



CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024
7:30 P.M.

City Clerk Stuart welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled August City Council meeting and 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 Ackley. Special guests DDA Board Member Millen, and County Commissioner Ajay Raman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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 Lublin, and Council Member Owsinek

OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Whitt, Assistant to the City Manager Jaquays, Finance Director Pesta, Public Safety Deputy Director Shakinas, Acting Police Chief Kolke, Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Gonzalez, City Attorney Vanerian, DPW Superintendent Ladd, and City Clerk Stuart

CM 08-01-24 MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER LOCH FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To excuse Council Member Loch from tonight's meeting.

PRESENTATION

1. City Manager's Appointment of Fire Chief

City Manager Whitt introduced and welcomed Firefighter Joshua Gonzalez, brother to Deputy Fire Chief Gonzalez and welcomed the Gonzalez family. City Manager Whitt said Deputy Fire Chief is a graduate of Columbia Southern University and Eastern Michigan University Staff and Command program. City Manager Whitt said the administration is proud to be appointing Mr. Gonzalez as Fire Chief.

CM 08-02-24

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-25 A
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF
JASON GONZALEZ AS FIRE CHIEF; PROVIDING FOR
THE EXERCISE OF POWERS AND AUTHORITIES OF
THE FIRE CHIEF**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2024-25 a resolution confirming the appointment of Jason Gonzalez as Fire Chief; providing for the exercise of powers and authorities of the Fire Chief.

Roll Call Vote

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

City Manager Whitt said Fire Chief Jason Gonzalez is a quality employee, respected by the fire department, other communities, and all staff members. City Manager Whitt thanked Deputy Police Chief Kolke for her role as Acting Police Chief, performing the required duties while Police Chief Shakinis was holding the role as Interim Fire Chief. City Manager Whitt thanked his team for their efforts in assisting with the system and performing the added duties while in transition to pursue the appointment of a new fire chief. City Manager Whitt said the administration is proud that Jason Gonzalez stepped up and earned his role as the Fire Chief of the City of Walled Lake.

2. Watermark Terrace, LLC

- **City Attorney Memorandum – Watermark Terrace, LLC Commercial Planned Unit Development Application**

City Manager Whitt explained City Attorney Vanerian's memorandum is written well and outlines the requirements of the city's process for a Commercial; Planned Unit Development (CPD).

Mr. Daniel Stakhiv of Watermark Terrace LLC thanked the council for their time and opportunity to present this evening. Mr. Stakhiv explained their proposal will be high end rental units all with water views. Mr. Stakhiv explained he met with consultant City Planner Ortega in June. This site has been vacant for years. Mr. Stakhiv said they are pursuing the Commercial Planned Unit (CPD) route because it aligns with the city's Urban Design Plan and Master Plan. This development would improve the water runoff in this area and encourage the locals and new tenants to utilize the downtown. This is a different proposal than the prior one, this is not all residential. Mr. Stakhiv said they are proposing a three-story building, with 7,600 square feet of commercial space, seventeen 1,000 square foot, two-bedroom, two bath units, forty-seven parking spaces and an underground detention basin. Mr. Stakhiv said the data he has provided

shows parking is sufficient with eighty-seven parking spaces within a 300-foot radius noting that 50% would be on street parking.

City Manager Whitt explained the applicant came before the DDA board last week and clarified the applicant has a land contract on file pending approval, there has been work done on the site, collections of soil borings and surveying. Mr. Stakhiv said yes, they are under contract and doing their due diligence.

Mayor Ackley asked the council if they had any questions, explaining the council does not decide on this project at this time. The duty of the council is to review, ask questions, and refer to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Ambrose explained a prior applicant came before the city council with a Planned Unit Development (PUD), which did not work years ago, why would this Commercial Planned Unit (CPD) proposal work.

City Manager Whitt opined the prior developer was trying to get too much return on his development. City Manager Whitt explained the public does not want to see a three-story development. We will see what people from the surrounding areas think, people already mentioning lawsuits. City Manager Whitt explained there is a city process for applicants such as this, the CPD has a process. City Manager Whitt said this is a little different proposal with commercial and residential, but the politics remain the same.

Mr. Stakhiv said after speaking with Mario, the CPD meets their requirements, this site is an anchor site in the city's documentation.

Ms. Andrea Elich, RA of Elevate Architecture, LLC explained the site is within the city's historic lakefront, DDA overlay, and C-3 district, there is conflicting information in the city's zoning ordinance. The CPD provides office space to lease in Walled Lake is limited. The Master Plan calls out this parcel as one of two for major redevelopment in the city, commercial and residential. This development promotes a walkable downtown. There are isolated residential areas from the commercial areas. This proposal bridges the gap between residential and commercial.

Mr. Stakhiv said most developers are not doing much commercial, it is mixed. This proposal will require three stories, 69% of the building is residential.

City Manager Whitt said the previous developers were required to combine the lots, which would have required abandoned of a city street. This proposal is significantly different, this parcel is independent, they are not asking for any street abandonment. The CPD is part of ordinance, you can submit a proposal as a CPD and review as a CPD. The applicant must comply with certain things. The CPD or PUD does not violate the city ordinance, it is in the ordinance. The council will be making the decision on any agreement, the Planning Commission will play a role, the public will play a role. The CPD is part of the ordinance, the applicant is due their time to speak to council, planning commission, and the public an opportunity to be heard.

Council Member Fernandes asked Mr. Stakhiv, why Walled Lake. Council Member Fernandes asked about the parking requirements and requested clarification on the numbers. Council Member Fernandes said the 44 on street spaces are those already in existence. Ms. Fernandes said the other forty-seven spaces are at the back of the building, would there be restricted access to the parking lot.

Mr. Stakhiv said the water is what drew them to Walled Lake; it is a great view. Mr. Stakhiv said the site was introduced to him by the realtor who is listing the lot. Mr. Stakhiv said the view is the key factor. Mr. Stakhiv explained each unit would have one dedicated parking space on site and the overflow would be off street parking. Mr. Stakhiv said the intention is to keep it open onsite parking open to the public at this time.

Council Member Lublin said he is in favor of moving this proposal to the planning commission and letting it take its due course.

Mayor Pro Tem Woods thanked the applicant for looking in Walled Lake to develop. Mayor Pro Tem Woods asked about ADA parking compliance and how the 300-foot radius, off-street parking and residential on the immediate side of the development would be met.

Ms. Elich said the 300-foot radius is within the downtown area not the residential area, no parking, nothing is proposed in the residential zoned areas.

Mayor Pro Tem Woods said the area is zoned C-3 area and the applicant is asking for approval as a Commercial Planned Unit Development (CPD), what are the variances the applicant is seeking as a CPD.

Ms. Elich said they are asking for a variance to have one residential unit on the first floor as this promotes accessibility. The second variance is for a three-story height building, and the third variance is for a front yard setback.

Mayor Ackley asked for clarification of parking. Further discussions were held on the on-site parking, off-site parking, and meeting the zoning requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Woods asked about stormwater basin, the current plan picks up everything from the site and will then flush it out to the Mercer Beach drain. The city beach was shut down a few times this year due to rain. The applicant proposes their storm water flow directly into the beach area.

Council Member Owsinek said there must be coordination between the city, DDA and the downtown improvements to consider this development.

City Attorney Vanerian reviewed the city's Commercial Planner Unit Development process and criteria. City Attorney Vanerian said the CPD option rests with the sound discretion of the city council. City attorney Vanerian said procedurally the process starts with request for qualifications before the city council. City Attorney Vanerian explained the city council has the

authority to approve, approve subject to conditions, or deny the applicant's request. City Attorney Vanerian explained if the council approves and the qualifications as a CPD, the next step is for the applicant to go before the Planning Commission with a public hearing. The Planning Commission would then make a recommendation and refer to the city council. City Attorney Vanerian said if council approves this evening, all this does is tell the applicant to provide a full complete final site plan proposal and go before the planning commission. City Attorney Vanerian said what is before council this evening is conceptual. A full complete site plan is what will need to be submitted to the planning commission. City Attorney Vanerian explained when referred to city council by the planning commission, that a development agreement would be drafted and presented to city council.

Council Member Ambrose asked if the council asked city staff for further review before deciding this evening, would the applicant then need to come back to council.

City Attorney Vanerian said yes, whoever city council directed to have a further review, that review would come back before council for discussion. Then the council could decide at that point and then send it to the planning commission.

Council Member Lublin asked if the council moved this proposal onto the planning commission tonight, that would then set up for public hearings, a step further, but ultimately comes back before council for final approval.

City Attorney Vanerian said yes.

Council Member Owsinek said he is in favor of referring to planning commission.

**CM 08-03-24 MOTION TO FORWARD WATERMARK TERRACE, LLC
COMMERCIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR
REVIEW AND REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Owsinek: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To forward Watermark Terrace, LLC Commercial Planned Unit Development application to the Planning Commission for review and required public hearing.

Discussion

Council Member Fernandes asked when the last time a parking study was done downtown.

City Manager Whitt explained there are parking issues downtown, the definition of a parking issue is in the eye of the beholder. City Manager Whitt explained empty parking spaces is an issue, no parking spaces is an issue, if parking is full there could be traffic issues. City Manager Whitt said he is in favor of moving the applicant forward to the planning commission. City Manager Whitt said the required public hearing will obtain input from the public, the public needs to be involved. City Manager Whitt explained the city should not be providing parking for

the other business. City Manager Whitt said there are already residential units downtown that do not have parking areas, yet the building owners still rent out the units. City Manager Whitt opined the dynamic of the downtown is changing.

Mayor Ackley said that is her concern, the city has had a parking issue for an exceedingly long time and if the city stops development opportunities because we have a parking issue, nothing will ever change.

City Manager Whitt said there is a motion on the table, move to the applicant to the planning commission.

Roll Call Vote

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

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Council Member Fernandes requested to add the city's Priority Waste contract. Mayor Ackley added request as item number three under City Manager's Report.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Oakland County Commissioner Ajay Raman provided an update on the actions of the Oakland County Boards and Commissions he is a member of. Commissioner Raman said Oakland County remains one of the strongest counties in the state, a great bond rating, and fiscally responsible practices remaining strong. Commissioner Raman said if there are resources the county can provide to the city, please reach out to him. He will work with the city to find funding for the downtown.

DDA Board Member Millen, said he is excited about an agenda item to be discussed this evening, the downtown is great, the City of Walled Lake is on the map, but the infrastructure is significantly lacking. Mr. Millen said his business in the city's downtown has anywhere from 700 to 1,000 patrons a day. DDA Board Member Millen said the downtown is a sore spot, he said he has been here for 10 years, and the city finally has a chance to really fix the downtown, it will make a massive impact. Mr. Millen said now is the time and he begged the council to please pursue the downtown, and opined it is time.

Mayor Ackley said the council has spoken for so many years about the downtown and agreed now is the time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting of June 18, 2024

CM 08-04-24 MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2024

Motion by Woods, seconded by Ambrose, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve regular council meeting minutes of June 18, 2024.

COUNCIL REPORT

Council Member Fernandes said the Walled Lake Market Days are going great and encouraged all to attend.

Council Member Lublin said the library millage on the August 6th ballot was passed by the voters and thanked the residents for their continued support of the library. Council Member Lublin said the Walled Lake Library ranked seventh out of fifty-seven members of the TLN, for circulated materials, with 99% of our materials being circulated with this group.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Proposed Resolution 2024-26 Recognition of Years of Service for Planning Commission Member Mr. Paul Novak

CM 08-05-24 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-26 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL PROVIDING RECOGNITION OF AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE WITH APPRECIATION TO MR. PAUL NOVAK FOR HIS YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO THE CITY COUNCIL BY SERVING AS A PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2024-26 a resolution of the City Council providing recognition of and expressing gratitude with appreciation to Mr. Paul Novak for his years of volunteer service to the City Council by serving as a Planning Commission member.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6)	Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Lublin, Ackley
Nays (0)	
Absent (1)	Loch
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 08-06-24 APPROVAL OF CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Roll Call Vote

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

City Manager Whitt said there is no update on the 14 Mile and Decker site, Starbucks. The development at Maple and Decker, nothing to report. The school property is on autopilot, no development, nothing to report. City Manager Whitt said discussions will be had in the future for the trail access. City Manager Whitt said there are issues still with the city businesses that are not good corporate neighbors and code enforcement is active with these issues.

2. Downtown Right-of-Way, Surveying Services (Boss Engineering)

Finance Director Pesta provided a presentation to the council.

City Manager Whitt said he gives accolades to the DDA Board for moving this forward. The beginning of this project is obtaining a survey downtown.

Finance Director Pesta explained at the last DDA board meeting, the board unanimously approved to receive and file the Boss Engineering proposal for surveying services for the downtown.

City Manager Whitt said the council needs to consider surveying all the way to Northport and even up to Nicolet. City Manager Whitt explained these areas are part of downtown as well.

Finance Director Pesta explained a complaint was filed with the Department of Transportation against the city in 2020. Mrs. Pesta said the Letter of Finding from the Department of Transportation was received by the city June 26, 2024.

City Manager Whitt said a city business downtown filed the ADA complaint, which was nothing but a political gesture from a business who has been in the city for 40 years. City Manager Whitt explained if the city is going to fix downtown, the downtown will be assessed a special assessment, the city will be creating a Special Assessment District (SAD). City Manager Whitt said the bakery downtown made the complaint, and it will cost money for everyone. They will be paying for the fix.

Finance Director Pesta explained the city was found to be non-compliant in June 2022 an on-site review found gaps and breaks along E. Walled Lake Drive; 15 parking spaces on street parking spaces but none were accessible, on the northeast corner of N. Pontiac Trail and E. Walled Lake Drive the cross-slope of sidewalk is 5.6%; there were no detectable warning at the northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest corners of the intersection of N. Pontiac Trail and E. Walled Lake Drive; and the location of the pedestrian of the pushbuttons exceeds the permitted 10-inch maximum depth of obstruction. Finance Director Pesta's presentation provided videos of recent rainstorms showing how the drainage system downtown is failing.

City Manager Whitt said city staff is there after every storm cleaning up and restoring the area after every storm. City Manager Whitt said proper engineering plus a curb and gutter will help to address this.

Finance Director Pesta explained these improvements have been on the agenda and occurring over the years. For example, there were initiative-taking improvements when the Mercer Beach storm interceptor was placed in 2022. There were initiative-taking efforts completed at that time for future infrastructure improvements. Finance Director Pesta said the DDA approved the Boss Engineering proposal for downtown surveying services for \$20,000.

Mayor Ackley asked if now the appropriate time is to discuss and request to extend the surveying services to beyond the area of Northport and E. Walled Lake Drive and include further to Hillcroft and Nicolet.

City Manager Whitt explained the inventory of downtown starts with the surveys from Nicolet to Hillcroft to Northport. City Manager Whitt said the city and DDA need to know what exists for easements, existence of underground structures, and sidewalks. City Manager Whitt explained when the council provides its motion, they could include additional areas for the survey work to be done. City Manager Whitt said what to fix could only be assessed after receipt of the survey. City Manager Whitt explained the requirements could include a condemnation of property, creating a special assessment district (SAD) to fund the project, and the city pursuing a bond issuance. City Manager Whitt explained committing the taxes collected from the SAD will pay for the bond over time. City Manager Whitt explained there is a multitude of items that need to occur. City Manager Whitt explained the City Attorney will also represent the DDA Board, moving the DDA and the City forward with the bond issuance. City Manager Whitt opined that is what the DDA, is for downtown development.

Council Member Ambrose asked if the Boss Engineering proposal of \$20,000 includes the areas of Nicolet, and Hillcroft.

City Manager Whitt said this is the best DDA board the city has ever had, this DDA board wants to fix things.

Council Member Lublin said he agree the survey would capture the complete scope of work required. The council will still need to decide what the scope of the work will be.

City Manager Whitt said the city council will decide how the SAD is to be assessed and to what parcels; the entire downtown should be done not just a part of it.

DDA Board Member Millen asked if the survey could include the area of 118 W. Walled Lake Drive, he is fully ready to commit to developing this site.

City Manager Whitt said this area should be part of the survey, administration is good with this and recommended the council fashion a motion to include that area that is part of the downtown. City Manager Whitt said with this discussion from council tonight, he has direction to include these additional areas and agreed the city needs to survey it all.

CM 08-07-24 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-27 A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND BALANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 TO APPROVE BOSS ENGINEERING TO PROCEED WITH SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE DOWNTOWN RIGHT-OF-WAY AREA TO INCLUDE NICOLET, NORTHPORT, HILLCROFT, EAST AND WEST WALLED LAKE DRIVE

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2024-27 a resolution amending and appropriating funds from the Downtown Development Authority fund balance for fiscal year 2025 to approve Boss Engineering to proceed with surveying services for the downtown right-of-way area to include Nicolet, Northport, Hillcroft, East and West Walled Lake Drive.

Roll Call Vote

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

3. Priority Waste

City Manager Whitt said his trash collection was five days after his regular trash day. City Manager Whitt explained the city works directly with RRRASOC and Mr. Csapo, Finance Director Pesta is even the treasurer for RRRASOC, the transition from Green for Life to Priority Waste has been terrible and that is all due to their lack of educated management, City Manager

Whitt said Priority Waste is being sued and entities are withholding paying fees. City Manager Whitt said the City of Walled Lake is too small on the scale to withhold fees, we do not want trash not to be collected and he will not lead in that fight. City Manager Whitt explained there are bigger communities leading in suing Priority Waste, the cost will be assessed to the consumer to pay. City Manager Whitt said the trucks in his neighborhood collecting trash were Premier Waste Collection. City Manager Whitt explained this company rents garbage trucks for trash pickup. This cost will be placed upon the consumer. City Manager Whitt explained the trucks from GFL that transitioned to Priority Waste did not meet MDOT standards. Its arguable Priority Waste management should have anticipated this.

Council Member Lublin said his trash collection is occurring on Thursday and clarified the city trash collection day is still Wednesday.

City Manager Whitt said the issue is if it is not being picked up. Recycling and yard waste may be a different day, but they are being picked up. The fight will be how to get Priority Waste to manage this properly. Having late trash collection is not the same thing as a public safety issue of trash not being collected at all. City Manager Whitt said neighboring communities have said they will be withholding payment, and he is not sure that is a promising idea.

Council Member Fernandes explained trash collection is different every week. Council Member Fernandes said she understands this, but if there is no action from the trash service to truly rectify this then she wants further action from the city.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT *None*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS *None*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Resolution 2024-27 Budget Amendment for DDA Fiscal Year 2025

Discussed earlier in meeting.

2. Proposed Resolution 2024-28 Department of Public Safety – Police Division Vehicle Purchases

Public Safety Deputy Director Shakinis explained this request is part of the city's vehicle rotation program and clarified the vehicles are 2025 not 2024.

City Manager Whitt explained the funds will be provided from forfeiture funds if available if not from general fund.

CM 08-08-24 MOTION TO APPROVE 2024-28 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE DIVISION TO PURCHASE TWO NEW 2025 DODGE DURANGO POLICE

PACKAGE PATROL VEHICLES FROM FORFEITURE FUNDS IF AVAILABLE IF NOT FROM GENERAL FUND

Motion by Woods, seconded by Fernandes, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2024-28 a resolution approving the Department of Public Safety – Police Division to purchase two new 2025 Dodge Durango police package patrol vehicles from forfeiture funds if available if not from general fund

Roll Call Vote

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

3. Proposed Resolution 2024-29 Intergovernmental Agreement for Lockup Services with the City of Wixom

CM 08-09-24 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-29 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE AND THE CITY OF WIXOM TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR LOCKUP SERVICES

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ambrose, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2024-29 a resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Walled Lake and the City of Wixom to authorize the City Manager to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement for lockup services.

Roll Call Vote

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

4. Proposed Resolution 2024-30 MERS Retiree Health Funding Vehicle Uniform Resolution

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City Manager Whitt explained this is a recommendation from MERS for future accounting purposes.

Finance Director Pesta said she agrees, MERS recommended this and if the city chooses to place funds, they can, but they do not have to.

CM 08-10-24 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-30 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE TO ADOPT THE MERS RETIREE HEALTH FUNDING VEHICLE UNIFORM RESOLUTION

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2024-30 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Walled Lake to adopt the MERS Retiree Health Funding Vehicle Uniform Resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Fernandes said thank you for the great reporting from staff much information was provided so the council can make informed decisions. Council Member Fernandes said she appreciates the staff's work behind the scenes.

Council Member Lublin said he is excited for the downtown development improvements. Council Member Lublin said the city parks, the public safety campus, everything looks great, and he commends city administration, the DPW, and staff.

Council Member Ambrose congratulated Fire Chief Jason Gonzalez on his appointment, and he is excited for the downtown work and the potential development to come downtown.

Council Member Owsinek said he is looking forward to Walled Lake becoming more developed and attracting more businesses to come in. Council Member Owsinek said he is appreciative of Public Safety Deputy Director Shakinis and Deputy Police Chief Kolke holding their interim roles supporting the city. Council Member Owsinek said kudos to the city staff and thanked DDA Board Member Millen for his allegiance to the DDA and being a spark plug in the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Woods said he echoes his fellow council members' comments. Mayor Pro Tem Woods said the city has arrived, we are here, and we need to have these discussions.

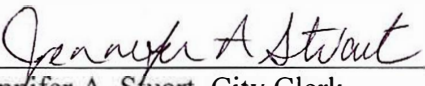
City Manager Whitt said when Ladd Road is resurfaced in September, that will be a nice addition to the gate way areas. City Manager Whitt said other improvements to the gateway areas will be the installation of the new 3-D city seal logo signs. These are the small improvements that make a big deal. City Manager Whitt said the Walled Lake Market place is bigger, and it is due to the people running it.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

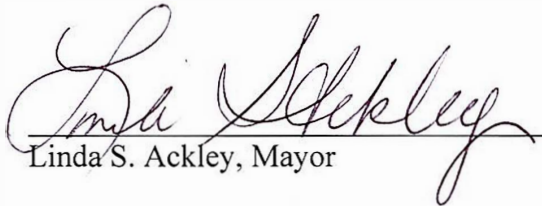
Mayor Ackley said she also echoes her fellow council members, the improvements, the businesses try hard. Mayor Ackley said thank you to the city staff the city is looking good.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.



Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk
Approved 9-17-24



Linda S. Ackley, Mayor