

**CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD MARCH 23, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 8:43 p.m. by President Jim Jolly. Present: Vice President Laura Toy, Scott Bahr, Rob Donovic, Scott Morgan, Brandon McCullough, and Kathleen McIntyre. Absent: None

Elected and appointed officials present: Deputy City Clerk, Lori Miller, Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, Paul Bernier; City Attorney, Jeannine Laible, Human Resources Director, Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, Ted Davis; Superintendent of Parks and Recreation.

Councilmember Scott Bahr wanted to note that he noticed the low amount of people at the Rec Center. He pointed out that it is ok to come back. He loves to see when it is vibrant there and would like to see more people come out to play basketball in the mornings.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE CITY'S NOISE ORDINANCE: Ian Edgar, Anastasia & Katie's Coffee Shop, re: to host a car show with a DJ in the parking lot of business located at 19215 Merriman Road on Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ian Edgar, 28828 Westfield Street, Livonia, was present for any questions from Council regarding this request. He noted that this was approved last year by Council, but was canceled due to lack of participants.

Councilmember Kathleen McIntyre offered an approving resolution for the Consent agenda. Kathleen stated that people should stop by for breakfast or lunch. They open at 7:00am and close at 2:30pm. They are located on the West Side of Merriman, just North of Seven Mile.

Ian Edgar added that their motto is that they are good and strong.

Councilmember McIntyre stated that he should come back before the 14th to promote their car show during Audience Communication.

Ian Edgar stated that he has packets of information to pass around.

DIRECTION:

APPROVAL

CONSENT

2. REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: Civil Service Department, re: to add Chapter 2.98 (Police and Fire Revised Retirement Plan) to Title 2 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

Jeannine Laible, Human Resources Director, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Scott Bahr asked if Denise Maier was actually retired now. Jeannine Laible responded that she loves working with Denise and is actually retiring.

Scott Bahr offered and approving resolution for the Consent agenda.

Councilmember Scott Morgan asked of the new ordinance change came from the City or if the Unions were involved, and what it actually affects. Jeannine Laible stated that it puts the Defined Benefit Plan in effect. When recruiting for more officers for Police and Fire, the market was saying that the Defined Benefit Plan was preferred over the Defined Contribution Plan. Since this change, both departments are held up in great esteem by the surrounding communities.

City Attorney Paul Bernier explained that it takes the agreement that Council approved between the City and the Unions and put it in ordinance form. There has to be an ordinance in order to have the Defined Benefit Plan.

Councilmember Morgan asked if this is moving forward or going back. Paul Bernier stated that he thought it was going back in time. Jeannine Laible stated that they had the plan in place, but the ordinance needed to catch up, be revised and incorporate it. Paul stated that it is designed reflect the intention of the Union and the City of when it began. Councilmember Morgan asked if that was for the new pension program or the old pension program. Jeannine confirmed it was the new program. President Jim Jolly clarified that the Law Department will create a proposed ordinance change and they will be able to see exactly what the changes are and exactly what was edited.

DIRECTION:

APPROVAL

CONSENT

3. REQUEST TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE AND THE CITY OF LIVONIA: Department of Parks and Recreation, re: for improvements at Botsford Pool and Clements Circle Pool.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, presented the request to Council.

Vice President Laura Toy offered and approving resolution for the Consent agenda and asked for an update on Sheldon Center Pool. Ted Davis stated that it depends on staffing levels. They do not anticipate opening this year solely based on staffing. He indicated that he would like to see Clement Circle and the Rec Center indoor pool open without restrictions and Botsford open as much as possible. The normal goal for lifeguards is 100, but they would be lucky to have 60.

DIRECTION:

APPROVAL

CONSENT

4. REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF LIVONIA: Bill Craig, Tree City Committee

Chairman and Douglas L. Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works re: to be celebrated at 2:30pm at Coolidge Elementary School, 30500 Curtis Street.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember, Brandon McCullough, offered an approving resolution on the Consent agenda. He stated that the Tree Committee does amazing work, and they might bring back the tree costume this year. President Jim Jolly asked that this item be on the Regular agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL REGULAR

5. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Department of Public Works, re: for the 2022-2025 Municipal Park Mowing Program, which involves approximately 136 acres of parks, cemetery, and fire station property, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Scott Bahr offered an approving resolution on the Consent agenda.

President Jolly asked to clarify the procedure of the department to oversee that the mowing is being done. Doug Moore responded there are two foremen, a supervisor and himself. Once they receive the mowing schedule from the company, they check almost daily, to make sure it is getting done.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

6. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Engineering Division, re: for the 2022 Sidewalk Replacement Program, Contract 22-G.19:07

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, presented the request the Council.

Councilmember Rob Donovic offered an approving resolution on the Consent agenda and commended the company for the great job they do.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

7. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Engineering Division, re: for the 2022 Lane Line Marking Program, Contract 22-H.

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, presented the request the Council.

Council Vice President Laura Toy offered an approving resolution on the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION: None

As there were no further questions or comments President Jim Jolly adjourned the Study Session at 9:05 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

Dated: March 24, 2022

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK