



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 1, 2014**

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 Robertson.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

City Manager Whitt requested two executive sessions, one to discuss labor issues as New Business #5, and the other to discuss department head contracts as New Business Item #6.

Mayor Ackley added item to Mayors Report, Nomination to Zoning Board of Appeals as item #1.

City Manager Whitt provided a brief explanation of the proposed project at the lakefront. It is not on agenda tonight to discuss. However, he explained City staff has met with the developer and no decisions have been made. A public hearing will be held. There have not been any further documents submitted at this time.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Ackley, Mayor Pro Tem Robertson, Council Member Ambrose, Council Member Loch, Council Member Owsinek, Council Member Sturgeon, Council Member Yezbick

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Whitt, Police Chief Shakinas, Interim Fire Chief Coomer, Finance Director Coogan, Public Works Coordinator McGill, City Attorney Vanerian, Deputy Clerk Stuart, and Confidential Administrative Assistant Rodgers

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

CM 04-01-14 APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 4, 2014 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Robertson seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the March 4, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Dave Diegel, 777 E. Walled Lake Drive stated his main concerns about the proposed lakefront development is traffic flow in the direct area and surrounding areas; E. Walled Lake Drive is already congested, parking; if those lots are not available, where will people park for events. He

stated crime is another big concern of his, a 71 rental unit complex is a lot and he hopes those that live there will not have any criminal issues. He stated the properties behind the development would be completely obstructed and destroys their view of lake and their property values would drop. He stated that this proposal is not acceptable to the community. He asked who the developer was and how successful their developments were in other communities. He requested a schematic and documents of the proposal be placed on the next agenda for public to view.

City Manager Whitt replied a PDF would be provided to whoever wished to have one. He asked that contact information be provided to Ms. Rodgers. The location and properties around the proposed development were been discussed. Studies still need to be done. The owner of the property is involved with this proposal. He has owned the property for many years and is partnering with the developer who has provided several developments in other communities.

Mr. Diegel also said he is a member of the Walled Lake Civic Fund and he requested the upcoming firework event and link to the Walled Lake Civic Fund be added to the City's website for public knowledge.

Randy St. Laurent, 159 E. Bay Drive, stated his request is to put out feelers for East Bay residents to be permitted to obtain boat slips. He has been a resident for ten years. He stated the property value and other residents in neighboring communities would benefit. He stated East Bay has 300 feet of waterfront. He is seeking 15 to 20 boat slips. He asked Council to consider the mutually beneficial amendment for East Bay so residents could gain access to the lake.

Todd Mc Quade, 7110 Griswald, stated he is from the Walled Lake Thunder group. He presented a plaque, Certificate of Appreciation, to the City and following departments: Police, Fire, Parks and Recreations Commission, DDA, DPW and City administration. He asked for permission to host the Walled Lake Thunder boat races June 14 and 15, 2014. He said the group recognizes it's Father's Day weekend, however, the date was moved due to a large event in Detroit, which left no lodging available for boating participants.

CM 04-02-14 TO APPROVE WALLED LAKE THUNDER BOAT RACES TO BE HELD ON JUNE 14 AND 15, 2014

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Sturgeon, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Walled Lake Thunder Boats Races to be held on June 14 and 15, 2014.

City Manager Whitt said details and proper protocol would be worked out with the Fire Chief, Police Chief and City Staff. Police Chief Shakinas said he would prepare a standard Police Services Agreement and Traffic Control Order for the event and present at next meeting.

Mary Beth Novitsky, 138 Sandy Lane, asked what the process and time frame would be for East Bay residents to obtain boat slips. Mayor Ackley referred request to City attorney and staff for review.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Bid Award for Portable Restroom Service**

CM 04-03-14 MOTION TO AWARD BID FOR PORTABLE RESTROOM SERVICE AS SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO METRO ENVIRONMENTAL

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Yezbick, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To award bid for Portable Restroom service as submitted by Department of Public Works to Metro Environmental.

2. Request for White Cane Days -- Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club

Lyon Member Ray Froling, requested the approval for the Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club to solicit in the City April 25-27, 2014. They asked if the DPW would again be able to provide orange cones to place in road.

They also presented check donations to the Walled Lake Police Department and Fire Department \$250.00 each. They extended invitations to Mayor and Council to attend their meetings to discuss community affairs and more.

CM 04-04-14 MOTION TO APPROVE WHITE CANE DAYS APRIL 25-27, 2014

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Sturgeon, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve White Cane Days April 25-27, 2104.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Ackley stated she received an application for the Zoning Board of Appeals from Steven Stephan and she made the nomination to Council.

CM 04-05-14 MOTION TO ACCEPT NOMINATION AND APPOINT STEVEN STEPHAN TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Motion by Sturgeon seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To accept nomination and appoint Steven Stephen to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayor Ackley said, in addition, Mr. Stephan has also offered to help with the plumbing issues at the Banks Dolbeer Historic Home.

Council Member Ambrose said Mr. DeCourcy's daughter has applied as well.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Owsinek reported the Trailway Council is in process of getting appraisals completed. The transfer of the property is scheduled to take place this summer and the pole barn has been entirely removed.

Council Member Sturgeon reported the Audit Committee meeting was cancelled due to member illnesses. Discussion was had and meeting was rescheduled to Friday April 4, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Council Member Yezbick reminded everyone of the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 19, 2014 at Hiram Sims Park.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Monthly Departmental Statistical Reports

CM 04-06-14 MOTION TO RECEIVE MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICAL REPORTS

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive monthly departmental statistical reports.

2. Audit Committee Request for Water Loss Financial Impact

Finance Director Coogan explained that the enclosed information was in response to a request from the Audit Committee. The information reports the dollar impact of the water loss on sales and purchases. The City is attacking the water loss from two perspectives – testing the number of units purchased to see if we are being over billed and reviewing our customer accounts to confirm all customers are being billed the correct number of units.

City Manager Whitt stated at the recent State of Lakes event, County Executive Brooks Patterson discussed some of the Detroit water issues. He stated he was concerned with a “cram down” on the participating communities.

City Manager Whitt said the City’s review would not stop what is heading our way from Detroit. We are trying to fix our “in-house” but it is small in comparison to the Detroit water issue. We are at their mercy. The audit committee meetings would be discussing these issues. The City’s meter pit should have been addressed quite some time ago.

City Manager Whitt commented on the State of the Lakes address by Mayor Ackley and said she did a marvelous job on her speech and representing the City during the event.

City Manager Whitt clarified the recent SAW Grant (Storm Water Asset Management and Waste Water), was approval of the application only. It will now be forwarded to the State for contract approval. The City has not received any funding yet.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Vanerian reported on a House Bill No. 4271 Regulations of Medical Marijuana Provisioning Centers; includes provisions which deal with municipal regulations. Once it does pass, he will address our ordinance if necessary.

Mayor Ackley requested City Attorney Vanerian to prepare report of what would need to happen with the East Bay boat access request.

City Attorney Vanerian stated there is a Planned Unit Development Agreement (PUD) in place. An amendment to the PUD would have to come before City Council. He said he has already met

with a representative from East Bay and he advised a detailed plan is required for the amendment process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Second Reading C-314-14, Amend Chapter 2 “Administration”, Article II Reestablish Division 4 “Public Safety”**

CM 04-07-14 MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING C-314-14, AMEND CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE II REESTABLISH DIVISION 4 “PUBLIC SAFETY”

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: Second Reading C-314-14, Amend Chapter 2 “Administration”, Article II Reestablish Division 4 “Public Safety”.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Traffic Control Order 14-01 Walled Lake Memorial Run & Fun**

CM 04-08-14 MOTION TO APPROVE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 14-01 WALLED LAKE MEMORIAL RUN & FUN

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Traffic Control Order 14-01 Walled Lake Memorial Run & Fun.

2. **Traffic Control Order 14-02 No Left Turn-W. West Maple Road**

Police Chief Shakinas stated this request is from the Walled Lake School District. Walled Lake Elementary school dismissal creates a traffic build up on W. West Maple. The school has been cooperating with temporary adjustment and this traffic order would make it permanent.

CM 04-09-14 MOTION TO APPROVE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 14-02 NO LEFT TURN-W. WEST MAPLE ROAD

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Traffic Control Order 14-02 No Left Turn-W. West Maple Road.

3. **Resolution 2014-9 State of Michigan Grant Agreement for required QVF Upgrade**

CM 04-10-14 RESOLUTION 2014-9 STATE OF MICHIGAN GRANT AGREEMENT FOR REQUIRED QVF UPGRADE

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2014-9 State of Michigan Grant agreement for required QVF upgrade.

4. **Resolution 2014-10 Life and Disability Insurance**

Finance Director Coogan stated Madison Security Life would provide coverage for the part time patrol officers and part time fire fighters with an additional cost of \$400.

CM 04-11-14 RESOLUTION 2014-10 LIFE AND DISABILITY INSURANCE

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2014-10 Life and Disability Insurance.

5. Request executive session to discuss labor issues

**CM 04-12-14 MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS
LABOR ISSUES**

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To enter into executive session to discuss labor issues.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes (7) Ambrose, Loch, Owsinek, Sturgeon, Yezbick, Robertson, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

MOTION CARRIES

6. Request for Executive Session to discuss Department Head Contracts

**CM 04-13-14 MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS
DEPARTMENT HEAD CONTRACTS**

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To enter into executive session to discuss Department Head contracts.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes (7) Loch, Owsinek, Sturgeon, Yezbick, Robertson, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

MOTION CARRIES

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Loch - None

Council Member Owsinek stated he provided information to Public Works Coordinator McGill about a Boom Mower which would help cut items along the track when it is necessary to mow.

Council Member Sturgeon thanked Council for the invite to the State of the Lakes. The Mayor did a great job representing the City.

Council Member Ambrose – None

Council Member Yezbick - None

Mayor Pro Tem Robertson – None

Mayor Ackley thanked everyone for their support during the State of the Lakes address.

CM 04-14-14 BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To authorize the Treasurer to make disbursements and transfers on Warrant #05-2014 in the amount of \$445,239.86 this being in the best interest of the City.

Council entered into executive session 8:47 p.m.

Council exited and reconvened 9:02 p.m.

No action was taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 p.m.



Jennifer Stuart, Deputy Clerk



Linda S. Ackley, Mayor