explained a point of order is to address council members only.

City Manager Whitt stated he stands with the young men and women. Mr. Whitt explained he has spent two years going through an effort here in the city because of a former disgraced councilman that was attacking the young women of this community. Mr. Whitt opined he did not stop fighting then and he will not stop now. Mr. Whitt said he paid for the coffee and opened city hall however he did not attend the protest. Mr. Whitt said the people were protesting just like the other protests going on now, the city will not interfere with a protest, the city did not take sides. Mr. Whitt explained Ms. Matkowski made her son a director of the company and it is his job to protect the young men, women and children of this community.

The audience members began disrupting the meeting. Mayor Ackley asked for respect to those who speak during the meeting and brought the meeting back into order.

City Manager Whitt said there is an open investigation and the city did not make any comments about Ms. Matkowski or her business. Mr. Whitt explained there were no comments made that were derogatory. Mr. Whitt said there is a predatory conduct complaint that dates back to 2002 and it continues in other parts of the country; that conduct is part of an ongoing investigation. Mr. Whitt said it is not Mrs. Matkowski or Dance Dynamics, it is the people that are employed there. Mr. Whitt said he stands with the women and he will not apologize for what he did; opening the doors and offering coffee. Manager Whitt said he provided an opportunity for alleged victims to speak to police officers. Mr. Whitt said he does not have an obligation to apologize for his actions.

Mayor Ackley explained when Dori Matkowski emailed requesting to meet with her, her comments in reply to Ms. Matkowski's request were that there is an ongoing police investigation and it is not her position as Mayor to discuss it with Ms. Matkowski. Mayor Ackley stated she did not discuss it with the Chief of Police, she did not attend the protest, and she does not intend to get involved, it is not in her position as Mayor to do so.

City Manager Whitt explained he provided an opportunity to take testimony of those who had a claim. The office was not open to any protest, people did come in and provide their testimony.

Council Member Loch arrived.

2. Audience Participation

Callie Agius, 1600 Lookout – said thank you, Walled Lake City Council members and city employees, for allowing me to speak here tonight I am a victim of Tyler Matkowski, Dori Matkowski's son, business partner and protege. I am also a founding member of a group called SIS (Standing in Solidarity with victims of the Matkowski's family). I proudly speak tonight on behalf and with consent of the many Matkowski victims and as a supporter of those victims. As many of you already know from the local news or Facebook, I am one perhaps thousands of women who are alleged victims of Tyler Matkowski. Since a viral Facebook post exposing Tyler's sexual predatory misconduct went live on July 7th of this year, victims are continuing to come forward sharing their horrific experiences at the hands of this man. Many have contacted the police, as well as taking steps to make other potential victims and parents of potential victims aware of this danger. We have formed a coalition of support to spread awareness of sexual assault and harassment and to seek justice of those who have suffered because of it. However, the revolution happening in this town is about anyone and everyone who witnessed or experienced inappropriate behavior by anyone in the Matkowski family. She explained they provided screenshots highlighting comments regarding Dori Matkowski and her treatment of others in the packet of information handed out this evening. We have also included a strange email Dori Matkowski sent out on July 9th, just two days after the original Facebook post about Tyler went live. In that email, Dori tries to distance herself and her business from her own son; which is why we have included the LARA certificate of corporation of Dance Dynamics in the packet. This shows Tyler Matkowski is legally linked to the dance studio that Dori Matkowski owns and operates. This Sunday on August 25th, SIS our stand in solidarity colicine will be having its second event in Walled Lake. We will be demonstrating, networking, and will be

handing out information for victims and supporters of victims of the Matkowski family directly across the street from the business they own Dance Dynamics. By doing this, we hope to create and continue to spread awareness about the decade of wrong doings that have been alleged against members of the Matkowski family. Tyler Matkowski also owns and operates Star Studded Productions that is a business where he allegedly took sexually explicit photos of young women looking to get professional headshots done. We want everyone to be aware of that business as well. Many of the alleged victims have confirmed that Tyler often used his position as a talent scout and producer at Star Studded Productions to allegedly lure, stalk, harass, or assault many women. A simple google search will confirm that Star Studded Productions shares their address with Dance Dynamics located at 1400 E. West Maple Rd Walled Lake. The abuse that has been alleged against the Matkowski family by hundreds of people over many years has had a long reach and long-lasting consequences. It seems that anywhere the Matkowski's do business, victims can be found. Victims of all genders from Florida, New York and Michigan. We members of SIS are desperate to get the word out and prevent Tyler or his mother from hurting anyone else. Based on our collective experiences, we believe the Matkowski family has yielded great influence and power over 30 years. This power caused the abuse to remain silent and allow a sexual predator roam freely. Tyler, Dori's son spent many hours there both as a dancer and choreographer. Dori also worked with the high school during musical productions. Any person who wanted a future career in dance, knew that they must be liked, and they must be chosen by Dori Matkowski. This is what gave her and her son so much power. Everyone was afraid to cross them. Tyler was accused of sexually assaulting a female classmate as far back as 2002, while just a junior at Walled Lake Western high school. The Oakland County Sheriff's office failed to pursue criminal charges because of a lack of corroborating witnesses to the assault. Of course, there were witnesses, but they were afraid of coming forward, including me. We remained silent about Tyler because we all knew and unfortunately, we were too young and naive about what Tyler had done to many of us. This was not normal backstage horse play. We knew we didn't like; we didn't know it was assault. We accepted it as normal, we thought it was our fault that Tyler assaulted and harassed. We finally have the strength to speak out about it. We are hoping that our strength and collective voices will be heard because we are no longer afraid. Tyler would not have had the opportunity to assault so many women if his mother had not covered for him. She could have gotten him treatment or kept him away from women. Instead Tyler was merely suspended for one week from Walled Lake Western and during this time Dori started a home school program for professional students. Ms. Matkowski quickly spread the word it was her son that was being harassed and persecuted. Tyler continue to be involved with Dance Dynamics up until the viral thread went live. Tyler was also involved in musical productions in the Walled Lake Consolidated School district after he was suspended. Tyler collected more victims. We believe that all this illustrates that Dori Matkowski has been his chief enabler by denying his crimes, covering them up, false medical diagnosis, and threats of retaliation. With the home school she created, she provides a safe haven for her son. Dori is the one who put him in direct and daily contact with women of all ages of the studios. This is one of the best kept secrets of Walled Lake all because of Dori and her scare tactics and intimidation. In the meantime, unfortunately we know now that Tyler has allegedly assaulted others on a grander scale as an adult as seen by recent posts about Tyler which have over 500 shares and two thousand comments. Hundreds of comments posted by women who have encountered Tyler in Walled Lake and nationwide. Dozens of women alleged they were cyber stalked, harassed,

sexually assaulted by Tyler Matkowski. There are other details of Tyler's alleged criminal behavior. Ms. Agius read a quote provided by someone who is familiar with Tyler and Dori.

Ms. Agius, said in the meantime although Dori Matkowski maintains her son Tyler was never officially employed as an instructor at Dance Dynamics, it is our understanding Tyler has instructed on several occasions at Dance Dynamics since 2002. According to one supporter that is familiar with Dance Dynamics, Tyler has done solo and group choreography and has been brought in to judge the students at events. Tyler is backstage at recitals and is the shows videographer. He is present with the children when they are out of town and looked at as an authority figure, this is important to remember. Ms. Agius stated there is photographic evidence of this. After all of the dozens of abuse stories appear, further stories of the abuse done by Dori began to surface. Please read the posts, there are clear examples of cruel punishment, humiliation, and physical abuse of those in her care. People of all genders, dance students, and musical participants subject to psychological abuse at the hands of Dori Matkowski. She may very well be as dangerous as her son and there is information in your packets provided this evening. Dori still allowed her son to guest judge competitions in Florida. This illustrates Dori's lack of concern for Tyler victims and willful disregard his presence poses while in her charge.

Ms. Agius said Dori reached out to the Spinal Column recently and she implored everyone to read it, she opined it insulted the victims as Dori casually suggests we are all blowing it out of proportion. Ms. Agius said Dori's words mirror that of another abuser, blame and shame the victim instead of her son.

Audience disrupts meeting. Council Member Costanzo said due process does matter. Member Costanzo explained it is in our constitution; we are trying someone on a public form right now, and it is important that we honor and respect the due process and have an investigation followed.

Ms. Agius explained the purpose for SIS events is to provide a safe space for other victims, fellowship, and support for victims of sexual abuse. She said they appreciate the city council support in providing a space for other victims to come forward. Ms. Agius said we will not allow ourselves to be silent anymore.

Bob and Terry Daar, 148 Arvida – said thank you to the police and fire. They said they have been residents for 30 years and have seen many employees come and go. Mrs. Daar said she is embarrassed to call herself a Walled Lake resident. It is good to have checks and balances, but this city has become a place where you are on one side or the other. You cannot voice your opinion because of fear of retribution from the other side. Mrs. Daar said one thing she is extremely proud of the fire and police departments. Mrs. Daar explained she worries about this divide within the city. Mrs. Daar said on August 4th, they made a call to 911. Mrs. Daar said Fire fighter Peter Carolan was the first to arrive and Fire Marshal Jason Gonzalez. Mrs. Daar explained the fire fighters walked her and husband through what needed to happen and calmed her. Mrs. Daar said the police department were present as well. These departments are solid. Mrs. Daar said the city has many dedicated people in these departments and we need to find our way back and learn from them.

Cecilia Young, 706 Owl Court – said she has been in Walled Lake for 11 years and moved to Walled Lake because of the Dance Dynamics Performing Arts Center. She has daughters. Dance Dynamics is a family, it is a business, and a lot of children are successful through the Dance Dynamic programs. Dori tried as a parent to do the best she could do. This business is Dori's home as well as her home. The actions are regarding her son, not Dance Dynamics. Do not get things twisted, Dance Dynamics works with disabilities and the programs are successful. She said Ms. Matkowski has her business and it works with success; yes, she is hard, but it is still a good place for education and her program works. Ms. Young said leave Ms. Matkowski out of this, these are her son's issues, her son is in the wrong not her. There is a lot of talent in the studio. Ms. Young said the children are innocent, do not attack the business. She said her children are successful because of this program. She said do not attack the business, if you want to attack Ms. Matkowski or her son, fine. We have developed a relationship with each other and community itself. My children are doing well, my daughter is performing on a Disney cruise ship and her son is doing well. This is a successful program.

Rachel Jordan – said she grew up in Walled Lake and was a student of Dance Dynamics. My parents have taught in the Walled Lake school district. She has daughters who have attended and currently attend the programs with Dance Dynamics. Ms. Jordan said her older daughter is at a university that is ranked the second highest rated University for dance and is in their dance program with great success. She said her daughter is truly there because of the training, love, family and support of Dori, her staff and Dance Dynamics. Ms. Jordan said she is a teacher with a master's degree and taught special education for many years. She said her children are safer at Dance Dynamics than in her own home. She said the love, care and discipline from Dance Dynamics is unequivocal to anything that we have ever experienced; it is a second family. We were presented the home-schooling option; it was never used as something to be coercive. She said Dance Dynamics was a place for her daughter to receive the absolute best training she could to enter a preprofessional dance program. I have been there 16 years; Tyler was never in the classroom with my daughter. Never at any time were my children in danger or felt in danger. Dance Dynamics was never in a place where we worried about that. Ms. Jordan said she is an educator, and as an educator, if there was a problem, we would have addressed it. Ms. Jordan said she respectfully asks the board and city to understand how much of an asset this studio with Dori, her associates, and other teachers. Ms. Jordan said it is one of the strengths in Walled Lake and there never was a problem. I want the Council to understand the asset Dance Dynamics brings to the students. Dance Dynamics shines and its people shine. My daughter will remain a dancer there and we believe in it. Ms. Jordan explained after all the things Dori and all of the teachers have done for this community it would be a huge disservice to decide otherwise.

