CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD JUNE 3, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 9:08 p.m. by Council President McCullough. Present: Jim Jolly, Vice President Martha Ptashnik, Rob Donovic, Carrie Budzinski, Scott Morgan, and President McCullough. Absent: Laura Toy

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

Councilmember Jolly led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

During Audience Communication Kathleen McIntyre, Fairway Street, spoke about Council Meeting and Committee Meeting attendance by Councilmembers.

Councilmember Budzinski reminded everyone of the upcoming Passport to Safety event.

Vice President Ptashnik spoke about the upcoming Irish Festival at Greenmead.

NEW BUSINESS

1. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE CITY'S NOISE ORDINANCE: Joseph Coogan, re: to host a graduation party with a DJ in the backyard of the home located at 19291 Lathers St, on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

   Joseph Coogan, petitioner, presented the request to Council.

   Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

   DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

2. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE CITY'S NOISE ORDINANCE: Ashley Morris, Community Opportunity Center, NPHC, re: to hold a company family picnic with a DJ at Rotary Park, on Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

   Ashley Morris, petitioner, presented the request to Council.

   Councilmember Jolly offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

   DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

3. REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES BARINGHAUS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Laura M. Toy, Councilmember, re: for a three-year term which will expire on July 12, 2027.

   Councilmember Jolly presented the request to Council.

   Councilmember Jolly offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

4. REAPPOINTMENT OF GREGORY G. COPPOLA TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Rob Gjonaj Donovic, Councilmember, re: for a three-year term which will expire on July 12, 2027.

   Councilmember Donovic presented the request to Council.

   Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

   DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

5. REAPPOINTMENT OF MARC ROTONDO TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Scott Morgan, Councilmember, re: for a three-year term which will expire on July 12, 2027.

   Councilmember Morgan presented the request to Council.

   Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

   DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

6. REQUEST TO APPROVE SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION FOR THE GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (GEMT) program: Livonia Fire & Rescue, re: in order to enhance our emergency medical transportation services and potentially secure significant additional funding for the Fire Department.

   Livonia Fire Chief Jennison presented the request to Council.

   Vice President Ptashnik offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

   DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

7. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Inspection Department, re: for BS&A Cloud-based software, licensing and training, for a total amount of $249,480.00, with a not-to-exceed annual increase of 5%, from budgeted funds.

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

   Vice President Ptashnik asked if we will be increasing cyber security and if there will be cost savings due to less server interaction.

   Steve Rennell, BS&A Software Account Executive, explained BS&A has cyber security experts and rely on Microsoft Cyber Security as well. He indicated it is their company's responsibility to provide cyber security.

   Casey O'Neil, Information Services Director, indicated this will take some burden off both city hardware and his staff.

Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING REGULAR

8. REQUEST TO EXECUTE THE 2024 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND SMART: Livonia Housing Commission, re: to allow the Livonia Community Transit Program to receive the Municipal and Community Credits in the amount of $89,424.

Felicia Cross, Community Transit Program Supervisor, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Budzinski offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

9. REQUEST TO APPROVE SPECIALIZED SERVICES OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THIRD PARTY CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2023, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, BETWEEN THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND SMART: Livonia Housing Commission, re: with grant funds to be used for the Livonia Community Transit Program to provide lift-equipped transportation to the senior and disabled residents of the City.

Felicia Cross, Community Transit Program Supervisor, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Budzinski asked for an update on the Transit program.

Ms. Cross said there has been an increase in ridership but hasn’t been any increase in drivers.

Councilmember Budzinski offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

10. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE THE SEALED BID PROCESS AND PURCHASE FROM SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER: Department of Public Works, re: for the purchase of stormwater, water main and sanitary manhole-related items in an amount not to exceed $150,000.00 annually, for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Don Rohraff, Director of Public Works, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

11. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE TWO (2) DUMP TRUCKS THROUGH THE ROCHESTER HILLS CO-OP AWARD AGREEMENT: Public Works Division, re: for use by the Roads Department, from budgeted funds.

    Don Rohraff, Director of Public Works, presented the request to Council.

    Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Regular Agenda.

    DIRECTION APPROVING REGULAR

12. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Department of Public Works, re: for a maintenance service contract for water main and sanitary sewer rehabilitation for a period of three (3) years with an option to renew for an additional two (2) year period, from budgeted funds.

    Don Rohraff, Director of Public Works, presented the request to Council.

    Vice President Ptashnik offered an approving motion for the Regular Agenda.

    DIRECTION APPROVING REGULAR

13. REQUEST TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH OHM ADVISORS: Engineering Division, re: for Construction Engineering Services for the 2024 Water Main Replacement Project (Harrison Road and Westfield Avenue) from the Unexpended Fund Balance of the Water and Sewer Fund to be reimbursed by the proceeds of the Drinking Water Revolving Fund Revenue Bonds. (CR 336-21)

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

    Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

    DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Engineering Division, re: for the interior renovations at the Robert and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library, from the Unexpended Fund Balance of the Library Fund. (CR 378-20)

    David Lear, Assistant City Engineer, presented the request to Council.

    Councilmember Budzinski confirmed this is to include modifications to make restrooms ADA compliant. She also asked how this fits in with the roof and the chiller.

    Mr. Lear said the chiller is separate from the roof and renovations and explained the timelines.

    Vice President Ptashnik confirmed they plan to have family friendly restrooms and that the planning will be done by an ADA Certified Planner.

    Councilmember Donovic asked if the interior renovations will include technological advancements as well.

Kristen Edson, Library Director, said adding additional power and data to the different floors allows flexibility to rearrange and provide improved services.

Councilmember Budzinski offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

15. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Engineering Division, re: for Phase 3 of the DPW Security Camera Installation, from budgeted funds. (CR 148-22 and 273-23)

David Lear, Assistant City Engineer, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Jolly asked if there would be a direct feed to the Police Department.

Mr. Lear said he believes it does but is not positive.

Councilmember Jolly offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

16. REQUEST TO AMEND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 017-24: Department of Law, re: to designate the Director of Finance, Debra Peck Lichtenberg, as the official representative and voting representative of the City of Livonia at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

President McCullough presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Jolly offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION APPROVING CONSENT

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

Adjourned at 10:01 p.m.
For the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2024. LORI L. MILLER, CITY CLERK