

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:50 p.m. by Council President McCullough. Present: Scott Morgan, Laura Toy, Jim Jolly, Vice President Martha Ptashnik, Rob Donovic, Carrie Budzinski, 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 Morgan led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Vice President Ptashnik wished her mother a Happy Birthday on Monday.

NEW BUSINESS

1. REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION: Paula Piccinini, Secretary, Zeal Credit Union Foundation, Inc., re: as required by the State of Michigan to obtain a Charitable Gaming License to allow a raffle fundraiser in the future.

Paula Piccinni, representative of Zeal Credit Union Foundation was present to answer any questions of Council. Ms. Piccinni indicated this raffle would be a partnership with vendors to donate raffle prizes for their employees to participate to win and needed Council approval to obtain their charitable gaming license from the State.

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APPROVING

CONSENT

2. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE SEALED BID PROCESS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT: Livonia Fire & Rescue, re: Professional Services Agreement for Emergency Medical Transportation Billing, from budgeted funds.

Chief Bob Jennison presented the matter to Council regarding transport billing and indicated the contract is ready to expire in a few months. Chief Jennison indicated 5.19% rate was negotiated with an extension of the current contract, with options to extend beyond that should both parties be interested. Chief Jennison stated they have had great success with this organization with a 98% rate on collection for their invoices.

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CONSENT

3. REQUEST TO ACCEPT A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 2024 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) IN CONJUNCTION WITH WAYNE COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY: Division of Police, re: to purchase law enforcement equipment, no matching funds are required.

Brian Kahn, Director of Homeland Security, was present on behalf of Chief Goralski seeking permission to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County Department of Homeland Security and to accept grant funding under the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). Mr. Kahn indicated the grant funds can be utilized to purchase equipment and stated no matching funds are required.

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4. AWARD OF BID: Livonia Housing Commission, re: for Tree Removal and Tree Trimming at Silver Village, from budgeted funds.

Jim Inglis, Livonia Housing Commission Director, presented the item to Council and stated trees are aging and some of the large trees are too close to the buildings at Silver Village. To prevent any future damage, the Housing Commission went out to bid and it was recommended to award the bid to Ashton Tree Service, a Livonia business.

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APPROVING

CONSENT

5. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE AIR-COOLED CHILLER: Department of Public Works, re: for installation at the Livonia Police Department, from budgeted funds.

Dave Lear, Assistant City Engineer, presented the item to Council. Mr. Lear indicated this request is to purchase the chiller to be installed at the Police Department and due to the time of order, they are getting this item placed now for the Spring. The purchase will be made from Trane and requires close to a six-month lead time to secure the chiller. Mr. Lear indicated they are trying to be proactive in these measures rather than running behind as there is no way to know how long a new building for the Police Department will take to be solidified and does not want to run into a scenario similar to what was done at the Civic Center Library.

President McCullough indicated this is a time-sensitive order and the costs can go up exponentially if the order is delayed. President McCullough inquired if there was any way to put a band-aid on this item rather than investing money in something that might not be able to be repurposed.

Councilmember Donovic indicated federal EPA requirements are changing and now many units cannot be used but must have new units compatible with new systems. Councilmember Morgan inquired if this was the old system which causes leaks within the building and Mr. Lear confirmed that was the case. He further indicated in addition

to the chiller there will be boiler replacement contracts that will be coming before Council, so it is a replacement of the whole system not just one item. Councilmember Morgan stated it would probably be closer to five (5) years before the entire building at LPD were to be taken down, so it is in the best interest to provide heating and cooling to the building for that time frame.

Vice President Ptashnik offered a substitute motion to send the subject matter to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and the opportunity to see if there are alternate ideas and timeline for the measures to be ordered and remedied.

Councilmember Donovic requested this could be looked at from a capital improvement standpoint so there is a comprehensive cost analysis to see what we are looking at and could be further discussed to see what all is involved given a more definitive timeline. He would like to see the whole picture so there is a complete understanding of what the matter will entail.

Councilmember Budzinski asked for a comprehensive cost analysis from the Administration given the aggressive timeline to recreate Civic Center campus and perhaps a cost-savings/comparatives could be learned from doing something similar as to what was done and worked at the Civic Center Library.

Councilmember Toy inquired if in fact there was a definitive timeline and felt the Committee of the Whole may be a great place to discuss, however, there is a timeline to get things accomplished without delay.

President McCullough stated he wanted to make sure we are on the right process to make sure employees are kept comfortable in their work environment.

Councilmember Donovic inquired if this matter could be approved as presented but also further discussed in the Committee of the Whole but also have the approving resolution to get the item ordered as needed.

Councilmember Jolly stated Council has a duty to deal with what we have before us and what we can control now, even though other items may arise, rather than waiting any further which may make the situation take longer to resolve.

Vice President Ptashnik removed her request to send the matter to the Committee of the Whole following Council's discussion, given the upcoming Capital Improvement Committee meeting and stated perhaps a new Facilities Manager will be hired by that time.

Councilmember Donovic asked that Council be provided with the entire scope of the project prior to the next meeting.

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6. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS TO THE LOCAL STREET SYSTEM FOR THE 2025 ACT 51 COMPUTATIONS: Engineering Division, re: for streets or portions thereof, newly opened in 2024.

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, indicated this is an annual request and this year we have several projects to add to the Local Street System Act 51. The developments of Emerson Oaks at the corner of Harrison and West Chicago and Lydon Park located at the corner of Lydon and Harrison. These new developments add new streets which total just over 2,000 lineal feet which is .38 miles to be added to our network. This will help with future funds made available to Livonia.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

CONSENT

7. REQUEST TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF LIVONIA: Engineering Division, re: for the bridge replacement and road reconstruction of Old Highway M-14 (Ann Arbor Road), Newburgh Road to Market Street with the proposed City's participation to be estimated at \$727,300.

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, indicated with the help of MDOT this has been a 10 year and waiting project and it is good to see it come to fruition. It involves removing the Hines Road bridge superstructure and the bridge to the west of it there will be removed and replaced. Mr. Zilincik indicated it has been cold patched and has become even worse. The project will improve the intersection of Ann Arbor Road with a new signal at Marketplace and Plymouth Road and Ann Arbor Road too. Mr. Zilincik indicated we are seeking approval to enter into this Intergovernmental Agreement with MDOT with the City's expected share to be \$727,300. This corridor is well in need of improvements, including additional lighting, as the Council may know.

Mr. Zilincik introduced Jeff Horn, representative from MDOT, to elaborate on the scope of the project. Mr. Horn stated the plan is to shut down Old M-14 (Ann Arbor Road) approximately January 6th and that will be shut down until mid to late November. The closure will be necessary to demolish the bridge over M-14 and to build a coffer dam in there by February 28th. Mr. Horn stated this is due to EGLE fish restriction window, which only leaves four months to work on the Middle Rouge River so it is imperative the Agreement be signed and the contractor awarded as soon as possible to begin work as soon as possible on this very complicated job.

Councilmember Donovic inquired if MDOT expected this road closure to take as long as the bridge and road closure on Merriman Road, which has been two years in the making. Mr. Horn replied that is a Wayne County project and he has been assured by his Engineering team this project would not take that long. Mr. Horn stated he has been informed that bridge should be open by Thanksgiving and agreed no one would want to see both those roads and bridges shut down at the same time in Livonia.

DIRECTION:

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CONSENT

8. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE AN APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE: Engineering Division, re: for the installation of streetlights along Ann Arbor Road from Plymouth Road to Newburgh Road.

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, presented the item to Council and indicated the purpose is to extend street lighting from the corner of Supernatural Brew west to Ann Arbor Road to have it illuminated. Mr. Zilincik stated there will be a sidewalk on the north side of the street and the purpose is to make sure both sides will have street lighting and have the connectivity to the Wayne County park on the south side of the road at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Newburgh. Mr. Zilincik stated it will hopefully clean up the intersection and make it safer for people to walk. Mr. Zilincik stated part of the funding will come from PRDA and some of it will come from funds as designated.

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9. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE 2025 ROAD REPAIR PROGRAM: Engineering Division, re: as reviewed by the Citizens Advisory Committee on Roads for the third year of the ten-year paving millage approved by the Livonia residents.

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, stated the Citizens Advisory Committee met on October 3, 2024, and invited residents and commercial business owners to come and talk about any concerns they may have regarding our roads. Mr. Zilincik stated the Committee is recommending doing 45 segments of road, 25 concrete and 20 asphalt, and looking to spend just over \$10 million to fix the roads in the community. Mr. Zilincik stated to move forward with the reconstruction of the roads will be included in Contract 25-C, the Asphalt Program, and Contract 25-A, with OHM, and then obviously Contract 25-J, the Selective Slab Program, which includes a list from Engineering of about 25 locations scattered throughout the City and look at attacking Schoolcraft Road which has not been touched since 2014. Mr. Zilincik indicated a list of locations of where other projects by Wayne County and MDOT are included in the letter to Council.

DIRECTION:

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CONSENT

10. REQUEST TO AMEND THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT THROUGH QUALIFICATION BASED SELECTION (QBS) PROCESS WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2025 ASPHALT ROAD PROGRAM (CONTRACT 25-A): Engineering Division, re: same (CR 336-21)

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, stated this is for the 2025 Asphalt Road Program (Contract 25-A), which is basically looking at approximately 20 street segments of which 10 are basically significant and Section 31, which we delayed from last year.

Mr. Zilincik stated it is an aggressive program, but a lot of that stuff was done in the early days of 2003-2004, so a lot of that surface has cracked over time and it's very bumpy. Mr. Zilincik stated he was very appreciative of OHM's team and their inspectors to make sure the City gets this project done. Mr. Zilincik stated the Engineering Department is seeking Council's approval for design in the amount of \$107,500, which is at a reduced rate because some of the projects were designed last year.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

CONSENT

11. REQUEST TO AMEND THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT THROUGH QUALIFICATION BASED SELECTION (QBS) PROCESS WITH ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN & WESTRICK, INC. FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2025 CONCRETE ROAD PROGRAM (CONTRACT 25-C): Engineering Division, re: same (CR 336-21)

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, stated Scott Lockwood, Executive Vice President from AEW was present. Mr. Zilincik stated Mr. Lockwood has been with the City since 2008 and his team works very hard to make sure the disruption is limited for residents and he does a great job trying to get in and get out with a sense of normalcy. Mr. Zilincik stated the scope of work involves 21 street segments and is seeking Council's approval to amend the contract amount with AEW for the total of \$193,500, based on the contract amount of \$4.5 million.

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CONSENT

12. REQUEST TO AMEND THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT THROUGH QUALIFICATION BASED SELECTION (QBS) PROCESS WITH ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN & WESTRICK, INC. FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2025 CONCRETE ROAD MAINTENANCE/SELECTIVE SLAB PROGRAM (CONTRACT 25-J): Engineering Division, re: same (CR 336-21)

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, presented the item to Council indicating this has to do with the concrete road and selective slab program. There are approximately 25 locations, but did talk about doing Schoolcraft Road as part of the program, so the total sum is \$800,000 work of work for this project and the Engineering Department is seeking approval for the design in the amount of \$42,400 for AEW to continue to move forward.

DIRECTION:

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CONSENT

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

Meeting Adjourned 9:38 p.m.

For the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2024.

LORI L. MILLER, CITY CLERK