

**CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD APRIL 24, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Council President Jim Jolly. Present: Brandon McCullough, Vice President Laura Toy, Rob Donovic, Scott Morgan, and President Jim Jolly. Absent: Kathleen McIntyre and Scott Bahr.

Elected and appointed officials present: Susan Nash, City Clerk; Paul Bernier, City Attorney; David Lear, Assistant City Engineer; Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development, and Casey O'Neil, Information Systems Director.

Councilmember McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION: Kayleigh Licklighter, 14040 Hillcrest, shared that DDOT announced an extended service line to 7 Mile and Middlebelt. She stated she feels Livonia is restricting its own growth by not partnering with other cities and not getting ARPA money from the County. She also mentioned there are no plans for a new Senior Center in Livonia.

Rob Donovic indicated there are plans for a Senior Center and there are plans being negotiated with the County to obtain ARPA dollars. He opposes DDOT expansion in the City of Livonia and asked President Jolly how to request a report from the Administration. He asked if Council has purview to stop DDOT in Livonia.

President Jolly said he could request the Administration report during a Study meeting, and it would be added to the agenda for the next meeting or hold it and bring it up at the beginning of the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BLOCK PARTY:** Elizabeth Dreyer, re: to be held Saturday, May 27, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Oporto Avenue between Morlock and Norfolk Streets.

Elizabeth Dreyer was not present.

Councilmember Donovic offered an approving resolution for the Regular agenda. He also requested Ms. Dreyer be contacted to attend the next Council Meeting.

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2. **BLOCK PARTY:** Melissa Walker, re: to be held Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, June 10, 2023, on Hillcrest between Livonia Crescent Circle South to Livonia Crescent Circle North.

Melissa Walker, 14176 Hillcrest, presented the request to Council.

President Jolly told Melissa she may still have time to apply for a neighborhood grant if this is a first-time block party.

Kaleigh Licklighter thanked Melissa for being an excellent neighbor.

Councilmember McCullough offered an approving resolution for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION:

APPROVAL

CONSENT

3. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE CITY'S NOISE ORDINANCE: Boyd Rudy, New Rosedale Gardens Homeowners Association, re: to show a family-friendly movie at Mies Park, beginning at dusk until the end of the movie, on various dates from May 2023 through October 2023.

Boyd Rudy presented the request to Council.

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

DIRECTION:

APPROVAL

CONSENT

4. REQUEST TO EXTEND WAIVER USE APPROVAL TO NEW OWNER: Chelsea Gibson, re: Petition 2018-04-02-09, to operate a child day care center (Kids Kastle Learn and Playcare, LLC), located on the south side of Seven Mile Road between Purlingbrook and Merriman Roads (30931 Seven Mile Road) in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11. (CR 354-18)

Chelsea Gibson presented the request to Council.

President Jolly verified which building she is moving into.

Councilmember Donovic asked Mark Taormina if the number of children allowed is up to Livonia or the State.

Mark Taormina said it would be determined by the State of Michigan according to square footage.

Councilmember Donovic offered an approving resolution for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION:

APPROVAL

CONSENT

5. SIGN PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2023-03-SN-01 submitted by Metro Detroit Signs, on behalf of Pentagon Centre Condominium, requesting approval to replace existing ground signs with larger nonconforming panel signs at 19500 Haggerty Road, located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Seven Mile Road and Phillips Road in the Southwest ¼ of Section 9.

Mark Taormina presented the request to Council.

Paul Leeders of Metro Signs and Lighting was present to answer questions.

President Jolly asked about the color of the signs and indicated he likes it.

Councilmember McCullough asked Mark if we have a lot of these type of requests that have been approved throughout the City of Livonia.

Councilmember Donovic asked when this might be completed.

Ted Davis estimated it to be a 3-to-5-million-dollar project and we are hoping to find dollars looking for projects through the County and State as well as corporate sponsors. His dream scenario for completion is 2025.

Brandon said we have engaged Thomas Roberts, the same historic architect that has been working on Greenmead for a while now and was involved in the Masterplan process. He estimates the design process could be completed in 4-6 months and the construction cycle will be about 6-9 months.

Councilmember McCullough said this will really get the Masterplan in motion and asked to verify that funds have already been received in support of this project.

Ted Davis indicated Hardy's Trust donated \$30,000 to kickstart the project.

Vice President Toy shared her support of the project.

President Jolly verified that Parks & Recreation will be constructing temporary ice rink in the meantime with Ted Davis

Councilmember Toy offered an approving resolution for the Consent agenda.

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8. REQUEST TO EXTEND CONTRACT WITH ETNA SUPPLY COMPANY, THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER OF SENSUS METERS IN MICHIGAN: Public Works Division, re: for water meters and supplies in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 annually, (CR 128-21)

Don Rohraff, Director of the Department of Public Works, presented the request to Council.

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

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9. AWARD OF BID: Public Works Division, re: for the 2023 Parks Tree & Stump Removal program, from budgeted funds.

Don Rohraff, Director of the Department of Public Works, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving resolution for the Consent agenda.

Councilmember Donovic asked Don if he foresees a problem with the contractor being able to complete the work since they have an alternate contractor listed.

Don said he believes there won't be a problem fulfilling the agreement.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

10. AWARD OF DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES: Engineering Division, re: for the Merriman Road Water Main Replacement Project (Plymouth Road to the CSX Railroad Right-of-Way). (CR 336-21 and CR 87-22)

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

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving resolution for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVAL CONSENT

11. REQUEST TO ACCEPT STORM WATER FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Engineering Division, re: from Community Financial Credit Union, in conjunction with the construction of a storm drain system that provides adequate drainage for property located at 15251 Middlebelt Road in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23.

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

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving resolution 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 8:49 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 2023.

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK