

Official proceedings of the City Council of the City of Marseilles of the meeting of September 2, 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 September 2, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

A public hearing was held regarding the CDBG Revitalization Grant application for the proposed demolition of Washington School. Kevin Lindeman of NCICG provided information regarding the federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the proposed project. The total funds proposed for the project are \$444,800. If the grant is awarded, the City would be required to provide \$111,200 in local funds. Grant funds would be used for the demolition of Washington School. The proposed project would meet the CDBG national objective of addressing slum and blight. Mr. Lindeman explained that once Washington School is demolished, the property would be required to remain as public open space for a minimum of five years. During the public hearing, questions were raised regarding whether the City owns the property and why the City does not pursue the property owner to clean up the property. Mayor Hollenbeck explained that in 1990, the City was involved in legal proceedings concerning the school property. The City won in the initial lawsuit however, the property owner subsequently appealed the decision to the appellate court, which ruled in favor of the property owner. Mayor Hollenbeck stated that the CDBG grant provides the best option for the demolition of Washington School. Public hearing adjourns at 6:37 P.M.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the minutes from the Council meeting of August 19, 2026 be approved as displayed and placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that the accounts payable for the last half of August in the amount of \$231,932.61 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 August in the amount of \$95,568.32 be approved and a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury for said amount. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the proposal from Alpine Power Systems in the amount of \$11,775.00 be approved. Ayes:

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

Commissioner Kaminski thanked Wastewater Superintendent Jason Rix on his 26 years of service.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that Resolution 2026-18, a resolution authorizing purchase of 2013 Chevy Tahoe from Grand Ridge Volunteer Fire Department for ESDA be placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that the chief of police retirement agreement be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham and Mayor Hollenbeck. Abstain: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Scheib that the special event permit application for Marseilles Lighted Santa Parade to be held December 5, 2026 be approved and the permit fee be waived. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Commissioner Scheib spoke regarding his opposition to Flock cameras. He also provided an update on several projects currently underway and scheduled to proceed. He said the Illinois Street sewer is being televised and cleaned. The lead service line inventory is being worked on. Main Street is being striped, and Commercial Street will be ground, repaved, and receive some new curbs. Commissioner Scheib stated that the Safe Routes to School Grant project is expected to be completed by the end of the month. He also wished everyone a happy Labor Day.

Wastewater Superintendent Jason Rix gave an update on the GIS mapping project.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Scheib that the proposal from Baxter and Woodman to perform special conditions 12 and 20.1 surveys in the amount of not to exceed \$28,700.00 be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Commissioner Buckingham stated that he will provide an end-of-season update on the swimming pool at the next Council meeting. He stated that the museum will be open on September 12, 2026. Commissioner Buckingham also stated that most communities have Flock cameras and expressed his support for keeping the cameras.

Moved by Mayor Hollenbeck seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that Resolution 2026-19, a resolution of support and commitment of local funds be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Mayor Hollenbeck seconded by Commissioner Small that Resolution 2026-20, a resolution committing the use of property for park/open space be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Mayor Hollenbeck seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the agreement for administration and coordination services for a community revitalization grant program on behalf of the City of Marseilles be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that the City Council adjourns at 7:02 P.M. Ayes: Commissioners Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Lesley Hart
CITY CLERK