Robyn Martin, 1753 Ashstan – said she has lived at this address for 34 years. Ms. Martin said she is here as a victim and it has taken her almost 20 years to say these words out loud. Ms. Martin said she has spent the last 6 weeks coming to terms with what that means. Ms. Martin said she has lost sleep, has lost hair, and at times she felt she was losing her mind. Ms. Martin said she has been called a liar and other horrible names. She has been accused of seeking 15 minutes of fame, all because she chose to speak her truth. Ms. Martin said when she was in high school, she was assaulted by Tyler Matkowski. Ms. Martin said she never came forward and she never told anybody because she was afraid. Ms. Martin said she was afraid of Dori, Tyler's

mother. Ms. Martin said she was a performing arts student at Walled Lake Western. She said she knew the weight of Dori's opinion and how Dori's opinion was sought after by the teachers. Ms. Martin said she will always regret never coming forward and that is her guilt. Ms. Martin said she was never a dancer at Dance Dynamics. Ms. Martin said she learned about Tyler's predatory behavior through viral Facebook threads and how long it has been going on. Ms. Martin said she learned about the home school program after he was suspended from high school. Ms. Martin never held Dori responsible for her assault, but she does for every victim after 2002. Ms. Martin said Dori knew what Tyler was capable of and still encouraged him by naming him as director, guest choreographer, adjudicator and allowing him to run Star Studded Studios out of her business here in Walled Lake. Ms. Martin said Tyler will always be there. Ms. Martin said she holds Dori responsible for all those after 2002 as Dori failed to protect them. Ms. Martin thanked Council for their sincere support and said it was allowing her to speak out today about being a victim. Ms. Martin said she is no longer afraid. Ms. Martin said they are the voice of change and Matkowski's time is up.

Megan Wright, 41844 Liberty Drive – said she is not here as a victim of Dori and Tyler, she is a supporter of the victims of Dori and her son Tyler. Ms. Wright stated thank God your girls have not been sexually assaulted; thank god your girls were not harassed by Dori because if they were, because I am assuming that you would not still be there. Ms. Wright said it is difficult for her to hear people who hear victims speak and they are more upset about the victims speaking than the actions that took place at the studio. She said this is sad. Ms. Wright said she wanted to read comments provided from victims of Dori and Tyler. Ms. Wright encouraged people to read the statements. Ms. Wright said a young girl could not accuse the director's son, when they felt their future dance career was at stake. Ms. Wright said the Dori fear is real.

Tonya Yono – said she does sympathize with those that spoke, and she does not condone anything of Tyler's actions. She said her experience with Dance Dynamics has not been negative. Ms. Yono said she has three daughters, 14, 8 and a 7 and she never felt concerned leaving her daughters at Dance Dynamics. Ms. Yono said Dance Dynamics is a safe environment. Ms. Yono said she grew up in the Walled Lake area and she knew of Tyler personally, but she never affiliated with him and he never taught her girls. Ms. Yono said Dance Dynamics is safe and has made a big difference. Ms. Yono said they have called the department and Dori, nor Dance Dynamics are under investigation. Ms. Yono said Tyler's situation is another thing, they do not condone Tyler's behavior. Ms. Yono explained they support their studio, the children and their passion for dance.

Ben Henry, East Bay Attorney – said there is a proposed agreement with the developer which does not allow any new units. Mr. Henry said there are a number of buildings that have not been built in a long time and the goal is to have them built in a timely fashion. That is what East Bay is looking for. One of the issues not readily apparent, is how and why it is not completed at this point. It is due to the financing, because the buildings are not complete. This is considered an incomplete project for conventional financing; it is a strike against East Bay for achieving the needed financing. This judgement is to relieve East Bay to have certain phases categorized as completed, this will allow the needed financing. Mr. Henry strongly encourages council to consider this agreement.

Taylor Dalton, 688 Dora Drive – said she is not a personal victim of Dori or Tyler Matkowski. She did attend Walled Lake Western and she has knowledge of how Dori operated within the school system and the intimidation Ms. Matkowski inflicted upon her friends and the students. She said Dori did have a lot of pull within her school and it was not surprising many felt terrified to speak up because of Dori's influence in the Walled Lake Western School Performing Arts program. Ms. Dalton said if even one of the stories are true, then it is one too many. Ms. Dalton said this is unacceptable. She explained she was distraught to hear the stories of her friends and what they have experienced is unacceptable. Ms. Dalton said there is proof that Tyler was at Dance Dynamics in April 2019. She said she appreciates those that have support for Dance Dynamics, but there is no denial that the business is associated with Tyler and Dori knowing of these allegations from 2002 that were covered up. Ms. Dalton opined Dori knew of her son's activities and still allowed him to work with children and photograph them. Ms. Dalton thanked the Walled Lake City Council for all the support.

