CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2023

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

Elected and appointed officials present: Susan Nash, City Clerk; Paul Bernier, City Attorney Todd Zilincik, City Engineer; and Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works.

Councilmember McIntyre led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doug Ferguson, Clarenceville Band Director, explained the reason for the non-profit organization request.

President Jolly indicated the item was on the Regular agenda and was approved at the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AWARD OF BID: Livonia Fire & Rescue, re: removal and replacement of ceiling acoustic grid & tiles at three Fire Stations, from budgeted funds.

   Livonia Fire Chief Jennison presented the request to Council.

   Councilmember Donovic asked when the other fire stations will get new ceilings.

   Chief Jennison indicated one building is 65-70 years old and that new ceiling will be needed in the future. The other station is about 25 years old and doesn't need a new ceiling.

   Councilmember Bahr confirmed the requested amount will be part of the 95- or 97-million-dollar facility needs assessment to take place over the next ten years.

   Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

2. AWARD OF BID: Division of Police, re: for the purchase and trade-in of Sig Sauer weapons, with weapon mounted optic and light, from budgeted funds.

   Livonia Police Chief Goralski presented the request to Council.

   Councilmember Morgan asked if the new weapons will be lighter than the old ones.

   Chief Goralski wasn't sure about the weight but indicated they are more accurate and safer to shoot.

   President Jolly confirmed they are all 9mm weapons.

   Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

3. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF TruNarc™ Thermo Scientific Chemical Analyzer; Division of Police, re: to replace outdated narcotic field test pouches, from budgeted funds.

   Livonia Police Chief Goralski presented the request to Council.

   Councilmember McIntyre offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

   DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

4. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE LIVONIA POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (POAM) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2023, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2026, Civil Service Department, re: same.

   Jeanine Laible, Human Resource Director, and Attorney Greg Schultz presented the request to Council.

   Ms. Laible and President Jolly thanked Anthony Hall, Police Officers Association President, and the negotiation team for all they have done to bring this contract forward.

   Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

   DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

5. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE SEALED BID PROCESS AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES (NEW WORLD): Department of Parks and Recreation, re: for Time and Attendance by ExecuTime to streamline staff time, attendance, and scheduling, from budgeted funds.

   Michelle Koppin, Assistant Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, presented the request to Council.

   Councilmember Bahr asked if this is the same system that they approved for IT. He also asked if other departments use this.

   Ms. Koppin indicated this is a module within that system and they are the first department to use it. They hope it will be used by other departments if it is successful.

   President Jolly asked if they still use yellow timecards.

   Ms. Koppin indicated some employees use timecards, some use a time clock but some of the clocks still need manual calculation of hours.

   Councilmember McCullough offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

6. REQUEST TO APPROVE VENDORS FOR EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE: Department of Public Works, re: to provide outside vendor services for the maintenance of the city fleet, from budgeted funds.

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

Councilmember Donovic asked if these mechanics will work in our garage using our tools or if the equipment will go to their shops.

Mr. Moore indicated some are done in our garage using our tools and some go out, depending on who is doing the work.

Councilmember Bahr asked if they want $280,000 for 2023 as well as $300,000 for 2024. He confirmed that the amount includes the whole amount for 2023 that they have already exceeded.

Councilmember Morgan asked why there is a problem hiring mechanics.

Mr. Moore indicated it is partially due to salary and also because not as many young people are going into this trade.

Councilmember Morgan asked for the starting wage and the top salary.

Mr. Moore indicated he believes Equipment Mechanic I is $31 to $33 per hour, Equipment Mechanic II is approximately $34 to $39 per hour, and Equipment Trainee starts around $20 or $21 per hour.

Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

7. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE TORO GROUNDSMASTER 4100 ROTARY MOWER WITH BROOM ATTACHMENT THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL CONSORTIUM: Department of Public Works, re: from 2024 budgeted funds.

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

Councilmember Bahr offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

8. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE CUB CADET PRO Z ZERO TURN MOWER THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL CONSORTIUM: Department of Public Works, re: from 2024 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: APPROVING CONSENT

9. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE TORO DINGO TX1300 SKID STEER THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL CONSORTIUM: Department of Public Works, re: from 2024 budgeted funds.

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

   Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

   DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

10. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE JOHN DEERE GATOR XUV835M WITH VARIOUS ATTACHMENTS AND ONE JOHN DEERE UTILITY TRACTOR, THROUGH THE MiDEAL CONSORTIUM: Department of Public Works, re: from 2024 budgeted funds.

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

    Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

    DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

11. PROPOSED 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE: City Council President Jim Jolly, re: in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 1976 P.A. 267, as amended.

    President Jolly presented the request to Council.

    Councilmember McCullough offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

    DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

There was no audience communication at the end of the meeting.

Adjourned 8:40 p.m.

For the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2023. SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK