

Official proceedings of the City Council of the City of Marseilles of the meeting of December 17, 2025.

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 December 17, 2025.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call showed the following present: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, and Buckingham. Absent: Mayor Hollenbeck.

Public hearing for Truth and Taxation was held. No public comment was made. Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Scheib to close the public hearing. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

Commissioner Scheib made a motion to amend the minutes of December 3, 2025 council meeting. "Commissioner Schieb asked whether Mayor Hollenbeck would be willing to drop a lawsuit if a member of the board were to resign" he also added "Clerk Hart informed Commissioner Scheib to not speak to her" Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Small to amend the minutes presented by Commissioner Scheib. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

Commissioner Scheib stated point of order asking Attorney Cantlin if speakers are required under the ordinance to be civil when speaking. Attorney Cantlin stated it's a general rule of practice to have civility. According to the ordinance attached to the agenda it states a speaker should be well mannered in their presentation and maintain non-disruptive behavior.

Daryl Tedford said the city cannot violate the first amendment right with an ordinance. Attorney Cantlin said the city has not done anything to violate anyone's first amendment rights. He asked for reassurance that Lesley Hart will not receive a golden parachute if she leaves her employment by resigning or being fired.

Bob Vicory, owner of Wallbridge Creek Estates subdivision, thanked the council for all their cooperation. He had a total of 32 lots for sale and 16 still available for purchase. Bob would like to see some playground equipment in the subdivision if possible.

Commissioner Kaminski made a statement regarding the City Clerk's employment. The City Clerk was acting within her official capacity when releasing a document to a sitting Commissioner, Commissioner Buckingham. No further investigation is warranted. Both the State and County have determined that the release does not constitute criminal activity.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that the accounts payable for the first half of December in the amount of \$304,544.76 be approved and a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury for the said amount. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the payroll for the first half of December in the amount of \$105,894.77 be approved and a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury for said amount. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None. Abstain: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham, that Ordinance 1899, an ordinance providing for the issue of an amount not to exceed \$430,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026, of the City of Marseilles, LaSalle County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that ordinance 1878, tax levy ordinance for 2025-2026 be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Pro Tem Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that Ordinance 1902, an ordinance abating the tax heretofor levied pursuant to Ordinance 1784 for the year 2025 be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that Ordinance 1901, an ordinance abating the tax heretofor levied pursuant to Ordinance 1785 for the year 2025 be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Buckingham, Scheib, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Scheib that the pay estimate #1 to Grand Rapids in the amount of \$66,985.20 for the First Avenue East of Prairie Street watermain project be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Buckingham, Scheib, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Small that the change order to Grand Rapids in the amount of \$12,760 for the Bratton Avenue & Tower Circle Drive drainage project be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Buckingham, Scheib, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Scheib that the pay estimate #1 to Grand Rapids in the amount of \$105,379.83 for the Bratton Avenue & Tower Circle Drive drainage project be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Buckingham, Scheib, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

The council wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the City Council adjourns. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Lesley Hart
CITY CLERK