



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 21, 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.

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

ABSENT: None

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, Deputy Treasurer Stuart, DPW Coordinator McGill and Deputy Clerk Williams

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Roberts noted that the minutes from the April 20, 2013 Budget Meeting should be amended to include a motion to excuse Council Member Yezbick from the meeting and to add that Fire Marshall Coomer was present at the meeting.

CM 05-16-13 APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 20, 2013 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the April 20, 2013 Special Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

CM 05-17-13 APPROVAL OF THE MAY 7, 2013 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the May 7, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

CM 05-18-13 APPROVAL OF THE MAY 11, 2013 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Yezbick, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the May 11, 2013 Special Council Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Roberts also noted that the minutes from the May 14, 2013 Budget Meeting should be amended to reflect that Finance Director Coogan presented the entire proposed fiscal year 2014 budget to the City Council.

**CM 05-19-13 APPROVAL OF THE MAY 14, 2013 SPECIAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Yezbick, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the May 14, 2013 Special Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

1. Donnell Reed, representative of the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters and the Michigan Association of Public Employees, my purpose here tonight is to address some misinformation that I believe has been distributed to you by Mr. Whitt as to how negotiations is or is not going with the Firefighters and the DPW and Clerical. What I have with me today, if you would like a copy of, is all the communications I have sent to Mr. Whitt in order to get him and his negotiation team to the table that has went unanswered. The union has been forced to file two unfair labor charges against the municipality because Mr. Whitt refuses to come to the negotiation table. When we did come to the table, one time and one time only we made a proposal of status quo agreeing to the health care change that the City was seeking, but at that meeting, we informed Mr. Whitt that we know the City is in financial turmoil, we know there is an issue. We are willing to sit down and negotiate how we as the union can help the City address this financial problem. The only thing we asked is that the City comes back with a plan and lets us know what they're seeking. As of this date, no such meeting, no such information has been given to the union. I understand he has stated that we have taken a strong position that we will not move. That is not true. We have not been given an opportunity to take a strong position due to Mr. Whitt's refusal to come to the table. I ask you to please have Mr. Whitt and his negotiation team return to the table so that we may negotiate a fair and equitable contract not only for the employees but also for the City as well as to address the financial problem that this City if facing. If you would like a copy of the documentations of all the emails and letters that were sent to Mr. Whitt, I do have a copy for everyone here with me today. Thank you.
2. Steve Leach, 1872 Greenmeadow, stated that he spoke at the last meeting on ways to keep the four full-time firefighters and to reduce the \$10 million deficit that the City is facing. Since that time he has met with City Manager Whitt, Council Member Sturgeon, and Mr. Donnell Reed of the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters. He is confused regarding the misinformation and wants to know what we can do. He does not understand the \$10 million deficit and wants to meet with the entire Board. He stated that he has been speaking to members of the community and it is shocking how many of them didn't know about this. He wants to know how contracting with the West Bloomfield Fire Department will fix the problems and wants a breakdown of the numbers on how the

union can work with the City to keep the full-time staff and what cuts will need to be made. He is trying to be a part of this and would like some answers.

3. Dena Potter, 1856 Meadow Ridge, would also like to know the answers to the questions that Mr. Leach proposed. She stated that she works for a municipality and many have underfunded pension plans but wants to know why the City of Walled Lake only has a 38% funded pension. She doesn't think that any pension could be 100% funded without laying off of all City staff. She noted that the City Manager was given a substantial raise and she wants that to be justified and thinks that \$25,000 was a lot.

Council Member Robertson explained that the City Manager is doing the job of the Clerk, Treasurer, City Manager, DPW Director and the DDA Director for the same money and the small raise he got was justified.

Ms. Potter said that many who work in municipal government haven't gotten a \$25,000 raise. We haven't gotten a 2% raise. She wants to know why our pension is so extremely low.

4. Maryann Clifton, 1171 Delta, has been a resident for many years and feels that tonight is a sad tonight. She is angry and disappointed with everyone who sits on the Council and she is angry with herself that she voted for them. She feels that they are giving away the backbone of our community. She feels that her taxes should be paying for the services of a full-time firefighter. She noted that the citizens voted them in to move the community forward and she feels that all they are doing is going backward.
5. Valerie Kemp, 182 Angola, is so excited for the next agenda item because there is a cloud of doom over the City and she thinks that this next presentation will be a good opportunity for the city.
6. Sean Clouser, owner of the Corner Carhop, would like to see if the City will consider rezoning them as a part of the DDA district. He stated that his business is a landmark of the city and would like them to consider this.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

1. Presentation by Laurie French, City of Brighton, Michigan

Lauri French, Deputy Director of Community Development, Planning and Zoning for the City of Brighton. She was accompanied by Matt Modrack, Executive Director of the DDA and the Community Development and Planning Director. They are presenting a brief overview and community perspective on redevelopment liquor licenses for the council's consideration. They are here by the invitation of the Walled Lake DDA and Valerie Kemp. The City of Brighton feels that the redevelopment liquor licenses have brought new opportunities and attracted businesses to their downtown area and they presented on how this worked for them and how it can be a benefit to the City of Walled Lake if they choose to pursue this endeavor.

2. Banner Request for June 10-17, 2013 for the Drew Crew Golf Outing

CM 05-20-13 APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST FOR JUNE 10-17, 2013 FOR THE DREW CREW GOLF OUTING

Motion by Yezbick, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the banner request for June 10-17, 2013 for the Drew Crew Golf Outing.

3. Banner Request for June 17-22, 2013 for the Walled Lake Civic Fund Fireworks Show

CM 05-21-13 APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST FOR JUNE 17-22, 2013 FOR THE WALLED LAKE CIVIC FUND FIREWORKS SHOW

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the banner request for June 17-22, 2013 for the Walled Lake Civic Fund Fireworks Show.

4. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Report on Labor Negotiations for Police

CM 05-22-13 APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REPORT ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR POLICE

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request to enter into Executive Session to report on labor negotiations for Police.

Roll Call Vote:

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

5. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Report on Labor Negotiations for Fire

CM 05-23-13 APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REPORT ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR FIRE

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request to enter into Executive Session to report on labor negotiations for Fire.

Roll Call Vote:

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

6. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Report on Labor Negotiations for Public Works

CM 05-24-13 APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REPORT ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request to enter into Executive Session to report on labor negotiations for Public Works.

Roll Call Vote:

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

7. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Report on Labor Negotiations for Clerical

CM 05-25-13 APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REPORT ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR CLERICAL

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request to enter into Executive Session to report on labor negotiations for Clerical.

Roll Call Vote:

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

8. Request to Enter into Executive Session to Discuss Employee Contract Negotiations

CM 05-26-13 APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMPLOYEE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the request to enter into Executive Session to Discuss Employee Contract Negotiations.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Roberts encourage everyone to support the DDA Bill Compton 5k on Sunday, May 26, 2013 and the Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2013. He also wished everyone a safe Memorial Day weekend.

COUNCIL REPORT: None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

CM 05-27-13 MOTION TO RECEIVE DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICAL REPORTS

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

City Manager Whitt asked that DPW Coordinator McGill update the Council on the status of a few projects.

DPW Coordinator McGill informed Council that the work on the meter pit is nearly completed and will not require shutting-off the water again. Also, the Foster Farmhouse is set for water tap on May 28, 2013. Also, the Decker Road bids were higher than expected and were just released so a pre-construction meeting will happen soon and plan to start work after school is out for the summer.

City Manager Whitt also informed Council that there was an arrest at City Hall last week due to a public disturbance. This individual was threatening the City staff and was later committed for a psychotic episode. Police Chief Shakinis will be doing a safety survey of the facility.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Vanerian reported that pursuant to the Council's direction, paperwork was filed in response to the unfair labor practice filed against the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 2013-12 for Summer 2013 Millage Request and Tax Levy

CM 05-28-13 APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-13 FOR SUMMER 2013 MILLAGE REQUEST AND TAX LEVY

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2013-13 for summer 2013 Millage Request and Tax Levy.

2. Resolution 2013-13 Asserting the Right of the City Council to Approve the Master Plan

CM 05-29-13 APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-13 ASSERTING THE RIGHT OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE MASTER PLAN

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2013-13 asserting the right of the City Council to approve the Master Plan.

Council Member Robertson thought this would be a good time to pass the Master Plan back to the Planning Commission to begin the community review period and public hearing.

CM 05-30-13 RETURN THE MASTER PLAN REVISIONS BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To return the Master Plan Revisions back to the Planning Commission for community review and public hearing procedures.

3. Resolution 2013-14 approving the Contract with Independent Auditor, Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka for 2014, 2015 and 2016.

CM 05-31-13 APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-14 APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR, PFEFFER, HANNIFORD AND PALKA FOR 2014, 2015 AND 2016

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2013-14 approving the contract with Independent Auditor, Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka for 2014, 2015 and 2016.

