

**CITY OF LIVONIA
PUBLIC HEARING**

Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023

A Public Hearing of the Council of the City of Livonia was held at the Livonia City Hall Auditorium on October 4, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Jolly, President
Laura Toy, Vice President
Rob Donovic
Scott Morgan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Bahr
Kathleen McIntyre
Brandon McCullough

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Slater, Finance Director
Eric Goldstein, Assistant City Attorney
Sara Kasprowicz, Recording Secretary

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with Council President Jim Jolly presiding. This item is regarding the Proposed Budget for the City of Livonia for the Fiscal Year ending November 30, 2024, and the property tax millage proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget. (CR 281-23)

This item will be moved to the Regular Meeting of **October 16, 2023**.

The Public Hearing is now open. There were approximately 2 persons in the audience.

Jolly The Public Hearing is now open. Anybody wishing to speak from the public in regards to this item can now do so. I see no one. Mr. Slater. Do you have any additional information or highlights that you'd like to share with us?

Slater I'll be very brief, as I usually am. Just to recap and into the record. As you know, we've already had the two Committee meetings on this. The first being August 2nd, kind of a pre-budget meeting to get a very broad overview to present to City Council and then get feedback from City Council on any items they wish to address in the budget. And then on September 15th the budget was submitted to Council in accordance with the Charter and on September 20th we held the Finance Committee meeting and spent time going through in more detail various parts of the budget. I don't want to recreate those meetings, but maybe a few key highlights. The budget is balanced. It continues to maintain the lowest tax rates of any city in Wayne County. Our General Fund revenues were very strong, up 6.6%. Unfortunately, some of our expenses were also very large, primarily dealing with legacy costs, but also additional significant

costs for elections in regards to the new State law, body cams and additional funding needed to pay the court building debt service. As you indicated, the intent of the Public Hearing is to hear for the public. So, at this point, I guess we can do that. Just a reminder, the final budget is scheduled for adoption at the Regular meeting of October 16th. With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Jolly Thank you, Mr. Slater. We'll go back to the audience. Last call for anybody wishing to speak on the budget tonight at the Public Hearing. Seeing none, Grant direction from Council.

Donovic Mr. President, I'd like to offer an approving.

Jolly Thank you very much. Is there anything else from the Council in regards to this item? I see none. I'll note Councilmembers Donovic, Morgan, Vice President Toy and myself, Jim Jolly, are here.

Slater Mr. Chair. Just before we close the meeting, that's two resolutions. One to adopt the budget and one to approve the tax rates.

Jolly That's the way I would take it.

Donovic Okay. I'd like to offer an additional approving resolution for the tax rate portion.

Jolly Thank you, Mr. Donovic. We'll note for the record that Mr. Donovic has made a motion to approve the tax rate in the budget. If there is nothing else, we will close the public hearing at 7:08pm. Thank you.

As there were no further questions or comments, the Public Hearing was declared closed at 7:09 p.m.