Dena Potter – spoke on Attorney Report item #2. Ms. Potter said that the ballot proposal that she had submitted came together from the hard work of residents. Ms. Potter said this is not the 'Dena Potter' petition, this petition was signed by 350 people in a matter of four days by people who do not have a five-year guaranteed contract. Ms. Potter opined they have taken action to rectify the recklessness and neglect of the city council, in allowing Mr. Whitt's ridiculous contract to be ratified, amended, and extended all before it even expired. Ms. Potter said the strong and very slanted response in opposition to this proposal by the City Attorney is an example of the blind loyalty and support for the City Manager and his outrageous guaranteed contract. Ms. Potter said the fact that his memo claims that Whitt would be owed \$500,000 and benefits for year. Ms. Potter said even if the ballot initiative goes through, Mr. Whitt is termed out by operation of law. Ms. Potter said this shows the absurdity of these types of contracts given to Whitt and his cronies. Ms. Potter said this proposal will not cost the city more money, contrary to Vanerian's blatant self-serving propaganda. Ms. Potter said the ridiculousness of the city attorney doing an investigation on the committee's secretary. Ms. Potter said Mr. Vanerian attacks include inappropriately surmising that certain council candidates are running because they have an axe to grind. Ms. Potter said the reality is that they want to affect change indicating the city halls absolute disregard for the will of people. Ms. Potter said Vanerian's outrageous, bias, and spiteful response to this ballot initiative shows her one thing, that the city administration is scared, and the administration should be. Ms. Potter said let us have our voice, we will no longer be stifled, this is our city Mr. Vanerian. Ms. Potter said Vanerian manipulated to keep them off the November ballot, but their voices will be heard in March, if not sooner.

Jeff Rondeau – said he has lived here for 30 years and he is ashamed. Mr. Rondeau said he would provide his address if Mr. Whitt gives his address. Mr. Rondeau asserted, "I'm not going to give you my address, I do not have to give my address, and I'm going to stand here for 15 minutes."

Mayor Ackley explained it is a policy of Council to have the audience provide their name and address.

City Manager Whitt said his address is 38811 Steeple Chase, less than 3 miles away. Mr. Whitt explained he is not required to live in the city; those running for office are required to live in the city. Mr. Whitt said Ms. Potter does not live in the city.

Jeff Rondeau, 1159 Wabasso – said he had a heart attack a couple years ago while he worked in Walled Lake and the day after he came back Mr. Whitt asked what happened. Mr. Rondeau stated he was told by Mr. Whitt, “I do not have to pay you but I’m going to pay you.” Mr. Rondeau said what he sees in this room is a bunch of people who do not like each other and what he has seen since Mr. Whitt’s arrival. Mr. Rondeau opined we should be ashamed of ourselves; the city is a gem in Oakland County. Mr. Rondeau said there are children to raise, and there has to be a way to fix this. Mr. Rondeau said the number one contributing factor to this mess is Mr. L. Dennis Whitt. Mr. Rondeau said he causes troubles, he creates diversity, he creates descension in the ranks, and he pits people against each other. Candidate Rondeau said he has seen it time and time again. Mr. Rondeau stated Mr. Whitt does not live here, and he does not belong here, and should not be making more money than the governor of the State of Michigan. Mr. Rondeau said the city cannot afford it and we have to find a way to fix this. Mr. Rondeau said in his opinion, council is ashamed of the fact that they have fallen to Mr. Whitt’s knees; Mr. Whitt has played council, and council does not know a way out. Mr. Rondeau said he is giving council a way out; these people are showing council a way out in November.

Rick Greenwell, 395 W Walled Lake Drive – said he is here again to express his concerns. Council Candidate Greenwell said Manager Whitt, at the last meeting, lashed out at Member Costanzo and audience members with personal affronts. Mr. Greenwell asked why this council continues to allow this behavior. Mr. Greenwell said Council appointed Mr. Whitt to this job, that makes it your responsibility. Mr. Greenwell said Mr. Whitt’s actions are a direct reflection of Council deems acceptable. Mr. Greenwell said council’s inability to control this unruly behavior seems to indicate approval of it, people have taken notice. Mr. Greenwell said if a small hand full of people can gather enough signatures in just a few days to get changes placed on the ballot, what does that tell you, people are taking notice and they are speaking out. Mr. Greenwell said with three council seats up for grabs in November and in his opinion, it would behoove at least three council members to start listening to the residents here in Walled Lake. Mr. Greenwell said the campus project for the lot next door, we cannot even maintain our current infrastructure and parks. Mr. Greenwell opined it is prudent to consider selling this property with the hope to attract some type of business that will generate revenue through taxes, which will help the city start the road to recovery for all of it residents. Mr. Greenwell said now is not the time to take on another liability. Mr. Greenwell opined that there were rumors flying around are nonsense of him being a disgruntled past employee. Candidate Greenwell said he is available for questions as this is not true. Candidate Greenwell denied that he has a disgruntled past employment with the city and stated, “I was laid off and found a much better job in a larger city.”

Neal Wolfson, 565 Winwood Court – said he has heard a lot of comments this evening and he is wondering how many people have taken the time to download and look at the past audit financial statements. Mr. Wolfson asked how many people downloaded the 2021 budget. He said the Fire and Police Millage passed after 2010. Mr. Wolfson explained it wasn’t until 2014, 2015, and 2016 the revenues rose. Mr. Wolfson explained if the Fire and Police millage did not pass, the

combined cost for these departments is under \$3 million. Mr. Wolfson said he encourages people to visit the city site and review the financial statements, numbers do not lie and there is a lot to look at. Mr. Wolfson said the City Council in 2009, determined the need for a professional city manager. Mr. Wolfson said he has spoken with Finance Director Barlass and since 2009 and forward this council and administration have made tough decisions. Mr. Wolfson explained there are issues and administration is addressing these issues.

Ryan Woods, Chestnut Ridge – said they just completed a sidewalk project in the Chestnut Hills subdivision. Mr. Woods explained two years ago the association reviewed possibilities for sidewalks. Mr. Woods said 7 driveways and over 100 sidewalk areas that were redone. Mr. Woods explained the partnership between the city and Chestnut Hills Association, working together, with the city contributing \$8,000 towards the project. Mr. Woods said the Chestnut Hills property values are up the area looks great. Mr. Woods thanked Mr. Dan Ladd for walking the grounds assisting Mr. Woods of what sidewalks needed replacement, which were approved to be part of the parentship for repair and he kept it right in the budget. Mr. Woods thanked Council for the unanimous decision to work with Chestnut Hills Association to complete this project.

Piper Ryan, 1745 Chateau Road – explained she is one of the women who piloted the change .org petition about Dance Dynamics and co-organizer the prior protest and the one coming up. Ms. Ryan said in pursuit of justice, if this is about Tyler's behavior, why are you going after the studio? Ms. Ryan explained Dori Matkowski, owner of Dance Dynamics Performing Arts center, has partnered in the past with her son Tyler Matkowski who is also the owner of Starr Studded Productions. Ms. Ryan explained disguised as a photographer, Tyler has used his business to lure and isolate victims into vulnerable scenarios allowing him to take advantage of his unsuspecting prey. Ms. Ryan said the LARA address for his business is the same as the studio here in Walled Lake. Ms. Ryan said while Tyler resides in Florida, his mother has made every attempt to disassociate her business from his, Tyler has spent several years as a guest choreographer, photographer and consultant for Dance Dynamics. It should also be noted that Tyler is listed as the director of Dance Dynamics on LARA's page. As a woman, a mother, and one of Tyler's victims, I have a moral obligation to this community that I love to bring the whole story to light. In an effort to preserve an ongoing investigation, I'm going to refrain specific details to my case. However, I will tell you this, I spent a significant amount of time during high school surrounded by Dori and Tyler and the theatre crew, as I was involved in performing arts extensively. I was no longer attending Walled Lake Western in 2002 when Tyler was a junior. That year he was accused of sexual misconduct with a classmate which resulted in a one-week suspension from school. Instead of returning to school, Dori used her studio to cultivate a home school program. This program is still in operation today. This program is marketed to families who want to focus on performing arts while completing their regular K-12 education without having to attend to a traditional school. Ms. Ryan opined Dori is profiting with what began with her son's lewd behavior. Ms. Ryan said unfortunately, all the victims that followed the incident in 2002, Tyler's behavior escalated significantly. Ms. Ryan said Tyler shared suggestive nude photographs from previous models to outline what he was capable of producing whether he had permission or not is still under investigation. There are recent accusations from inappropriate predatory suggestive language all the way to sexual assault. Ms. Piper said allegedly some of the

assaults took place at the studio. Ms. Ryan said she has spent years battling depression and severe anxiety while bearing Tyler crime. Ms. Ryan said the last six weeks, dissecting the details of her own assault and reflecting on her own feelings and why did this happen to me. Ms. Ryan said at this point, is justice worth pursuing, who would believe me, if the adults, including Dori, who witnessed Tyler's lewd behavior back in the early 2000's, had worked diligently to protect her and her peers, perhaps she would not have to bear the label the as a victim today. Ms. Ryan said in Dori's original outreach to her dance families, the important people, she openly admitted her knowledge of her sons' misconduct although she doesn't specifically indicate how long she has harbored that knowledge. As a former student of her studio, I can attest as far back as the year 2000, Dori was well aware of what was going on behind the scenes. Ms. Ryan said Dori has attempted to cover up the viral Facebook thread from which this story blossomed. Ms. Ryan said hundreds of individuals men and women have come forward with stories of abuse from Tyler and Dori. These stories are making their way to law enforcement. Ms. Ryan said this is a matter of public safety. Ms. Ryan said she hopes Tyler is brought to justice and Dori is held accountable for the 20 plus years of cover up. Ms. Ryan said this woman is lying, this family is dangerous, and this is matter of public safety. Ms. Ryan said we would not allow these types of predators to infiltrate the community, a dance studio is no different. Ms. Ryan said as concerned citizens of this community, we have not broken any laws during our efforts in sharing our stories, our community deserves better.

Mayor Ackley recessed the meeting.

Recess 9:05 pm

Reconvened 9:15 p.m.

Mayor Ackley recommended with Council approval moving the items from City Manager Report #3, then following Attorney Report #1 and Unfinished Business #2.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

3. Promotion of Lt. Heather Kolke to Police Captain

City Manager Whitt introduced Police Chief of Wixom, Mr. Ron Moore and explained Chief Moore lives in Walled Lake and is a supporter of the department. Manager Whitt stated Lt. Kolke is now as Captain, the highest-ranking policewoman in Oakland County.

Deputy City Clerk Gross provided the ceremonial oath of office.

Mayor Ackley said Mr. Whitt continues to encourage and support education of city employees. Mayor Ackley stated she is glad to understand that Captain Kolke is working towards a higher degree.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

1. Confidential Attorney Client Communications – East Bay v City of Walled Lake

City Attorney Vanerian explained the city does not truly have a say in this; East Bay and the developer have worked out an agreement. He said there was establishment of a common element however, as Mr. Henry has indicated for city purposes, this agreement would allow the condominium to be completed as originally approved by the city with the same building, footprints, floor plans, same exteriors. Attorney Vanerian explained the agreement allows the developer to build the unbuilt units, there are no changes. Attorney Vanerian explained he does not have a legal objection to the settlement.

Mayor Ackley asked if these were parcels that were removed from the tax roll. Attorney Vanerian explained this settlement agreement brings the parcels into buildable units again.

City Manager Whitt explained that the East Bay Association did not inform the city they intended to invoke their right and make the parcels a nontaxable. Mr. Whitt explained the city is liable to pay back approximately \$21,000 in taxes, the city was on the hook for paying this. The city paid the County Treasurer.

City Attorney Vanerian said the two buildings, 19 and 22 are the ones at issue as far as having to pay money back to the county, they will remain as common elements.

CM 8-2-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THE EAST BAY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT CONTINGENT UPON CHECKING THE TAX PAYMENT AND BUILDINGS AFFECTED

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ambrose, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve the East Bay settlement agreement contingent upon checking the tax payment and buildings affected.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Costanzo, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstention (0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Proposed Beachwood Condominium Planned Unit Developed Agreement

City Attorney Vanerian said since last meeting there have been negotiations of the agreement. Mr. Vanerian said he reviewed the agreement for proper legal form and contains the provisions

the city requires in a development agreement. Mr. Vanerian said the agreement speaks to Councils issues such as requiring the developer to prioritize the storm water construction, surrendering any riparian rights, payment of required performance guarantees, limitations on outdoor uses and owner responsibilities of site maintenance.

CM 8-3-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THE BEACHWOOD PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED: To approve the Beachwood Planned Unit Development agreement.

Discussion

Council Member Costanzo opined he did not think this agreement should be passed.

Council Member Ambrose said he disagrees; the city is fortunate to have someone come to the city with this type of development. Member Ambrose opined there could have been multiple single-family homes all built independently with no requirements at all for improvements to drainage.

Mayor Ackley said she agrees with Member Ambrose and explained these lots could have been split and sold as independent parcels and there would not have been any improvement at all to the water drainage problems.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6)	Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (1)	Costanzo
Absent (0)	
Abstention (0)	

COUNCIL REPORT:

Mayor Pro Tem Owsinek explained the trail is closed but it is apparently still being used. The next step is paving the parking lot and the installation of the signals; the system will be a Hawk System and the intersection will be striped to MDOT standards.

Council Member Ambrose reported on the recent DDA meeting of August 13th. Member Ambrose explained the streetlights in the DDA areas have all been converted to LED, which will save the City over \$10,000. Member Ambrose commended Dan Ladd in the DPW for changing all the lights which was also an additional cost savings.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

2. Code Enforcement Report

City Manager Whitt said there is a new code enforcement report. Mr. Whitt said the most recent event involved posting of candidate signs on public property and code enforcement asked those who had the signs to follow the law. Mr. Whitt explained up to now there have been no citations issued, everybody has to follow the campaign law and we hope people comply.

Council Member Costanzo said he has a point of inquiry and stated, his opinion that there is a misunderstanding of law with political speech on private property he opined it is free speech. Member Costanzo said the city can control up to the right of way. Member Costanzo cited a supreme court case ruling and asked the city attorney to review it and if the city ordinance is wrong then it needs to be amended to protect free speech. Member Costanzo said he wants to make sure the city does not have ordinances out of compliance with the constitution.

Member Costanzo made a motion for the city attorney to review the sign ordinance. Motion died for lack of support.

City Manager Whitt said he appreciates Council Member Costanzo's legal opinion and stated he had read the very same case Council Member Costanzo referred to and as a matter of law, the city ordinance is presumed to be valid until overturned by a court of law. Manager Whitt reminded Council Member Costanzo that as a councilman he took an Oath of Office to uphold the law.

Mayor Ackley said it has been turned over to the city attorney for review.

City Manager Whitt explained political signs are an issue in the city, citing a specific example of a violation by political signs being placed in front of city's monuments positioned with the city's spotlight shining on them creating the candidate's own personal billboard.

Council Member Costanzo said the Farmer's Market field is considered government property.

City Manager Whitt said absolutely and explained it does not mean you cannot stand in your yard and hold up a sign, if somebody is there with their facility holding a sign, the city does not get involved. Mr. Whitt said he appreciates Member Costanzo's legal opinion. Mr. Whitt said the city will not issue a ticket if someone has their sign on a tent at the Farmer's market. Mr. Whitt explained if you place a sign on city property, then it will be removed and returned. Manager Whitt explained if someone is in violation of the ordinance a ticket will be issued.

1. Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports

- a. Police**
- b. Fire**
- c. Finance**
 - Warrant**
 - Investment Report – June 2019**

CM 8-4-19

**TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL /
DIVISIONAL STATISTICAL REPORTS**

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

Discussion

Council Member Costanzo said he has received calls about the Salvation Army Sunday drop off. He asked that this be communicated to code enforcement that there is an issue there on Sundays.

City Manager Whitt said Member Costanzo is correct. Mr. Whitt said in the past, he had given the code enforcement officer special hours to work Sundays to work with that.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Ambrose, Costanzo, Loch, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstention (0)

3. Promotion of Lt. Heather Kolke to Captain of Police

Provided earlier in meeting.

5. Report on City issued check #115450

City Manager Whitt explained this is information that was included in prior council packets in response to Council Member Costanzo's question. Mr. Whitt said this check issuance was given a political spin implying there was an illegal impropriety and the administration did not know what the expenditure was for. Mr. Whitt explained the instrument in the packet is the warrant and that warrant shows exactly where the expenditure was charged. Mr. Whitt said the check itself is more than \$10,000 and the line items show that it was spent, the very same warrant showing it was spent also showed each of the line items it was billed to. Mr. Whitt said this was approved by a vote of City Council which included Council Member Costanzo, there were multiple invoices from Boss Engineering; not each invoice was cut a separate check hence why the check total was over \$10,000.

City Manager Whitt reported on his residency stating he lives about three miles from the city. Manager Whitt reported that he does not make more than the governor and he is not the highest paid city manager. City Manager Whitt opined that the pay approved by city council is commensurate for his experience and multiple titles, job responsibilities and offices he holds.

4. Iron Laboratories, LLC – Formal Complaint by Attorney General Dana Nessel

City Manager Whitt said Iron Laboratories received a summary suspension of a state license. There was never a license issued by the city, however Iron Laboratories was in the process of

obtaining one. Mr. Whitt said when Iron Lab was in the process of its state license renewal, there were items in default. The city's detective of the marijuana bureau was on duty the day the State was on site and was called to assist. The city will be not be issuing a license until the issues with the state are resolved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

1. Confidential Attorney Client Communication – East Bay v City of Walled Lake

Discussed and voted on earlier in meeting.

2. Initiatory Petition for Charter Amendment Proposal

City Attorney Vanerian explained that on July 30th, the city received two initiatory petitions. One for an amendment to the city charter with a retroactive term limit on the current city manager. This seeks voter approval. The post filing requirements include review and approval of the Attorney General's office and Governor's office. Attorney Vanerian stated he has done charter amendments prior and there are post filing statutory requirements before being presented to the voters. Attorney Vanerian said in his experience, it takes 6 to 8 weeks to hear back from the Governor's office.

Attorney Vanerian said if he were working on an amendment, he would have had to have this language to the Governor and Attorney General by early June. The city received this July 30th. We have reviewed the petition and it does have the number of required signatures; however, the ballot language still needs to be finalized through the Attorney General Office and Governor's office. The City Council still has the authority to place an explanatory caption to ensure the voters understand what they are voting for. The proposed charter amendment does facially apply to the current city manager; the city manager has a 5-year term on his current contract. If he was removed from office in May of 2020, this would create a significant financial obligation to the city in upwards of \$500,000. In addition to the half a million dollars of contractual obligation there is still the additional cost of paying someone else to be become city manager. Attorney Vanerian explained his job as the city attorney is to inform what the financial obligations are. If council is in the camp to see a change with the city manager, then council would want to be in a position to part ways and not have to pay out anything. Ultimately it is up to the voters unless council decides to fire the city manager prior to November.

Attorney Vanerian opined the point is to inform the voters of what this charter amendment does. It is important to inform the voter and not mislead the voter. The explanatory caption that Council has the option to provide, is additional information to the voter of what they are really being asked for. The ballot proposal question by Take Back Walled Lake does not explain the contractual agreements.

Mayor Pro Tem Owsinek asked when this information is provided to the public.

City Attorney Vanerian said the Attorney General will review the ballot proposal question. Mr. Vanerian explained even if not approved, it does not mean it will not go before the voters. It is a matter of tweaking the language to make sure the language reads what exactly it needs to say.

Mayor Ackley said this is different than the recall petitions. City Attorney explained that is what the Attorney General is doing, is ensuring the language is clear and not misleading to the public.

Attorney Vanerian explained if not approved by the Governor's office or Attorney General, it is up to the City to rewrite the ballot language, not the petition endorser.

Mayor Pro Tem Owsinek stated in interest of transparency he would like the city attorney to do preliminary research of what verbiage is necessary.

Attorney Vanerian said he should have some response back from the Attorney General and will report back at next meeting.

3. Initiatory Petition to Adopt a Recreational Marijuana Facility Ordinance

City Attorney Vanerian explained that the petition contained the requisite number of signatures and it will go before the voters at the November election. Attorney Vanerian suggested what Council needs to do at the next meeting is adopt its own ordinance for recreational marijuana. Attorney Vanerian explained with the medical marijuana, the municipalities had to opt in however, recreational is different. Mr. Vanerian said if the City takes no action, the State will determine how many facilities and their locations. Mr. Vanerian said if the Council adopts an interim ordinance opting out then see what happens in November, if the initiatory ordinance is adopted in November then that will be the ordinance for the City. If it fails, the City has an interim ordinance already in place, that ordinance can be amended. The Council should have something in place prior to November.

Mayor Ackley stated if Council has something in place prior to November, the quantity and location can be placed. This can be explained to the voters prior to November and not end up with 8 locations as the initiatory ordinance reads.

City Manager Whitt stated this initiatory proposal opens the door to have 8 facilities.

Council Member Ambrose said he was told by individuals that misleading information was being pushed by the circulators.

Mayor Ackley said the City has a clean medical marijuana ordinance the City can add recreational and have it be known what the City has as its ordinances.

Mayor Pro Tem Owsinek said he had a point of information, "until 2021 the recreational licenses have to be associated with a previously license medical marijuana license."

City Manager Whitt said the City can have three facilities, there is only one and this owner was the first to be licensed by the State. Mr. Whitt explained there have been planning commission cases approving site plans only regarding provisioning centers no other licenses have been issued by the city.

CM 8-5-19 TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO HAVE ONLY THREE (3) RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND THEY MUST BE ASSOCIATED WITH THREE (3) MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance to have only three (3) recreational facilities and they must be associated with three (3) approved medical marijuana facilities.

Discussion

Council Member Ambrose said the motion should contain language for three recreational licenses to be associated the three medical marihuana facilities.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Owsinek, Robertson, Ambrose, Costanzo, Loch, Lublin, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstention (0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Proposed Resolution 2019-2 Withdraw from the Commerce, Walled Lake, and Wixom Trailway Management Council**

CM 8-6-19 MOTION TO TABLE RESOLUTION 2019-2 A RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE COMMERCE, WALLED LAKE, AND WIXOM TRAILWAY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

Motion by Ambrose, second by Robertson, CARRIED: To table resolution 2019-2 a resolution to withdraw from the Commerce, Wixom, Walled Lake Trailway Management Council until the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

Council Member Costanzo made a motion to table resolution 2019-2 indefinitely. Motion died for lack of support.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6)	Robertson, Ambrose, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley
Nays (1)	Costanzo
Absent (0)	
Abstention (0)	

2. Proposed Beachwood Condominium Planned Unit Development Agreement

Discussed and voted on earlier in meeting.

3. Sidewalks and Cross Walks

Council Member Costanzo asked for status of the sidewalks and cross walks.

City Manager Whitt explained the public works staff status, there is one person who is out on workers comp and another that is unreliable in coming to work, the city may have to contract out to get this work done.

4. Public Safety Campus Expansion

Council Member Costanzo said last month Council was presented a plan and asked for the cost of the project. Member Costanzo opined that Council was told these plans were in the works for months. How much did these plans cost the city to prepare and is there a cost of how much the project will be.

Mayor Ackley said there was a committee created to review.

Council Member Costanzo moved to have an independent analysis of the property. Motion died for lack of support.

City Manager Whitt explained to Council Member Costanzo that this is a concept plan and this proposed site would be a multipurpose facility with a training facility and police memorial; which would be the first in Southeastern Michigan. Manager Whitt explained the City has improved its financial situation to make it a training center, a parking area, police memorial, and a trailhead. Mr. Whitt explained any trailhead money was syphoned off to fund the Gateway to Commerce bridge. There is no more money for a trail head. Mr. Whitt opined that there will not be another depot building built when the old one is torn down. Manager Whitt addressed the proposal for selling the city property stating, "Convincing people that there will be a profit from selling this to pay for projects such as Tri A is disingenuous." Manager Whitt implored the Council to put the committee together to move forward funding the project

Council Member Costanzo said the M-5 bridge was paid for by Commerce funds, SEMCOG funds, the TAP grant and DNR grant plus the \$2 million donation. Having a facility presented

with a burn shelter and massive parking lot pulls from the downtown, there is no guarantee. This property is underutilized.

City Manager Whitt explained his judgements are allowed to be questioned there is no opposition to this. Manager Whitt offered again, for Council Member Costanzo to meet with him and look at the plans that have been around since 2001. Manager Whitt opined that Council Member Costanzo's refusal to meet with him does not allow him to be brought up to speed at a council meeting. Mr. Whitt stated the site is underutilized as Member Costanzo said, that is agreeable, however, the cleanup is expensive. Manager Whitt opined the trail money has been siphoned away over the ten years he has been here. Mr. Whitt opined no donated money ever came to the City of Walled Lake.

1. Second Reading C-346-19 Amendment to Chapter 50 Consumer Fireworks

CM 8-7-19 MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING C-346-19 AN ORDINANCE ENACTED PURSUANT TO MCL 28.451, *ET SEQ.*, AS AMENDED, TO REGULATE CONSUMER FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE BY AMENDING SEC. 50-235 "FIREWORKS" OF THE WALLED LAKE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Loch, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve second reading C-346-19 an ordinance enacted pursuant to MCL 28.451, *et seq.*, as amended, to regulate consumer fireworks within the City of Walled Lake by amending Sec. 50-235 "Fireworks" of the Walled Lake Code of Ordinances

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Ambrose, Costanzo, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstention (0)

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Loch thanked everyone for staying late and thanked everyone for their courage to speak out.

Council Member Robertson said this council chamber is part of the police training room and came from forfeiture funds; it was a great improvement to the city.

Council Member Costanzo commented on the presentation by Dori of Dance Dynamics and stated, "Dori is correct that this office was being promoted on social media as a staging event for the protesters for food and drink and it seemed the city was taking sides." He opined, "we have this facility being used as a base, in my opinion."

City Manager Whitt stated the City Council did not take sides. Manager Whitt explained that he supported those women that spoke tonight and that he came in on Sunday and listened and provided a place to for those women talk. Manager Whitt stated to Council Member Costanzo, "If you are on the wrong side of this shame on you."

Council Member Ambrose thanked the residents who voted in favor of the Public Safety Millage.

Mayor Pro Tem Owsinek thanked the audience for their participation in tonight's meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Ackley said the committee for the Public Safety Campus Expansion is a five-member committee consisting of personnel associated with police, fire, and veterans, Mayor Ackley explained that because the property is in the DDA district, she felt a member from the DDA should also be on the committee. Mayor Ackley said she proposed Police Chief Shakinis, Fire Chief Coomer, DDA Member Steve Blair, Veterans Neal Wolfson and John Owsinek and Manager Whitt as an *ex officio* member.

CM 8-8-19 MOTION TO APPROVE MAYOR ACKLEY'S NOMINATIONS AND APPOINT THOSE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPUS EXPANSION COMMITTEE

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Loch, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve Mayor Ackley's nominations and appoint those to the Public Safety Campus Expansion Committee.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Costanzo, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstention (0)

Mayor Ackley said she has received emails regarding the parks and memorials that need to be repainted and cleaned up. Mayor Ackley explained as much as there is appreciation of the offers to assist, the city cannot have volunteers performing these functions as they are not covered under the city insurance.

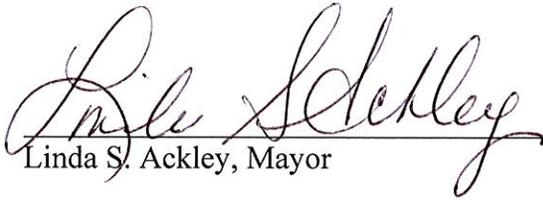
City Manager Whitt said there is an employee assigned to the DDA work but because the unions employees are calling in sick, job tasks have to be rearranged constantly and priority items have to be addressed first.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 p.m.



Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk
9-17-19



Linda S. Ackley, Mayor