

Council Proceedings  
City of Westland  
Meeting No. 1  
January 5, 2026

The Westland City Council held a regular meeting January 5, 2026, 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 Michael McDermott with roll call showing as follows:

Present

Emily Bauman  
Antoinette Martin  
LeKisha Maxwell  
Andrea Rutkowski  
John Sullivan  
Melissa Sampey  
Michael McDermott

Absent (excused)

Also present were Mayor Kevin Coleman, Deputy Mayor James Godbout, Budget Director Dan Block, Building Official Roger Shifflett, Cable Producer Craig Hebert, Cable Producer Ethan Kelly, Cable Producer Neil Tortonesi, Communications & Public Affairs Director Robert Drzewicki, City Attorney Brandon Grysko, Community Development Director Joanne Campbell, Community Engagement Director Paschal Eze, DPS Director Ramzi El-Gharib, Economic Director Alex Garza, Facilities Director Ali Awadi, Finance Director Steve Smith, Fire Chief Darrell Stamper, IT Director Craig Brown, MSB Director Joe Burton, Parks & Recreation Director Kyle Mulligan, Personnel Director Stephani Field, Planning Director Mohamed Ayoub, Police Chief Kyle Dawley, Purchasing Director Devin Adams, Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz, Deputy City Clerk Laura O'Callaghan, and City Clerk Shannon Inman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Melissa Sampey.

City Council President Michael McDermott led a moment of silence for Retired Fire Battalion Chief Ken Sharp.

Councilman Sullivan placed the name of Michael McDermott into nomination as City Council President.

2026-01-01 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Sampey  
RESOLVED that nominations be closed for the office of City Council President.  
Unanimously carried.

2026-01-02 Roll Call Vote to elect Michael McDermott as Westland City Council President:

Ayes: Bauman, Martin, Maxwell, Rutkowski, Sullivan, Sampey, McDermott  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None  
Unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Martin placed the name of LeKisha Maxwell into nomination as City Council President Pro-Tem.

Councilman Bauman placed the name of herself, Emily Bauman into nomination as City Council President Pro-Tem.

2026-01-03 Motion by Sampey, supported by Rutkowski  
RESOLVED that nominations be closed for the office of City Council President Pro-Tem.  
Unanimously carried.

Adhering to the Westland City Council Policies and Procedures, the City Clerk wrote the names of two nominees on 3"x5" sheets of paper, deposited them into a box, then withdrew the names in the following order: Councilwoman Maxwell, then Councilwoman Bauman.

2026-01-04 Roll Call Vote to elect LeKisha Maxwell as Westland City Council President Pro-Tem:  
Ayes: Martin, Maxwell, Rutkowski, Sullivan, Sampey, McDermott  
Nays: Bauman  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None  
Motion carried.

Councilwoman Melissa Sampey, Councilwoman Andrea Rutkowski and Mayor Kevin Coleman presented plaques to the Westland Goodfellows sponsors.

2026-01-05 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Sampey  
To approve the Consent Calendar.

2026-01-06 Motion by Bauman, supported by Martin  
To move Consent Calendar item N to New Business Item 1A.  
Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes: Bauman, Martin, Maxwell, Sullivan, Sampey, McDermott  
Nays: Rutkowski  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None  
Motion carried.

Returning to Motion 2026-01-05  
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of the Consent Calendar as follows:  
- Minutes of regular meeting held December 15, 2025.  
- Minutes of study session held December 15, 2025.

- Bid for Bay Court Walking Path Project to Blaine Contracting to pave a path from Bay Court to Merriman Road; amount not to exceed \$13,440, and, authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract approved by the City Attorney and executed by the vendor.
- Purchase of a new Play Structure for Northgate Park to Sinclair Recreation; amount not to exceed \$43,457.
- Bid for Professional Services related to the Homebuyer Assistance Program to National Faith Homebuyers, for a three (3) year contract, fee of \$1,000.00 per approved homebuyer, and that the Director of Housing and Community Development sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
- Bid for Demolition of Blighted Properties to McMillian Group, Demolition of 32274-76 Iron Court (Duplex) and 1448 Elias (Single-family), amount not to exceed \$19,776, and, authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign a contract approved by the City Attorney and executed by the vendor.
- Bid to add Parking Lot Lighting at Jefferson Barns on the east and rear parking lots to PWD Contracting, amount not to exceed \$31,750, and, authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign a contract approved by the City Attorney and executed by the vendor.
- Bid to Repave West Parking Lot at Jefferson Barns to Nagel Paving, amount not to exceed \$53,890, and, authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign a contract approved by the City Attorney and executed by the vendor.
- Bid for Digital Sign Repair at Cayley Park West to Johnson Sign Co., amount not to exceed \$7,250, and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign a contract approved by the City Attorney and executed by the vendor.
- Approval of KnowBe4 Email and Cyber Security Training Subscription Renewal through CDW-G. Subscription will resume immediately and be effective for a one (1) year period; amount \$9,962.00
- Adoption of 2026 Annual Performance Resolution between the City of Westland and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to construct, operate, and/or use the State Highway Right-Of-Way area on roads that are under the State's jurisdiction within the City of Westland, and, authorizes the Public Services Director, Neighborhood Services Director, Superintendent of Water, the Mayor and/or City Clerk to apply to MDOT for the necessary permit to work within State Highway Right-Of-Way on behalf of the City.
- Adoption of Proposed Resolution approving Wayne County Annual Permit A-26158, authorizing the City of Westland to apply to the County of Wayne Department of Public Services, Engineering Division Permit Office for permits to conduct emergency repairs, annual maintenance work, and for other purposes on local and County roads located entirely within the boundaries of the Community, as needed from time to time to maintain the roads in a condition reasonably safe and convenient for public travel, and, authorizes the Public Services Director, Neighborhood Services Director, Superintendent of Water, the Mayor and or City Clerk to apply to the County of Wayne Department of Public Services

Engineering Division Permit Office for the necessary permits to work within County road right-of-way of local roads on behalf of the City.

- Approval of MOU with the City of Wayne for Resurfacing of Glenwood Road between Hannon and Newburgh in 2026 under MDOT's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which borders the Cities of Wayne and Westland. Resurfacing is a cost sharing project between Westland and Wayne with each community paying 50% of the total local costs estimated at \$245,093 per community.
  - Approval of request from Dimagu Community USA to waive the Administrative City Hall rental fee to host a gala in Grand Ballroom at Westland City Hall on July 25, 2026 at 5:00 pm.
  - Approval of request from the Westland Arts Foundation to waive the Administrative City Hall rental fee to host an event in Grand Ballroom at Westland City Hall on February 12, 2026 from 5:00pm-9:00pm.
  - Adoption of Prepared Resolution to Declare the Month of January 2026 "Human Trafficking Prevention Month" in the City of Westland.
- Unanimously carried.

2026-01-07 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Maxwell  
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of voucher list as follows:  
Checklist Activity: \$6,688,175.08.  
Unanimously carried.

2026-01-08 Motion by Sampey, supported by Rutkowski  
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of request to Reprogram CDBG and HOME Program funds as follows:

From:	CDBG Program Income	\$135,000.00	To:	Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$50,000.00
				JBCVC Improvements	\$50,000.00
				Norwayne Parks	\$35,000.00
From:	HOME Program Income	\$25,000.00	To:	Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$25,000.00

Unanimously carried.

2026-01-09 Motion by Bauman, supported by Rutkowski  
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of Sale of City-owned property, 1990 and 2000 Player Circle, to Alexander Termos. Property Disposition Committee recommends the sale of this City-owned property to Alexander Termos, for the sum of \$40,000 (less 3% broker commission), and, authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign closing documents related to the sale of this property on behalf of the City.  
Unanimously carried.

2026-01-10 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Bauman  
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of Bid for Norwayne Culvert Repair Project to PWD Contracting; amount not to exceed \$75,201, and, authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign a contract approved by the City Attorney and executed by the vendor.  
Unanimously carried.

2026-01-11 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Bauman  
WHEREAS, Mayor Kevin Coleman has appointed Brandon M. Grysko of Fausone & Grysko, PLC, to the position of Legal Director for a two (2) year term, term effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council confirms the appointment of Brandon M. Grysko of Fausone & Grysko, PLC, to the position of Legal Director for a two (2) year term, term effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.  
Unanimously carried.

2026-01-12 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Sampey  
WHEREAS, Mayor Kevin Coleman has re-appointed Mohamed Ayoub as Planning Director; appointment effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council confirms the re-appointment of Mohamed Ayoub as Planning Director; appointment effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.  
Unanimously carried.

2026-01-13 Motion by Bauman, supported by Martin  
WHEREAS, Mayor Kevin Coleman has re-appointed Kyle Mulligan as Parks & Recreation Director; appointment effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council confirms the re-appointment of Kyle Mulligan as Parks & Recreation Director; appointment effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.

2026-01-14 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Sullivan  
RESOLVED that Council retains Plante Moran & Associates as City Auditor to provide auditing and financial consulting services to the City, effective immediately, and ending December 31, 2027.  
Unanimously carried.

2026-01-15 Motion by Sullivan, supported by Rutkowski  
WHEREAS, Mayor Kevin Coleman has re-appointed Chris Galatis to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a two (2) year term, term to expire December 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has confirmed the re-appointment of Chris Galatis to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a two (2) year term, term to expire December 31, 2027.  
Unanimously carried.

2026-01-16 Motion by Sullivan, supported by Rutkowski  
WHEREAS, Mayor Kevin Coleman has re-appointed Derek Berghuis to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a two (2) year term, term to expire December 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has confirmed the re-appointment of Derek Berghuis to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a two (2) year term, term to expire December 31, 2027.  
Unanimously carried.

- 2026-01-17 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Sullivan  
WHEREAS, Mayor Kevin Coleman has re-appointed Cassandra Myers to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a two (2) year term, term to expire December 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has confirmed the re-appointment of Cassandra Myers to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a two (2) year term, term to expire December 31, 2027.  
Unanimously carried.

- 2026-01-18 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Sampey  
WHEREAS, Mayor Kevin Coleman has re-appointed Sharon Sullivan to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a two (2) year term, term to expire December 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has confirmed the re-appointment of Sharon Sullivan to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a two (2) year term, term to expire December 31, 2027.  
Unanimously carried.

- 2026-01-19 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Sampey  
WHEREAS, Mayor Kevin Coleman has re-appointed Juanita Francis Obie to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a two (2) year term, term to expire December 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has confirmed the re-appointment of Juanita Francis Obie to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a two (2) year term, term to expire December 31, 2027.  
Unanimously carried.

- 2026-01-20 Motion by Bauman, supported by Rutkowski  
WHEREAS, Mayor Kevin Coleman has re-appointed Amber Gilbert to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a two (2) year term, term to expire December 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has confirmed the re-appointment of Amber Gilbert to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a two (2) year term, term to expire December 31, 2027.  
Unanimously carried.

- 2026-01-21 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Sampey

WHEREAS, Mayor Kevin Coleman has appointed David Wiacek to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a two (2) year term, term to expire December 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has confirmed the appointment of David Wiacek to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council for a two (2) year term, term to expire December 31, 2027.

Unanimously carried.

2026-01-22 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Sullivan  
To grant approval of Appointed Officials Mayor's Office, and City Clerk's Pay Plan for a period of January 1, 2026 through December 2027.

2026-01-23 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Sampey  
To postpone approval of Appointed Officials Mayor's Office, and City Clerk's Pay Plan for a period of January 1, 2026 through December 2027 until Q2 Study Session is held and budget has passed.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bauman, Rutkowski, Sampey,

Nays: Martin, Maxwell, Sullivan, McDermott

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion failed.

2026-01-24 Motion by Martin  
To close debate on approval of Appointed Officials Mayor's Office, and City Clerk's Pay Plan for a period of January 1, 2026 through December 2027.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Martin, Maxwell, Sullivan

Nays: Bauman, Rutkowski, Sampey, McDermott

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion failed.

Returning to Motion 2026-01-22:

RESOLVED that Council grants approval of Appointed Officials Mayor's Office, and City Clerk's Pay Plan for a period of January 1, 2026 through December 2027.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bauman, Martin, Maxwell, Sullivan, McDermott

Nays: Rutkowski, Sampey,

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilwoman Rutkowski left the meeting at 8:55 PM.

2026-01-25 Motion by Bauman, supported by Sampey  
RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.  
Unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Michael McDermott  
Council President

Shannon Inman  
City Clerk