

Official proceedings of the City Council of the City of Marseilles of the meeting of January 7, 2026.

The City Council of the City of Marseilles met in the City Chamber of City Hall at the hour of 6:00 P.M. on January 7, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Hollenbeck, Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, and Buckingham. Absent: None.

Commissioner Scheib made a motion to amend the minutes to add "Commissioner Kaminski stated the HR report has always been a public document and subject to release" Moved by Commissioner Scheib seconded by Commissioner Buckingham to approve the minutes presented by Commissioner Scheib. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Commissioner Schieb referred to Ordinance 30.20 section B 3, he stated it's his understanding that a vote can be made to extend a speaker's time.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the accounts payable for the last half of December in the amount of \$274,783.46 be approved and a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury for the said amount. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that the payroll for the last half of December in the amount of \$103,848.51 be approved and a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury for said amount. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None. Abstain: Commissioner Scheib.

Commissioner Small reminded drivers that children are back in school and urged them to be extra cautious on the roads. She also addressed parking at Broadway Park, emphasizing that vehicles must be parked within the marked lines. Drivers who fail to park properly will be ticketed in accordance with the ordinance.

Commissioner Small addressed online comments and questions raised at the previous meeting regarding an alleged false police report. She said the State's Attorney sent her a letter stating they will not be proceeding with the matter. According to the letter, no charges are being filed and there was nothing falsified.

Small noted this is the second time the State's Attorney has determined that no false police report was filed, with the first determination made in September 2025. She added that she also reached out to the Illinois State Police, explaining that when the State's Attorney declines to move forward, it indicates they have reviewed all the evidence presented and determined there is no basis to pursue the matter further.

Commissioner Scheib stated that in November 2016, a resident was given probation, and in February 2020, a resident was charged with filing false police reports. He said on April 22, 2025, a resident sent an e-mail alleging Clerk Hart has released an HR report to that resident. The following day, April 23, 2025, Commissioner Kaminski sent an email stating the incident may constitute insurance fraud and suggested that Scheib contact the Illinois State Police.

Commissioner Scheib asked for the status of the donation boxes for the Illinois Freedom Run. He said we accept donations for the nursing service and pet project, but not the Illinois Freedom Run.

He said he will be following up with the Illinois State Police and State Attorney's office. He said fewer than less than 1% have Commission form of government. He asked Commissioner Kaminski if there are different rules for an asset that cannot be repossessed. Mayor Hollenbeck suggested speaking to the financial auditors when they come.

Commissioner Buckingham wished residents a Happy New Year. He said while he was present at the Weaths Across America ceremony he noticed a box on the floor and list for Pet Project. He asked which comes first, Animals or Veterans?

Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Small that pay estimate #5 to Conely Excavating in the amount of \$51,420.00 for the handicap swing and special surface. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Mayor Hollenbeck seconded by Commissioner Small that Resolution 2026-1, a resolution appointing Alfred Bruce Boaz to the Middle East Tribute Board be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

City Engineer Mike Etscheid said he passed out a memo regarding the tenth street cell tower sale. The city was offered \$230,000 to buy out the lease. Mike said if an additional antenna were to be installed on the tower the city would still receive half of the charges even if the city sold the lease.

Mayor Hollenbeck stated that an upcoming meeting will be held with city officials, including Commissioner Kaminski and Commissioner Scheib, as well as representatives of the Middle East Tribute Board, to determine how the donation boxes will be handled.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the City Council now adjourn at 6:22 P.M. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

____ Lesley Hart ____

City Clerk