

# CITY OF WALLED LAKE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 7:30 p.m.

Confidential Assistant Ms. Hana Jaquays welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled January City Council meeting. Ms. Jaquays introduced City Officials; City Attorney Vanerian, City Clerk Stuart, Finance Director Pesta, Deputy Clerk Gross, Assistant to City Manager Mr. Schrader, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Consultant Ortega City Planner, Fire Marshal Gonzalez, and Police Chief Shakinas.

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 Lublin,

Council Member Owsinek, and Council Member Woods

Council Member Fernandes attending via electronic means from Walled Lake, Michigan.

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

OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Whitt, Confidential Assistant Jaquays, Finance Director Pesta, Assistant to City Manager Schrader, Police Chief Shakinas, Fire Marshal Gonzalez, DPW Superintendent Ladd, City Attorney Vanerian, Consultant City Planner Ortega, Deputy Clerk

Gross, and City Clerk Stuart

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

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

#### **PRESENTATION**

## 1. Oath of Office administered to Police Officer Michael Shehan

Deputy Clerk Gross provided the ceremonial oath of office to Police Officer Michael Shehan.

# 2. Auditors Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka present the Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2022

City Manager Whitt explained Mr. Pfeffer and his team were present this evening to present the fiscal year-end 2022 audit.

Mr. Pfeffer said he would like to thank the city council for their time this evening. Mr. Pfeffer said the city staff was very helpful in completing the audit in a timely manner. Mr. Pfeffer explained he started working with the city's annual audit just about the time City Manager Whitt began at the city. Mr. Pfeffer explained the city in the beginning was under a large financial strain. Mr. Pfeffer explained since that time the city has made several changes. Mr. Pfeffer explained his audit firm is issuing a modified opinion of the city finances. Mr. Pfeffer said the audit was filed timely with the state of Michigan. Mr. Pfeffer explained there were items he wished to discuss. Mr. Pfeffer said the city has pension debt that is continually paid down while still working to contribute to the city's fund balance. Mr. Pfeffer said a lot of other municipal units have pension legacy costs, however, when City Manager Whitt came to the city he stopped the pension abuse. Mr. Pfeffer explained the city took and continually takes steps to make the city financially stable while continually providing services to the residents. Mr. Pfeffer said new council members may be elected, and it is important to know the financial history of the city. Mr. Pfeffer explained moving the water and sewer maintenance and operations to Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner (WRC), helped decrease the city's huge water loss from 23% to now below 10%. Mr. Pfeffer explained this whole operation has been improved upon and helped to add financial stability to the city. Mr. Pfeffer said the city continues to pay its bonds and the balance remaining is approximately \$200,000. Mr. Pfeffer said it is important to look at these items, this shows a real milestone of what the city has achieved and continues to achieve.

City Manager Whitt said this council voted to stop the bleeding we are doing the work of ten people with only four. City Manager Whitt said he is proud of his team. City Manager Whitt said contracting out to WRC was the best solution, the system is professionally monitored, and deficiencies are addressed immediately and efficiently.

Council Member Ambrose said he echoes City Manager Whitt and we would not be in the position we are in without the men and women who work for the city.

Mayor Ackley said there were a few council meetings in prior years that were not so pleasant to be in attendance at when the financial audit reports were provided. Mayor Ackley said the city has come a long way.

Mr. Pfeffer introduced Mr. Kristin Pfeffer she is one of the main auditors for the firm and she was assigned to the audit of Walled Lake.

City Manager Whitt said Mr. Pfeffer had told him in the very first meetings, the city need to make some heavy adjustments and we did.

\*Council Member Fernandes arrived in person.

# **REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES**

Council Member Fernandes asked for an update on the unapproved Tiki Bar and Boil car show.

Police Chief Shakinas explained communities across the country are dealing with social media flash mobs. Police Chief Shakinas said several cars and five hundred-plus people were there, it was a mess. Police Chief Shakinas said he hopes the city does not have anything like this again. Police Chief Shakinas said the police department charged the manager of the Tiki Bar and Boil with disturbing the peace, and an upcoming hearing is scheduled with the liquor control licensing board regarding their license for other violations. Police Chief Shakinas said this is not something we want here in the city. Police Chief Shakinas said he hopes to have compliance in the future.

City Manager Whitt said the city attorney is handling some of these issues and deferred to him.

City Attorney Vanerian explained misdemeanor charges were issued and cases are still pending, with the next court date at the end of next month. City Attorney Vanerian said the Tiki Bar and Boil claim this event was not their event however they were willing participants in letting the group use their property. City Attorney Vanerian said he will be coming to the council with ordinance amendment requests for permitting requirements on events such as this.

Mayor Ackley requested to add an item under Mayor's Report nomination and appointment to the DDA Board.

#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Attorney David Rudoi said he is here representing Bazonzoes. Attorney Rudoi said it was a pleasure to be here this evening to talk about two issues. Attorney Rudoi said the council passed a first reading for an ordinance that addresses marijuana retail sales in the C-3 district to allow hours to be open until 11 pm. Attorney Rudoi said DDA Board Member Millen had requested to vote this ordinance down. Attorney Rudoi said he is asking the council to consider allowing the C-2 district retail stores to be open until 11 pm and to make it a future agenda item. Attorney Rudoi explained there was a traffic control order to place a no-left turn sign in front of Bazonzoes. Attorney Rudoi said there are other businesses surrounding Bazonzoes such as the Copper Mug, McDonald's, a car wash, etc. Attorney Rudoi said Bazonzoes feels targeted and asked the city to consider making the "no left turn" stipulation only at high traffic times, not all day long. Attorney Rudoi thanked the council for their time.

Denise Mazzie, 521 Winwood – said she has been living in Walled Lake for a long time. Ms. Mazzie said she attended church on Sunday and her pastor had reported he was served with a misdemeanor. Ms. Mazzie said she attends Orchard Grove Church and they wish to paint a message on the water tower, god is love. Ms. Mazzie said what she understands is that the water tower is not safe, and she is not sure if engineering has been done. Ms. Mazzie asked if the water tower was confirmed to be unsafe. Ms. Mazzie said they do not want to use the water tower as a billboard. Ms. Mazzie said she enjoys living in Walled Lake and hopes to continue.

Ruth Cress said she moved from Waterford to Wolverine Lake and also attends Orchard Grove Church. Ms. Cress said she was devastated to hear of the situation with the pastor. Ms. Cress said the church does a lot for this community such as donations, easter egg hunts, and Christmas events, she hopes they can come to a solution in this matter.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting of November 15, 2022

# CM 01-02-23 MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Motion by Woods, seconded by Fernandes, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve regular council meeting minutes of November 15, 2022.

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6)	Fernandes, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Ackley
Nays (0)	
Absent (1)	Loch
Abstain (0)	

#### COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Fernandes said she is on Parks and Recreation Commission and thanked the city staff for putting on the tree lighting, it was a great event. Council Member Fernandes said the commission discussed the new structures at the beach and Riley Park plus the possibility of a pickleball court.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Whitt said he also attended the last Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, the potential site for a pickleball court was inspected and we may be able to do this and asked DPW Superintendent Ladd to provide a report.

DPW Superintendent Ladd said the potential site will be at Sims Park. Mr. Ladd said there are basketball courts and tennis courts that can be resurfaced using the existing asphalt and fencing.

Council Member Ambrose said this is a great strategy, let's see if the community adapts to it.

City Manager Whitt explained it is timely now to discuss these as we are approaching budget work sessions for the fiscal year 2024.

# 1. Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports

a. Police

- b. Fire
- c. Code Enforcement
- d. Finance

-Warrant

# CM 01-03-23 MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE DEPARTMENTAL / DIVISIONAL STATISTICAL REPORTS

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

### Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Ackley Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

2. Budget Work Session Dates for Fiscal Year 2024

Finance Director Pesta said the calendar has proposed dates for upcoming budget work sessions and asked that the council review them.

City Manager Whitt said there does not have to be an absolute decision this evening, but we are getting ready for the budget.

### **CORRESPONDENCE** None

### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

1. Request for Closed Session to Discuss Confidential Attorney-Client Communications regarding an employee personnel matter pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act

CM 01-04-23 MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING AN EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTER PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(A) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Lublin, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve request for closed session to discuss confidential attorney-client communications regarding an employee personnel matter pursuant to section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

### Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6)

Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Ackley

Nays (0)

Absent (1)

Loch

Abstain (0)

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

City Manager Whitt requested new business item #2 be moved up on agenda prior to new business item 1 as that agenda item could be a lengthy discussion.

2. Proposed Resolution 2023-01 Oakland County Designated Assessor Interlocal Agreement

CM 01-05-23

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WALLED LAKE AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATED ASSESSOR FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Owsinek, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-01 a resolution of the City Council of Walled Lake authorizing an interlocal agreement with Oakland County to approve the designated assessor for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2027.

# Discussion

Finance Director Pesta said due to personnel changes, the old assessor retired and the interim was appointed and they now have officially made the appointment of a new full-time designated assessor.

### Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Lublin, Ackley

Nays (0)

Absent (1)

Loch

Abstain (0)

1. Forestbrook Park Walled Lake LLC – Proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Revision to Approved Forestbrook Park Site/Building Plans

Mr. Spencer Schafer explained this is his first large project he had managed and there are a few minor issues being worked through. Mr. Schafer explained his group met with consultant city planner Mr. Ortega and consultant city engineer Mr. Maki on site, even though it was not required, it was extremely helpful.

Mr. Schafer explained the revised landscape plan has been submitted, and it does address the change from a gas-style furnace to heat pumps which are taller. Mr. Schafer explained the city reached out to address the screening of these units. Mr. Schafer explained the revised landscaping plan shows the proposed screening, a white vinyl fence, and greenery. Mr. Schafer said they thought a blend of natural screening, as well as privacy fences, would fully cover and be the most appropriate. Mr. Schafer said they are also asking the council if they could use the current escrows as a bond for the remaining plantings that have to occur yet in the spring so they can have temporary certificates of occupancy. Mr. Schafer explained that due to DTE meter requirements, they had to change locations on some items. Mr. Schafer said they have some minor shifts of plantings, and it is minimal. Mr. Schafer explained city staff raised concerns about the public's view of the HVAC units as they are passing the site. Mr. Schafer said that frankly heat pumps were new to him and they have made some mistakes, but they are trying to be good corporate citizens. Mr. Schafer explained consultant city planner Mr. Ortega's review letter to the council had recommendations of approval on their revised landscaping proposal. Mr. Schafer said they have consulted with the HVAC contractors, and landscaping contractor and they want to get as much landscaping in the ground prior to the weather setting in. Mr. Schafer explained they designed the revised landscaping to meet the requirements of installing the fence, taking into account the growth of the plants, and proper clearance for the HVAC units. Mr. Schafer said they will be placing brackets on the fencing for ease of access to maintain and or replace HVAC units. Mr. Schafer explained the six privacy walls on the balconies have dark blue siding, what was not recognized during the color selection was the position of the building to the sun, with the position of the building, and the sun's reflection off the glass into the privacy walls. Mr. Schafer explained the privacy walls are warping. Mr. Schafer said they are proposing white board and batten on these six walls instead of the blue vinyl siding. Mr. Schafer explained the third item they are requesting is the removal of the requirement to place shutters.

City Planner Ortega said he provided a memo to the council for the requested changes. Mr. Ortega explained Forestbrook is a planned unit development. Mr. Ortega explained a planned unit development is approved by the city council. Mr. Ortega explained the proposed changes were reviewed and he is recommending approval of the screening, and the material change for the privacy wall materials. Mr. Ortega explained the shutters are a subjective opinion.

Council Member Woods asked if there were any other changes to this development.

City Planner Ortega explained the developer opted to come to the city with a planned unit development proposal. Mr. Ortega explained a planned unit development has certain compensations that are permitted with approval. City Planner Ortega explained the city ordinance does require mechanical units to be placed in the rear yard. Mr. Ortega explained the applicant did receive a waiver on this and that they were permitted in the front yard. Mr. Ortega explained the original proposal that was approved was for a traditional ac unit condenser, which

usually sits two feet in height with its base. Mr. Ortega explained the original landscaping plan was deemed sufficient. Mr. Ortega explained some changes were made to place different HVAC units that are higher off the ground.

Mayor Ackley asked when the amendments were requested for these new HVAC units. Mayor Ackley asked why and how these units went in without prior approval. Mayor Ackley said she is not sure why this was done this way, but she is not happy about these tall units. This a drastic change, not happy about it.

City Planner Ortega explained through the construction process, issues obtaining different equipment, and the design of the building had gone through substantial changes when it came to the change from the standard ac condenser unit to the new HVAC unit. Mr. Ortega explained if the request for this change was submitted for approval, the screening would have been addressed at that time and approval granted for larger outside units. Mr. Ortega explained the proposed screening is something that is appropriate for this type of HVAC unit, even though it is after the fact.

Mayor Ackley said the council approved an ac unit condenser; this new HVAC unit is tripled in height.

Mr. Ortega explained these heat pumps are new to Michigan, these units provide heat and cool air to the units, their efficiency is higher, and their effectiveness can vary from application to application, which could be due to Michigan's climate he does not know because he is not an expert. The mounting required is to be higher off the ground, it is a new type of equipment.

Council Member Woods said now with the screening it just makes that corner pop out larger, on top of the elevated heat pump with yet another foot due to electrical connections.

City Planner Ortega explained the proposed screening ensures the equipment functions are being screened in full but also has to allow the units to function properly.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said normally when there is a development the garages and driveways are in the front, this development has the garages in the back. Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said the idea is to get the development to work and the proposed screening does the job of blending these new HVAC units. Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said the buildings look better without the shutters. Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said he would like to see the administration move this forward as they have been doing. Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said City Planner Ortega has reviewed the screening and approved it.

Mayor Ackley said she is not happy with the way this was done; the applicant enlarged the units without approval from the city. Mayor Ackley said she likes the shutters; it is better aesthetics.

Council Member Woods asked if the outside of the building is done according to plan. Spencer Schafer said the trash cans will be placed, as the bike rack, and pet stations.

City Manager Whitt said we need to hear from all of the council and then come back to Mr. Schafer we cannot keep this going back and forth.

Council Member Owsinek said the new HVAC units are high-efficiency heat pumps, they are not the same thing as geothermal, basically it needs to be a bigger unit to be more efficient and asked the applicant why they went with heat pumps.

Mr. Schafer explained the gas furnace would have been three feet tall, the HVAC is an electrical unit that stands four feet tall. Mr. Schafer explained they did not make any changes to the approved plan; they showed ac condensers on the plan in the same locations as the HVAC units. Mr. Schafer explained the buildings are positioned to the front of the site, which then makes the backyard too small, and the units had to be placed in the front.

Council Member Fernandes said she walked the site and thinks it looks really good, a great addition to the community. Council Member Fernandes said she likes that the applicant is offering energy-efficient apartments as this will attract a new crowd to Walled Lake. Council Member Fernandes questioned the process, she is not familiar with it, and she is concerned we are setting a precedent. Council Member Fernandes said she likes the shutters.

Council Member Woods said he reviewed the original site plan, the front of the buildings in the original plan were very appealing to him, and the prior approved signage was for two signs closer to the entry points at Decker Road and Pontiac Trail. Council Member Woods said upon his visit to the site there is another change now and explained there is only a single sign closer to the road edge in the open space. Council Member Woods said there are dumpsters on the site and asked if they were finished on the outside or was there supposed to be a closure of some kind. Council Member Woods said the corner house on Payson, there was a question about the complex lights shining into the home and he sees now a fence there to address that issue and it looks great.

Council Member Ambrose said the property is beautiful and he thanked Mr. Spencer Schafer and Mr. Steve Schafer for bringing it to Walled Lake. Council Member Ambrose said with the new HVAC units, this is troublesome how they came to be, but he agrees with requiring screening. Council Member Ambrose asked if the shutters are removed will they be caulking the open holes? Council Member Ambrose explained these requests do pose a predicament for the council and may set a precedent. Council Member Ambrose said there was an approved PUD agreement with a site plan that included shutters and ac units.

City Manager Whitt explained from the administration's point of view we do not want to create more difficulty, what has been stated this evening, the applicant's work has not met the approved plan. City Manager Whitt said we do not need to discuss why this happened, we are where we are and to move this project forward it should be considered handing this over to the administration if the attorney approves. City Manager Whitt explained city council approved the PUD, and if given back to the administration, these items discussed this evening can be discussed with the administration. City Manager Whitt explained administration is concerned with life safety issues. City Manager Whitt explained the council could vote to move it forward

and give back to the administration or planning commission, however, this option may delay the project. City Manager Whitt said time is money and money is time. City Manager Whitt said the council cannot just vote no tonight and go back to the original PUD. City Manager Whitt explained moving to administration does not mean the administration will approve what the applicant wants. City Manager Whitt explained there are outstanding required inspections, and as-builts are not submitted and or approved. City Manager Whitt said the applicant is not eligible for a certificate of occupancy or temporary certificate of occupancy. City Manager Whitt explained the people who issue the certificate of occupancy will not issue it until the applicant has done what they need to do. City Manager Whitt said the current site does not match what was first approved.

Mayor Ackley said she agrees. Mayor Ackley asked if the council is the only one that can approve a PUD how can they turn it over to the administration. Mayor Ackley said she does not like how these new larger HVAC units were placed without approval.

Attorney Vanerian said the city council approved a site plan, landscape plan, and zoning plan related to the project. Attorney Vanerian explained only the city council can approve the changes. Attorney Vanerian explained under the ordinances, changes cannot be approved administratively. Attorney Vanerian said if the applicant is not in compliance with the approved plans, that will prevent the certificate of occupancy from being issued and that review is under the purview of the building official and city administration reviews. Attorney Vanerian explained the applicant is before the council tonight requesting these changes, so these changes to the PUD will not be an obstacle for the applicant.

Mayor Ackley asked if the council wished to hear anything further from the applicant.

CM 01-06-23

APPROVE CHANGES TO PERMIT THE INSTALLED HVAC UNITS IN THE FRONT YARD AND THE ENHANCED BUFFERING TO INCLUDE LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS AND SCREENING FENCING

Motion by Owsinek, seconded by Fernandes, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, To approve changes to permit the installed HVAC units in the front yard and the enhanced buffering to include landscape plantings and screening fencing.

#### Discussion

Council Member Ambrose said the council does not have a choice at this point placing the bushes and fencing is the best solution with where we are at. Council Member Ambrose said how this came to occur is another problem.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6)

Ambrose, Fernandes, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ackley

Nays (0)

Absent (1)

Loch

Abstain (0)

CM 01-07-23

APPROVE CHANGE IN COLOR SELECTION FOR THE SIX 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR PRIVACY WALL PARTITIONS THAT FACE THE SUN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BALCONY TO THE PROPOSED WHITE BOARD AND BATTEN

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. To approve change in color selection for the six 2nd-floor privacy wall partitions that face the sun in the middle of the balcony to the proposed white board and batten.

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6)

Fernandes, Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Ackley

Nays (0)

Absent (1)

Loch

Abstain (0)

Council Member Ambrose explained he is concerned about the removal of shutters and the holes it will leave; he does not wish to see caulking he would prefer to see the siding replaced.

CM 01-08-23

APPROVE SHUTTER REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING SHUTTERS AND ELIMINATE ALL SHUTTER REQUIREMENTS WITH PROVISION THE SIDING IS REPLACED WHERE EXISTING SHUTTERS ARE TO BE REMOVED

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Fernandes, MOTION CARRIED, To approve shutter removal of the existing shutters and eliminate all shutter requirements with the provision the siding is replaced where existing shutters are to be removed.

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes (5)

Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes

Nays (1)

Ackley

Absent (1)

Loch

Abstain (0)

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said he would like to make a motion to have the administration address any further matters.

City Manager Whitt said City Attorney Vanerian provided the council with a memo regarding amendments and he explained with emphasis city council does not have the authority to approve a certificate of occupancy.

Council Member Ambrose asked about the mentioned escrow. City Manager Whitt said no escrow will be refunded.

City Attorney Vanerian said he thinks the developer understands and explained the applicant is asking for the council to approve amendments to the current plan for modified screening, shutter removal and elimination from the project, and color change to the siding. City Attorney Vanerian explained there is a lot more that needs to be done besides these items there are building code requirements that have to be met and those are separate issues from the items discussed tonight.

Council Member Fernandes said the city has a process, and it needs to be followed.

# 2. Proposed Resolution 2023-01 Oakland County Designated Assessor Interlocal Agreement

Discussed early in meeting.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Owsinek said he hopes everyone had a pleasant holiday.

Council Member Fernandes said thank you to the city staff for the work on the holiday tree lighting ceremony and lighting of the menorah.

Council Member Woods said thank you to the city staff for the work on the tree lighting ceremony it looked phenomenal.

Council Member Ambrose said the tree lighting ceremony was beautiful and brings a lot of people joy. Council Member Ambrose thanked Mr. Ladd and his team and city staff on how well they put themselves forward in the community and Oakland County. Council Member Ambrose congratulated Police Officer Michael Shehan.

Mayor Pro Tem Lublin said the city has completed many wonderful projects last year and he looks forward to new projects.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

# 1. Mayor's nomination and appointment of Ron Johnston to the Downtown Development Authority Board

Mayor Ackley said Ron Johnston is very active in the Walled Lake Civic fund and the Walled lake Civic Fund is very supportive of the city. Mayor Ackley opined Mr. Johnston would be a good addition to the board.

CM 01-09-23

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-02 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION TO FILL A POSITION ON THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY CHARTER, MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Woods, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED: To approve resolution 2023-02 a resolution accepting the Mayor's nomination to fill a position on the Downtown Development Authority Board pursuant to the requirements of the City Charter, making an appointment to the Downtown Development Authority Board for an unexpired term.

#### Discussion

Council Member Ambrose said Mr. Johnston is the perfect person and will do well.

Council Member Fernandes echoed Member Ambrose and said Mr. Johnston has Walled Lake at heart.

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6)	Lublin, Owsinek, Woods, Ambrose, Fernandes, Ackley
Nays (0)	
Absent (1)	Loch
Abstain (0)	

Mayor Ackley said the Christmas Tree lighting was tremendous. Mayor Ackley thanked the DPW, city administration, and city staff that were present to host the event, it was great, thank you.

Council recessed 9:22 p.m.

Council reconvened 9:41 p.m.

Council entered closed session 9:41 p.m.

Council rose from closed session 10:17 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk

Copprared 2/21/23

Linda S. Ackley, Mayor