

Council Proceedings
City of Westland
Meeting No. 20
October 16, 2023

The Westland City Council held a regular meeting October 16, 2023, 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

James Godbout
Peter Herzberg
DeLano Hornbuckle
Michael McDermott
Andrea Rutkowski
James Hart

Absent (excused)

Melissa Sampey

Also present were Mayor Michael Londeau, Deputy Mayor Michael Reddy, Cable Director Craig Welkenbach, Cable Producer Craig Hebert, Assistant City Attorney Brandon Grysko, Community Development Director Joanne Campbell, Fire Chief Darrell Stamper, Parks & Recreation Director Kyle Mulligan, Police Chief Kyle Dawley, Purchasing Director Devin Adams, and City Clerk Richard LeBlanc.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman DeLano Hornbuckle.

Meriem Kadi announced the upcoming Relay for Life Pizza Palooza event. Parks & Recreation Director Kyle Mulligan announced the upcoming Westland Trunk or Treat event.

2023-10-155 Motion by McDermott, supported by Hornbuckle
To approve the Consent Calendar.

2023-10-156 Motion by Godbout, supported by Herzberg
To move item C to New Business item 1A.
Unanimously carried.

Returning to motion 2023-10-155:

RESOLVED that Council grants approval of the Consent Calendar as follows:

- Approval of request from Wayne County Parks to hold a 15-minute fireworks display at the Wayne County Lightfest Opening on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at approximately 6:15 p.m. at the Merriman Hollow Picnic Area in Hines Park located at Merriman Road and Hines Drive, and to build a bonfire for the Bike Through the Lights (November 14), Lightfest Run (November 15), and Lightfest Grand Opening (November 16).
- Traffic Control Order 2023-08:
Change three (3) "NO PARKING" signs in front of John Glenn High School to "NO PARKING, STOPPING, STANDING" signs and add three (3) additional "NO PARKING, STOPPING, STANDING" signs due to the length of the shoulder in front of John Glenn High School from the east driveway to the west driveway.
- Approval of Contract with Brain Media Technology for Management of the Jefferson Barns Learning Lab; agreement shall become effective immediately and remain in full force and effect until September 30, 2024; unless the agreement is earlier terminated in a manner declared within the contract; amount \$60,120.
- Approval of CellHawk Subscription through LeadsOnline, LLC, to enhance the Police Departments Investigative Operations; subscription will be effective immediately and be valid for a three (3) year period; amount \$18,530.

- Approval to request to Recognize Dominion Voting Systems as the sole provider for all election equipment for the City Clerk's office for a period of five (5) years.
Unanimously carried.

2023-10-157 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by McDermott
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of the voucher list as follows: Checklist Activity: \$4,343,902.93.
Unanimously carried.

2023-10-158 Motion by Godbout, supported by Harzberg
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of minutes of regular meeting held October 2, 2023.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Godbout, Herzberg, Hornbuckle, McDermott, Rutkowski
Nays: None
Abstain: Hart (Hart was absent/excused)
Absent: Sampey
Motion carried.

2023-10-159 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Hornbuckle
To approve Bid for Professional Services Related to Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection Services.

2023-10-160 Motion by Godbout, supported by Harzberg
To postpone Bid for Professional Services Related to Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection Services to a date uncertain to await further information related to this proposal.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Godbout, Herzberg, Rutkowski
Nays: Hornbuckle, McDermott, Hart
Abstain: None
Absent: Sampey
Motion failed.

2023-10-161 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Herzberg
To amend Bid for Professional Services Related to Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection Services to reflect split-awarding to vendor Highland Landscape & Snow Plowing, Inc. at an Hourly Rate of \$300.00, a crew size of five people, using their own equipment, for three weeks total, \$75,600, beginning October 31, 2023; and, to vendor Gro Control, LLC at an Hourly Rate of \$575.00, a crew size of seven people, using their own equipment, for two weeks total, or the equivalent of \$96,600, beginning October 31, 2023.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Hornbuckle, McDermott, Rutkowski, Hart
Nays: Godbout, Herzberg
Abstain: None
Absent: Sampey
Motion passed.

Returning to motion 2023-10-159 as amended:

Approval of amended Bid for Professional Services Related to Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection Services for the Department of Public Service to reflect the bid is split-awarded to vendor Highland Landscape & Snow Plowing, Inc. at an hourly rate of \$300.00, a crew size of five people, using their own equipment, for three weeks total, \$75,600, beginning October 31, 2023; and, to vendor Gro Control, LLC at an hourly rate of \$575.00, a crew size of seven people, using their own equipment, for two weeks total, or the equivalent of \$96,600, beginning October 31, 2023. Budgeted amount \$500,000, and, authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract approved by the City Attorney and executed by the vendors.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hornbuckle, McDermott, Rutkowski, Hart

Nays: Godbout, Herzberg

Abstain: None

Absent: Sampey

Motion passed.

2023-10-162 Motion by Herzberg, supported by Hornbuckle
WHEREAS, Mayor Michael Londeau has re-appointed Anita Murray to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for a four (4) year term, term to expire November 2, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has confirmed the re-appointment of Anita Murray to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for a four (4) year term, term to expire November 2, 2027.

Unanimously carried.

2023-10-163 Motion by Godbout, supported by Herzberg
WHEREAS, Mayor Michael Londeau has re-appointed Jack Rea to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for a four (4) year term, term to expire October 1, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has confirmed the re-appointment of Jack Rea to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for a four (4) year term, term to expire October 1, 2027.

Unanimously carried.

2023-10-164 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Hornbuckle
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of Acceptance of Early Voting Grant Application to Provide Funding for the Implementation and Execution of Early Voting as required under Section 4(1)(m) of Article II of the Constitution of Michigan and in accordance with Public Acts 81-88 of 2023.

Motion carried.

2023-10-165 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by McDermott
RESOLVED that Council grants adoption of Resolution Acknowledging an Early Voting Pilot Program for all voting precincts to be conducted within Westland City Hall during the hours 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, on February 17 through February 25, 2024.

Motion carried.

2023-10-166 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Hornbuckle
To approve a Prepared Resolution to Authorize the Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Play Structure Replacements and Park Amenity Upgrades at various parks throughout the City; amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.00.

2023-10-167 Motion by Godbout, supported by Herzberg
To postpone Prepared Resolution to Authorize the Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Play Structure Replacements and Park Amenity Upgrades at various parks throughout the City; amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Herzberg, McDermott

Nays: Hornbuckle, Rutkowski, Hart

Abstain: None

Absent: Sampey

Motion failed.

2023-10-168 Motion by McDermott, supported by Herzberg
To amend motion 2023-10-166 to fund only \$40,000 for Fire Fighters Park.

Councilman McDermott withdrew his motion.

Returning to motion 2023-10-166:

RESOLVED that Council grants adoption of Prepared Resolution to Authorize the Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Play Structure Replacements and Park Amenity Upgrades at various parks throughout the City; amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hornbuckle, McDermott, Rutkowski, Hart

Nays: Godbout, Herzberg

Abstain: None

Absent: Sampey

Motion passed.

Council President James Hart left the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Council President James Hart returned to the meeting at 8:21 PM.

2023-10-169 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by McDermott

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

Unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

James Hart
Council President

Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk