

Official proceedings of the City Council of the City of Marseilles of the meeting of May 6, 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 May 6, 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 April 15, 2026, be approved as displayed and placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib. Commissioner Scheid made a motion to amend the minutes. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Resident Denise Parini asked for an update regarding the donation boxes at the memorial wall. She stated she has been requesting for the donation boxes to be returned for approximately one year. Parini also stated she is in favor of the rain barrel program.

Melissa Pointer Tooley asked if there was an approval to condemn Timber Edge Subdivision. Tooley asked Commissioner Small for the definition of a false police report.

Mayor Hollenbeck read the rules of public participation.

Resident Rocky Raikes stated there were two Saturdays in April designated for UTV inspections. He said that if anyone missed the two scheduled inspection dates, an additional \$25 fee would be added. Rocky thanked the police department for removing a racoon from his property.

Commissioner Schieb read a letter from Jennifer Hughes Weaton, stating she is in favor of the Rain Barrel Program.

Resident Mathew Underwood questioned why, at a separate meeting, the mayor responded to a question during public comment, but at this meeting stated that questions would not be answered during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Scott Damjanovic stated that approximately a year ago the mayor held up a file and said he intended to sue Mike. Damjanovic said he has since filed another lawsuit in state court against the City of Marseilles and indicated that an additional lawsuit will be coming soon. Damjanovic stated that he intends to pursue legal action whenever he believes his First Amendment rights are threatened. Scott Damjanovic commented on a recent court hearing, stating that although he was representing himself pro se and identified himself as a felon, he believed he performed effectively against opposing counsel.

He asked City Attorney Leigh if it's unconstitutional for him to say swear words during meetings. He said the judge stated a FOIA request is not a form of harassment as it is a public record.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the accounts payable for the last half of April in the amount of \$219,139.02 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 Schieb.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that the payroll for the last half of April in the amount of \$88,623.67 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 addressed several issues at Broadway Park, stating that safety measures have been implemented and police presence in the area has increased. She also said park rule signs will be posted soon. Commissioner Small addressed a question from Melissa Pointer Tooley regarding the definition of a false police report. Small said she believes a false report would involve someone making a report with no grounds of truth.

Commissioner Scheib said at prior council meetings Commissioner Small has screenshots of him calling the police department corrupt, he asked to see the screenshots. Commissioner Small said he can go online to view. Commissioner Scheib said he has lost sleep and his family is suffering due to a lawsuit against him. He thanked Lincoln Street residents for their patience during the street repairs. Commissioner Scheib has an issue with the March 18, 2026 council recap. Commissioner Scheib raised concerns regarding the March 18, 2026 council recap, stating that the recap identified a resident by name while the resident had no opportunity to respond. Scheib said the city already has official meeting minutes and believes the council recap was unnecessary. Commissioner Scheib thanked Mathew Underwood for videoing the council meetings.

Moved by Commissioner Scheib seconded by Commissioner Small that Resolution 2026-5, a resolution for safe routes to school be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that Resolution 2026-6, a resolution establishing and adopting a rain barrel program in partnership with the conservation foundation be tabled. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Commissioner Buckingham said he has received several complaints regarding dog droppings near the memorial wall and asked residents to clean up after their dogs.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that Resolution 2026-4, a resolution authorizing purchase of a Vactor Truck be adopted. Ayes:

Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that the 2026 source water plan with Ferh Graham in the amount of \$23,500.00 be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Small that the GIS agreement with Advanced Mapping Systems in the amount of \$49,373.00 be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that the flow monitoring proposal with Baxter and Woodman in the amount of \$14,614.00 be placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Sealed bids were opened for 142 Lincoln Street and 209 Lincoln Street.
142 Lincon Street bid from the Marseilles Fire Protection District \$130,00.00
142 Lincoln Street bid from Marseilles Nursing Service \$125,000.00
209 Lincoln Street bid from Marseilles Fire Protection District \$216,000.00
Commissioner Schied asked if the city is obligated to take the highest bid.

Moved by Mayor Hollenbeck seconded by Commissioner Small that Resolution 2026-7, a resolution for an agreement for application services for a community development block grant (CDBG) housing rehabilitation grant on behalf of the City of Marseilles be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None. This will be the city's third round of the grant program, with funding increased to up to \$60,000 per qualifying home.

Moved by Mayor Hollenbeck seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that Resolution 2026-8, a resolution appointing members to ESDA be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None. Jeff Laitila stepped down as director and Justin Krasowski took his place.

Moved by Mayor Hollenbeck seconded by Commissioner Small that the special event permit application for Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run and Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial weekend to be held June 19 & 20, 2026 be approved and the permit fee be waived. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Mayor Jim Hollenbeck said the city submitted a request to become an Opportunity Zone. Illinois is expected to designate 238 new Opportunity Zones, which could help encourage new developments north of town. Mayor Jim Hollenbeck responded to Matthew

Underwood's question regarding answering questions during public comment. Mayor Hollenbeck said he addressed the question during his time to speak. City Attorney, responded to Commissioner Scheib regarding the city property bids. Attorney Leigh said the city reserves the right to refuse any bid.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Buckingham the city council now adjourn at 6:47 P.M.. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Lesley Hart

CITY CLERK