



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PUBLIC HEARING
AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022
7:30 P.M.**

Confidential Assistant Ms. Hana Jaquays welcomed participants to the hybrid meeting. Ms. Jaquays introduced city staff and board members attending the meeting: City Clerk Stuart, HR Administrator Gross, Assistant City Manager Schrader, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Police Chief Shakinias, Deputy Police Chief Kolke, Fire Chief Coomer, and City Manager Whitt. Ms. Jaquays introduced Merge Live who provided our video and live streaming.

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

PLEDGE TO FLAG & INVOCATION

Invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Lublin.

ROLL CALL

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Whitt, Confidential Assistant Jaquays, Assistant City Manager Schrader, Police Chief Shakinias, Deputy Police Chief Kolke, Fire Chief Coomer, DPW Superintendent Ladd, HR Administrator Gross, and City Clerk Stuart

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 Budget Appropriations

Open Public Meeting 7:31 p.m.

There were no comments from public.

City Manager Whitt explained Assistant City Manager Schrader will be providing information on the budget, with reference to the proposed budget appropriation resolution.

Assistant City Manager Schrader explained the budget document provided to council is designed to some degree of to move back to normalcy for the city's financial operations. Mr. Schrader explained the proposed budget resolution outlines the general government portion of the budget. Mr. Schrader said for example, the legislative, city administration, public safety, public services, and capital outlay all make up the budget. Mr. Schrader explained it has the effect of creating a millage of 14.0385 for general and 3.7349 for public safety. Mr. Schrader explained there were three city manager budget work sessions that outlined in detail each of the funds, fund balances, and capital projects that the council has been diligent in overseeing and directing. Mr. Schrader explained the significant changes that bear mentioning are an increase in tax revenue, the increase in the marijuana tax due to the city, and the increase in state sales tax due to the city. Mr. Schrader explained the expenses generally are the same no significant changes. Mr. Schrader explained what has been programmed into the department budgets, is capital outlay, and during the city manager budget work sessions, certain departments have requested new equipment. Mr. Schrader explained one of the significant ongoing expenses is the pension liability. Mr. Schrader said as all of council is aware, the city has a \$12 million liability. Council has been budgeting for this liability. Mr. Schrader explained the debt service has decreased and this fiscal year, the remaining debt payment will be made and then there will be none. Mr. Schrader explained the budget has provisions to replace fleet vehicles and funds have been allocated to do this. Mr. Schrader explained there is a new fund in the budget document, ARPA; American Rescue Plan Act funding. Mr. Schrader explained this fund holds \$740,000 for use to restore or replace lost revenue during the pandemic. This fund was established in the city budget document to control and report on funds spent within this program. Mr. Schrader explained the DDA fund, has had a slight increase in tax revenue from the millage, \$300,000 in capital outlay for the DDA to determine with council approval how to appropriate these funds. Mr. Schrader explained in the transportation fund, there is a influx right now as it relates to future funding. As discussed in the city manager's budget work sessions, there was a millage imposed by the vote of the people approving the Oakland County Public Transportation Millage. Mr. Schrader explained this millage has expired, and to date has not been renewed. Mr. Schrader said this is a significant amount, \$133,000 is allocated. Mr. Schrader explained this will bear paying attention to what Oakland County pursues. Mr. Schrader explained the refuse fund has a slight increase based the formulary-based billing for service provided to us. Mr. Schrader explained the water and sewer fund has a change, which has a companion resolution in tonight's meeting packet. Mr. Schrader explained most of the increase imposed by GLWA was addressed by city's general fund, there is a change in the formulary as it relates to the capital portion. Mr. Schrader explained it has been determined by GLWA that the capital fee has decreased, and the operational fee has increased.

City Manager Whit requested Ms. Jaquays to hand out the proposed budget appropriation resolution to council and provide a shared screen for viewing via electronic means.

City Manager Whitt explained the required public hearing has been held and the proposed resolution has been provided to council this evening. City Manager Whitt explained the passing of the budget is scheduled for the regular June meeting however, if council chose to pass this evening, that can be done, it has happened in the past. City Manager Whitt opined this proposed budget is presented yet again without raising millage rates.

Close for public hearing 7:54 pm

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Ackley and Council recommended adding the proposed budget appropriation resolution to tonight's agenda. Mayor Ackley added as new business #2.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Suzanne Monfette, 452 Linden Court – provided a handout to council of correspondence she has had regarding the entrance area to Willow Ridge and its repair. Ms. Monfette explained she is here tonight on behalf of the Willow Ridge II Homeowners Association. Ms. Monfette explained this subdivision has an entrance off Decker Road that is in need of repair. Ms. Monfette said the packet also provides communications that was had with Oakland County Road Commission. Ms. Monfette explained she has spoken with Oakland County Road Commission and was told they will not repair as it falls in the city jurisdiction and the city collects taxes to fix roads. Ms. Monfette explained she had communications in 2016 with then Finance Director, Ms. Colleen Coogan requesting coordination between her subdivision and the city to get the entrance resurfaced. Ms. Monfette said she read an article in 2019 that the city was awarded a grant to address the rehabilitation of Decker Road. Ms. Monfette said she then reached out to the city again and was put in contact with then Finance Director, Ms. Sandra Barlass. Ms. Monfette explained she was told city crews were sent out to provide Ms. Barlass an estimate for repair. Ms. Monfette said Ms. Barlass did contact her back and said the work relating to the grant was scheduled to start 2022 but there was not funding available to fix their entrance. Ms. Monfette explained then the 14 Mile Road project started. Ms. Monfette said she called again to the city and left a message for City Manager Whitt and brought paperwork into city hall requesting their entrance be part of the Decker Road rehabilitation project, while equipment was still here, to include this entrance in the scope of work. Ms. Monfette said as a point of record if there is any way possible, to include the entrance for the subdivision.

City Manager Whitt asked what role Ms. Monfette has with the subdivision. City Manager Whitt explained he will look at her proposal. City Manager Whitt explained if there is a contribution from the subdivision association for the cost, a partnership is a possibility. City Manager Whitt explained, there are several subdivisions within the city to address. City Manager Whitt explained there is a road study of the entire city, he will look at the area of this subdivision. City Manager Whitt explained the city would

consider partnership with the association, but it all must be reviewed. City Manager Whitt explained he will work with the city DPW superintendent and get back with her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting of April 19, 2022

CM 05-01-22 MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2022

Motion by Loch, seconded by Ambrose, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve regular council meeting minutes of April 19, 2022.

Roll Call Vote

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Fernandes explained at the recent Parks and Recreation Commission meeting the new parade route was discussed. Council Member Fernandes said the new play structure and rubber mat were placed at Riley Park which is very exciting. Council Member Fernandes said the summer concert series is getting ready to start and invited all to come. All the information is on the city's website. Council Member Fernandes said the farmer's market is every Wednesday starting at 7am.

Council Member Owsinek explained at the recent Planning Commission meeting the site plan for 900 Ladd Road was approved. Council Member Owsinek said the proposed ordinance amendments were discussed at the public hearing and the commission approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin explained the library circulation has increased as well as the number of library patrons. Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said the library is preparing for the summer reading programs and events which are always well attended.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1. Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports**
 - a. Police**
 - b. Fire**
 - c. Code Enforcement**
 - d. Finance**

-Warrant

CM 05-02-22 MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE DEPARTMENTAL / DIVISIONAL STATISTICAL REPORTS

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

Roll Call Vote

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

2. Request for Closed Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA)

City Manager Whitt explained he will not be requesting a closed session. City Manager Whitt explained his negotiating team is headed by Police Chief Shakinias, HR Administrator Gross, and Confidential Assistant Jaquays. City Manager Whitt explained there have been a couple of meetings thus far. City Manager Whitt explained the need for closed session may come but not tonight.

City Manager Whitt asked for a report on the Walled Lake Farmer's Market from Ms. Jaquays.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays explained the farmers market has started and it is hosted every Wednesday 7am to 1pm. Ms. Jaquays said there has been a good turnout thus far, she is excited to welcome trail users to the site once the bridge access is open. Ms. Jaquays said with the support of council and DPW, the walking site and surface area has been leveled off, those improvements have enhanced usage for the vendors and visitors to the market. Ms. Jaquays said the market has had a strong opening and continues to welcome new vendors.

City Manager Whitt explained the day of the week selected was Wednesday and it has been since the beginning, that is what was decided some time ago. City Manager Whitt explained, there has been requests for a Saturday or Sunday market, however, Wednesday was selected as the vendors were committed elsewhere.

City Manager Whitt explained there has been discussion to adjust the hours of the farmer's market. City Manager Whitt explained the vendors will be surveyed to see what works for them, a later start time may be requested.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays explained there have been twelve consistent vendors however, it is still early in the season and that could increase to fifteen or twenty once school is out and the season continues.

City Manager Whitt explained Ms. Gross is the pseudo parks and recreation coordinator and asked her to report.

HR Administrator Gross explained there is a parade route change, and many signs are out throughout the city. Ms. Gross explained correspondence was sent yesterday to all 40 applicants with their locations and time of arrival. Ms. Gross said the grand marshal will be Maurielle Lue from Fox 2 News. Ms. Gross said there have been new banners placed throughout the city.

City Manager Whitt explained he has spoken with Ms. Lue from Fox 2 news, and she has confirmed. City Manager Whitt explained he is proud to have her be the grand marshal plus there will most likely be Fox 2 news coverage.

Police Chief Shakinas explained he and Fire Chief Coomer are working to put an honor guard detail together to assist the VFW in the Memorial Day presentation. Police Chief Shakinas said the layout is being reviewed and they are working with DPW Superintendent Ladd on the road closures and signage.

City Manager Whitt explained council will be educated as to their location for the parade. City Manager Whitt explained Council Member Woods has graciously agreed for use of his vehicle for the parade. City Manager Whitt explained the focus of the parade will be those who have served to provide us our freedom.

City Manager Whitt requested report from DPW Superintendent Ladd. City Manager Whitt explained there were several people, not from Walled Lake, walking right through the beach construction barricades over the weekend, right through the entire construction site.

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained Phase I of the Mercer Beach project is almost done. The underground piping is now placed, the compaction stone is laid down, and the asphalt will start by end of the week. It will need to cure for seven days and then the lot can be completed. Mr. Ladd explained Mercer Beach Phase II went out to bid yesterday, 22 contractors were sent the bid specs.

City Manager Whitt explained more signs need to be placed at the beach that it is closed. DPW Superintendent Ladd explained more signs were just placed this morning.

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained Springline excavating is working on Decker Road for curb and gutter placement. Mr. Ladd explained all the poured concrete has passed its 3500 psi breakpoint inspections. Mr. Ladd said Cadillac Asphalt explained they will be

paving, pouring the first two inches beginning on Monday. Mr. Ladd explained Cadillac Asphalt has the goal to be off Decker Road by end of June.

Council Member Loch asked if Decker Road is shut down.

Mayor Ackley asked about 14 Mile Road in particular the corner residential structure at Decker Road.

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained that the Great Lakes Water Authority (GWLA) and their contractor, Major Cement, yesterday afternoon, opened the entrance and exit to Lake Village, both are now completely available. Mr. Ladd explained the water pit needs to be finished, remaining restoration and paving to the lake is scheduled to be done by June 30th.

City Manager Whitt explained patience is the key, we have done surveys to respond to the questions raised about the construction. City Manager Whitt explained there are people speeding and often it's our own residents. City Manager Whitt opined if we start writing tickets then we will be writing tickets to our residents. City Manager Whitt said a few more weeks of patience is needed from everybody.

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained the Pontiac Trail resurfacing has had gate wells in the drive lanes milled in preparation for repaving. Mr. Ladd said since the parade route has changed, he has been focused on that and has not had the opportunity to speak directly with the crews about Pontiac Trail.

Council Member Loch asked what the length of repaving along Pontiac Trail will be.

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained from West Maple Road to the west side of Wixom, past Beck Road to downtown.

City Manager Whitt explained the Walled Lake Police Department identified two Dodge Chargers that were available for purchase to use as police patrol vehicles. City Manager Whitt said as Assistant City Manager Schrader explained during the budget presentation there are funds budgeted.

Police Chief Shakinis explained there are two fleet vehicles available for purchase from LaFontaine. Chief Shakinis said there were orders for two new Durango's approved by council, but since then the order was cancelled by dealership. Chief Shakinis explained LaFontaine has two fleet vehicles available for purchase. Chief Shakinis explained one of the replacement vehicles to be replaced is a 2016 Charger. It recently went in for brakes and front-end work with a cost of \$1250. Chief Shakinis explained maintenance fees keep increasing. Chief Shakinis explained these vehicle purchases will replace two 2015 Dodge Chargers.

3. Proposed Resolution 2022-18 Purchase of Two New 2022 Dodge Charger Patrol Cars

CM 05-03-22 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-18 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW 2022 DODGE CHARGER PATROL CARS INCLUDING SOLE SOURCE BID FROM CANFIELD EQUIPMENT FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE NECESSARY EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Motion by Loch, seconded by Fernandes. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2022-18 for the purchase of two new 2022 Dodge Charger Patrol Cars including sole source bid from Canfield Equipment for purchase and installation of the necessary emergency equipment.

Roll Call Vote

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

CORRESPONDENCE None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Resolution 2022-19 Water and Sewer Usage rates and Capital Maintenance Rates

CM 05-04-22 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-19 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE WATER AND SEWER USAGE RATES AND CAPITAL MAINTENANCE RATES

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2022-19 a resolution to approve water and sewer usage rates and capital maintenance rates.

Roll Call Vote

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

2. Proposed Resolution 2022-20 Budget Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023

**CM 05-05-22 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-20 A
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND
CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS AND
LEVY OF TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 –
JUNE 30, 2023**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2022-20 a resolution adopting the operating and capital budget appropriations of funds and levy of taxes for fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Roll Call Vote

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Loch explained she personally appreciates the city staff; the city has been able to accomplish so much without having to raise taxes. Council Member Loch said she is so happy for the work on Decker Road opining patience is needed during this construction. Council Member Loch said she appreciates all the work that is occurring

Council Member Owsinek explained he is looking forward to the Memorial Day and its events to honor the fallen, those currently serving and past veterans of the United States military services.

Council Member Fernandes said she wanted to thank Police Chief Shakinas. Council Member Fernandes explained she contacted Chief Shakinas about concerns on Decker Road she said he responded immediately providing a police presence letting the neighbors know we are aware. Council Member Fernandes said there is an end to the construction, and it will be amazing. Council Member Fernandes said thank you to administration for the budget, she has lived here for 30 years and is very excited to see that debt paid down.

Council Member Ambrose explained as we get into the warmer weather, people are coming together once again, and the city does it perfectly every year with the farmers market and the parade. Council Member Ambrose said other cities are starting to take notice of what Walled Lake is doing, not only city administration operations but how the

city is starting to look. Council Member Ambrose said he loves to see what has occurred and thanked city administration and staff.

Council Member Woods said he 100 % agrees with what was said by prior council members. Council Member Woods explained it is nice to see how fast Decker Road is moving forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said the projects are amazing and wonderful and very excited for completion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Receive and file Resignation from DDA and Library Board Member Shuman

CM 05-06-22 MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE RESIGNATION FROM DDA AND LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER SHUMAN AND SEND LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE AS A BOARD MEMBER AND BUSINESS OWNER TO THE COMMUNITY

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Fernandes, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To receive and file resignation from DDA and Library Board Member Shuman and send letter of appreciation for years of service as a board member and business owner to the community.

Discussion

Council Member Owsinek said Mr. Shuman has been a pillar of this community for over 50 years.

City Manager Whitt explained at the last DDA board meeting a motion passed to prepare a letter of appreciation from the board to Mr. Shuman and he suggested the same be done from the City Council.

Roll Call Vote

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

2. Proposed Resolution 2022-21 Mayor's nomination and appointment of Matthew McDonald to the DDA

**CM 05-07-22 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-21 A
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MAYOR'S
NOMINATION TO FILL A VACANT POSITION ON THE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD
PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY
CHARTER; MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD
FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Fernandes, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2022-21 a resolution accepting the Mayor's nomination to fill a position on the Downtown Development Authority Board pursuant to the requirements of the City Charter; making an appointment to the Downtown Development Authority Board for an unexpired term.

Roll Call Vote

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

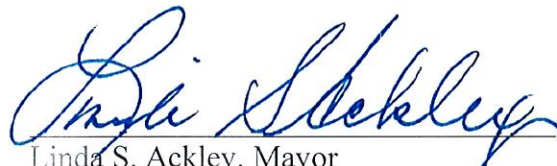
Mayor Ackley said there is an announcement this evening, that being Council Member Casey R. Ambrose has completed his college courses and has obtained his degree, she congratulated him.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.



Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk
approved 6/21/22



Linda S. Ackley, Mayor