CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by President Jim Jolly. Present: Brandon McCullough, Kathleen McIntyre, Vice President Laura Toy, Scott Bahr, Rob Donovic, Scott Morgan. Absent: None.

Elected and appointed officials present: City Clerk, Susan Nash, Paul Bernier, City Attorney, Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, LaShawn Thomas, Director of Governmental Affairs, Brandie Isaacson, Director of Housing, Jeannine Laible, Director of Civil Service, Don Rohraff, Director of Public Works, Jacob Rushlow, Assistant Director of Public Works.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scott Bahr.

Councilmember Brandon McCullough announced the Devon-Aire Softball league, in collaboration with local businesses, the schools and the city were able to get the field back into working order and ready for the All-Star game on Saturday, July 16. Council President Jim Jolly along with Vice President Laura Toy commended them on their efforts.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. BLOCK PARTY: Karen Werden, re: to be held Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, August 28, 2022, on Flamingo between St. Martins and Bretton.

   Karen Werden, 19651 Flamingo, presented the request to Council.

   Councilmember Kathleen McIntyre offered an approving resolution on the Consent agenda.

   DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

2. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE CITY'S NOISE ORDINANCE: Samantha Shedlock, re: in order to host a wedding with a DJ at the property located at 32279 Camborne Lane, on Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

   Samantha Shedlock, 19035 Milburn Street, presented the request to Council.

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

   DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

3. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE: Civil Service, re: to enable payment to Empco for the promotional examination of Fire Chief, from budgeted funds.

   Jeannine Laible, Director of Civil Service, presented the request to Council.

   Councilmember Rob Donovic offered an approving resolution on the Consent agenda.

   DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

4. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE: Department of Public Works, for the Edgewood Emergency Sewer Repair, from budgeted funds.

   Jacob Rushlow, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the request to Council.

   Councilmember Kathleen McIntyre offered to put this item in the Capital Outlay and Infrastructure Committee for further review. Councilmember McIntyre stated they had not heard anything for the last fifteen months on this issue and would like to discuss why it took so long to get here for a million-dollar cost overrun. Councilmember Scott Bahr stated that it is a 45% increase and asked what percentage of the cost overrun is related to the fuel and labor material. Jacob Rushlow responded that he did not break it down for each piece of equipment or vendor. Councilmember Bahr asked how confident he is that the requested number is correct. Jacob stated when he met with contractors and engineers in April 2021, he got an opinion of the most probably cost at that time, which was about $2.5 million. Councilmember Bahr asked what the breakdown was for each phase. Jacob stated that Phase I, the emergency sewer replacement on Edgewood, was $820,000. Phase II was surface-type restoration, was $513,000. The pump station and sewer force main through the golf course was $1,130,000. Councilmember Bahr questioned if half of what they are asking for now is actually the cost overrun of Phase I, not unforeseen. He listed the types of items that were stated to be unexpected, stating they seem like things that would be expected and asked how the estimate was undershot so much. Jacob stated they didn’t underestimate the quantity of work; it was the cost of the work needed that was underestimated.

   Councilmember Bahr stated that his questions were answered and offered an approving for the Regular agenda.

   Councilmember Rob Donovic asked that the scenario be explained so those watching knew what happened. Jacob Rushlow responded that during a routine sewer cleaning and investigation, a section was discovered that had a void, showing a collapse in the sewer. An emergency contractor was then called for repair. During the Capital Outlay and Infrastructure Committee, options were presented as a solution for now and the long run. Councilmember Donovic asked the type of sewer this involved. Jacob stated this is a sanitary sewer/wastewater. Councilmember Donovic asked about the pumpstation. Jacob stated this pumpstation pumps the water through a forced main sewer from the north end of Idyl Wyld golf course to Five Mile Road, stating there were no back-ups, overflows with this project.

Councilmember Scott Morgan asked the cost of the generator and pumping station. Jacob Rushlow noted the balance sheet in the packet, under the vendor list, it shows the remaining cost of the generator is $65,925 and the pump station is $244,557. Councilmember Morgan asked that if this isn't paid in a timely manner, would it cause back-ups to the residents. Jacob stated that it would. Councilmember Morgan asked about the timeline to complete the project. Jacob indicated that the equipment should arrive in July and August and installed by the end of Fall.

Council President Jim Jolly noted that this has been going on for the last two years and can no longer consider this an emergency cost. They haven't heard anything for well over a year, to come back to ask for over a million dollars and looks forward to discussion it in committee.

Councilmember Kathleen McIntyre thanked both Jacob Rushlow and Don Rohraff, Director of Public Works, for being there.

DIRECTION: COMMITTEE APPROVING REGULAR

5. AWARD OF BID: Department of Public Works, re: for the Wilson Barn Roof Replacement, from budgeted funds.

Jacob Rushlow, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the request to Council

Councilmember Brandon McCullough thanked Jacob Rushlow for clarifying the price was under the architectural group's number and asked to verify that the price was valid. Jacob confirmed and stated they went for a bid and changed numbers to focus on the roof, which received much more reasonable prices. Councilmember McCullough asked if this price was built-in for preventative maintenance. Jacob confirmed. Councilmember McCullough noted this is a vast improvement to Wilson Barn and offered an approving resolution on the Consent agenda.

Councilmember Rob Donovic asked that if they removed the windows from the bid if they would need to come back before Council in a few years. Jacob Rushlow stated that it would be something they would consider in a separate project. Councilmember Donovic asked if the Wilson Barn will have to close during construction. Jacob stated they will work with the contractor and The Friends of the Barn to impact them as little as possible.

Councilmember Kathleen McIntyre asked the expected life if the cedar shank roof with the underlayment. Jacob replied that he is unsure. Councilmember McIntyre asked that he provide that information and asked that this item be placed on the Regular agenda.

Council President Jolly asked about the same roof at a building at Greenmead, having a shorter life span. After discussion with the Livonia Historic Preservation Commission and another type of roof was decided on to have a longer life span and less costly. He asked if that type of roof was pursued in this case. Jacob responded they did not look at another material. Council President Jolly stated he would like to have that information provided.

DIRECTION: APPROVING REGULAR

6. REQUEST TO RELEASE AS-BUILT DRAWINGS BOND: Engineering Division, re: for Mystic Creek Site Condominium, located on the east side of Wayne Road, between Six Mile Road and Seven Mile Road, in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9.

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

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

   DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

7. REQUEST TO ACCEPT STORM WATER FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Engineering Division, re: from International Extrusions, LLC, in conjunction with the construction of a storm drain system that provides adequate drainage for the property developed south of Schoolcraft Road, east of Eckles Road, in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30.

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

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

   DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

8. REQUEST TO ACCEPT STORM WATER FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Engineering Division, re: from Botsford General Hospital, in conjunction with the construction of a storm drain system that provides adequate drainage for the property developed on the north side of Seven Mile Road, west of I-275, in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6.

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

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

   DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

9. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN COURT COSTS ASSESSED FOR VARIOUS CIVIL INFRACTIONS AND MISDEMEANORS: Department of Law, re: as requested by the Honorable Judges Sean Kavanagh and Kathleen McCann for the Court Building Fund.

   Laure Hibberd, Deputy Court Administrator at the 16th District Court, presented the request to Council.

   Council Vice President Laura Toy offered an approving resolution on the Consent agenda.
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   DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION: None

As there were no further questions or comments President Jim Jolly adjourned the Study Session at 9:08 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2022.

Dated: July 12, 2022 SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

*The start time of the Study Meeting may be delayed if the 7:00 PM Regular Meeting has not yet adjourned.