

MINUTES OF THE ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY FOURTH**REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2022**

On October 5, 2022, the above meeting was held at the City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, and was called to order by the President of the Council at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Bahr led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called with the following result: Scott Bahr, Rob Donovic, Scott Morgan, Brandon McCullough, Kathleen McIntyre, Laura Toy, and Jim Jolly. Absent: None.

Elected and appointed officials present: Paul Bernier, City Attorney; Susan M. Nash, City Clerk; Sara Kasproicz, Program Supervisor of Council Office; LaShawn Thomas, Director of Government Affairs; Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development; and Dave Lear, Assistant, City Engineer.

On a motion by Vice President Toy, seconded by Councilmember McCullough, it was:

#299-22 RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the 1,953rd Regular Meeting of the Council held October 5, 2022 are approved as presented.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolution with the following result:

AYES: Bahr, Donovic, Morgan, McCullough, Toy, and Jolly

NAYS: None

PRESENT: McIntyre

Fire Chief Bob Jennison addressed Council to speak about last week's Fire Ops 101 event hosted by the Fire Department and the Livonia Firefighters' Union. Chief Jennison stated Councilmembers and elected officials were invited to attend to experience a day in the life of firefighting. Chief Jennison thanked all who participated and thanked all for their support, especially that of the Mayor and City Council.

Councilmember McIntyre apologized for not being able to participate in last week's Fire Ops event and stated she was quarantined in Florida as a result of the recent hurricane. McIntyre expressed her appreciation for Livonia's first responders and stated she participated years ago and felt it was a privilege to be invited to participate

again. Councilmember McIntyre concluded by thanking the Fire Department for putting on such a great event.

Vice President Toy stated the Fire Ops event gets more outstanding each time it is put on by the Fire Department. She stated the EMS and paramedic services are amazing in the community. Vice President Toy thanked Chief Jennison and all of the fire personnel for putting on an amazing event.

Councilmember Donovic thanked all members of the Livonia Fire Department and stated the event was very eye-opening, to experience in real life what their members do every day. He stated the event demonstrated the level of commitment and training of the Fire Department members and found the experience very useful.

Councilmember Morgan thanked the Fire Department and stated having worked beside them for 25 years as a Police Officer, he believed the Fire Department is the best in the world. Councilmember Morgan stated he has the utmost respect for the Fire Department and they always have his support.

Councilmember Bahr stated he felt the Fire Ops event showed just how much fire equipment weighs and how quick a room gets completely dark when there is a fire. Councilmember Bahr reminded residents to get an emergency plan in place for their families.

Fire Chief Bob Jennison reminded residents October is Fire Safety Month and invited residents to stop by for an Open House at Fire Station #3 located on Seven Mile and Wayne Roads on Saturday, October 15th from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Chief Jennison also reminded residents to have an emergency plan in place for their families and to check their smoke detectors in their homes.

Councilmember McCullough indicated the masks provided by the Fire Department were custom-fit to each participant and appreciated he was required to remove his facial hair for the event. He thanked the Fire Department for all they do and stated their training and equipment was the best in the area. Councilmember McCullough concluded he appreciated everything the Fire Department members do on a daily basis.

LaShawn Thomas, Director of Government Affairs, addressed Council to indicate City Hall would be closed to the public on Thursday, October 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to conduct a large-scale, emergency preparedness exercise. Ms. Thomas stated City Hall would not be open to residents and signs will be placed throughout Civic Center campus. Ms. Thomas stated there would be a large presence of emergency vehicles and possibly increased activity at Trinity Health as well.

Susan Nash, City Clerk, reiterated City Hall is closed on October 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and stated if residents are in need of an absentee ballot that day, they must come to City Hall after 1:00 p.m.

During Audience Communication, Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz, 36800 Schoolcraft Road, offered a prayer for all in the community.

The following residents spoke in opposition to Proposal 3 on the November General Election ballot:

Dale Campbell, 14368 Ramblewood;
Darryl Smith, 14006 Brookfield;
Ken Crider, 16724 Farmington Road;
Mary Weigele, 38201 Bloomfield; and
Dave Martin, Livonia resident

Laurie Phelps, 18355 Loveland, addressed Council to express her concern about the overpopulation of deer throughout the City. Ms. Phelps stated it is both a health and safety concern and encouraged Council to take action on this matter.

Gloria Anderson, 18306 Loveland, addressed Council to echo the concerns expressed by Laurie Phelps about the overpopulation of deer. Ms. Anderson stated she wanted Livonia to take action on this matter.

Deb Christiansen, Livonia resident and business owner, addressed Council to inquire the status of special interest groups being recognized following the recent adoption of a flag ordinance. Ms. Christiansen stated she did not want this subject to be overlooked and felt flags on police vehicles may be in conflict with the new ordinance.

Vice President Toy announced the Annual Hall of Fame event will be hosted on October 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rosedale Church located at Hubbard and West Chicago. Vice President Toy also announced Marge Roach, a former Livonia School Board member and pioneer in the community, recently passed away and requested a moment of silence in her honor.

Councilmember McIntyre wished a Happy Birthday to City Engineer, Todd Zilincik, whose birthday she indicated was tomorrow. Councilmember McIntyre also extended get well wishes to longtime friend Rich Skaggs who she indicated was recovering from a fall.

Councilmember Donovic stated Middlebelt Road between Plymouth Road and Schoolcraft Road would be resurfaced by Wayne County. Councilmember Donovic also wished everyone a Happy Columbus Day.

Councilmember Morgan requested the subject matter of the deer population in the community be sent to Committee for further study and direction to see what actionable measures could be taken.

Councilmember McIntyre indicated the deer population subject matter was previously sent to the Senior Citizens, Families & Environment Committee. Councilmember McIntyre indicated she chairs that Committee and would schedule a meeting in the near future to discuss this matter further.

President Jolly extended Happy Birthday wishes to City Engineer Todd Zilinicik, whose birthday is on October 6th and Assistant City Attorney Leo Neville, whose birthday is on October 11th.

President Jolly announced there would be a Capital Outlay and Infrastructure Committee meeting on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers, City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, to discuss the following items:

1. CR 122-18 and CR 253-22 The subject matter of City Library improvements.
2. CR 04-22 The subject matter of Bell Creek's erosion issue(s).
3. CR 186-22 The subject matter of road construction communications.

A communication from the Office of the Mayor, dated September 14, 2022, re: Administrative Response to subject matter of the City Assigned Vehicle Policy, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council. (CR 107-97)

On a motion by Vice President Toy, seconded by Councilmember Bahr, it was:

#300-22 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Stephanie Estreicher, dated August 31, 2022, requesting permission to close Bretton Drive, on Sunday, October 23, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a block party, the Council does hereby grant permission as requested, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

#301-22 RESOLVED, that having considered a letter from Enrico Soave, of Belaggio Homes, Inc., dated September 15, 2022, requesting a waiver of the street lighting requirement for the Livonia Manor 3 site condominium, the Council does hereby approve this request inasmuch as omitting the street lights on the subject property would have no detrimental effect upon the neighboring properties at this time due to lack of street lighting in the adjacent site condominiums (Livonia Manor I and II) within the neighboring area at the access points from Seven Mile Road; FURTHER, the Council does hereby reserve the right to require street lighting at this location in the event that street lights are installed in this area at some future date.

#302-22 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Chief of Police, dated September 15, 2022, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 61-22, adopted on February 28, 2022, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance and is approved for submission by the Mayor concerning the need for an additional

expenditure to complete the previously authorized purchase of police vehicles, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase of three replacement vehicles and additional expenditure as follows:

Two (2) 2023 Dodge Durango Police Package patrol vehicles from LaFontaine CDJR – Lansing, 6131 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48911, in the amount of \$42,644.00 each (each originally priced at \$37,947.00) for a total amount of \$85,288.00; and

One (1) 2023 Dodge Durango Police Package traffic vehicle from Joe Panian Chevrolet, 28111 Telegraph, Southfield, Michigan 48034, LaFontaine CDJR – Lansing, 6131 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48911, in the amount of \$42,644.00 each (each originally priced at \$38,342.00) for a total amount of \$43,039.00;

FURTHER, Council does hereby authorize an additional appropriation and expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$14,091.00 from funds available and budgeted in Account Nos. 101-325-985-000 and 101-302-985-000 for this purpose;

FURTHER, the Council does hereby determine to authorize the said purchases without competitive bidding inasmuch as the same is based upon the State of Michigan bid and such action is taken in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3.04.140E4 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

#303-22 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Director of Finance, dated September 14, 2022, bearing the signature of the City Attorney and approved for submission by the Mayor, and to which is attached a proposed agreement regarding the Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) between the City of Livonia and MSHDA, for the period fiscal year 2022 through 2026, with grant resources to be used for qualifying Livonia homeowners with delinquent water utility bills, the Council does, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the said agreement in the manner and form herein submitted; provided that the agreement is approved as to form and substance by the Department of Law.

#304-22 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Director of Housing, dated August 30, 2022, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance, and the City Attorney and approved for submission by the Mayor, to which is attached a proposed Pass Through Agreement between the City of Livonia and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), to receive a Transportation Equity and Sustainability Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$40,000.00, the Council does, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the said agreement in the manner and form herein

submitted, provided that the agreement is approved as to form by the Department of Law; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to accept grant funds in the amount of \$40,000.00, to be used for the Livonia Community Transit Program to assess the future transportation needs of the City, the same to be deposited in Account No. 288-000-528-050 and appropriated for its intended purposes; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize the required matching funds in the amount of \$7,260.00 (18.5%) to be debited from the Account No. 288-608-818-000 for this purpose; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute the Pass Through Agreement in the manner and form herein submitted.

#305-22 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Director of Housing, dated September 15, 2022, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford Crusader Challenger 12+2 passenger bus from Hoekstra, 3741 Roger B. Chaffee Blvd, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49548, for an amount not to exceed \$129,115.00; FURTHER, the amount of \$129,115.00 is hereby authorized to be expended from funds already budgeted for this purpose in Account No. 288-608-985-000; FURTHER, the Council does hereby determine to authorize the said purchase without competitive bidding inasmuch as the same is based upon the State of Michigan bid and such action is taken in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3.04.140E4 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

#306-22 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated August 11, 2022, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford F150 Regular Cab 4x2 8' bed truck, from Signature Ford, 1960 E. Main St., Owosso, Michigan 48867, for an amount not to exceed \$29,953.00; FURTHER, the amount of \$29,953.00 is hereby authorized to be expended from funds already budgeted for this purpose in Account No. 208-755-987-000; FURTHER, the Council does hereby determine to authorize the said purchase without competitive bidding inasmuch as the same is based upon the State of Michigan bid and such action is taken in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3.04.140E4 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

#307-22 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated August 5, 2022, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby accept the bid of Revels Turf and Tractor, 7060 Kensington Road, Brighton,

Michigan 48116, for the lease of 11 pieces of equipment in order to maintain the Fox Creek, Whispering Willows and Idyl Wyld golf courses, in an amount not to exceed \$459,333.55 with an annual lease payment of \$101,734.39 for five (5) years beginning in fiscal year 2023; said amount having been in fact the lowest bid received and meets all specifications; FURTHER, the amount of \$459,333.55 is hereby authorized to be expended from funds already budgeted for this purpose in Account No. 409-000-944-000; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute the aforesaid John Deere Financial Golf Leasing Agreement, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law, and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#308-22 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated September 14, 2022, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby accept the bid of Fit-Tech, 5350 Dogwood Drive, White Lake, Michigan 48383, for performing all work in connection with replacing the sound equipment throughout the center, including new speakers, amplifiers, mixers, docking modules, and mounting for MPR, front desk, pools, aerobics studio and gyms, in an amount not to exceed \$41,400.59; FURTHER, the amount of \$41,400.59 is hereby authorized to be expended from funds already budgeted for this purpose in Account No. 208-755-976-000.

#309-22 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated September 15, 2022, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby accept the bid of GPRS, 5217 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio 43623, for performing all work in connection with underground utility mapping at Greenmead Historical Park, in an amount not to exceed \$22,650.00, the same having been the lowest bid received and meets all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an additional appropriation and expenditure from the unexpended fund balance of the Historical Trust Fund (270) in an amount not to exceed \$23,000.00 for this purpose.

#310-22 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Director of Public Works, dated September 1, 2022, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford Transit 350 cargo van, from Signature Ford, 1960 E. Main St., Owosso, Michigan 48867, for an amount not to exceed \$51,574.00; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize the upfitting of this van through Versalift Midwest, 51761 Danview Technology Ct., Shelby Township, Michigan 48315, for an amount not to exceed \$21,169.00;

FURTHER, the amount of \$72,743.00 is hereby authorized to be expended from funds in Account No. 592-559-148-000 for this purpose; FURTHER, the Council does hereby determine to authorize the said purchases without competitive bidding inasmuch as the same is based upon the State of Michigan bid price under Contract No. 071B7700180 and MI-Deal Contract No. 071B7700166 and such action is taken in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3.04.140E4 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

#311-22 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated September 15, 2022, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 336-21, adopted on November 22, 2021, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works, the Director of Finance, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby approve an amendment to the existing Qualification Based Selection (QBS) process with OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150, for the Drinking Water Asset Management Grant (DWAM) in an amount not to exceed \$57,900.00; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$57,900.00 from funds budgeted in Account No. 592-559-818-000 for this purpose; FURTHER, such action is taken in accordance with Section 3.04.140E3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute the aforesaid amendment to the agreement with OHM Advisors, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law, and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#312-22 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Department of Law, dated August 2, 2022, approved for submission by the Mayor, requesting to add Chapter 65 (Civil Rights Non-Discrimination) to Title 2 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, in order to streamline the process for reporting discriminatory behavior in our community, expand protections for those who face discrimination, and make a clear statement about our values as an arms-wide-open community, the Council does hereby refer this matter to the Committee of the Whole for its report and recommendation.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolutions with the following result:

AYES: Bahr, Donovic, Morgan, McCullough, McIntyre, Toy, and Jolly

NAYS: None

Vice President Toy reported out on the subject matter of urban environment concerns as discussed in the Senior Citizens, Families and Environment Committee meeting of August 1, 2022. This item will remain in Committee. (CR 42-20)

Vice President Toy reported out on the subject matter of sustainability in the City as discussed in the Senior Citizens, Families and Environment Committee meeting of August 1, 2022. This item will remain in Committee. (CR 23-21)

During Audience Communication, the following residents spoke in opposition to Proposal 3 on the November General Election ballot:

Sydney, Livonia resident;
Penny Crider, Livonia resident; and
Lynn Mills, Livonia resident.

Councilmember Bahr thanked President Jolly for doing such a great job in running the Council meetings. Councilmember Bahr also thanked residents who attended to show their support and spoke at the meeting.

On a motion by Vice President Toy, seconded by Councilmember McCullough, and unanimously adopted, this 1,954th Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk