



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017
7:30 P.M.**

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Ackley.

Invocation led by Council Member Robert Robertson.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Whitt, Assistant City Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Shakinias, Fire Chief Coomer, Finance Director Coogan, Library Director Lobert, City Attorney Vanerian, and City Clerk Stuart

CM 05-01-17 MOTION TO EXCUSE MAYOR PRO TEM AMBROSE DUE TO ABSENCE FROM THE CITY

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

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (6) Helke, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Ackley
No (0)
Absent (1) Ambrose
Abstain (0)

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Mayor Ackley Opened Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Finance Director Coogan said there were two items that were added from previous budget work session meetings. She said Council Member Loch who is also a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission on their behalf requested additional funds in the amount of \$1,600 to keep the bounce house and photo booth inline for next year's Easter Egg Hunt. Also, the addition of \$40,000 for the required trailway maintenance.

Mayor Ackley Closed Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

Mayor Ackley requested to add under Mayor's Report (1) Discussion of sidewalk placement along Ladd Road; (2) Proposed Resolution 2017-42 regarding the Community Education Center Building; and (3) Nomination of Mindy Fernandes to the DDA Board.

PRESENTATION:

1. Oakland County Water Resource Commission – Waste Water Treatment Plant Presentation

Finance Director Coogan introduced Mr. Brian Coburn, engineer from Oakland County Water Resource Commission that oversees the waste water treatment plant. He provided information about the discussions between Walled Lake, Novi and the Water Resource Commission operating methods and allocation of costs pertaining to the waste water treatment plants.

Mr. Coburn said the allocation of costs in the Walled Lake - Novi system have not been reviewed for some time. He provided a proposed methodology and examples of the cost allocations. The City of Walled Lake would have a 5% reduction in cost and Novi would have a 4% increase with the new methodology.

Council Member Helke asked if there is a cost for these changes. Mr. Coburn said it is already calculated in the current budget.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular Council Meeting of April 18, 2017

CM 05-02-17 APPROVE THE APRIL 18, 2017 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Loch, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve the April 18, 2017 Regular Council Meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (6) Helke, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Ackley
No (0)
Absent (1) Ambrose
Abstain (0)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Dan Lauffer, 1488 Dover Hill N – explained that he had been living in Walled Lake for only four and a half years and had not been involved in city politics because he was involved in state politics. Mr. Lauffer said his comments were for the DDA because he noticed many of the things in the City are deteriorating. Mr. Lauffer said he would like to see the Master Plan followed more carefully. Mr. Lauffer stated the Community Education Center (CEC) is in the purview of the Board of Education if they want to tear it down it belongs to them it is theirs to destroy. Mr. Lauffer said the DDA should look into the possibilities of what the City Council should do.

Mr. Lauffer asked why the Banks Dolbeer Foster Farmhouse is sitting undeveloped all these years and he asked why the City doesn't have better restaurants? Mr. Lauffer stated that when people that have a higher income come to town they will want better restaurants. Mr. Lauffer explained his opinion that the City needs to get some vibrancy in the town and should focus on the Farmhouse, the Community Education Center (CEC) and Rails to Trails.

City Manager Whitt explained that Mayor Ackley was in negotiations with representatives from Commerce Township and the City of Wixom dealing with the equitable sharing of costs for the Trailway funding. Mr. Whitt further explained there was a resolution being proposed by Mayor Ackley at this meeting to save the Community Education Center building.

Mr. Whitt responded to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) comments supporting the appointment of Melinda Fernandes to the DDA and directed staff to provide a resolution for the Mayor's immediate appointment of Fernandes to the DDA.

Gabriel Costanzo, 815 Bluffton – opined that in addition to the taxes collected each year for the general fund the City had been using the majority of the DDA taxes collected annually to support the City and the DDA is not being used as was intended when the law was passed.

Mr. Costanzo opined that the improvements to the city's public safety complex is an example of the City's poor spending starting with the \$8,000 bullet proof window in city hall to the money spent on improving other areas of the city's facilities. Mr. Costanzo opined that the work at city hall is poorly designed, the entrances now are more hazardous, handicap parking is further away and the SMART bus cannot pull in. Mr. Costanzo had an opinion that a piece of plywood was being used as a sidewalk.

Mr. Costanzo began a personal diatribe against the City Manager stating the City employs the City Manager and according to the latest budget he is paid \$160,000. Mr. Costanzo said that the City Manager had done a poor job and action by this Council should have been taken already.

Mr. Costanzo said it is time for our City Council to replace the City Manager with someone who resides within the city. Mr. Costanzo opined that the City Council should take immediate action in regard to the City Manager.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

1. Resignation letter from Parks and Recreation Commission Member

CM 05-03-17 MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION LETTER AND SEND LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO JOEY RONDEAU

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To accept the resignation letter and send letter of appreciation to Joey Rondeau.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (6) Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Helke, Ackley
No (0)
Absent (1) Ambrose
Abstain (0)

COUNCIL REPORT:

Council Member Lublin reported the library usage has increased significantly.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports

- a. Police**
- b. Fire**
- c. Code Enforcement**
- d. Finance -Warrant Report #4-2017**
- e. Treasurer – Investment Report**

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

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

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (6) Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Helke, Loch, Ackley
No (0)
Absent (1) Ambrose
Abstain (0)

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Second Reading C-332-17 Amend Chapter 54 "Parks and Recreation" by adding Michigan Airline Trailway creating provisions**

CM 05-05-17 TO APPROVE SECOND READING C-332-17 AMEND CHAPTER 54 "PARKS AND RECREATION" BY ADDING MICHIGAN AIRLINE TRAILWAY CREATING PROVISIONS

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Loch, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve second reading of ordinance C-332-17 Amend Chapter 54 "Parks and Recreation" by adding Michigan Airline Trailway creating provisions.

Discussion:

Police Chief Shakinas said there are now legal signs erected along the trail. The depot building was accessed and inventoried. It is in poor shape, animals took over the inside, and the floor joists are damaged. Mayor Ackley agreed and opined that it will take a lot of funding to address the repairs at the depot.

Mayor Ackley opined that the meeting and negotiations with the Mayor of Wixom and the Commerce Township Supervisor went well and all three communities are moving forward with an equitable agreement for the costs associated with the trail management. Mayor Ackley explained that the City Manager of Wixom had some of the same concerns about the fairness issues in funding for future maintenance.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (6)	Owsinek, Robertson, Helke, Loch, Lublin, Ackley
No (0)	
Absent (1)	Ambrose
Abstain (0)	

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Proposed Resolution 2017-33 General Appropriations Act**

Mayor Ackley agreed with Manager Whitt's earlier statement this budget is being passed without raising taxes in the City.

CM 05-06-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-33 ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS OF

**FUNDS AND LEVY OF TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017
- JUNE 30, 2018**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Robertson, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2017-33 Adopting the Operating and Capital Budget appropriations of funds and levy of taxes for fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

Discussion:

Council Member Helke asked about the fourth paragraph in the resolution regarding fire services and why they were pointed out when there are so many things.

City Manager Whitt said it meant the same thing it did in the prior budget resolution she voted yes for; the union for the Fire Department is contingent that the City cannot lay people off or set staffing levels. The City is still in mediation proceedings with fire personnel. The City is still in the dispute. The City is not in dispute with the Police Department, Public Works or Clerical units.

Mayor Ackley said the City has a right to control the number of employees and how the money is spent.

Roll Call Vote

Yes (6)	Robertson, Helke, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley
No (0)	
Absent (1)	Ambrose
Abstain (0)	

City Manager Whitt explained that with the passage of this year's city budget it makes it seven years of budgets that he has proposed as city manager that provided for no tax increases.

**2. Proposed Resolution 2017-34 Community Development Block Grant
Cooperation (CDBG) Agreement for Years 2018, 2019, 2020**

**CM 05-07-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-34 TO PARTICIPATE IN
OAKLAND COUNTY'S URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR THE
YEARS 2018, 2019, 2020**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Loch, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2017-34 To participate in Oakland County's Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the Years 2018, 2019, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (6) Helke, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Ackley
No (0)
Absent (1) Ambrose
Abstain (0)

3. Proposed Resolution 2017-35 Public Safety Fire Division Turnout Gear Lockers

Fire Chief Coomer said the lockers were part of this year's Capital Improvement plan. The installation of the lockers will free up bay space and allow larger fire trucks to drive through and keep the gear off the floor.

CM 05-08-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-35 APPROVING PURCHASE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FIRE DIVISION FOR TURNOUT GEAR RACKS

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2017-35 Approving purchase for the Department of Public Safety Fire Division for turnout gear racks.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (6) Helke, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Ackley
No (0)
Absent (1) Ambrose
Abstain (0)

4. Proposed Resolution 2017-36 Appropriating funds for Meter Reading Equipment as recommended by the City Engineer

CM 05-09-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-36 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR METER READING EQUIPMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY ENGINEER

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2017-36 Appropriating funds for water meter equipment as recommended by the city engineer.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (6) Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Helke, Ackley
No (0)
Absent (1) Ambrose
Abstain (0)

5. Proposed Resolution 2017-37 Appropriating funds for Library walkways and porch; and providing for coordination of those upgrades and repairs with the Pratt Park and Public Safety Campus walkways

Finance Director Coogan said this is a continuation of the redesign of the Public Safety Campus in conjunction with the Library.

CM 05-10-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-37 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR LIBRARY WALKWAYS AND PORCH; PROVIDING FOR COORDINATION OF THOSE UPGRADES AND REPAIRS WITH THE PRATT PARK AND PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPUS WALKWAYS

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Robertson, MOTION CARRIED: To approve resolution 2017-37 Appropriating funds for library walkways and porch; providing for coordination of those upgrades and repairs with the Pratt Park and Public Safety Campus walkways.

Discussion:

Council Member Helke said it appears to her that after walking around the public safety campus most of the sidewalk is new and the old sidewalk is in pretty good shape. Council Member Helke oppose putting new sidewalks and opined that \$18,000 is a lot of money and she drove around and the sidewalk looked good to her. Finance Director Coogan said that replacement was always part of the city's plan and this sidewalk replacement was part of the second piece.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (5)	Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Loch, Ackley
No (1)	Helke
Absent (1)	Ambrose
Abstain (0)	

(5-1) MOTION CARRIED

6. Proposed Resolution 2017-38 Appropriating funds for the Library Heating and Cooling Systems; and providing for coordination of said replacement with the Public Safety Campus Heating and Cooling repairs

City Manager Whitt said the Library is a component unit of the City and is located on the public safety campus. Library Director Lobert said the system is old and obsolete. The Library Board has been diligent in planning for this inevitable moment.

CM 05-11-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-38 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE LIBRARY HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS; AND PROVIDING FOR COORDINATION OF SAID REPLACEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPUS HEATING AND COOLING REPAIRS

Motion by Loch, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2017-38 Appropriating funds for the Library heating and cooling systems; and providing for coordination of said replacement with the Public Safety Campus heating and cooling repairs.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (6) Owsinek, Robertson, Helke, Loch, Lublin, Ackley
No (0)
Absent (1) Ambrose
Abstain (0)

7. Proposed Resolution 2017-39 Appropriating funds for the replanting of the Public Safety Campus and providing for a coordination of those upgrades with the City of Walled Lake Library landscaping needs

Finance Director Coogan said the City is a member of the Alliance Rouge Communities and the City can utilize grants to aid in the cost.

CM 05-12-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-39 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE REPLANTING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPUS AND PROVIDING FOR A COORDINATION OF THOSE UPGRADES WITH THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE LIBRARY LANDSCAPING NEEDS

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, MOTION CARRIED: To approve resolution 2017-39 Appropriating funds for the replanting of the Public Safety Campus and providing for a coordination of those upgrades with the City of Walled Lake Library landscaping needs.

Discussion:

Council Member Helke said she reviewed the definition of the word “infrastructure” the basic physical and organizational structures and facilities, buildings roads, power supplies needed for the operation of a society or enterprise. Council Member Helke said when this public safety campus design rehabilitation was proposed last year the price of \$40,000 for landscaping was presented to the Council as a possibility now it is up \$140,000 and that puts the public safety campus, some for infrastructure and some not.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (5) Robertson, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley
No (1) Helke
Absent (1) Ambrose
Abstain (0)

(5-1) MOTION CARRIED

8. Proposed Resolution 2017-40 Appropriating funds for infrastructure repair due to collapsed storm water drain; providing for sidewalk replacement on Maple Road

CM 05-13-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-40 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR DUE TO COLLAPSED STORM WATER DRAIN; PROVIDING FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT ON MAPLE ROAD

Motion by Loch, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2017-40 Appropriating funds for infrastructure repair due to collapsed storm water drain; providing for sidewalk replacement on Maple Road.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (6) Helke, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Ackley
No (0)
Absent (1) Ambrose
Abstain (0)

9. Proposed Resolution 2017-41 Appropriating funds for infrastructure video inspection of the Walled Lake Downtown storm sewer system

Finance Director Coogan said the DDA has approved this, the engineers have done surveys and this is next step to ascertain to video service. Council has directed the engineer to survey the rest of the City but this section is in the DDA only.

CM 05-14-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-41 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE VIDEO INSPECTION OF THE WALLED LAKE DOWNTOWN SEWER SYSTEM

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Robertson, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2017-41 Appropriating funds for the infrastructure video inspection of the Walled Lake downtown sewer system.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (6) Helke, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Ackley
No (0)
Absent (1) Ambrose
Abstain (0)

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Owsinek said the railway ribbon cutting is scheduled for May 30th at Gunnar Mettala Park in the City of Wixom.

Council Member Lublin said at the last Parks and Recreation meeting there was discussion of concerns with the electrical supply at Sims Park not being sufficient.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Sidewalk installation along Ladd Road near W. Walled Lake Drive

Mayor Ackley explained that it had been brought to her attention that a stretch along Ladd Road towards W. Walled Lake Drive is dangerous for walking. Mayor Ackley said there is no sidewalk and children are walking along an individual's property because there is nowhere to walk but in the street. Mayor Ackley said Police Chief Shakinas has had a police car at the site during the morning school hours to assist the children. She asked for Council's approval for the concept of placing a sidewalk and to have further information provided at the next council meeting including a cost proposal.

City Manager Whitt said there is no doubt an absence of a sidewalk, it may require some additional land for a sidewalk. He recommended the City Attorney review and provide direction for acquirement of property if necessary for the sidewalk installation.

CM 05-15-17 TO DIRECT CITY STAFF, CITY ENGINEER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PREPARATIONS FOR SIDEWALK INSTALLATION ALONG LADD ROAD AND ACQUISITION OF NECESSARY PROPERTY TO PLACE SIDEWALK

Motion by Loch, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To direct city staff, city engineer and city attorney to move forward with preparations for sidewalk installation along Ladd Road and acquisition of necessary property to place sidewalk.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (6) Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Helke, Ackley
No (0)
Absent (1) Ambrose
Abstain (0)

2. Proposed Resolution 2017-42 Requesting the Board of Education of the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools delay the demolition of the Community Education Center Building

Mayor Ackley explained that she, Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose and the City Manager met with a developer who wanted to meet and who claimed he had experience with repurposing school buildings like the Community Education Center (CEC) building. Mayor Ackley said she would like to see Council go on the record taking a stand on saving the CEC building and to request the school board slow down and look at possibilities other than demolition of the CEC building. Mayor Ackley introduced a resolution requesting the Walled Lake School Board delay the demolition of the Community Education Center Building requesting the Right of First Refusal for purchase of the CEC building.

CM 05-16-17 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-42 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS DELAY THE DEMOLITION OF THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER BUILDING; REQUESTING THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL FOR PURCHASE OF THE BUILDING BY THE CITY AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Loch, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2017-42 requesting the Board of Education of the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools delay the demolition of the Community Education Center Building; requesting the Right of First Refusal for purchase of the building by the City and Downtown Development Authority.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes (6) Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Helke, Loch, Ackley
No (0)
Absent (1) Ambrose
Abstain (0)

3. Proposed Resolution 2017-43 Mayor's nomination to fill vacancy on the Downtown Development Authority Board

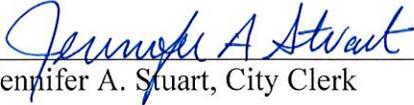
CM 05-17-17 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-43 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD (DDA) PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY CHARTER; MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM

Motion by Loch, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2017-43 A resolution accepting the Mayor's nomination to fill a vacancy on the Downtown Development Authority Board (DDA) pursuant to the City Charter; making an appointment to the Downtown Development Authority Board for an unexpired term.

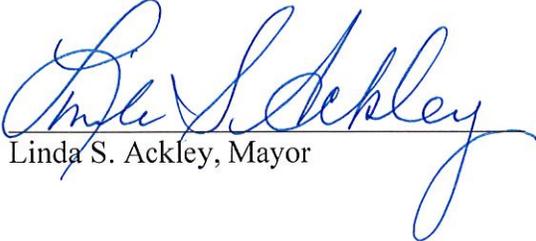
Roll Call Vote:

Yes (6) Owsinek, Robertson, Helke, Loch, Lublin, Ackley
No (0)
Absent (1) Ambrose
Abstain (0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk



Linda S. Ackley, Mayor

Approved
6-20-17