

SENIOR CITIZENS, FAMILIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023
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A Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, in the City Hall Council Chambers on the 2nd floor.

Committee Members Present: Council Vice President, Laura M. Toy, Chair
Councilmember Scott Morgan, Vice Chair
Councilmember Rob Gjonaj Donovic, Member

Committee Members Absent: None

City Officials and Others Present: Council President Jim Jolly
Councilmember Kathleen E. McIntyre
City Attorney, Paul Bernier
Interim Housing Director, Ermon Sims

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: See attached list

TIME MEETING CONVENED: 7:00PM

1. 917-98 Subject matter of a local bus transportation system for the City of Livonia.

Discussion was led by Council Chair Laura Toy.

Councilmember Rob Donovic offered a motion to remove this item from the Committee.

The Committee recommends:

- A resolution to take No Further Action on this item to be able to remove it from committee.

NOTE: With this action, this item will be out of Committee.

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of May 8, 2023**

2. CR 74-15 Subject matter of mass transit.
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Discussion was led by Council Chair Laura Toy.

Statements were made indicating there are not enough drivers and they are underpaid.

Council President Jim Jolly offered to keep this item in Committee for further discussion.

The Committee recommends:

- For this item to remain in committee.

NOTE: To remain in the Committee for further discussion.

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of May 8, 2023**

3. CR 76-18 Subject matter of Livonia Community Transportation Services.

Discussion was led by Council Chair Laura Toy.

Statements were made regarding the following points:

- They are losing employees and are down to 16 drivers when they should have 25.
- The pay is \$32,000/year and needs to be higher. Our starting pay is \$13.36/hour while other communities pay \$18/hour.
- Benefits are not offered to drivers.
- Need to offer more to entice younger drivers.
- There are no available drivers.
- SCAN (Senior Citizens Activities Network) program was discussed.
- Drivers served 19,000 to 20,000 residents in 2020-2021, which was even higher in 2022.
- The Senior Alliance serves 34 communities, showing an increase in rides to doctor appointments and grocery stores.
- There will be school bus drivers retiring by June 23rd
- Send research to Civil Service Commission for medical transportation.

The Administration was asked to provide information about emergency funds to be used for driver raises until adequate money can be used.

The Administration was asked to provide salary comparisons of drivers in other cities.

The Administration was asked to look into a one-time pick-up at Silver Village.

Council President Jim Jolly asked that a formal request is made to look into raises for the drivers.

Councilmember Kathleen McIntyre asked the Administration to investigate funds for staffing to begin in the Fall.

The Committee recommends:

- The Administration to look into finding funds to provide raises for the drivers.
- The Administration to provide salary comparisons of drivers in other cities.
- The Administration to look into a one-time pick up at Silver Village.
- For this item to remain in committee.

NOTE: To remain in the Committee for further discussion.

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4. CR 34-23 Subject matter of transportation issues for seniors, families, and other community residents.
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Discussion was led by Council Chair Laura Toy.

Statements were made indicating there should be a formal process put in place for vehicle maintenance and fueling locations.

Councilmember Kathleen McIntyre offered to keep this item in Committee for further discussion.

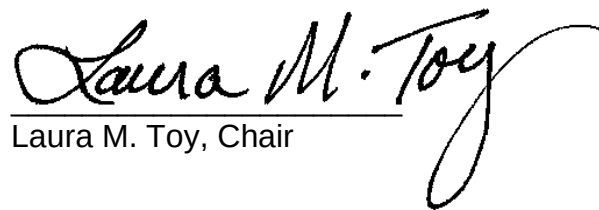
The Committee recommends:

- For this item to remain in committee.

NOTE: To remain in the Committee for further discussion.

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Respectfully submitted,


Laura M. Toy, Chair