

Council Proceedings
City of Westland
Meeting No. 2
January 17, 2023

The Westland City Council held a regular meeting January 17, 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 Hart
James Godbout
Peter Herzberg
Michael Londeau
Michael McDermott
Andrea Rutkowski
Melissa Sampey

Absent (excused)

Also present were Deputy Mayor Michael Reddy, Assessor Jennifer Nieman, Budget Director Dan Block, Building Official David Reilly, Cable Director Craig Welkenbach, Cable Producer Craig Hebert, City Attorney James Fausone, Deputy Community Development Director Roger Shifflett, DEI Director Paschal Eze, DPS Director Ramzi El-Gharib, Economic Director Aubrey Berman, Facilities Director Vic Barra, Finance Director Steve Smith, Fire Chief Darrell Stamper, IT Director Craig Brown, MSB Director Joe Burton, Neighborhood Services Director Hassan Saab, Parks & Recreation Director Kyle Mulligan, Personnel Director Stephani Field, Planning Director Mohamed Ayoub, Deputy Police Chief Kyle Dawley, Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, Purchasing Director Devin Adams, Senior Resources Director Barbara Marcum, Water and Sewer Superintendent Doug Morton, Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz, Deputy City Clerk Shannon Inman, and City Clerk Richard LeBlanc.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Andrea Rutkowski.

- 2023-01-06 Motion by Sampey, supported by Herzberg
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of the Consent Calendar as follows:
- Minutes of regular meeting held January 3, 2023.
 - Adoption of 2023 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, further 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-23128, 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, further 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.
Unanimously carried.

2023-01-07 Motion by Londeau, supported by Rutkowski
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of the voucher list as follows: Checklist Activity: \$1,261,876.88.
Unanimously carried.

City Council President Hart explained the process for nominating people to vacant positions.

Clerk LeBlanc opened nominations for Mayor of the City of Westland.

Councilwoman Sampey nominated Michael Londeau for the office of Mayor.

Councilman Herzberg nominated Emery Price for the office of Mayor.

Councilman Godbout nominated himself, James Godbout for the office of Mayor.

2023-01-08 Motion by Londeau, supported by Rutkowski
RESOLVED that nominations be closed for appointment to the office of Mayor to fill the unexpired partial term of Mayor William R. Wild, until certification of the November 7, 2023, City General Election.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Londeau, McDermott, Rutkowski, Sampey, Hart
Nays: Godbout, Herzberg
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion carried.

All nominee names were written onto a slip of paper. All names were placed in a container and were drawn out one at a time by City Clerk Richard LeBlanc to create a voting order.

The name of James Godbout was drawn from the container.

The name of Emery Price was drawn from the container.

The name of Michael Londeau was drawn from the container.

2023-01-09 That Council appoints James Godbout to the office of Mayor to fill the unexpired partial term of Mayor William R. Wild, until certification of the November 7, 2023, City General Election.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Godbout, Herzberg
Nays: Londeau, McDermott, Rutkowski, Sampey, Hart
Abstain: None
Absent: None
The appointment did not receive sufficient votes and failed.

2023-01-10 That Council appoints Emery Price to the office of Mayor to fill the unexpired partial term of Mayor William R. Wild, until certification of the November 7, 2023, City General Election.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Herzberg
Nays: Godbout, Londeau, McDermott, Rutkowski, Sampey, Hart
Abstain: None
Absent: None
The appointment did not receive sufficient votes and failed.

2023-01-11 RESOLVED that Council appoints Michael Londeau to the office of Mayor to fill the unexpired partial term of Mayor William R. Wild, until certification of the November 7, 2023, City General Election.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Londeau, McDermott, Rutkowski, Sampey, Hart
Nays: Godbout, Herzberg
Abstain: None
Absent: None
The appointment did receive sufficient votes and is approved.

Michael Londeau was given the Oath of Office as Mayor by City Clerk Richard LeBlanc.

Councilwoman Rutkowski nominated DeLano Hornbuckle for the office of City Council.

Councilman Godbout nominated Debra Fowlkes for the office of City Council.

Councilman Herzberg nominated Emily Bauman for the office of City Council.

2023-01-12 Motion by Sampey, supported by McDermott
RESOLVED that nominations be closed for the office of City Council to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Londeau, created by his appointment to the office of Mayor.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Herzberg, McDermott, Rutkowski, Sampey, Hart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Unanimously carried.

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The name of Debra Fowlkes was drawn from the container.

The name of DeLano Hornbuckle was drawn from the container.

The name of Emily Bauman was drawn from the container.

2023-01-13 That Council appoints Debra Fowlkes to the office of City Council to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Londeau, created by his appointment to the office of Mayor.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Herzberg

Nays: McDermott, Rutkowski, Sampey, Hart

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The appointment did not receive sufficient votes and failed.

2023-01-14 RESOLVED that Council appoints DeLano Hornbuckle to the office of City Council to fill the unexpired partial term of Councilman Londeau, created by his appointment to the office of Mayor.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Herzberg, McDermott, Rutkowski, Sampey, Hart

Nays: Godbout

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The appointment did receive sufficient votes and is approved.

The remaining nomination falls as the position has been filled.

DeLano Hornbuckle was given the Oath of Office of City Council by City Clerk Richard LeBlanc.

Councilwoman Sampey nominated Councilwoman Rutkowski to fill a Vacated Presiding Officer position until the first City Council meeting in January 2024.

Councilman Herzberg nominated Councilman Godbout to fill a Vacated Presiding Officer position until the first City Council meeting in January 2024.

2023-01-15 Motion by Sampey, supported by Herzberg
RESOLVED that Council closes nominations to fill a Vacated Presiding Officer position until the first City Council meeting in January 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Herzberg, Hornbuckle, McDermott, Rutkowski, Sampey, Hart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Unanimously carried.

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The name of Andrea Rutkowski was drawn from the container.
The name of James Godbout was drawn from the container.

2023-01-16 RESOLVED that Council appoints Councilwoman Rutkowski to fill a Vacated Presiding Officer position until the first City Council meeting in January 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hornbuckle, Rutkowski, Sampey, Hart

Nays: Godbout, Herzberg, McDermott

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The appointment did receive sufficient votes and is approved.

The remaining nomination falls as the position has been filled.

2023-01-17 Motion by McDermott, supported by Sampey
RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.
Unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

James Hart
Council President

Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk