

Council Proceedings
City of Westland
Meeting No. 11
May 17, 2021

The Westland City Council held a regular meeting May 17, 2021, electronically, via ZOOM. The City Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road Westland, Michigan, 48185 were not physically occupied by the Council.

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	– Remotely from Wayne County, Westland, MI
Tasha Green	– Remotely from Wayne County, Westland, MI
Peter Herzberg	– Remotely from Wayne County, Westland, MI
Michael Londeau	– Remotely from Wayne County, Westland, MI
Michael McDermott	– Remotely from Wayne County, Westland, MI
Andrea Rutkowski	– Remotely from Wayne County, Westland, MI
James Hart	– Remotely from Wayne County, Westland, MI

Every City Council member in attendance announced their physical location in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, as amended.

Also present were Mayor William Wild, Cable Director Craig Welkenbach, City Attorney James Fausone, Facilities Director Vic Barra, Finance Director Steve Smith, Fire Chief James Morris, IT Director Craig Brown, Parks and Recreation Director Kyle Mulligan, Planning Director Mohamed Ayoub, Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, and City Clerk Richard LeBlanc.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Andrea Rutkowski

Announcements were made by Parks and Recreation Director Kyle Mulligan regarding the monthly city park clean-up events, and thanks to those who participate.

Parks and Recreation Director Kyle Mulligan, Fire Chief James Morris, and Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik each commented regarding the upcoming Battle of The Badge Blood Drive event.

2021-05-85 Motion by Londeau, supported by McDermott
To grant approval of the Consent Calendar.

2021-05-86 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Londeau
To move Consent item D to New Business item 1A.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott,
Rutkowski, Hart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Unanimously carried.

2021-05-87 Motion by Londeau, supported by McDermott
To move Consent item H to New Business item 1B.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott,
Rutkowski, Hart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Unanimously carried.

Returning to Motion 2021-05-85:

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

- Minutes of the special meeting held May 10, 2021.
- Request from Tim Sumpter/Big Sky Fireworks, to operate a seasonal temporary fireworks tent in the Coliseum Racquet Club parking lot, 34250 Ford Road, from June 28, 2021, through July 5, 2021; hours of operation 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. daily.
- Approval of request from Niko Jonna/A1 Fireworks, to operate a seasonal temporary fireworks tent in the parking lot of Jonna's Market, 8631 N. Newburgh Road, from June 22, 2021, through July 5, 2021; hours of operation 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily; request includes a waiver from Ordinance 248-A-80, Section 4:13(c)(1) which states "the length of a temporary use or sales event shall not exceed seven (7) days during a season, except that sales of Christmas trees are permitted for up to forty-five (45) days."
- Approval of request from Len Fisher/Inspire Theatre, to host an outdoor presentation of the play, "The 39 Steps", for three (3) weekends starting June 11, 2021, through June 27, 2021, that will run from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., that will take place directly behind the Theatre located at 33455 Warren Road.
- Traffic Control Order 2021-01:
Install one (1) "STOP" sign on E/B Executive Dr. in front of 38205 Executive Dr. on the southwest corner of Executive.
Install one (1) "STOP" sign on N/B Executive Dr. at 6202 N. Executive Dr.
- Approval of the City of Westland's MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Addendum.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott, Rutkowski, Hart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Unanimously carried.

2021-05-88 Motion by Herzberg, supported by Rutkowski

RESOLVED that Council grants approval of minutes of regular meeting held May 3, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott, Rutkowski

Nays: None

Abstain: Hart (Council President Hart was absent/excused)

Absent: None

Motion carried.

2021-05-89 Motion by Herzberg, supported by Green

To approve request from Jaison Joseph and Joanne Jenkins of Cabot Lab, to operate a temporary Rapid Covid-19 testing facility in the parking lot of Westland Crossing Shopping Center, 34518-34794 Warren Road, beginning May 18, 2021, hours of operation 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. seven (7) days a week; request includes a waiver from Ordinance 248-A-80, Section 4:13(c)(1) which states "the length of a temporary use or sales event shall not exceed seven (7) days during a season, except that sales of Christmas trees are permitted for up to forty-five (45) days."

2021-05-90 Motion by Londeau, supported by Herzberg

To Table item 2021-05-89.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott, Rutkowski, Hart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Unanimously carried.

2021-05-91 Motion by Herzberg, supported by Londeau
Adoption of Prepared Resolution relating to the 2021 Protecting the
Right to Organize Act.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott,
Rutkowski, Hart
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Unanimously carried.

2021-05-92 Motion by Herzberg, supported by McDermott
RESOLVED that Council grants approval of minutes of budget study
session held May 1, 2021.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Godbout, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott,
Rutkowski, Hart
Nays: None
Abstain: Green (Councilwoman Green was absent/excused)
Absent: None
Motion carried.

2021-05-93 Motion by Londeau, supported by Rutkowski
WHEREAS, Mayor William R. Wild has appointed Gerilyn Mauer to
the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to fill an unexpired
term, term to expire October 1, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has
confirmed the appointment of Gerilyn Mauer to the Downtown
Development Authority (DDA) to fill an unexpired term, term to
expire October 1, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott,
Rutkowski, Hart
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Unanimously carried.

2021-05-94 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Herzberg
WHEREAS, Mayor William R. Wild has appointed Rev. Henrietta
Grossoehme to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for a
four (4) year term, term to expire May 17, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has
confirmed the appointment of Rev. Henrietta Grossoehme to the
Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for a four (4) year term,
term to expire May 17, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott,
Rutkowski, Hart
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Unanimously carried.

2021-05-95 Motion by Londeau, supported by Herzberg
WHEREAS, Mayor William R. Wild has appointed Lashon Hart to
the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council to fill an unexpired term,
term to expire December 31, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has
confirmed the appointment of Lashon Hart to the Parks &
Recreation Advisory Council to fill an unexpired term, term to
expire December 31, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott,
Rutkowski, Hart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Unanimously carried.

- 2021-05-96 Motion by Rutkowski, supported by Herzberg
WHEREAS, Mayor William R. Wild has appointed Andrew Ward to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC)/Tax Increment Authority (TIFA)/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA), to fill an unexpired term, term to expire March 19, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has confirmed the appointment of Andrew Ward to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC)/Tax Increment Authority (TIFA)/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA), to fill an unexpired term, term to expire March 19, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott,
Rutkowski, Hart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Unanimously carried.

- 2021-05-97 Motion by Londeau, supported by Godbout
WHEREAS, Mayor William R. Wild has appointed Selvan Murugan to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC)/Tax Increment Authority (TIFA)/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA), to fill an unexpired term, term to expire September 18, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has confirmed the appointment of Selvan Murugan to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC)/Tax Increment Authority (TIFA)/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA), to fill an unexpired term, term to expire September 18, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott,
Rutkowski, Hart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Unanimously carried.

- 2021-05-98 Motion by Londeau, supported by Herzberg
RESOLVED that Council concurs with Administration and recommends approval of application request for a new Class C Liquor License from Legendary Entertainment & Experiences LLC, a limited liability company, subsidiary of Hush Haunted Attraction LLC, located at 37550 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, 48185, Wayne County
Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott,
Rutkowski, Hart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Unanimously carried.

- 2021-05-99 Motion by Londeau, supported by Rutkowski
RESOLVED that Council concurs with Planning Commission and grants approval of Site Plan and Special Land Use for Proposed Burger King, 38411 Ford Road, south side of Ford Road between Hix and Norma subject to the required variance being approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. PD #2248
Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott,
Rutkowski, Hart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Unanimously carried.

2021-05-100 Motion by McDermott, supported by Rutkowski

RESOLVED that Council concurs with Planning Commission and grants approval of Special Land Use for Proposed Wine Tasting Room, 6033 N. Wayne Road, west side of Wayne Road, north of Stacy. PD #2121E

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott,
Rutkowski, Hart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Unanimously carried.

2021-05-101 Motion by Londeau, supported by Rutkowski

RESOLVED that Council concurs with Planning Commission and grants approval of Site Plan for Proposed Commercial Plaza, 34601 Ford Road, Parcel #042-01-0020-303, south side of Ford Road between Wayne Road and Wildwood subject to the required variances being approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. PD #2163B

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Londeau, McDermott, Rutkowski,
Hart

Nays: Herzberg

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

2021-05-102 Motion by McDermott, supported by Herzberg

RESOLVED that Council grants approval of the voucher list as follows: Checklist Activity: \$ 2,559,743.03.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Godbout, Green, Herzberg, Londeau, McDermott,
Rutkowski, Hart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Unanimously carried.

2021-05-103 Motion by Herzberg, supported by Londeau

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

Unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

James Hart
Council President

Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk