CITY OF WALLED LAKE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Tuesday, September 8, 2026

The Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by DDA Chairman Blair

ROLL CALL: Blair, Fernandes, Gunther, Johnston, Langan M, Langan T, Lublin, McDonald, O'Leary

ABSENT: Marshall, McDonald

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Whitt, Fire Chief Gonzalez, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Finance Director Pesta

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

DDA 09-01-26 **MOTION TO EXCUSE DDA BOARD MEMBERS MARSHALL, MCDONALD FROM TODAY'S MEETING**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Langan M: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse DDA Board Members Marshall, McDonald from today's meeting.

REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. **Regular DDA Meeting of August 11, 2026**

DDA 09-02-26 **APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2026 MEETING**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Langan M: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the meeting minutes of August 11, 2026.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION : None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Downtown Update

DDA Executive Director Whitt said there is no update on the downtown development and hopes to have good news at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. WLCF – Fireworks 2027 proposal

DDA Board Member Johnston said the quote for fireworks next year is $35,000. DDA Board Member Johnston went through the budget. DDA Board Member Johnston said the civic fund wants to provide more kid activities and water activities for the families.

DDA Chairman Blair asked what the civic fund is looking for next year from the DDA.

DDA Board Member Johnston said $35,000 will cover the cost for the fireworks and the civic fund already provided the company with the down payment for next year.

DDA 09-03-26 MOTION TO PROVIDE THE WALLED LAKE CIVIC FUND $35,000 FOR 2027 FIREWORKS

Motion by Langan M, seconded by Lublin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To provide the Walled Lake Civic Fund $35,000 for the 2027 fireworks.

2. Proposed Amendment to Parks & Recreation Ordinance

DDA Executive Director Whitt said this is about the unhoused people coming to the beach and parks. Mr. Whitt said the prosecutor released Mr. Hook, and he left the housing arrangements provided to him and came back to the beach. Mr. Whitt said this ordinance improves the rules a little bit, but the police know the law and when to take action. Executive Director Whitt said he will put a sign up on the DDA property, so people are aware of the new ordinance.

Mayor Gunther said what kind of sign is going to go up on the DDA property.

Executive Director Whitt stated that he would research the applicable law and determine the appropriate language for the sign required under the new ordinance. He also suggested including the beach's hours of operation on the signage.

* *DDA Board Member Fernandes arrived 4:25p.m.*

DDA 09-04-26 MOTION TO SUPPORT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Langan M: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To support the amendments to the parks and recreation ordinance.

3. Trunk or Treat

DDA Board Member Johnston said he has participated every year since the trunk or treat started. Mr. Johnston said the Walled Lake Civic Fund is a co-sponsor for the trunk or treat this year. Mr. Johnston said this event is great and popular but understand that some do not like the location. DDA Board Member Johnston asked if the DDA will participate with the trunk or treat and supply the petting zoo again.

DDA Board Member Langan T asked does the trunk or treat have to be on this particular parking lot. Langan T said he consider having the trunk or treat at their parking lot as there is more space and less roads needing to be closed.

DDA Executive Director Whitt explained the trunk or treat has never been a city event. Executive Director Whitt said city council supported the trunk or treat and the DDA provided in-kind contributions with police and fire services. Executive Director Whitt said the trunk or treat was not an even that we developed by the city or an event the city sponsored.

DDA Board Member Langan T said he would not come to the city asking for money or services if he was hosting an event. Langan T said there is nothing wrong with the business putting on an event but not in favor of the DDA providing in-kind contribution to this event.

DDA 09-05-26 MOTION TO PASS ON PROVIDING ANY IN-KIND DONATIONS TO ANY TRUNK OR TREATS EVENT

Motion by Langan T, seconded by Langan M: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To pass on providing any in-kind donation to any trunk or treats event.

EXECUTIVE & MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT:

1. Public Safety Activity Report

None

WARRANT REPORT:

1. August 2026

DDA 09-06-26 APPROVAL TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WARRANT FOR AUGUST 2026

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Langan T: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive and file the warrant for August 2026.

ADJOURNMENT:

DDA 09-07-26 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Gunther: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 4:37 P.M.

Chelsea Pesta
DDA Managing Director

Steve Blair
DDA Chairman