4. Resolution 2013-15 for Tax Administrative Fees

CM 05-32-13 APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-15 FOR TAX ADMINISTRATIVE FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF 1 PERCENT ON ALL PROPERTY TAXES AND 1 PERCENT PLUS FOUR PERCENT FOR ALL PAYMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE DUE DATE OF EACH TAX LEVY

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2013-15 for Tax Administrative Fees in the amount of 1 percent on all property taxes and 1 percent plus four percent for all payments received after the due date of each tax levy.

5. Resolution 2013-16 Transfer of Delinquent Water and Sewer to Summer Tax Rolls

**CM 05-33-13 APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-16 TO TRANSFER DELINQUENT
WATER AND SEWER TO THE SUMMER TAX ROLLS**

Motion by Sturgeon, seconded by Ackley, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2013-16 to transfer delinquent water and sewer to the summer tax rolls.

6. Resolution 2013-17 Bond Authorizing Issuance

**CM 05-34-13 APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-17 BOND AUTHORIZING
ISSUANCE TO REFINANCE THE CURRENT CITY BONDS**

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution 2013-17 Bond authorizing issuance to refinance the current City bonds.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

1. Valerie Kemp, spoke regarding the redevelopment for more liquor licenses and thought it would be a benefit to the city. She stated that 55% of the license fees come back to the City for Police services and a percentage back to the city monthly from liquor sales. Brighton saw \$18 million in new and redevelopment in five years and this increased and attracted new and current businesses. Surrounding communities do not have a thriving downtown district and this would be a great opportunity for Walled Lake.
2. Dalphine Hall, thanked Valerie Kemp for her efforts with the DDA and bringing new ideas to the City of Walled Lake like the DIA inside/outside program.
3. Dita Clouser, owner of the Corner Carhop, supports the redevelopment proposal would love to be one of the businesses to get a liquor license if Walled Lake did this redevelopment. She is a new business owner and is excited about Walled Lake and she loves this city and wants improvements for all of us.
4. Sue Boydnoff, owner of Below the Bridge and Above, she is in support of the redevelopment liquor license and she loves the City of Walled Lake.
5. Todd McQuade, 7110 Walnut Lake, gave an update on the 6th Annual Walled Lake Thunder races. He expects over 70 boats and thanked the Council and the City for their support of this event.
6. Frank Brown, 428 Gamma, stated that Walled Lake is a great city and he has been here a long time and raised his family here. He appreciates the service here from the Police and Fire. He told a story of when Police Chief Shakinis caught the kids who blew up his mailbox in the middle of the night. He also spoke in support of the redevelopment district and noted what an improvement it was to the City of Brighton's downtown.
7. Fire Chief VanSparrentak recognized the passing of long-time Police Officer and Fire Inspector, Floyd Wiseley. The Fire Department will be leading the procession from Lynch and Sons to Oakland Hills in Novi.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Ambrose thanked all of the volunteers and business owners who work tirelessly to make Walled Lake a better place. He knows it is difficult at times, but it is appreciated and it is because of people like them that the City will get better.

Council Member Yezbick asked everyone to come out and support the Memorial Day Parade and commended the Parks and Recreation Commission on all of their efforts to make it a great event.

Council Member Ackley wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day and noted that she will be out of town for the parade. She also thanked Valerie Kemp and the people from Brighton. It is because of everyone's help that makes this city great and thanked them for their time and effort.

Mayor Roberts requested the permission of the City Council to sign the Certificates of Appreciation for the Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshalls.

**CM 05-35-13 APPROVE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE MEMORIAL DAY
PARADE CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR THE
GRAND MARSHALLS**

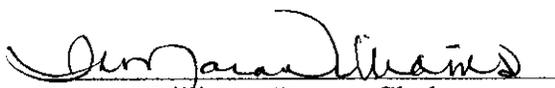
Motion by Ackley, Seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Mayor to sign the Memorial Day Parade certificates of appreciation for the Grand Marshalls.

CM 05-36-13 BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Ackley, seconded by Owsinek, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To authorize the Treasurer to make disbursements and transfers on Warrant #9-2013 in the amount of \$202,799.17 this being in the best interest of the City.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 p.m. Council entered into Executive Session at 10:05 p.m. and ended this session at 10:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 p.m.


Tamara Williams, Deputy Clerk


William T. Roberts, Mayor