

Official proceedings of the City Council of the City of Marseilles of the meeting of February 4, 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 February 4, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that the minutes from the Council meeting of January 21, 2026 be approved as displayed and placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Commissioner Scheib read a letter from Mary Centko regarding Danelson-Stevenson Park. Ms. Centko, who was unable to attend the meeting, expressed concerns about the park's development and maintenance, the 2009 agreement, and whether tower revenue is dedicated to the park. She requested consideration of a new ordinance to create a Danelson-Stevenson Park fund, allocating 75% of the revenue to the park and clarification within the City budget.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the accounts payable for the last half of January in the amount of \$96,937.51 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 January in the amount of \$94,603.03 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 expressed appreciation to the first responders for their efforts during the house fire and noted that six police officers have completed Crisis Intervention Training.

Commissioner Scheib discussed Lyons Avenue, stating he believes it is a city street and requested clarification on the city's responsibilities. Attorney Christina Cantlin reported she received a survey indicating Lyons Avenue is a city street. The City Engineer noted that while several surveys exist and the street is designated as a reserve street, it is currently not maintained.

Commissioner Scheib thanked the street department during the recent water main break. He also thanked the residents of Illinois Street for their letters to support for the recently awarded \$1 million dollar grant.

Commissioner Scheib expressed concerns regarding Danelson-Stevenson Park on 10th Street, indicating that the heir to the property has also raised concerns. He referred to the 2009 ordinance requiring a fund to be created and stated that it was never established. He then requested that the motion regarding the lease sale of the tower be tabled.

Commissioner Scheib presented information regarding a rain barrel program and inquired whether the council would support the program. Commissioner Kaminski requested that additional information be gathered before proceeding.

Commissioner Scheib inquired about where revenue is being directed beyond the two existing funds for the lease of the cell tower. He suggested contacting the heir to address any concerns regarding selling the lease. The City Engineer stated the city has invested more than \$120,000 in park development. Commissioner Scheib expressed concern that the fund required under the 2009 ordinance was never established. Mike Etscheid, City Engineer, stated the ordinance indicates the park should be on city property and located in a specific location, which differs from the park's current location. He asked Commissioner Scheib whether the park should be moved to comply with the ordinance.

Commissioner Buckingham thanked the first responders for the recent house fire.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that the offer from Landmark Dividend to buy out the tenth street cell tower lease in the amount of \$230,000 be approved. Commissioner Kaminski tabled the motion at the previous meeting to verify information with the company. He stated that once the company removes its equipment from the cell tower, the city will no longer receive compensation. The City Engineer provided a historical timeline of the park and outlined the intentions of the property owner. Commissioner Scheib stated he needed to read a letter he received from the heir of the property, to fulfill his due diligence obligations related to potential litigation concerns. Commissioner Scheib said he has direct communication with Jean Nakaerts an heir to Danelson-Stevenson Park. Commissioner Buckingham stated that some time ago he and former Mayor Patti Smith met with the family, who approved of all the city's decisions for the park. Commissioner Scheib stated he felt it was his due diligence to get clarity on this matter.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Small that the engineering design and construction services proposal for Illinois Street sanitary manhole and sewer rehabilitation be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Mayor Hollenbeck seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that the TEC Services consulting agreement for the BUILD planning application be approved. This is

for phase 1 and phase 2 of engineering costs around \$400,000. Application is due 2/24/26 grant will be awarded sometime in June 2026.

Mayor Hollenbeck said the food pantry drive at OSF will be held February 7. The Lion's Club fish fry starts February 20 for 7 consecutive weeks. Mayor Hollenbeck reported he is working with Engineer Rachel Schneider on the Safe Routes to School grant; no state funds have been received yet.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the City Council adjourns at 6:47 P.M. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

_____ Lesley Hart _____
CITY CLERK