

Official proceedings of the City Council of the City of Marseilles of the meeting of September 16, 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 16, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that the minutes from the council meeting of September 2, 2026, be approved as displayed and placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Ray Eich asked if the city changed the zoning classification for Constellation. He also asked if the city made a deal with LaSalle County for maintenance of trees for safety of traffic.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the accounts payable for the first half of September in the amount of \$162,586.67 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 first half of September in the amount of \$109,409.49 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 Small seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that Resolution 2026-18, a resolution to purchase of a 2013 Chevy Tahoe for ESDA be adopted. Ayes: Commissioners Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that the special event permit application for Marseilles Fun Days to be held June 24-27, 2027 be approved and the permit fee be waived. Ayes: Commissioners Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that Ordinance 1919, an ordinance authorizing sale of personal property be adopted. Ayes: Commissioners Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Commissioner Scheib asked residents to refrain from driving the wrong way on Illinois Street. He reported that the concrete work for the Safe Routes to School grant project has been completed. He stated that he contacted the State of Illinois and emphasized the importance of being aware that any excess construction materials purchased with State funding become the property of the City's Streets Department and may only be used for public purposes. Commissioner Scheib reported that the Illinois Street pipelining project is underway and that work on the Lincoln Bridge began today. He also stated that lumber for the I&M Canal towpath has been delivered and work on the project will begin soon. Commissioner Scheib thanked ESDA for its recent response time and stated that he has allowed ESDA to use his office at City Hall through May 2027. He also encouraged the city to contact the County board members regarding potential relief funds for tree cleanup resulting from the storm on August 11, 2026.

Commissioner Buckingham announced that pick-up days will be October 15th–17th. He said the swimming pool had a loss of \$30,109.85 this year, compared to last year's loss of \$27,395.00. Commissioner Buckingham stated that he spoke with an individual who worked for Davis Construction on the Safe Routes to School project to ask if he would be eligible to have the sidewalk in front of his residence replaced. The worker stated that the project work had already progressed past Commissioner Buckingham's residence but mentioned that he had a side business. The individual then provided him with a price to extend his driveway and replace his sidewalk. Commissioner Buckingham stated that he then obtained a building permit and approval from the Zoning Officer to replace the sidewalk and extend his driveway. Commissioner Buckingham stated that while the project was underway, a report was made to the Police Department regarding the use of gravel for personal purposes. He stated that the gravel was part of an arrangement between himself and the contractor and he did not steal any gravel.

Commissioner Scheib stated that his concern was whether the gravel was State funded. He said that if the gravel was State funded and there was excess material, his understanding, based on his communications with the State, was that the excess gravel would become the property of the City.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that the payment #1 to Universal Asphalt and Excavating in the amount of \$209,070.45 for Commercial Street be approved. Ayes: Commissioners Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Mayor Hollenbeck seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that Resolution 2026-21, a resolution of support with IDOT ITEP grant be adopted. This is for Main Street revitalization. Ayes: Commissioners Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Mayor Hollenbeck seconded by Commissioner Small that Resolution 2026-22, a resolution appointing a member to the Middle East Tribute Board be adopted. Ayes: Commissioners Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Mayor Hollenbeck stated that it is not uncommon for residents to ask contractors working in the area whether they are available to perform additional work for residents, potentially at a reduced cost while the contractor is already in the area.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the City Council adjourns at 6:23 P.M. Ayes: Commissioners Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Lesley Hart
CITY CLERK