



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023
7:30 P.M.**

City Clerk Stuart welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled April City Council meeting. Ms. Stuart introduced City Officials: City Attorney Vanerian, City Manager Whitt, Assistant City Manager Jaquays, Finance Director Pesta, HR Administrator/Deputy Clerk Gross, Assistant to the City Manager Schrader, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Fire Chief Coomer, Police Chief Shakinas, Deputy Police Chief Kolke, DDA Board Member Millen, DDA Board Member Johnston, and special guest State Senator Rosemary Bayer.

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

PLEDGE TO FLAG & INVOCATION

Invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Lublin.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ackley, Mayor Pro Tem Lublin, Council Member Ambrose, Council Member Fernandes, Council Member Owsinek, and Council Member Woods

CM 04-01-23 MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER LOCH FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Fernandes, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To excuse Council Member Loch from tonight's meeting.

REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Ackley requested to move new business #2 prior to the presentation.

Council Member Woods requested to add a resolution for the Oakland County Parks and Recreation grant. Mayor Ackley added as new business #5.

Council Member Ambrose requested to substitute resolution 2023-11 to include the names of the individuals in attendance from Walled Lake Central's High School National Art Honor Society at the spring egg hunt.

*Council Member Loch arrived.

CM 04-02-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL WELCOMING DIRECTOR JEFF THOMAKOS AND 'THE INSPIRED ACTING COMPANY' TO

**THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE AND EMBRACING THEM AS
WALLED LAKE'S COMMUNITY THEATRE**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Fernandes, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-12 a resolution of the City Council welcoming Director Jeff Thomakos and 'The Inspired Acting Company to the City of Walled Lake and embracing them as Walled Lake's Community Theatre.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

Director Jeff Thomakos thanked the City Council and said he feels very welcomed here in Walled Lake. Mr. Thomakos said his theatre will be a great benefit to this community and to western Oakland County. Mr. Thomakos invited all to the upcoming play, Private Lives.

PRESENTATION

1. Clean Water State Revolving Fund provided by Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.

Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., Manager-Civil Department Ms. Fatemeh Babakhani provided the council with a presentation of the Sanitary Disposal System Rehabilitation Program for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Ms. Babakhani explained the overview, what opportunities the city will have, and the scope of the project.

Council Member Fernandes asked for the definition of the overburdened community.

Ms. Babakhani explained the median annual household income (MAHI) in Walled Lake does not exceed 100 percent of the MAHI for the state of Michigan.

Council Member Owsinek asked how the residents will be noticed and affected while their area of the pipe is addressed.

Drew Sandahl with Oakland County Water Resources Commission (WRC) explained the residents will have notice and will be urged to hold back in using sanitary sewer for a certain period of time and then WRC will come back to that specific location and cut in their lead to the home. Ms. Sandahl explained it is not a complete stop in usage and further information will be provided when the selected design has been decided upon.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin explained the assessment for this work is a loan, not a grant program, and asked if this is something the city's general fund will pay.

Mr. Sandahl explained there is no pass-through to the residents, it is a debt service and will use the capital reserves for the payment of cost. Mr. Sandahl explained the principal forgiveness opportunity will be pursued.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on the proposed Clean Water State Revolving Fund for Wastewater System Improvement Project

Open Public Hearing 8:01 p.m.

No audience participation.

Close Public Hearing 8:02 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

State Senator Rosemary Bayer introduced herself, she is the new state senator for district 13 which includes Walled Lake. Senator Bayer invited people to attend her open forum coffee hours and sign up for the email listserv and mailing list. Senator Bayer explained she is now involved with Walled Lake since the redistricting. Senator Bayer explained she is happy to report the repeal of the pension tax, earned income tax credit raised to 30%, civil rights amendments, and repealed legislation on birth control. Senator Bayer said they also passed the firearm safety legislation, "Safe Storage". Senator Bayer said the passing of a State Revenue Sharing Trust fund was created to help municipalities. Senator Bayer provided her contact phone number 517 373 2417 and a web page at www.senatorbayer.com.

Lori Farida the owner of the Dairy Queen, 551 N Pontiac Trail said the Memorial Day parade route should be returned to the old route. Ms. Farida said she feels the change of route has an extreme impact on her business and Barrels of Wine. Ms. Farida opined she has been with the Dairy Queen for fifteen years and the parade route has always come past her business. Ms. Farida explained there are sidewalks in front of her business, there is adequate parking, restrooms, air conditioning, and ice cream. Ms. Farida said the Dairy Queen is a destination and she is a proud business owner in Walled Lake and would appreciate the route being changed back to the prior route.

Mayor Ackley explained discussions were held on changing the route, however, it is too late to change now for this parade, as applications and setup have already been mailed and created.

Eddie Hesano, 136 E Walled Lake Drive said he agrees with Mayor Ackley, the old route is better, the veteran's monument is downtown, people like to sit along the beach, and he is receiving many messages asking why it has changed.

Amanda Mercer, whose address was not provided, said she has heard that discussions were had about changing EV Mercer Beach to another name. Ms. Mercer said she and her family would

like to keep it Mercer Beach. Ms. Mercer asked what stipulations were placed when the beach was named Mercer Beach. Ms. Mercer said this name is a part of her history, it has been there for decades, and it is memorabilia to her of her great-grandfather.

Mayor Ackley explained nothing is being decided. Mayor Ackley explained if it were to be decided upon, the decision would be up to the council.

Mark Mercer, whose address was not provided, said he is the grandson of Mr. Mercer, whom the beach was named after. Mr. Mercer said his grandfather's wife donated this beach to Walled Lake with the stipulation that the name stays the same. Mr. Mercer said he would appreciate no changes to the name.

Chris Conklin, Corrigan Oil, said he is asking about the installation of an above-ground storage tank at Barrels of Wine. Mr. Conklin said they had the tank delivered. Mr. Conklin said a tank under 1,100 gallons does not have to have a plan reviewed by the state. Mr. Conklin said they do not have a review or permit from EGLE and they need to work with LARA.

Mayor Ackley said her understanding is the tank is not allowed in the historical district. Mayor Ackley said this has to be done properly, we have to protect the citizens, businesses, and the lake.

Jason Levy, Novi resident, explained he has lived in Novi for 20 years and gas dumps into the lake. Mr. Levy said Barrels of Wine wants the pump, he has invested in this business with remodeling inside and out. Mr. Levy opined a fuel pump will be safe for everyone, it's a nice amenity, and it needs to be done in the proper way.

Eddie Hasano said this is a need by the community and people and he purchased the tank, this is a big need of the community. Mr. Hesano said he will contact the city attorney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting of March 21, 2023

CM 04-03-23 MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2023

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Ambrose, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve regular council meeting minutes of March 21, 2023.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Ambrose said he did attend the annual egg hunt, it was a great turnout, the city staff did a tremendous job. Council Member Ambrose said there was a petting zoo, face painting, magic show, and bounce house, people thoroughly enjoyed it.

Council Member Woods said DDA Board Member Johnston is in attendance this evening.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports

- a. Police
 - b. Fire
 - c. Code Enforcement
 - d. Finance
- Warrant

CM 04-04-23 MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE DEPARTMENTAL / DIVISIONAL STATISTICAL REPORTS

Motion by Loch, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To receive and file the departmental/divisional statistical reports.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

City Manager Whitt explained in all his time here with the city, the past weekend was the first time he had seen an airplane that was illegally parked at the beach.

Police Chief Shakinis explained there was an illegally parked airplane at the beach, with no correspondence of how or why this occurred. Police Chief Shakinis explained Code Enforcement was assigned to investigate and it was reported to him that there was an issue with the plane, it may have sunk in some way, and they relocated it to the beach. Police Chief Shakinis said if the plane was not removed by today, the owner will be cited.

Assistant City Manager Jaquays said the Farmers' Market opens May 3rd, there was a time adjustment, and the event time is now open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ms. Jaquays said the vendor application is available on the city's website and hard copy in the city hall lobby. Ms. Jaquays said there will be food trucks and live entertainment scheduled. Ms. Jaquays said we are looking forward to welcoming trail members from the Michigan Airline Trailway now as they will be able to access the public safety campus from the new pedestrian bridge.

City Manager Whitt said city intern Kaylee Hall was promoted to Market Manager, she will get to put her spin on the market. City Manager Whitt explained Ms. Hall just finished the police academy and will be sworn in at the next meeting. City Manager Whitt explained the city will be making the application for relief on the city pension fund through the Protecting MI Pension Grant Program. City Manager Whitt explained Mr. Schrader and Mrs. Pesta are packaging up the application documents. City Manager Whitt said he would like to congratulate the business owner and DDA Board Member Mr. Millen on being voted the best provisioning center in Oakland County.

Mr. Millen said thank you and invited all to attend the Lakes Area Chamber Friday Coffee Hour this Friday at the Greenhouse of Walled Lake.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Vanerian explained a ruling was made in regard to marijuana facilities, the courts upheld that municipalities have authority over the applications. City Attorney Vanerian said an ordinance amendment will be forthcoming.

City Manager Whitt said the city attorney has won every single legal challenge the city has faced, even with the cartel.

Council Member Ambrose asked for an update on the demolition of the water tower.

City Attorney Vanerian said Mr. Leith has been the lead on this, the asbestos has been removed, and the application for demolition was made.

City Manager Whitt said the demolition permit was issued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Ambrose said he would like to substitute this resolution to include the names of students that participated and have the resolution read into the record.

City Manager Whitt explained the council will need to vote on the main motion to have a discussion, then make a motion to substitute and vote, and then vote on the main motion.

- 1. Proposed Resolution 2023-11 Providing Recognition and Appreciation to Walled Lake Central (WLC) High School Art Instructor Ms. Ashley Koenig and WLC National Art Honor Society (NAHS) Students**

CM 04-05-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL PROVIDING RECOGNITION AND

**EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO ART INSTRUCTOR
MS. ASHLEY KOENIG AND WALLED LAKE CENTRAL'S
NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY (NAHS) FOR THEIR
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE AT THE CITY OF
WALLED LAKE'S ANNUAL SPRING EGG HUNT ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Owsinek,

Council Member Ambrose requested to substitute resolution to include the names of the Walled Lake Central Students that participated.

**CM 04-06-23 MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 2023-11 A
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL PROVIDING
RECOGNITION AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO ART
INSTRUCTOR MS. ASHLEY KOENIG AND WALLED LAKE
CENTRAL'S NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY (NAHS) FOR
THEIR SERVICE TO THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE AT THE
CITY OF WALLED LAKE'S ANNUAL SPRING EGG HUNT ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023 TO INCLUDE THE NAMES OF
STUDENTS THAT PARTICIPATED**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To substitute resolution 2023-11 a resolution of the City Council providing recognition and expressing appreciation to Art Instructor Ms. Ashley Koenig and Walled Lake Central's National Art Honor Society (NAHS) for their service to the City of Walled Lake at the City of Walled Lake's Annual Spring Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023 to include the names of the students that participated.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

Main Motion

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-11 a resolution of the City Council providing recognition and expressing appreciation to Art Instructor Ms. Ashley Koenig and Walled Lake Central's National Art Honor Society (NAHS) for their service to the City of Walled Lake at the City of Walled Lake's Annual Spring Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Owsinek, Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Woods, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

City Clerk Stuart read the resolution into the record.

*STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CITY OF WALLED LAKE*

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL PROVIDING RECOGNITION AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO ART INSTRUCTOR MS. ASHLEY KOENIG AND WALLED LAKE CENTRAL'S NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY (NAHS) FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE AT THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE'S ANNUAL SPRING EGG HUNT ON SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2023

RESOLUTION 2023-11

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Walled Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, held on the 18th day of April 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

WHEREAS, the City of Walled Lake held its annual Spring Egg Hunt on April 8, 2023 at Hiram Sims Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walled Lake encourages and supports students in their extracurricular activities and public engagement at City Events; and

WHEREAS, the Walled Lake Central High School's National Art Honor Society (NAHS) held their event in conjunction with the City of Walled Lake's Spring Egg Hunt; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ashley Koenig, a Walled Lake Northern Graduate, a College for Creative Studies Graduate, and Art Instructor at Walled Lake Central High School, who has supported 9th through 12th grade students in their creative work through various courses including AP Art, Photo, Art in Design, Graphic Design and Painting, and has supported students in their extracurricular activities through her leadership with the NAHS; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ashley Koenig and students of the NAHS at Walled Lake Central High School hosted their event and contributed to the success

of the Walled Lake Spring Egg Hunt by providing entertainment, crafts, and art activities for attendees.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Walled Lake, County of Oakland, State of Michigan that:

Section 1. The City of Walled Lake recognizes and expresses sincere gratitude and appreciation to Instructor Ashley Koenig and the students of Walled Lake Central High School's NAHS for their service to the City of Walled Lake Parks and Recreation and the citizens and public participants at the Spring Egg Hunt.

*Section 2. The City of Walled Lake recognizes and expresses sincere gratitude and appreciation to Walled Lake Central NAHS students: **Donovin Bashi, Katrina Heinz, Luke Hocher, Julianna Raines, Lulu Weglarz, and Lori Whitt** for their service to the City of Walled Lake Parks and Recreation and the citizens and public participants at the Spring Egg Hunt.*

Section 3. Each participating Walled Lake Central NAHS student shall receive from the Mayor of the City of Walled Lake, a certificate of appreciation recognizing their contributions to the City of Walled Lake.

2. Proposed Resolution 2023-12 Announcing “The Inspired Acting Company” as Walled Lake’s Community Theatre

Addressed early in the meeting.

3. Proposed Resolution 2023-13 Adoption of Final Project Planning document for wastewater system improvements and designating an authorized project representative

CM 04-07-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-13 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL PROJECT PLANNING DOCUMENT FOR WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-13 a resolution adopting a Final Project Planning document for wastewater system improvements and designating an authorized project representative.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Ambrose, Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

4. Second Reading C-366-23 Amendment to Chapter 34 Environment, Article V Illicit Storm Water Discharges

CM 04-08-23 MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING C-366-23 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 "ENVIRONMENT", OF THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE CODE OF ORDINANCES ARTICLE V "ILLICIT STORMWATER DISCHARGES" TO ADOPT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STANDARDS AND REGULATE ILLICIT DISCHARGES INTO THE CITY'S STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM

Motion by Woods, seconded by Loch, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve second reading C-366-23 an ordinance to amend Chapter 34 "Environment", of the City of Walled Lake Code of Ordinances Article V "Illicit Storm Water Discharges" to adopt stormwater management standards and regulate discharges into the city's stormwater drainage system.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Fernandes, Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

5. Proposed Resolution 2023-14 A resolution authorizing the submission of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation (OCPR) Grant

CM 04-09-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION (OCPR) GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED PICKLEBALL COURTS AT RILEY PARK

Motion by Woods, seconded by Ambrose, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-14 a resolution of the City Council authorizing the submission of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation (OCPR) Grant Program application for the proposed pickleball courts at Riley Park.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) Loch, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Ackley
Nays (0)
Absent (0)
Abstain (0)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Fernandes said the Drug Take Back event is on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Walled Lake Police Department. Council Member Fernandes said thank you to the staff and to all those who helped with the egg hunt.

Council Member Woods said he echoed the congratulations to the staff and everyone who helped, there is a lot to do before, during, and after events. Council Member Woods welcomed a new business, Walled Lakes Do It Best Hardware, it's a great new local store. Council Member Woods said Stonecrest is hosting a spring clean-up this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Council Ambrose said he echo's the thank you to all those that helped with the egg hunt. Council Member Ambrose said he would like to see more of the Parks and Recreation Members assisting in events, little disappointing on that part. Council Member Ambrose said the support of local businesses is important, Walled Lake's Do It Best Hardware let's make sure they stick around.

City Manager Whitt thanked every council member for supporting the Egg Hunt, they were all present and helped with everything. City Manager Whitt thanked the staff. City Manager Whitt said the next budget workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd.

Council Member Loch said thank you to the staff, and it was not that long-ago events were not able to occur, the community has noticed the current staff the city events have gotten better and better every year.

Council Member Owsinek said thank you to city staff and reminded everyone May 3rd is the opening day of the Farmers' Market.

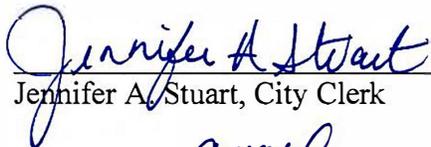
Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said he is very happy with WRC and is excited to see we are going to do this project.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ackley thanked the staff and everyone for their participation in the egg hunt.

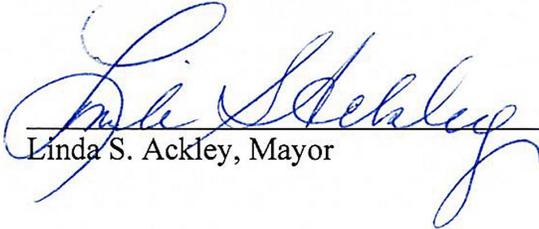
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.



Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk

*approved
5/16/23*



Linda S. Ackley, Mayor