CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD DECEMBER 4, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 9:22 p.m. by Council President Jim Jolly. Present: Laura Toy, Kathleen McIntyre, 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; Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director; Todd Zilincik, City Engineer; Jim Ingles, Interim Director of Housing; Casey O'Neil, Information Systems Director; Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works; and Jacob Rushlow, Assistant Director of Public Works.

Vice President Toy led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. REQUEST FOR FOURTH AMENDMENT TO CONSENT JUDGMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON SEVEN MILE ROAD AND VICTOR PARKWAY: Tim Loughrin, Director of Land Acquisition, Robertson Brothers Homes, re: site plan approval to construct multi-family residences on the site. (CR 52-03, CR 663-97, CR 111-06, CR 412-13)

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

   Tim Loughrin and Jim Clarke, Robertson Brothers Homes; and Josh Suardini, Etkin Real Estate Solutions, were present to answer questions.

   Councilmember Bahr asked if they own the land to the north on the other side of the creek.

   Mr. Loughrin indicated they don't own it and he thinks it is for sale.

   Councilmember Barh asked if Mr. Taormina knew of any plans for that land and if the approval here would limit the ability to do something there.

   Mr. Taormina said the area on the north side of the drain is really an open space easement. The original consent judgment would retain this open space easement. Nothing can be done on this property unless this body chooses to alter that open space easement.

   Councilmember Bahr confirmed they would be approving an amendment to the original consent judgement.

   Vice President Toy asked if the pictures shown are sites they have developed in Shelby Township.

Mr. Loughrin said they are not. Most of their sites have been in Oakland County and some in Detroit.

Vice President Toy asked if they could approach some of the neighbors on St. Martin and a few other streets with their plans.

Councilmember Donovic clarified that Robertson was not the petitioner in 2019. Etkin Real Estate Solutions was petitioner and owned it in 2019.

Councilmember Bahr offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

2. WAIVER USE PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2023-10-02-13 submitted by Michael Duffield, requesting waiver use approval to operate a ski and snowboard training facility (Shredder Livonia) at 32543 Schoolcraft Road, located on the south side of Schoolcraft Road between Hubbard Avenue and Farmington Road in the Northwest ¼ of Section 27.

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

   Mikey Duffield was present to answer questions.

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

   DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

3. REQUEST TO APPROVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND WARRANTY CONTRACT FROM SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER: City Clerk, re: Dominion Voting Systems for the annual maintenance and warranty work required on all election equipment for the next four (4) years starting November 1, 2023, and ending October 31, 2027, as outlined in the State of Michigan and Wayne County bid for election equipment, from budgeted funds.

   Susan Nash, City Clerk, presented the request to Council.

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

   DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

4. DETERMINATION OF THE LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION: Office of the City Clerk, re: the salaries of elected officials for the calendar years 2024 and 2025, in accordance with Section 2.48.030 of Chapter 2.48 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

   Susan Nash, City Clerk, presented the request to Council.
   Glen Long, Chairman of LOCC, was present to answer questions.

   Councilmember Bahr asked if the comparisons to other communities could be shared with Council.

Ms. Nash indicated the information comes from Western Wayne County.

Paul Bernier, City Attorney, indicated there is no vote on this item unless they vote to reject the salary requirements. The ordinance says it will go into effect in 30 days unless Council rejects it.

Vice President Toy thanked Mr. Long for the work they do.

Mr. Long indicated thanks should go to the Clerk's Office and HR Department as they do most of the research.

Councilmember McIntyre commented on the differences when comparing the Clerk and Treasurer to other Department Heads.

Councilmember Bahr asked Paul Bernier if this will show up on the next agenda if no resolution is offered tonight.

President Jolly indicated he plans to put this on the next agenda.

Mr. Bernier indicated it will carry forward to the next agenda for either a rejection or as a receive and file item.

5. AWARD OF CONTRACT AND REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND PURCHASE MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES THROUGH THE MiDEAL, STATE OF MICHIGAN CONTRACT BID PRICING: Livonia Police Department, re: replace outdated portable and mobile radio communication hardware and services, from budgeted funds.

Captain Eric Marcotte, Livonia Police Department, presented the request to Council.

President Jolly asked what the range is and if there will be updates to the tower behind the Police Department.

Captain Marcotte indicated the range is statewide and there will be updates to the tower and it is all included in the bid price.

Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

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

Elizabeth Hallack, Civil Service Department, presented the request to Council.

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

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

7. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SELL CITY-OWNED SCATTERED SITE HOUSING PROPERTY ACQUIRED FROM THE FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM: Livonia Housing Commission, re: for the home located at 20120 Deering, 48152 to Lateefa Scott for a sale price of $168,000.00.

   Jim Ingles, Interim Director of Housing, presented the request to Council.

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

   DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

8. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE 2016-2021 CONSOLIDATION PLAN AND 2019- 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: Livonia Housing Commission, re: to allocate CARES Act Funding to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to include activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the spread of infectious diseases such as the coronavirus disease 2019.

   Jim Ingles, Interim Director of Housing, presented the request to Council.

   Councilmember McIntyre offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

   DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

9. AWARD OF CONTRACT AND REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE THE SEALED BID PROCESS AND PURCHASE LIEBERT EXM DATACENTER UPS THROUGH THE MI DEAL STATE BID PROCESS: Information Systems Department, re: for the electrical services, installation, and electrical protection of the City's computer systems, from budgeted funds.

   Casey O’Neil, Information Systems Director, presented the request to Council.

   Councilmember McCullough offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

   DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

10. AWARD OF BID: Department of Public Works re: for the 2024/2025 Right-Of-Way Tree & Stump Removal program, from 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

11. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE TWO REPLACEMENT PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES (PRV): Department of Public Works, re: for PRV-2 (Middlebelt) and PRV-3 (Merriman), from budgeted funds.

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

Councilmember McCullough offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

12. REQUEST TO APPROVE PROPOSED 2024 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM: Engineering Division, re: to include approximately 355 scattered locations throughout the City, as well as 176 locations from the Sections 7 through 12 target areas that were identified as having 2" or greater vertical separations (CR 784-82).

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

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

13. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO SET A DATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION PLACING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS UPON REFERENCED PROPERTIES WHOSE OWNERS HAVE NOT PAID CHARGES CONNECTED WITH THE 2022 SIDEWALK PROGRAM (LOCATIONS COMPLETED IN 2023), Contract 22-G, SINGLE LOT ASSESSMENTS: Engineering Division, re: same (118-22)

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

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

14. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO SET A DATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION PLACING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS UPON REFERENCED PROPERTIES WHOSE OWNERS HAVE NOT PAID CHARGES CONNECTED WITH THE 2023 SIDEWALK PROGRAM, Contract 23-G, SINGLE LOT ASSESSMENTS: Engineering Division, re: same. (CR 71-23).

Councilmember McIntyre offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

15. REQUEST TO ACCEPT STORM WATER FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Engineering Division, re: from Livonia Center, LLC, in conjunction with the construction of a storm drain system that provides adequate drainage for property located at 30090 & 30010 Plymouth Road in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26.

Councilmember McCullough offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

16. REQUEST TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE AND THE CITY OF LIVONIA: Engineering Division, re: for the improvement of Inkster Road from Schoolcraft Road to Five Mile

Road with the proposed City's participation to be estimated at 4.5375%, in the amount of $108,174. Wayne County Work Order No. 47159.

Councilmember McCullough offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

17. REQUEST TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH OHM ADVISORS (OHM) FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2024 TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION PROJECTS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF LYNDON AVENUE AND NEWBURGH ROAD AND AT LEVAN ROAD AND FIVE MILE ROAD: Engineering Division, re: same (CR 336-21)

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

Councilmember Bahr offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

18. REQUEST TO APPROVE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR A PORTION OF CITY OF LIVONIA GLENDALE PROPERTY: Department of Law, re: with Consumers Energy for annual rent of $39,000 for a one-year term beginning in December 2023, with ability to extend the agreement up to 3 additional one-month periods.

Paul Bernier, City Attorney, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

19. APPOINTMENT OF LYNDA L. SCHEEL TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Councilmember Scott Bahr, re: effective immediately in order to fill the unexpired term, which expires July 12, 2026.

Councilmember Bahr presented the request to Council.

Councilmember McCullough offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

20. APPOINTMENT OF MARC ROTONDO TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Councilmember Scott Morgan, re: effective immediately in order to fill the unexpired term, which expires July 12, 2024.

Councilmember Morgan presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

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

For the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2023.
Adjourned at 10:20 p.m. SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK