



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
7:30 P.M.**

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

PLEDGE TO FLAG & INVOCATION

Invocation by Mayor Pro Tem O'Rourke.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gunther, Mayor Pro Tem O'Rourke, Council Member Ambrose, Council Member Arnold, *Council Member Schinzing, and Council Member Woods

OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Whitt, HR Director Sears, Police Chief Shakinas, Deputy Police Chief Kolke, Fire Chief Gonzalez, DPW Superintendent Ladd, City Attorney Vanerian, and City Clerk Stuart

**Attended meeting electronically.*

**CM 09-21-26 MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER LOCH FROM
TONIGHT'S MEETING**

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

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGE

Mayor Gunther requested opportunity to have a closed session to discuss communication problems we have as a team. He said performance reviews may be added regarding administration communications.

City Manager Whitt said if you want a closed session, to discuss his performance he will agree to that.

City Attorney Vanerian said this was acceptable.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Julie Omer - I'm the proud assistant superintendent of business services for Walled Lake. I'm coming here to speak with you in regards to 615 North Pontiac Trail, the property that we have up for sale currently. We strive to be good stewards of the taxpayer's property. So, when property

can no longer serve the students of the district, we look to dispose of it in a timely, responsible, and effective manner. We went through the appropriate process with our board of education to approve the purchase of the property with a responsible bidder. That bidder has come before the City Council in terms of providing plans. It will be a year in October since the developers made their application to the city and no action was ever taken to fully review the proposed plans. It was evident based on conversations between the Planning Commission and City Council that there was no clear vision for the future development of the property that could be communicated to the developer. Our hope is that similar to the school district, as good stewards of the residents' interests, that the city will consider the property, then take their time to consider being good stewards for the residents' interest, then take the time to look at the property and the plans that fit with their vision that they would like the site to look like, and then look to sell the property to a developer who can fulfill that vision. We would respectfully request that you give our broker, Randy Thomas, who's here tonight, a path for further discussions and work out details that can be mutually beneficial for the city, the school district, and the residents of Walled Lake. Thank you.

Council discussed city processes, not knowing the applicant was still in limbo, and site not zoned properly for residential. Direction was provided to instruct City Manager to engage with broker of the school owned property Mr. Randy Thomas.

Mr. Thomas explained sequence of events; application submitted October 2025, then council placed a moratorium, then moratorium was eliminated, builder came in for review but never had review in a true sense. Mr. Thomas explained it seemed a lot of people had different visions; the council as a whole did not have a vision. He said it was worthy of City Manager Whitt to have a discussion with him.

**CM 09-22-26 DIRECT CITY MANAGER TO ENGAGE WITH SELLER'S
BROKER TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT 615 N PONTIAC
TRAIL**

Motion by Gunther, seconded Arnold, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To direct City Manager to engage with seller's broker to have discussions about 615 N. Pontiac Trail.

Further discussion was held on creating a clear city process for applicants and a good package from the Planning Commission updating Council on status of projects.

Phil Routhier 1344 Omega – Behind me is a house on Sparks Lane 464 that burnt down. Is there any chance you can get that torn down.

City Attorney Vanerian explained that the property and related issues are currently pending in court. A Code Enforcement violation was issued due to the extended period of time without significant action at the property. The property is currently boarded up and has become an eyesore and blight concern. He recently appeared in court with the current property owner and representative. Legal issues involving the property and matters with the insurance company delayed the process. At the most recent hearing, it was represented that many of those issues had been resolved and that action on the property should occur in the near future. Attorney Vanerian

advised that the case remains pending and another court date is scheduled. He explained the city has the option to pursue a court-ordered demolition if the property owner or insurance company do not proceed with the demolition. City Attorney Vanerian explained a timeline, that the most expeditious outcome would be for the remaining ownership and insurance issues to be resolved and for the property owner or insurance company to proceed with demolition. If that occurs, action could potentially take place within the next 30 days. He explained if the city must continue through the court process, the timeline could extend to later in the year. He confirmed that the city is actively pursuing the matter through the court system and expects action in the near future.

Discussion was held on possibility of creating an expedited process for situations such as this.

Louis Horvath - I live in West Bloomfield, but I work in Walled Lake and drive through the city regularly. I'm here tonight because I think Walled Lake should end its relationship with Flock Safety. I understand why the city bought these cameras. They can help police solve crimes and that is a real benefit but they joined this network before we knew what we know now. Since then, we've seen authorized users misuse the system, local data travel further than expected, and safeguards fail. Most importantly, Flock itself has failed to honor restrictions placed on customer data. Just days ago, San Jose disclosed that an off-duty officer used Flock to find a woman involved in a domestic violence case. He then passed her location to his relative, the suspect in the case. The officer was fired. The damage was already done. I want to be clear. This is not an accusation against the law enforcement officers serving our community. I have no reason to question our officers. But no local department can control access across this entire network, and none of us can control Flock itself. San Jose shows what can happen when an authorized user abuses the system. Boston shows what happens when the safeguard itself fails. Boston's contract specifically required nationwide sharing of its license plate data to be disabled. Flock enabled it anyway. Boston has now abandoned Flock. That is why I don't believe another policy, another promise, or another contractual safeguard is enough. If the company operating the network cannot reliably honor the restrictions placed upon it, those restrictions cannot protect us. and communities around us are already acting. Independence Township voted unanimously last week to terminate its Flock agreement, remove its cameras, and permanently delete the data they collected. Ferndale, Westland, and Sumpter Township have also ended or declined to renew their Flock agreements, while South Lyon and St. Clair Shores are reconsidering theirs. Some communities have taken an even more immediate step. Waltham, Massachusetts, Stevens Point and De Pere, Wisconsin have ordered covers of their Flock cameras. So that is what I'm asking Walled Lake to do. Bag the cameras immediately. Stop collecting data now, terminate Walled Lake's contract with Flock at the earliest opportunity, and require written confirmation that the data already collected here has been permanently deleted. Walled Lake does not need to become the case study that convinces the next community to act. We have enough information to act now. Thank you.

Chris Jeager - I'm going to keep my address anonymous. I wrote this down to keep it short and just get it on record. I'm speaking anonymously and, well, not anonymously, but without my address. I've submitted numerous FOIA requests and they've not been acknowledged and ignored. including requests handled or directed by the City Manager. He should not control requests involving his own conduct or anything for that matter because this started as me just

wanting to find out if the maintenance, the road maintenance contracts were in compliance. I've also found numerous public records documenting a pattern of behavior that's more than concerning and I'd be happy to sit down with council and discuss what I found. I'm requesting preservation of all relevant records and independent forensic investigation to the City Manager's handling a FOIA request, contracts, finances, and city records. Any potential misconduct should be referred to outside of the city. Thank you.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2026

Mayor Gunther - There were some things that I don't, look, we declared everything, we described everything and then there's some sections that I thought didn't kind of match what exactly went on. And so I have at least a few concerns and I wanted another shot at this to go through it, redline it or something because there's some things that were, I think misleading and then didn't fully encompass what had occurred. And I think it's important for our discussion later to talk about. So I'm going to make a motion unless you guys have some other discussion. Anybody wanted to approve it? Because I would like to make a motion to table it and come back at our next meeting after we do it.

CM 09-23-26 MOTION TO TABLE APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 MINUTES

Motion by Gunther, seconded by O'Rourke, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To table approval of the September 1, 2026 minutes.

Discussion

Mayor Gunther - There's just, there's a, there's some statements that are made and are missing, right? So yeah, table it until the next one. And if everybody could make sure they agree with the minutes, unless there's an overwhelming majority. I don't have it redlined, but if you do, it's a, there's 30 pages of transcript and I didn't get it done to look at it against the other ones, but I had some at least concerns about statements that were made and they were a little bit misleading. We'll talk about that in closed session. I would like to see the red line, right? It's because there's some things that are wrong there. I think. or maybe they're just slightly and I believe it Jen does a great job. It just maybe it's just missed it in the typing. But there is a I mean the transcript from that comes out of the YouTube translators, almost identically accurate and barely does anything wrong. When it mishears something, it sometimes does it.

Council Member Woods - I don't disagree with you. I just think this is the opportunity where you can get those corrections made.

Council Member Arnold - If you're uncomfortable with the way it is, I support that, and if you want to take another meeting cycle to redline it.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Arnold, O'Rourke, Schinzing, Woods, Ambrose, Gunther
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

COUNCIL REPORT None

Council Member Woods - I was going to make comment at the last meeting, and I'll move it up to this section, but we did skip the council's comments at the end of the meeting last week or two weeks ago. I wanted to put out a big thanks to the Walled Lake Fire Department and the Walled Lake Police Department. They did support the Walled Lake Combined Marching Band fundraiser, their car wash fundraiser. I think in total they raised about 10% of their budget. Big thanks to Mayor Pro Tem O'Rourke, Councilman Ambrose, and City Manager Whitt, for helping. We put a challenge out there to try to collect some funds and help the police and the fire department kind of take it up and support a group that gives back to the community, whether it's the tree lightings, the Memorial Day Parade, and numerous other activities throughout the year. It was good for our group to give back and then see that challenge, go out to the nearby cities of Commerce and Wolverine Lake support. So very well received and appreciate it.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Rourke - I'd like to talk for just a brief moment about our Parks and Recreation Commission and the fantastic work that Miranda, Chelsea, Jennifer, City Manager, and also Dan Ladd have done. We have had one of the best marketplaces that we've had since we've had the marketplace. The vendor total is up. There are about 25 total vendors that are coming in per week. There were 37 vendors for the back-to-school event that participated. Kaylee, also from our department, is doing a tremendous amount of work getting bands to come out there, food trucks, all these different vendors that are coming out and making it really a destination now on Wednesdays. I just think it's a tremendous amount of work that goes into it and I want to complement our team for that. We also talked about our summer concert series last night at Parks and Recreation meeting, they have been very successful. We had plenty of evenings where we had over 100 people come out and enjoy the concert series. Our new chairperson who's here this evening, Giovanni Johnson, took a stand to say, hey, we need to mix it up and get a variety of bands out here with different genres and different types of music, it really played out very well. One item that we are going to have to talk about is we do need to increase the budget for Parks and Recreation specifically for the summer concert series because we're finding now that what we're willing to pay is definitely behind what a lot of the bands require financially. So that's something we'll talk about here. We'll bring that up as a budget item. But again, all the programs for the summer were fantastic. I just want to give a hand to our office for doing this. The Harvest Festival will be held on Wednesday, October 7th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Board and Commission Appointment

Mayor Gunther introduced Alan La Pointe, applicant for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

City Council interviewed Mr. LaPointe.

Council Member Ambrose said Mr. LaPointe's enthusiasm makes Walled Lake a great place to call home.

**CM 09-24-26 MOTION TO ACCEPT MAYOR'S NOMINATION AND
APPOINTMENT OF ALAN LA POINTE TO THE PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION**

Motion by Woods, seconded by O'Rourke, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To accept Mayor's nomination and appointment of Alan La Pointe to the Parks and Recreation Commission

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) O'Rourke, Schinzing, Woods, Ambrose, Arnold, Gunther
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1. Consent Agenda Written Departmental / Divisional Statistical Reports**
 - a. Police**
 - b. Fire**
 - c. Finance**
 - Warrant**
 - d. Code Enforcement**

**CM 09-25-26 MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA WRITTEN
DEPARTMENTAL / DIVISIONAL STATISTICAL REPORTS**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Gunther, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve consent agenda written departmental / divisional statistical reports.

City Manager Whitt provided an update regarding an ongoing downtown issue involving an individual experiencing homelessness. He stated that the City previously assisted the individual in obtaining services; however, the individual has since returned to downtown and is currently on public property near the former yogurt shop. City Manager Whitt explained that the individual has previously been removed from the beach area and DDA property. He explained that the matter is no longer primarily a code enforcement issue but involves mental health and available support services. City Manager Whitt stated that the individual has been assessed as not presenting a danger requiring incarceration and that City staff and public safety personnel will continue to address the situation as appropriate.

Discussion was held regarding the potential involvement of Oakland County Animal Control due to the individual keeping dogs on public property.

2. DTE Storm Clean Up and Maintenance

City Manager Whitt explained credit is due to DTE for what they did during the recent outage.

City Manager Whitt explained a criminal investigation is underway regarding somebody impersonating the Mayor via email. It is a crime in Michigan. He explained there is an IP address, it is local and the police are investigating.

Council Member Woods recommended that the city, as a group, request that the DPW conduct an inventory of above-ground infrastructure throughout the city, or coordinate with DTE, to identify items requiring attention. He referenced previous discussions regarding double poles and hanging wires and acknowledged that the DPW has been very busy and that he appreciates the work they have completed.

DPW Superintendent Ladd discussed his direct efforts with DTE to clean up the telecommunications lines on abandoned DTE poles. He also reported on the concerns expressed by Winwood Condominium Association of a sink hole. He explained research and investigation concluded that the area is obligated to be maintained by the Winwood development and communications were relayed to them.

City Manager Whitt said the city does not misuse the Flock Safety system, only police officers have access but due to the reported abuses of the Flock Safety systems by other entities in and out of state, the City Council should consider discontinuing the city's use of the Flock system. He stated that, while the system has been useful in certain cases, the system has received significant negative attention. City Manager Whitt explained that the city's Flock cameras have also been damaged and referenced a recent local incident involving the removal of several cameras. He emphasized that the decision ultimately rests with City Council. He acknowledged that the system has been beneficial in some instances and remains supported by some members of the community.

Mayor Gunther said the city recently, in July, renewed the Flock agreement. He explained Chief Shakinas provided information to council and went through how the department's policy for the employees restricts use without you knowing that they've accessed it. He said at least internally, he thinks there is a good strategy and maybe we just need to let everybody know about that because he thinks this is important. He asked if the outside can, any police officer anywhere can get on the system and access and trace our cameras. He explained the woman from Flock that came in and talked to council, made statements regarding its benefits. He said he is not sure how much of this is people on TikTok making wild accusations or how much is real. He said if anybody can access our cameras and what our data is, that's a little disturbing.

Discussion was held on the Flock Safety systems and beliefs shared. It was determined to place on future agenda and obtain public input before City Council takes action to cancel.

City Manager Whitt reported the city received notice there is going to be a change of ownership for 142 E. Walled Lake Drive and he will let council know as soon as the blue ink signature is received.

CORRESPONDENCE None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Vanerian explained the ordinance does require action by council by way of a resolution; two resolutions were prepared one for approval and one for denial.

1. Memorandum 7-11 Speedway Liquor License Application

- **Proposed Resolution 2026-25 Approval of application for new city liquor license**

**CM 09-26-26 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-25 A RESOLUTION
2026-25 A RESOLUTION OF THE WALLED LAKE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE APPROVING
APPLICANT'S APPLICATION FOR A NEW CITY LIQUOR
LICENSE**

Motion by Gunther, seconded by Arnold, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve resolution 2026-25 a resolution of the Walled Lake City Council of the City of Walled Lake approving applicant's application for a new city liquor license.

City Attorney Vanerian said as requested, he also reviewed the City Charter as it relates to cancellation of meetings in the event of a lack of a quorum. He explained that the City Charter provides limited authority for less than a quorum of Council members to take action to adjourn a meeting when a quorum is not present. He stated that, historically, meetings without a quorum have been administratively adjourned or canceled as a matter of City policy to avoid unnecessary inconvenience to the public and board members who have committed their time to attend when no business can be conducted. He noted that Council may change this policy if they choose.

Discussion was held on past practices and generating a written policy to follow for future cancellation practices.

City Attorney Vanerian explained he received communications from Mr. Charlot, DM Motors, that they have a purchase agreement with the property of GEB Collision. They should be closing within the next 30 days. They will prepare site plan that incorporates that property in with all the other parcels.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. C-381-26 Amend Chapter 2, Article II add "Standardization of City Employment Contracts"

Mayor Gunther asked for more time to review, he will be sending items to Attorney Vanerian.

Council Member Woods suggested a consideration, at least from a timing perspective as Council wants to make sure the process is moving forward within a reasonable timeframe. He said he thinks it may be helpful to include a specific date, with an option for Council to extend that date if needed. That would provide some flexibility while still establishing a clear timeline for the process.

Further discussion was held and determination was made to table second reading.

CM 09-27-26 MOTION TO TABLE C-381-26 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WALLED LAKE, MICHIGAN, BY ADDING NEW SECTION 2-5 "STANDARDIZATION OF CITY EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS" TO REGULATE EXECUTED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS; MANDATING ETHICAL COMPLIANCE AND SEVERANCE FORFEITURE TERMS; ESTABLISHING CITIZENS COMPENSATION BOARD OVERSIGHT; REQUIRING TWO-THIRDS (2/3) UNANIMOUS COUNCIL CHANGES; DEMANDING PUBLIC DISCLOSURE PREREQUISITES PRIOR TO CONTRACT EXECUTION

Motion by Gunther, seconded by Gunther, MOTION CARRIED: To table C-381-26 an ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article II of the Code of Ordinances, City of Walled Lake, Michigan, by adding new Section 2-5 "Standardization of City Employment Contracts" to regulate executed employment agreements; mandating ethical compliance and severance forfeiture terms; establishing citizens compensation board oversight; requiring two-thirds (2/3) unanimous council changes; demanding public disclosure prerequisites prior to contract execution.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (4)	Arnold, O'Rourke, Schinzing, Gunther
Nays (2)	Ambrose, Woods
Absent (1)	Loch
Abstain (0)	

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Resolution 2026-26 Oakland Community Health Network for Co-Responder Interlocal Agreement

Police Chief Shakinis explained the benefits of this opportunity for a co-responder as mental health issues are on the rise since conception in 2025 with 63 individuals they have mentally petitioned this year. Funding for renewal will be 30% for Walled Lake coming from federal forfeiture funds.

Discussion was held on renewal, cancellation, and funding.

**CM 09-28-26 MOTION TO RESOLUTION 2026-26 A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF MULTIJURISDICTIONAL
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WIXOM,
TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE, VILLAGE OF WOLVERINE
LAKE AND OAKLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK FOR
CO-RESPONDER TO WORK WITH THE WALLED LAKE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Motion by Gunther, seconded by Woods, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve resolution 2026-26 a resolution authorizing the adoption of multijurisdictional interlocal agreement with City of Wixom, Township of White Lake, Village of Wolverine Lake and Oakland Community Health Network for co-responder to work with the Walled Lake Police Department.

2. Proposed Resolution 2026-27 Amend Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget for construction of sidewalk along Pontiac Trail

Mayor Pro Tem O'Rourke explained there was a sidewalk that went from a park to DeKalb and now this new portion will pick it up from DeKalb down to Ladd. That will complete that safe walking area where right now it's dirt trails. He said when we were out campaigning, somebody almost hit Kathy. It is a dangerous trail right there. A sidewalk is necessary for that particular area. He lives in that area, and we have hundreds of people who are walking and bicycling it every day. And of course, now that they're coming down DeKalb to Osprey, which is great, that's fine. This would be another way to finish that loop and then cross over Ladd Road safely to continue heading downtown.

Council Member Woods agreed to the benefits of this new sidewalk to address safety hazards.

Discussion was held on why this was not part of the budget discussions that were held for this fiscal year.

City Manager Whitt explained the city cannot budget for everything we need done all at one time, items arise that take priority.

**CM 09-29-26 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-27 A RESOLUTION
TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK ALONG PONTIAC TRAIL**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by O'Rourke, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve resolution 2026-27 a resolution to amend the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget for the construction of a sidewalk along Pontiac Trail.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Woods – The display out in front of fire house for 9/11 set the communities vision for supporting that day.

Council Member Schinzing - My fellow council. I would like to address the salacious, reckless, and defamatory comments made about me and toward me last meeting by the city manager concerning my character, my competency, and of all things, my faith. For context, I'd like to start by stating that we were elected by an overwhelming majority of the residents with a mandate to bring accountability and transparency to the governance of the city. The city manager made the statement that all I want to do here in these meetings is put on a performance, but what he failed to mention is that the two issue I've brought, the ambulance due diligence and the budget item, I literally attempted on more than 4 occasions each to handle the matter privately and outside of this meeting. Only when I was completely ignored and dismissed did I raise the issue here. That doesn't sound like someone who is trying to showboat. Another statement was made that I have trashed staff. I will go on record now and state that I've never said anything derogatory toward a staff member. In fact, I have a high confidence level and appreciation for the staff here. If the city manager's idea of trashing is asking questions and asking for due diligence, then he has a misguided understanding of his role and ours. It is a clear part of the city manager's job function to respond to inquiries of oversight, which, a clear part of the council's directive, is to have oversight and to ask those questions. I won't get too into the competency issue, but unlike what the city manager said at the last meeting, Finance is not difficult and doesn't take years to understand. It's very logical and quite simple. Accounting is another story, but not the income statement finance related questions I was asking.

MAYOR'S COMMENT'S

Mayor Gunther expressed his appreciation for city's 9/11 event; it was special to him.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. LaPointe - I ride my bike up and down Pontiac Trail all the time. They go to the lake and back, and I noticed that a lot of the approaches along Pontiac Trail, and some of them look like they could be a hazard. Over there by the funeral home, they filled it in with asphalt. You know, these approaches. Somebody might need to look at those approaches along Pontiac Trail because they are damaged and some of them like over there by the drugstore, one looks like it could be a big trip factor, needs to have somebody evaluate those approaches. He asked about a residential business, there is a residential nursing home across the street from me. Who approved of this? How does this work?

Mr. Ladd explained the ramps are the responsibility of the county and sidewalks are the property owner's responsibility.

Council Member Ambrose suggested Police Chief Shakinas possibly would be able to report on home for the ageing.

Council Member Woods explained his personal experience with an end-of-life grandparent and his understanding there being a higher jurisdiction than what the city has that permits these establishments.

City Manager Whitt commented that state law preempts charter.

Police Chief Shakinis said there were six facilities such as this in the city.

Rick Greenwell 395 W. Walled Lake Drive - Rick Greenwell, 395 West Walled Lake Drive. At the March 3rd council meeting, referencing a woman who spoke earlier, the City Manager said, I want to break out into laughter, and I want a choke her. Unrelated to that, he said, it's all supported by the group. The group will pay too. I will nail them all. At the April 7th council meeting, the City Manager went on a libelous tirade against me during my three-minute speaking window as I was addressing council about his inappropriate remarks made at the March 3rd council meeting. He accused me of sending an anonymous package with adult content and an unknown white powder to the mayoral candidate and himself. He said I was a pervert. A danger to the community. A sick man. His words were clearly meant as a threat when he indicated that I was in the group he was going to nail and make pay. His salacious words and threats were very unbecoming of a City Manager. It was an unhinged, slanderous attack on me. I asked the City Manager if he was speaking professionally or personally. He said, I was speaking as City Manager and I know who you are. I got to protect the people from you. I'd like to know who's going to protect residents, City Council and me from someone who lacks the decorum to be a City Manager. At the September 1st council meeting, the city manager addressed council with contempt and disrespect. A request for financial transparency should not be met by angry affronts. Yet they were. The discussion about the beach incident, same thing. The City Manager said that the Mayor was wrong trying to help out a homeless guy. But then the City Manager tried to downplay the issue by assuring us that the knife-wielding, screaming, yelling vagrant had a knife that was legal. It's very disheartening to see attacks on the new mayor and councilman, especially by the very people who are supposed to work for our interests, not theirs. My complaint has not yet been resolved. The City Manager's unleashed behavior seems to be escalating. I'm asking council to please remedy my complaint and also to look into the City Manager's behavior for everyone's safety and concern. That does beg the question, who is responsible for the City Manager's behavior? City Manager is. All this information can be verified on YouTube where all these meetings go after every meeting. Anybody can watch our meetings here. We should keep that in mind too. Thank you.

**CM 09-30-26 MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, TRANSPARENCY, AND
COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

Motion by Gunther, seconded by Arnold, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To enter into closed session to discuss performance evaluation, transparency, and communication issues.

Discussion

Council Member Woods clarified closed session was for performance evaluation.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) O'Rourke, Schinzing, Woods, Ambrose, Arnold, Gunther
Nays (0)
Absent (1) Loch
Abstain (0)

Council recessed 9:39 p.m.

Council reconvened 9:45 p.m.

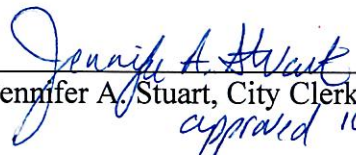
Council entered closed session at 9:47 p.m.

Council came out of closed session 11:06 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

CM 09-31-26 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Woods, seconded by Ambrose, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 11:10 P.M.



Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk
approved 10/20/26

Richard Gunther, Mayor