

**CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD AUGUST 26, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 8:40 p.m. by Council President McCullough. Present: Laura Toy, Jim Jolly, Vice President Martha Ptashnik, Rob Donovic, Carrie Budzinski, Scott Morgan, and President McCullough. Absent: None.

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

Councilmember Toy led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

During Audience Communication, Steve King 33950 Coventry, spoke about litter in his neighborhood drains and crabgrass on city property.

Councilmember Toy announced the upcoming Bentley Historical Marker Dedication.

Councilmember Donovic shared that Councilmember Toy has been very active helping with the Bentley Historical Marker Dedication.

President McCullough thanked everyone that participated in the Touch a Truck event.

President McCullough announced new data has been received on item #5.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BLOCK PARTY: Mary Nulph, re: to be held Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Perth Street, between Arden and Berwick Streets.

Barb Ferrera, resident, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

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2. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE CITY'S NOISE ORDINANCE: Richard Warner, re: to host a family gathering with a DJ at the property located at 33901 Hathaway Street, on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Richard Warner, resident, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Jolly offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

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3. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE CITY'S NOISE ORDINANCE: Matt Parnell, Old Rosedale Gardens Homeowners Association, re: to host a family-friendly movie at Kleinert Park, on Friday, September 20, 2024, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Matt Parnell, resident, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Budzinski offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

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4. REQUEST TO DEDICATE A PARKING LOT IN EMERSON OAKS SITE CONDOMINIUMS: Enrico E. Soave, Emerson Oaks-Livonia, LLC, re: for the dedication of a parking lot within Emerson Oaks Site Condominiums, as required in warranty deed.

Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

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5. WAIVER PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2024-05-02-09 submitted by Kneaded Relief Massage & Spa, requesting waiver use to operate a massage establishment at 32003 Plymouth Road, located on the south side of Plymouth Road between Merriman and Hubbard Roads in the Northeast ¼ of Section 34.

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

Councilmember Toy asked the petitioner if he has operated massage places before.

Michael Malecki, 32003 Plymouth Road said he has, and his first location is on Northline Road in Southgate, and he has not had any violations.

Councilmember Toy asked how many tables he will have. Mr. Malecki said there will be two therapy rooms with five therapists on staff. He explained the various types of massages they will perform.

Councilmember Jolly asked if he has already been operating there. Mr. Malecki said they have been open since September and were notified in June that they needed a waiver. He did apply at that time. They have been open since September of 2023 without any violations. He owns the building and all three businesses in the building. He indicated that he has local staff that are employed by him and are given full benefits with paid time off.

Vice President Ptashnik said she is concerned that they were operating without the proper waivers and have continued to operate after being told they needed a waiver. Mr. Malecki said he has a lot of demand for the services, and they weren't told they should cease operations until they get a waiver.

Councilmember Toy offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

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6. WAIVER PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2023-06-02-08 submitted by Meijer, Inc., requesting waiver use approval to utilize an SDM liquor license (sale of packaged beer and wine products for consumption off the premises) in connection with the operation of a new Meijer store at 33500 Seven Mile Road, located on the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Farmington Roads in the Southeast ¼ of Section 4.

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

Councilmember Donovic asked about the spacing requirements. Mr. Taormina said the Liquor Control Commission has their own separation requirements. Our ordinance doesn't recognize when businesses are located across major highways or road. The state requirements are waived if the businesses are on opposite sides of the road. Councilmember Donovic verified they will not sell liquor.

Councilmember Budzinski said consumers are going to expect these goods at Meijer

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

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7. AWARD OF BID: Livonia Housing Commission, re: for the replacement of fifty-four, thirty-gallon hot water heaters at Silver Village from budgeted funds.

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

Steve King, 33950 Coventry, shared his concerns about the type of water heaters that will be installed.

Councilmember Jolly asked if any alternative methods were considered. Mr. Inglis said hot water on demand is built for larger families and Silver Village is all single use apartments. The gas piping and electricity are not the proper size to change to an alternate method.

Councilmember Jolly said Mr. King brings up valid points and these technologies will be considered more as we build new buildings.

Councilmember Donovic said he agrees with the need for conventional units based on the building age and size.

Councilmember Toy offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

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8. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE TWO HEAVY-DUTY 18' CONTINENTAL CARGO TRAILERS THROUGH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN BID PROCESS: Department of Public Works, re: to be used by the Public Works Division, 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.

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9. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 60 CASES OF NATULAR XRT TABLETS: Department of Public Works, re: for the 2024 Mosquito Treatment Program, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the request to Council. He indicated this is the 2025 Mosquito Treatment Program not the 2024.

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

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10. REQUEST TO ACCEPT STORM WATER FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Engineering Division, re: from EROP, LLC, in conjunction with the construction of a storm drain system that provides adequate drainage for the newly constructed Whitewater Express Car Wash located at 30471 Plymouth Road, in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35.

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

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

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11. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Engineering Division, re: for the installation and commission of the new air-cooled chiller at the Robert and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library, from budgeted funds. (CR 106-24)

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

Councilmember Budzinski asked if the end of summer is the actual end of summer date. Mr. Lear said the current unit will likely stay until the end of September.

Vice President Ptashnik verified the amount is only for installation. Mr. Lear indicated it does include removal of the old unit and piping that currently exists.

Councilmember Morgan asked if a crane will be used. Mr. Lear indicated a crane will be used to offload it onto a pad on the side of the building. The new unit will be ground mounted instead of roof mounted.

Councilmember Donovic said the amount of money spent on this item alone gives perspective to the amount of money needed to maintain aging buildings.

Councilmember Budzinski explained the chillers in the library and how long they have been having problems with the units.

Councilmember Toy offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

President McCullough asked that this item be put on the Regular Agenda rather than Consent.

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12. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Engineering Division, re: for the Pavement Repairs at the Livonia Police Headquarters, from budgeted funds.

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

Vice President Ptashnik asked how eminent this item its. Mr. Lear said the county is driving them to relocate the drain. There is also a trench drain at the bottom of the ramp that has a steel plate over it so they can drive equipment into the garage.

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

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13. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IMPROVEMENT BONDS: Engineering Division, re: to assure the installation of public improvements at Parkdale Site Condominium, located on the south side of Parkdale Avenue, east of Levan Road in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32. (CR 356-23)

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Morgan asked how long it takes for the city to return the bond money once a project is completed. Mr. Zilincik said it depends on how the developer completes the project.

Councilmember Jolly offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

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14. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IMPROVEMENT BONDS: Engineering Division, re: to assure the installation of public improvements at Trevi Court Condominium, located on the south side of Plymouth Road, east of Levan Road in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32. (CR 287-23)

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

Councilmember Morgan offered an approving motion for the Consent Agenda.

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During Audience Communication Steve King, 33950 Coventry, said the tankless hot water heaters are 90% energy saving. He is trying to get a culture of saving money started within the city. He said there is grant money available for this. He also mentioned that Rotary Park pavilion hasn't been taken down and he is willing to do it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

For the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2024.

LORI L. MILLER, CITY CLERK