CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 8:40 p.m. by Council President Jim Jolly. Present: Kathleen McIntyre, Vice President Laura Toy, Scott Bahr, Rob Donovic, Scott Morgan, Brandon McCullough, and President Jim Jolly. Absent: None

Elected and appointed officials present: Susan Nash, City Clerk; Paul Bernier, City Attorney; David Lear, Assistant City Engineer; Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation; Jacob Rushlow, Assistant Director of Public Works; Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development; LaShawn Thomas, Director of Government Affairs; and Felicia Cross, Livonia Transit Program.

Councilmember Kathleen McIntyre led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:

Christopher Martin of Livonia thanked the Council for allowing candidates that ran in the recent election to thank those who voted for them during the Audience Communication in the Regular Meeting on November 14, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reappointment of Melissa Karolak to the Livonia Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a three-year term, which will expire on November 24, 2025.

   LaShawn Thomas, Director of Government Affairs, presented the request to Council.

   Melissa Karolak indicated that she is a lifelong resident of Livonia and has worked at St. Mary's for a long time.

   Councilmember McIntyre indicated that she works with Ms. Karolak on the Livonia Community Foundation and she is highly qualified to be on the Livonia Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

   Councilmember McIntyre offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

   Councilmember Donovic congratulated Melissa on her reappointment.

   DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

2. Reappointment of Nicholas Lomako to the Livonia Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a three-year term, which will expire on November 24, 2025.

   LaShawn Thomas, Director of Government Affairs, presented the request to Council.

   Council Vice President Toy offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

   DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

3. WAIVER PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2022-09-02-19, submitted by Great Lakes Veterinary Behavior Consultants, PLLC., requesting to operate a veterinary clinic at 20337-20339 Farmington Road.

Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development, presented the request to Council.

Kari Krause, owner of Great Lakes Veterinary Behavior Consultants, explained that she works strictly with dogs and cats with behavior issues.

Council Vice president Toy offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

4. SITE PLAN PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2022-08-08-04, submitted by Future Land Holdings. L.L.C., requesting approval to redevelop the site, including demolishing the existing commercial building and constructing a new 26,000 square foot commercial building for the purpose of operating a Ducati & BMW Motorcycle Dealership, at 19265 Victor Parkway.

Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development, presented this request to Council.

Councilmember Bahr asked about the small parking lot at the far east edge of property.

Mark Taormina explained it was the parking lot used by the previous restaurant and it will be reserved for future development.

Councilmember Donovic asked for the current square footage of the existing building and if there are any concerns with the retaining wall located on the southwest area of the property, along the freeway, due to expansion of the building.

Mark Taormina explained the existing structure is 14,400 square feet and deferred to the contractor for the retaining wall question.

Jason Anstandig, Contractor for Pocono Construction, explained the setback is an existing 66-foot easement for the water storm system and there will be no engineering conflicts.

Councilmember Donovic offered a motion for the Consent agenda.

Councilmember McCullough asked when they expect to break ground, if approved.

Charlie Knoll is the owner of the dealerships that operate in Birmingham and Plymouth and intends to combine the businesses and bring them to Livonia. They intend close on the property and start construction immediately, if approved.

Vice President Toy complimented architect, Andrew Moiseev, on the plans.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

5. SITE PLAN PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2022-09-08-05, submitted by Plymouth Armory L.L.C., requesting approval to construct an addition to the existing building at 27492 Five Mile Road, located on the north side of Five Mile Road.

Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development asked if the petitioner was present.

Council President Jolly asked for a motion that this item be passed on to regular meeting since the petitioner was not present.

Councilmember McCullough offered a motion to approve for the regular meeting.

Mr. Haffey, 15341 Foch Livonia expressed his concerns about the addition and the possibility of a gun range being constructed. He asked why he hasn't received any notice of meetings regarding this issue.

Mark Taormina said notification to residents is not required on this type of petition.

Mr. Haffey was asked by President Jolly to contact the Planning Department or Council office if he has further questions.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL REGULAR

6. REQUEST TO APPROVE PAYMENT AND EXTEND CONTRACT WITH BS&A SOFTWARE in an amount not to exceed $40,000 per year to provide yearly service and full support for the Equalizer Internet Tax/Assessing System for the period of November 1, 2022, through October 31, 2025. (CR 317-19)

Lynda Scheel, City Treasurer, presented the request to Council.

Councilman Morgan offered motion for approving for the Consent agenda.

Vice President Toy commented on BS&A's quality service.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

7. REQUEST RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DNR for support of the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center Splash Pad Renovation Project, to provide wider accessibility to recreational resources.

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

Councilmember McIntyre offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda citing the American Rescue Plan Act. She praised Mr. Davis for finding an opportunity to use the Grant money and applying for money that is available.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

8. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE TWO ABI FORCE GROOMERS: for use by the Parks Department, from budgeted funds.

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

Councilmember McCullough offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

9. REQUEST TO PURCHASE PARKS MAINTENANCE UTILITY VEHICLES THROUGH THE MI-DEAL STATE BID PROCESS to replace vehicles that have exceeded life expectancy, from budgeted funds.

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

Vice President Toy offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

10. AWARD BID: Department of Public Works to replace the rooftop HVAC unit at the Livonia Fire Department Headquarters, from budgeted funds.

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

Councilmember McCullough offered a motion to approve for the Consent agenda and indicated he is glad they are the request is to replace the whole unit rather than repair the existing unit.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

11. REQUEST TO APPROVE ONE YEAR EXTENSION WITH CRIMBOLI NURSERY in order to utilize 2022 pricing, from budgeted funds (CR 54-20).

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

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

12. REQUEST TO APPROVE WATER SERVICE CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 4 BETWEEN GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY (GLWA) AND CITY OF LIVONIA to make minor adjustments/corrections to the original signed contract which will be in effect for the next four years until the next contract reopener. (CR 250-18)

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

Councilmember McIntyre offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda. consent

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

13. REQUEST TO ACCEPT STORM WATER FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT from UHS-Madonna, LLC, in conjunction with the construction of a storm drain system that provides adequate drainage for property developed on the west side of Levan Road, North of Schoolcraft Road, in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 20.

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

Vice President Toy offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

14. REQUEST TO APPROVE 2023 ROAD REPAIR PROGRAM as reviewed by the Citizens Advisory Committee on Roads for the first year of the ten-year paving millage approved by Livonia residents.

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

Councilmember McIntyre offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda. She also reminded everyone that the Citizens Advisory Committee meets twice a year and encourages residents to attend.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

15. REQUEST TO AMEND THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT THROUGH QUALIFICATION BASED SELECTION (QBS) PROCESS WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2023 ASPHALT ROAD PROGRAM (CONTRACT 23-A) (CR 336-21).

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, presented request to Council.

Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

16. REQUEST TO AMEND THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT THROUGH THE QUALIFICATION BASED SELECTION (QBS) PROCESS WITH ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN AND WESTRICK, INC. (AEW) FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2023 CONCRETE ROAD PROGRAM (CONTRACT 23-C) (CR 336-21).

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

Councilmember Donovic offered a motion to approve for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

17. REQUEST TO AMEND THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT THROUGH THE QUALIFICATION BASED SELECTION (QBS) PROCESS WITH ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN AND WESTRICK (AEW) FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2023 CONCRETE ROAD MAINTENANCCE/SELECTIVE SLAB PROGRAM (CONTRACT 23-J) (CR 336-21).

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

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

18. PROPOSED 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 1976 P.A. 267, as amended.

President Jolly presented the request to Council.

Vice president Toy offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION: NONE

As there were no further questions or comments Council President Jim Jolly adjourned the Study Session at 9:25 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2022.