

Official proceedings of the City Council of the City of Marseilles of the meeting of July 15, 2026.

The City Council of the City of Marseilles met in the City Chamber of City Hall at 200 Riverfront Dr. at the hour of 6:00 P.M. on July 15, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

A public hearing was held regarding the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant. The City has applied for an \$800,000 grant, which could potentially assist approximately 10 single-family, owner-occupied homes with housing rehabilitation needs. Applicants must meet low- to moderate-income eligibility requirements. Commissioner Scheib asked Connie Buchanan with NCICG what constitutes low- to moderate-income. Connie explained that, per HUD guidelines, residents whose household income falls within the 30%, 50%, and 80% income limits may qualify for assistance through the grant. In addition, \$20,000 has been privately donated toward the grant, which will provide the city with additional points on its grant application. Connie went over a city wish list if the city had additional funds. Public Hearing adjourn at 6:10 P.M.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the minutes from the Council meeting of July 1, 2026, be approved as displayed and placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that the accounts payable for the first half of July in the amount of \$160,236.13 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 Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the payroll for the first half of July in the amount of \$99,134.16 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 Small that Ordinance 1915, an appropriation ordinance for 2026-2027 be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for Commercial Street resurfacing and curb patching be approved. Ayes: Commissioners Small, Scheib, Buckingham, Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Scheib that Resolution 2026-12, a resolution appointing a member to the Marseilles Recreation Board be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Scheib that Resolution 2026-13, a resolution appointing a member to the Marseilles Tribute Board be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that Resolution 2026-14, a resolution authoring the investigation and if appropriate authorize legal action to why gasoline is higher in Marseilles than surrounding communities be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Commissioner Scheib stated that he has concerns about approving this matter because the city previously spent more than \$2,000 on an unrelated matter and did not follow the recommendations that were provided. He also stated that Marseilles is currently hovering near the state average for gas prices, which is why he goes to other communities to purchase gas. Additionally, he expressed concerns about the significant amount of money the city has spent on litigation.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Scheib that the special event permit application Dr. Sutton Memorial Walk Taste of Marseilles be held July 25, 2026 be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Scheib that the proposal for preparation for Rutland Street TARP in the amount of \$6,500 be placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski seconded by Small that the proposal for preparation for Environmental Survey request for future ITEP projects in the amount of \$4,4000 be placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

Commissioner Small reminded everyone that the Police Department will be hosting National Night Out at the Marseilles swimming pool 8/4/2026. Commissioner Small addressed a document filed with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) in March 2026 naming the Police Chief, Captain, and another officer. She stated that two individuals and a sitting Commissioner filed the complaint against the City employees. Following an investigation, ILETSB determined that the allegations were unfounded and without merit. Commissioner Small stated that she finds it concerning that a sitting Commissioner attached their name to the complaint. She thanked the officers who serve the community with integrity and dedication.

Commissioner Scheib stated that he would like to receive a copy of the investigation conducted by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB). He said he has been in contact with a family member of an officer whom he believes should not have been on the streets. Commissioner Scheib also stated that the Mayor and City Clerk went to his place of employment and filed a complaint against him. He said he was also blamed for throwing out federal mail. Commissioner Scheib expressed concerns about how the city is being managed. Commissioner Scheib said to Commissioner Small that he is listed as a witness not a complaintive on the investigation.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham and Commissioner Small that the bid from PPI for the Illinois Street sanitary sewer and manhole rehabilitation project in the amount of \$552,322.00 be approved. Ayes: Commissioners Small, Scheib, Buckingham, Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski went over the recent Freedom Run expenses and upcoming events.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the City Council adjourns at 6:32 P.M. Ayes: Commissioners Small, Scheib, Buckingham, Mayor Pro Tem Kaminski. Nays: None.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Lesley Hart
CITY CLERK