



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 16, 2013**

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Roberts.

Invocation led by Mayor Pro Tem Ackley.

A Moment of Silence for the Boston Bombing Victims.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Sturgeon

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Whitt, Police Chief Shakinas, Fire Chief VanSparrentak, Finance Director Coogan, City Attorney Vanerian, and Deputy Clerk Williams,

CM 04-08-13 EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER STURGEON FROM THIS MEETING

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse Council Member Sturgeon from this meeting.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: Mayor Roberts requested to move the Oakland County Road Commission Strategic Planning Presentation to be after the Approval of the Minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CM 04-09-13 APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 19, 2013 AND APRIL 2, 2013 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED

Motion by Yezbick, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the March 19, 2013 and April 2, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as Amended.

The Road Commission of Oakland County had representatives Dennis G. Kolar, Managing Director; Gary Piotrowicz, Deputy Managing Director; David Evancoe, Director of Planning and Development and Ron Fowkes, Vice Chairman present at the meeting to make a presentation on the state of the roads in Oakland County and financial information of the Road Commission.

They also gave updates on new initiatives like Complete Streets and emphasized the importance of safety.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Hugh D. Crawford, State Representative for the 38th District was present and briefly updated the City Council on his endeavors.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

1. SOUL Marathon Presentation

Dean Whitehead, requested to hold the SOUL Marathon on August 3rd, 2013. The marathon benefits a special needs program at St. Williams Catholic School. He also requested banners, the use of electricity at Mercer Beach, and a closure of Walled Lake Drive from 14 Mile Road to Pontiac Trail.

**CM 04-10-13 RECEIVE THE EVENT REQUEST OF THE SOUL MARATHON
AND REFER TO CITY ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE THE
DETAILS AND TO REPORT BACK TO CITY COUNCIL AS
NECESSARY**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive the event request of the SOUL Marathon and refer to City Administration to execute the details and to report back to City Council as necessary.

2. Recognition of 2013 Egg Hunt Volunteers

Per the recommendation of City Council, City Manager Whitt and Deputy Clerk Williams presented Certificates of Appreciation to the volunteers who helped make the annual egg hunt a success this year. The volunteers recognized were:

CITY STAFF

Janell Joyce
Police Department

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Tim Moore
Tracy Soltis
Joey Rondeau
Reuben Cheney
Janine Cole
Bob Palmer

OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Market Street Church and Pastor Chris Doak and Dax (young boy)
Residents of the Walled Lake Villa
Jeff, Jacqueline and Jessica Rondeau

Sherrie and Amanda Moore
Amie Kupovits
Market Street
Mrs. Soltis

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Roberts reported that it was the 50th Anniversary of the Walled Lake Library and that they would be holding events to celebrate. He also noted that the Walled Lake Farmers' Market will be opening May 1, 2013.

COUNCIL REPORT:

Council Member Robertson gave an update regarding the Planning Commission. They made final corrections to the Master Plan and the revisions are being made.

City Attorney Vanerian noted that the Master Plan will need a public hearing and a time frame for neighboring municipalities to review.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

CM 04-11-13 MOTION TO RECEIVE DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICAL REPORTS

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

City Manager Whitt requested that DPW Coordinator McGill give a report on the Meter Pit Rehabilitation. She informed City Council that she has received the first invoice and the work is moving forward. There is no estimated date of completion at this time.

City Manager Whitt also reported on the status of the water main break that occurred on an easement on private property from 1030 Decker to 1900 Easy Street. Repairs were in progress.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Vanerian reported on the structure located near the former railroad. He contacted the Department of Natural Resources for an easement form. He will report further as developments are made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Consideration of Bulk Road Salt for the 2013-14 Winter Season**

DPW Coordinator McGill informed City Council that this is the second extension of the contract with Detroit Salt and the third year at this current price.

**CM 04-12-13 APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF BULK ROAD SALT THROUGH
THE DETROIT SALT COMPANY AT A COST OF \$46.51 PER
TON FOR THE 2013/2014 WINTER SEASON**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the purchase of bulk road salt through the Detroit Salt Company at a cost of \$46.51 per ton for the 2013/2014 Winter Season.

2. Resolution 2013-10 Contract for Decker Road Reconstruction

**CM 04-13-13 APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-10 FOR THE CONTRACT FOR
DECKER ROAD RECONSTRUCTION**

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2013-10 for the contract for Decker Road reconstruction.

3. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations for Fire Department

**CM 04-14-13 APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request to enter into Executive Session to discuss Labor Negotiations for Fire Department.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ackley, Ambrose, Owsinek, Robertson, Yezbick, Roberts
No: None
Absent: Sturgeon

4. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations for Department of Public Works

**CM 04-15-13 APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request to enter into Executive Session to discuss Labor Negotiations for Department of Public Works.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ambrose, Owsinek, Robertson, Yezbick, Roberts, Ackley
No: None
Absent: Sturgeon

5. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations for Clerical Department

CM 04-16-13 APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR CLERICAL DEPARTMENT

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request to enter into Executive Session to discuss Labor Negotiations for Clerical Department.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Owsinek, Robertson, Yezbick, Roberts, Ackley, Ambrose
No: None
Absent: Sturgeon

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Fire Chief VanSparrentak informed everyone that St. Baldrick's would be holding their fundraiser at the Fire Station on Saturday, April 20th from 12 – 4 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Robertson noted that he was displeased with Mayor Roberts response at the last Council meeting when he said "Who Cares?" after a motion was made. He feels that he undermines the council and that the Mayor should not take things personal, however, over time he has taken liberty with some things that he should not have.

Council Member Owsinek agreed with Council Member Robertson and made reference to when the Mayor called himself the Chief Executive of the City. Council Member Owsinek does not feel that Mayor Roberts should serve on the Downtown Development Authority any longer.

CM 04-17-13 REMOVE MAYOR ROBERTS FROM THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND HAVE THE CITY MANAGER SERVE IN HIS PLACE

Motion by Owsinek, There was no second. The motion FAILED.

Council Member Ambrose apologized for missing the Egg Hunt and he thanked everyone who made it a success and for allowing the DDA to be a part of the event this year.

Council Member Yezbick noted that the Egg Hunt was by far the best they have ever had and he believed the collaboration was a great thing and he thanked the DDA for their participation.

Mayor Pro Tem Ackley agreed that collaboration and cooperation of the groups will make the city events more successful. She also spoke of her disapproval with the Mayors' behavior at the last meeting. It puts a bad light on the Council and he needs to refrain from that behavior.

Mayor Roberts gave special recognition to those affected by the Boston Marathon bombing and will keep all in his prayers.

CM 04-18-13 BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To authorize the Treasurer to make disbursements and transfers on Warrant #7-2013 in the amount of \$511,589.17 this being in the best interest of the City.

The meeting recessed at 8:51 p.m. Council entered into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. and ended this session at 9:20 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Tamara Williams, Deputy Clerk



William T. Roberts, Mayor