

Council Proceedings  
City of Westland  
Meeting No. 9  
May 2, 2022

The Westland City Council held a regular meeting May 2, 2022, in the City Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road Westland, Michigan, 48185.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by City Council President James Hart with roll call showing as follows:

Present

Absent (excused)

James Godbout  
Peter Herzberg  
Michael Londeau  
Michael McDermott  
Andrea Rutkowski  
Melissa Sampey  
James Hart

Also present were Mayor William Wild, Budget Director Dan Block, Cable Director Craig Welkenbach, Cable Producer Craig Hebert, City Attorney James Fausone, Community Development Director Joanne Campbell, DEI Director Paschal Eze, Economic Director Aubrey Berman, Fire Chief James Morris, IT Director Craig Brown, Personnel Director Stephani Field, Deputy Police Chief Kyle Dawley, and City Clerk Richard LeBlanc.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Michael Londeau.

City Council President James Hart announced in Article II, Sec. 22-53 of Consent Calendar item "G," the word "complaint" shall be replaced with "compliant."

Len Fisher offered comment on the upcoming Inspire Theatre and Westland Center for the Arts Expansion Capital Campaign.

Mayor William Wild introduced newly-hired DEI Director Paschal Eze who then also offered brief comment.

City Council President James Hart announced resident Hank Johnson passed away and then led a Moment of Silence for him.

2022-05-93 Motion by McDermott, supported by Sampey  
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of the Consent Calendar as follows:

- Minutes of regular meeting held April 18, 2022.
- Minutes of budget study session held April 23, 2022.
- Request from Tim Sumpter/Big Sky Fireworks, to operate a seasonal temporary fireworks tent in the Hunter Retail Center parking lot, 6561 Wayne Road, from June 28, 2022, through July 4, 2022; hours of operation 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. daily.
- Approval of Renewal of Existing Financial Management System with BS&A software; term of this renewal shall be for a one (1) year period, amount not to exceed \$97,919.
- Approval of the Basic Life & AD&D Insurance Carrier Contract with The Hartford Group; term of this agreement shall be for a period of three (3) years, with an annual cost of \$187,218.00.
- Approval of Request to Reprogram CDBG-CV funds as follows:

From:	CDBG-CV Economic Development & Health Services	\$ 229,536.00
To:	Wayne County Family Center Roof Replacement	\$ 200,000.00
	Cayley Park Improvements-Social Distancing	\$ 29,536.00

- Adoption of Ordinance 191-B-12 (as corrected), an ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Article II, with adoption of Division 3, Section 22-53 to 22-63 of the Westland City Code to Incorporate Commercial Anti-Blight.
- Adoption of Ordinance 203-Q-2, an ordinance to adopt Chapter 102, Article V, Section 102.236 of the Westland City Code to Incorporate Post-Construction Stormwater Controls.
- Adoption of Prepared Resolution proclaiming May 15 as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” and the week of May 15 through May 21 as “Police Week” in the City of Westland.  
Unanimously carried.

2022-05-94 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Godbout  
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of the voucher list as follows: Checklist Activity: \$1,209,498.63.  
Unanimously carried.

A Public Hearing was held for the Proposed 2022-2023 Budget. There were no public comments.

2022-05-95 Motion by Godbout, supported by Londeau  
To close the Public Hearing for the Proposed 2022-2023 Budget.  
Unanimously carried.

Councilmember Godbout placed the name of Benny McGough into nomination to serve as Commissioner to the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term, term to expire May 12, 2025.

2022-05-96 Motion by Londeau, supported by Sampey  
RESOLVED that nominations be closed for Commissioner to the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term, term to expire May 12, 2025.  
Unanimously carried.

2022-05-97 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Godbout  
RESOLVED that Council appoints Benny McGough to serve as Commissioner to the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term, term to expire May 12, 2025.  
Unanimously carried.

Councilmember Londeau placed the name of Mary Vellardita into nomination to serve as Commissioner to the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term, term to expire June 6, 2025.

2022-05-98 Motion by Herzberg, supported by McDermott  
RESOLVED that nominations be closed for Commissioner to the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term, term to expire June 6, 2025.  
Unanimously carried.

2022-05-99 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Godbout  
RESOLVED that Council appoints Mary Vellardita to serve as Commissioner to the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term, term to expire June 6, 2025.  
Unanimously carried.

2022-05-100 Motion by McDermott, supported by Sampey  
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan Final Statement and recommended projects July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, and HOME ARPA Substantial Amendment 2021-22  
Unanimously carried.

2022-05-101 Motion by Londeau, supported by Rutkowski  
RESOLVED that Council grants adoption of Prepared Resolution adopting the 2022-2023 CDBG and HOME Program budgets and 2021-2022 HOME ARPA Substantial Amendment, Administration is authorized to execute the necessary contracts to implement the aforementioned programs with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and funded public service entities.  
Unanimously carried.

2022-05-102 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Londeau  
RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.  
Unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

James Hart  
Council President

Richard LeBlanc  
City Clerk