

**CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 8:54 p.m. by Council President McCullough. Present: Vice President Martha Ptashnik, Rob Donovic, Carrie Budzinski, Scott Morgan, Laura Toy, Jim Jolly, 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.

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

There was no Audience Communication.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BLOCK PARTY: Krista Leavens, re: to be held Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., on Grandon Avenue, between Harrison and Brentwood Streets.

A representative of the petitioner presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Jolly offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

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2. BLOCK PARTY: Jennifer Checcobelli and Heidi Miller, re: to be held Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., from 19031 Irving Street to Clarita Street, with a rain date of Saturday, October 19, 2024.

Heidi Miller, petitioner, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

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3. BLOCK PARTY AND STREET BARRICADE: Danielle Greason, re: to be held Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., on Emerson Court and Tulipwood Street, from West Chicago to Harrison Street.

Danielle Greason, petitioner, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Jolly offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

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4. REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING: Office of the City Clerk, re: to accept grant funding on behalf of the Election Commission from the Institute for Responsive Government, a nonpartisan organization.

Lori Miller, City Clerk, presented the request to Council.

Vice President Ptashnik asked if there is a specific target for this grant money.

Ms. Miller indicated it will be used for security and absentee ballots.

Councilmember Toy asked how much the cost has increased due to the new laws. She also asked if more people want to vote absentee than in the past.

Ms. Miller said election costs have almost doubled and people all over the world want to vote in the Presidential Election.

Councilmember Budzinski offered an approving motion for the Consent agenda.

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5. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE TO SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER: Livonia Fire and Rescue, re: for the emergency repair of Fire Engine 3 engine failure, from budgeted funds.

John McKee, Livonia Fire Department Training Officer, presented the request to Council.

Councilmember Morgan 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 Section 3, 20100 Osmus (Petition 2023-12-LS-12) and to waive the lot depth-to-width ratio for both proposed parcels "A" and "B".

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

Vice President Ptashnik asked if there was still a plan for the drainage.

Joe Eadah, representative for Leo Soave, said they haven't discussed this with Engineering yet but will do whatever it takes.

Councilmember Donovic offered an approving motion for the Regular agenda.

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7. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Engineering Division, re: for the 2024 Rear Yard Drainage Improvements on Fairway Drive in Section 20 and Puritan Avenue in Section 14, from budgeted funds.

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

Councilmember Budzinski 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 9:16 p.m.

For the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2024.

LORI L. MILLER, CITY CLERK