

**CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD May 6, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 8:41 p.m. by Council Vice President Martha Ptashnik. Present: Scott Morgan, Laura Toy, Jim Jolly, Rob Donovic, Carrie Budzinski, and Vice President Martha Ptashnik. Absent: President Brandon McCullough.

Elected and appointed officials present: Lori Miller, City Clerk; Carter Fisher, City Attorney; Paul Bernier, City Attorney; Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director; and Todd Zilincik, City Engineer.

Councilmember Morgan led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no Audience Communication at the beginning of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BLOCK PARTY: Ray Franges, re: to be held Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on Brentwood Street between Jacquelyn Drive and Meadowlark Street, with a rain date of Sunday, August 25, 2024.

Vice President Ptashnik presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Jolly offered an approving motion for the Regular agenda since the petitioner was not present.

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2. BLOCK PARTY: Jackie Gordon, re: to be held Friday, June 7, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on Arden Street between Elmira and Orangelawn Streets, with no rain date requested.

Vice President Ptashnik presented the request to Council.

Marian Nolan Neville, 11029 Arden, explained the party is a combination graduation party for the petitioner's, Jackie, daughter and a block party.

Councilmember Toy offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

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3. REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR WADE SHOWS TO HOLD CARNIVAL AMUSEMENT RIDES AT FORD FIELD AND VETERANS' PARK, JUNE 25-30, 2024, DURING REFERENCED HOURS; A PERMIT FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY BY AMERICAN FIREWORKS, INC. TO BE HELD AT 10:15 P.M. ON SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024, AT STYMELSKI VETERANS' PARK; AND AUTHORIZATION TO USE AND LEASE THE FACILITIES AT FORD FIELD, EDDIE EDGAR ARENA AND STYMELSKI VETERANS' PARK DURING SPREE '74: Sam Caramagno, President, Livonia Anniversary Committee, Inc., re: same.

Sam Caramagno, 17441 Merriman, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Jolly offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

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4. REQUEST TO CLOSE STARK ROAD FROM THE L.A.D. (14255 STARK ROAD) TO LYNDON AND LYNDON FROM FARMINGTON ROAD TO STARK ROAD TO TRAFFIC FROM 8:00 A.M., JUNE 24, 2024 THROUGH 12:00 NOON ON JULY 1, 2024; AND TO REQUEST THAT THE CITY SEEK PERMISSION FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION TO ALLOW THE CLOSURE OF FARMINGTON ROAD BETWEEN THE I-96 OVERPASS AND FIVE MILE ROAD FROM 6:30 P.M. THROUGH 11:30 P.M. ON JUNE 30, 2024, IN CONNECTION WITH SPREE '74: Sam Caramagno, President, Livonia Anniversary Committee, Inc., re: same.

Sam Caramagno, 17441 Merriman, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

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5. REQUEST TO DISPLAY BANNERS ON FARMINGTON ROAD AND FIVE MILE ROAD FROM MAY 24, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, AND A 4' X 8' SIGN AT CITY HALL AND FORD FIELD FROM MAY 24, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024: Sam Caramagno, President, Livonia Anniversary Committee, Inc., re: same.

Sam Caramagno, 17441 Merriman presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Jolly offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

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6. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL ON A PROPOSED LOT SPLIT: Department of Assessment, re: for the property located South of Eight Mile Road and West of Merriman Road, in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3 (20100 Osmus) and to waive the lot depth-to-width issue relative to proposed Parcel B.

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of Joe Eadeh, representative of the petitioner, Leo Soave, due to neighbor concerns.

7. REQUEST TO APPROVE HOURLY RATE INCREASE: Department of Civil Service, re: for the classification of Seasonal Laborer.

Jeannine Laible, Civil Service Director, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Toy commented that she read an article about a city that saved a lot of money by planting wildflowers in their boulevards.

Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

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8. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2024 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: 2024-2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET; AND REQUEST TO APPROVE HOLD HARMLESS CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND FIRST STEP, FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT, WAYNE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, CARES IN FARMINGTON: Livonia Housing Commission, re: in connection with the operation of a domestic violence victim assistance program; for the purpose of providing fair housing;

providing utility assistance; and food assistance provided for through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs for the 2024-2025 program year.

Jim Inglis, Interim Housing Director, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Budzinski offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

Councilmember Toy thanked Jim Inglis for returning to fill the Interim Director of Housing position and for the work that his department does.

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9. AWARD OF BID: Inspection Department, re: for the 2024-2027 Weed Cutting and Property Maintenance Program, from budgeted funds.

Jerome Hanna, Director of Inspection, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Donovic verified that the homeowners and billed for all properties cut under this program.

Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

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10. REQUEST TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE AND CITY OF LIVONIA: Department of Parks and Recreation re: for a grant of \$100,430 to be used to add a playground adjacent to the existing splash pad at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Budzinski said she would love to see the splash pad and playground be accessible to all residents.

Councilmember Jolly said he is concerned about the proximity of the circle drive to the playground. He suggested something like the large round cement balls that are used in front of Target on Haggerty Road.

Mr. Davis said the preliminary plan is to do seating around the western edge to try and keep children within the play area. They also plan to do some work on the south by repaving the entry way.

Councilmember Donovic agrees with the large decorative bollards. He verified that these dollars cannot be used for any park as they are specific due to the grant.

Mr. Davis said the dollars are specific by the Wayne County Commission District.

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

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- 11.REQUEST TO AMEND THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT THROUGH QUALIFICATION BASED SELECTION (QBS) PROCESS WITH HUBBELL, ROTH AND CLARK, INC.: Department of Parks and Recreation, re: for the construction phase

constructed Livonia West Commerce Center - Phase 2 (Additional Trailer Staging) located at 13100 Eckles Road, in the North 1/2 of Section 30.

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

Councilmember Donovan offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

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There was no Audience Communication at the end of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.
For the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2024.

LORI L. MILLER, CITY CLERK