

MINUTES OF THE TWO THOUSAND SIXTH REGULAR
MEETING DECEMBER 2, 2024

On December 2, 2024, the above meeting was held at the City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, and was called to order by the President of the Council at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Jolly and his family led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called with the following result: Laura Toy, Jim Jolly, Martha Ptashnik, Rob Donovic, Carrie Budzinski, Scott Morgan, and Brandon McCullough. Absent: None.

Elected and appointed officials present: Carter Fisher, City Attorney; Lori L. Miller, City Clerk; Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director; Sara Kasproicz, Program Supervisor of Council Office; and Todd Zilincik, City Engineer.

On a motion by Councilmember Toy, supported by Councilmember Budzinski, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#404-24 RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the 2,005th Regular Meeting of the Council held November 18, 2024 are approved as presented.

President McCullough announced tonight would be the last and final meeting for Councilmember Jim Jolly, as he will become Livonia 16th District Court Judge in the new year.

Councilmember Jolly stated he was appointed nine (9) years ago to Council to fill a vacated seat and at the end of tonight's meeting he would be resigning from Council. Councilmember Jolly stated he has many mixed emotions and is grateful to have served on Council and see so many great things accomplished. Councilmember Jolly thanked all and wished everyone the best of luck in the future. Councilmember Jolly extended a heartfelt thank you to his wife, Katie, who he stated has made so many sacrifices throughout the years for him and his family and stated he loved her very much.

Councilmember Morgan offered congratulations to Councilmember Jolly and stated it was a well-deserved win and stated he was sad to see him leave but knows that it won't be too far.

Councilmember Toy stated she has known Councilmember Jolly for a long time and indicated he would be sadly missed. Councilmember Toy stated she has sat next to Jolly for eight (8) years, and he is extremely talented and smart and stated the entire Council supports him in his endeavor as 16th District Court Judge.

Councilmember Donovic explained it was a pleasure serving with Councilmember Jolly and an honor to serve together. Councilmember Donovic stated the Livonia community has been served greatly by Councilmember Jolly and it will be served even better by Councilmember Jolly becoming a Judge.

Vice President Ptashnik stated she has received great advice from Councilmember Jolly and although has known him the least amount of time, found him to be very helpful, thoughtful and has served the community well.

Councilmember Budzinski stated Councilmember Jolly will be greatly missed and thanked him for all the knowledge he has imparted on new Councilmembers. Councilmember Budzinski stated his knowledge and impartiality have served Livonia well and stated she was glad to see him achieve his dream.

President McCullough indicated he appreciated Councilmember Jolly for everything he has done with and for him. President McCullough stated they have many fun stories to share and has learned a great deal from working and serving with Jolly. President McCullough stated Jolly's integrity, intelligence and honorability are beyond measure and stated he would miss him but knew that he would go on to do even more great things with the District Court. President McCullough presented a plaque to honor Jolly's accomplishments over the years and presented him with a commendation.

During Audience Communication, Boysey Tinsley, 8955 Lamont Street, expressed his concerns regarding a City tree that caused extensive damage to his driveway before it was removed.

Councilmember Budzinski indicated the newly branded transit program, LivNGo, is open to provide transportation to all residents 18 years of age and older who need a ride within Livonia. Councilmember Budzinski also announced that Styrofoam can now be donated at no cost at the Goodwill Store located on Middlebelt Road. Budzinski announced she would host a virtual coffee hour on Thursday, December 19th via Facebook. Councilmember Budzinski concluded by announcing the Merry & Bright Parade will take place this Sunday starting at 4:00 p.m. and concludes with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and invited all residents to attend.

Councilmember Donovic indicated the new trash carts have been implemented and deliveries have begun. Councilmember Donovic directed residents to the LetsRollLivonia.org website as a great resource to help answer any questions residents may have on the new trash and recycling program and carts.

Councilmember Morgan announced the Livonia retirees for the month of November as Andrew McKinley, Senior Police Lieutenant with 25 years of service with the Livonia Police Department and Laure Hibbard, Deputy Court Administrator with 27 years of service with the 16th District Court. Councilmember Morgan thanked them for their many years of service and wished them well in their retirement.

President McCullough wished a Happy Belated Birthday to City Clerk, Lori Miller.

President McCullough stated there was a Law and Education Committee Meeting on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. on the Second Floor at City Hall.

President McCullough announced there would be a public hearing on Monday, December 9, 2024, in the Auditorium of City Hall located at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI at 7:00 p.m. for the following items:

1. Petition 2024-08-01-04 submitted by Skilken Gold on behalf of Sheetz, under Section 13.15 of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance, as amended, requesting to rezone the property at 37355 Eight Mile Road, located on the southeast corner of Eight Mile Road and Newburgh Road in the Northwest ¼ of Section 5, from C-1 (Local Business District) to C-2 (General Business District).
2. To consider adoption of a resolution approving a Brownfield Plan and tax increment financing for the 7 and Victor Project: Robertson Brothers Homes, re: for a planned general development consisting of 100 residential townhomes on the north side of Seven Mile Road, between Victor Parkway and Newburgh Road in the southeast ¼ of Section 6.

At the direction of the Chair, Item #2 on the Agenda was removed from the Consent portion of the Agenda.

A communication from the Department of Finance, dated November 7, 2024, re: forwarding the Departmental Purchases Report for the

month ending October 31, 2024, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication from the Department of Finance, dated November 15, 2024, re: forwarding Quarterly Investment Report for the City of Livonia for the quarter ending May 31, 2024, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication from the Department of Finance, dated November 15, 2024, re: forwarding various financial statements of the City of Livonia for the months ending June 30, 2024, and July 31, 2024, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

On a motion by Councilmember Toy, supported by Councilmember Jolly, it was:

#405-24 RESOLVED, that having considered Petition 2024-10-03-02, submitted by Andrea and Benjamin Edwards, dated October 29, 2024, wherein a request is submitted to vacate a portion of the public easement located in the southeast portion of the property located at 18586 Comstock, to accommodate a utility shed of less than 200 square feet, the Council does hereby refer this item to the City Planning Commission for action and recommendation in accordance with provisions of law and City ordinance.

#406-24 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Office of the Mayor, dated October 29, 2024, and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended, the Council does hereby approve of and concur in the reappointment of Dillon Breen, 38987 Stacey, Livonia, MI 48154, to the Livonia Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term of three years, which will expire on November 24, 2027.

#407-24 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Office of the Mayor, dated October 29, 2024, and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of Public Acts of the State

of Michigan of 1996, as amended, the Council does hereby approve of and concur in the reappointment of Ken Harb, 16788 Westbrook, Livonia, MI 48154, to the Livonia Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term of three years, which will expire on November 24, 2027.

#408-24 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated October 16, 2024, which bears the signature of the City Attorney and is approved for submission by the Mayor, to which is attached a communication from the Festival Chairs of the Motor City Irish Festival, P.O. Box 511361, Livonia, Michigan 48151, dated October 9, 2024, requesting permission to hold the 2025, 2026 and 2027 Annual Motor City Irish Festival at Greenmead, with the event to be held as follows:

Friday	June 6, 2025	5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Saturday	June 7, 2025	12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Sunday	June 8, 2025	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday	June 12, 2026	5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Saturday	June 13, 2026	12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Sunday	June 14, 2026	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday	June 11, 2027	5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Saturday	June 12, 2027	12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Sunday	June 13, 2027	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

the Council does hereby grant permission as requested; the action taken herein being subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Motor City Irish Festival and all equipment operators shall provide the City of Livonia with appropriate insurance policies naming the City of Livonia as additional insured with general liability coverage of \$1 million, and an aggregate of \$2 million, and all certificates of insurance shall be submitted to the Department of Law for approval by the City prior to the event;
2. That the Motor City Irish Festival and any vendors involved in the sale of beer or wine on Greenmead property shall provide the City of Livonia with an insurance policy naming the City of Livonia as additional insured with liquor liability coverage in the amount of \$1 million, such certificate to be submitted to the Department of Law for approval by the City prior to the event;

3. That the Motor City Irish Festival shall execute a hold harmless agreement in favor of the City of Livonia in a manner and form acceptable to the Department of Law;
4. That all vendors must obtain transient merchant licenses from the City of Livonia prior to the event, and all necessary licenses and permits from state and county agencies prior to the event;
5. That the Motor City Irish Festival shall pay the police fee as stated on the City of Livonia Fees/Waivers IV Category Grid as established in Council Resolution 660-03, adopted on December 17, 2003;
6. The Motor City Irish Festival will secure the festival grounds with fencing as required by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission;
7. The Motor City Irish Festival will provide portable toilet facilities sufficient to accommodate all attendees;
8. The Motor City Irish Festival will have procedures in place regarding admissions to the grounds and provide security personnel for the duration of the festival;
9. The Motor City Irish Festival will be responsible for the setup, maintenance and breakdown of any tents or temporary onsite structures used during the festival;
10. The Motor City Irish Festival will be responsible for grounds keeping, garbage removal and cleanup for the duration of the festival;
11. The Motor City Irish Festival will provide additional towers of lighting for use at night and will remove same in accordance with the rules and regulations of Greenmead;

FURTHER, the Council does hereby approve the proposed flat rate fee of \$7,000.00 for 2025 and \$7,250.00 for 2026 and \$7,500.00 for 2027, plus understanding that the Historical Commission will have the opportunity to realize additional profits from operating a food booth, and sales from gift shop operations; FURTHER, the Motor City Irish Festival will be responsible for handling vehicle parking and will be entitled to retain 100% of parking fees; FURTHER, the Council does hereby approve the request to sell raffle tickets on the grounds of Greenmead in connection with this event.

#409-24 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated October

28, 2024, which bears the signature of the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 396-19, adopted on December 2, 2019, and to which is attached a contract for caretaking services at the Historical Village at Greenmead between the City of Livonia and Jeffrey Ronayne, an independent contractor, for the period February 1, 2020 through November 30, 2022, with an option to renew for two (2) additional two-year terms at the discretion of City Council, the Council does hereby authorize the second of two potential two-year contract extensions for caretaking services at the Historical Village at Greenmead with Jeffrey Ronayne, an independent contractor, for the period December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2026; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a revised contract, approved as to form and substance by the Department of Law, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia with Jeffrey Ronayne, and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#410-24 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated November 5, 2024, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, to which is attached communications from Harrell's LLC regarding the purchase of various chemicals (insecticide, fungicide, pesticide, herbicide and fertilizer) required for the 2025 golf season to maintain Fox Creek, Whispering Willows and Idyl Wyld golf courses as well as product quantities, product utilization and sole source information, the council does hereby authorize the purchase of various chemicals in the quantities detailed in the aforesaid communications from Harrell's, LLC, P.O. Box 935358, Atlanta, GA 31193 required for the 2025 golf season to maintain Fox Creek, Whispering Willows, and Idyl Wyld golf courses, in an amount not to exceed \$129,846.91; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$129,846.91 from funds budgeted in Account Nos. 584-773-776-000; 584-774-776-000; and 584-775-776-000 for this purpose; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize the action herein without competitive bidding in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3.04.140.E.3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, for the reason that Harrell's LLC is a sole source supplier and no advantage would result from requiring competitive bidding.

#411-24 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Director of Public Works, dated November 4, 2024, which bears the signatures of the Assistant Director of Public Works, the Director of Finance, and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, wherein a request is made to accept The

Recycling Partnership Grant Agreement, attached to the aforesaid communication, with The Recycling Partnership, Inc., 20 "F" Street, NW, 7th Floor, Washington DC 20001, in connection with the City's Solid Waste/Recycling program and the cost of recycling totes and implementation of recycling education and outreach in the community, utilizing The Recycling Partnership grant funds, the Council does hereby authorize, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to accept the recycling partnership grant funds in the amount of \$240,000.00, to be utilized toward the cost of recycling totes and implementation of recycling education and outreach in the community, the same to be deposited into Account No. 226-000-683-000 (Contribution Other) and appropriated for its intended purpose(s), FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute The Recycling Partnership Grant Agreement, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law, between the City of Livonia and The Recycling Partnership, Inc., and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#412-24 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated November 6, 2024, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the Director of Finance, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase of one (1) Toro Groundskeeper 4110-D from Spartan Distributors, 487 W. Division Street, Sparta, MI 49345, in an amount not to exceed \$116,058.79, to replace a comparable unit that has exceeded its life expectancy, the same to be expended from FY 2025 budgeted funds in Account No. 401-000-987-000 for this purpose; FURTHER, the Council does hereby determine to authorize the said purchase without competitive bidding inasmuch as the same is based upon the low State of Michigan bid price under Sourcewell Contract Agreement No. 031121-TTC; and no advantage to the City would result from competitive bidding, and such action is taken in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3.04.140.E.4 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended; FURTHER, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia with the aforesaid bidder and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize the disposal of the replaced unit at public auction hosted by the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) or commercial auction after receipt of the new unit.

#413-24 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated November 6, 2024, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the Director of Finance, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, wherein a request is made to lease a GPS-guided field painting robot for use in striping and lining the City's baseball diamonds and soccer field(s), the Council does hereby authorize a three-year lease with Turf Tank, 1110 Allgood Industrial Ct., Marietta, GA 30066, for one (1) Turf Tank 2 Pro Line Painting Robot and GPS package (which includes an android tablet, paint, maintenance, training, and, if necessary, a courtesy robot) for use in striping and lining the City's baseball diamonds and soccer field(s), in an annual amount not to exceed \$16,000.00, for a total three-year cost not to exceed \$48,000.00; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an annual amount not to exceed \$16,000.00, for a three-year period, with a total cost not to exceed \$48,000.000, from funds budgeted in Account No. 401-000-987-000 for this purpose; FURTHER, the Council does hereby determine to authorize said lease without competitive bidding inasmuch as Turf Tank is a sole authorized provider of GPS-guided field painting robots in the State of Michigan and no advantage to the City would result from competitive bidding, and such action is taken in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3.04.140.E.3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

#414-24 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from City Council President Brandon McCullough, dated October 23, 2024, to which is attached a proposed schedule of Council Study and Regular Meetings for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, the Council does hereby approve the following dates for City Council meetings for 2025, subject to change with notice:

STUDY MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS

Monday, January 6 (Starting time 8 PM)

Wednesday, January 15
Monday, January 27

Wednesday, January 15
Monday, January 27

Monday, February 10
Monday, February 24

Monday, February 10
Monday, February 24

Monday, March 10
Monday, March 31

Monday, March 10
Monday, March 31

Monday, April 14

Monday, April 14

Monday, April 28

Monday, April 28

Wednesday, May 7
Monday, May 19**Wednesday**, May 7
Monday, May 19Monday, June 2
Monday, June 16Monday, June 2
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Monday, July 21Monday, July 7
Monday, July 21Monday, August 11
Monday, August 25Monday, August 11
Monday, August 25Monday, September 8
Monday, September 22Monday, September 8
Monday, September 22Monday, October 6
Monday, October 20Monday, October 6
Monday, October 20**Wednesday**, November 5
Monday, November 17**Wednesday**, November 5
Monday, November 17**Wednesday**, December 3
Wednesday, December 17**Wednesday**, December 3

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolutions with the following result:

AYES: Toy, Jolly, Ptashnik, Donovic, Budzinski, Morgan, and McCullough
NAYS: None

On a motion by Vice President Ptashnik, seconded by Councilmember Donovic, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#415-24 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Office of the Mayor, dated October 29, 2024, and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended, the Council does hereby approve of and concur in the reappointment of Lynda Scheel, 19980 Mayfield, Livonia, MI 48152, to the Livonia Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term which will expire on November 24, 2026.

President McCullough stepped down from the dais at 7:28 p.m. to avoid any perceived conflict of interest on the following matter. Vice President Ptashnik assumed the gavel.

On a motion by Councilmember Toy, supported by Councilmember Donovic, it was:

#416-24 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Shelly-Ann Dow, Livonia Hockey Association, and a communication from the State of Michigan Gaming Control Board, dated October 14, 2024, the Council does hereby take this means to indicate that the Livonia Hockey Association is recognized as a non-profit organization operating in the community, and the action herein being taken for the purpose of affording the Livonia Hockey Association the opportunity to qualify for a charitable gaming license or registration from the State of Michigan in accordance with provisions of State statute.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolution with the following result:

AYES: Toy, Jolly, Donovic, Budzinski, Morgan, and Ptashnik

NAYS: None

Vice President Ptashnik declared the resolution adopted.

President McCullough returned to the dais and resumed the gavel at 7:33 p.m.

On a motion by Councilmember Jolly, supported by Councilmember Donovic, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#417-24 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the City Engineer, dated November 14, 2024, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the Director of Finance, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, regarding additional expenditures to close out contracts with Hard Rock Concrete, Inc. and Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc., relative to the 2024 Concrete Road Paving Program (Contract 24-C), pursuant to Council Resolution 72-24, adopted on February 28, 2024, the Council does hereby determine to:

1. Approve a budget transfer of funds in an amount not to exceed \$184,477.29 from budgeted funds in for Contract 24-C, 2024 Concrete Road Paving Program, from Account No.

204-463-818-114 (Maintenance) to Account No. 204-463-818-110 (Reconstruction);

2. Approve a payment to Hard Rock Concrete, Inc., 38146 Abruzzi Drive, Westland, MI 48185 in an amount not to exceed \$184,477.29 from Account No. 204-463-818-110 (Reconstruction) and increasing the overall contract amount for 24-C from \$4,523,752.63 to \$4,708,229.92 to close out the contract for the work performed; and
3. Approve an expenditure and payment in an amount not to exceed \$22,137.00 from Account No. 204-447-818-102 (Engineering Consultant) to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr, Shelby Township, MI 48315 for additional construction engineering for the project, increasing their contract from \$542,850.00 to \$564,987.00.

On a motion by Vice President Ptashnik, supported by Councilmember Toy, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#418-24 WHEREAS, Judge Kathleen McCann has served the community of Livonia and the 16th District Court with unwavering dedication, fairness, and integrity since her election in 1994, embodying the highest standards of judicial service; and

WHEREAS, throughout her remarkable career spanning nearly three decades, Judge McCann has demonstrated her commitment to justice and public service by ensuring every individual in her courtroom was met with respect, kindness, and a fair opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, Judge McCann has left an indelible mark on the 16th District Court, not only by overseeing its cases but also by leading transformative initiatives, including the construction of Livonia's current courthouse in 2010, a project she described as her "child" and a labor of love; and

WHEREAS, Judge McCann has been a trailblazer and advocate for innovative programs like the sobriety court program she helped launch in 2006, which has provided life-changing support to countless individuals battling addiction, exemplifying her dedication to rehabilitation and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, her colleagues, court staff, and the Livonia community have benefited from her humility, wisdom, and tireless advocacy for

justice, with her leadership and approachability inspiring trust and confidence in the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, Judge McCann has upheld her family's legacy of service, following in the footsteps of her late father, Judge James McCann, whose mentorship and guidance were instrumental in shaping her career, creating a legacy that will be remembered for generations; and

WHEREAS, as she retires, Judge McCann embarks on a new chapter filled with opportunities for travel and personal growth while continuing to contribute as a visiting judge, remaining a steadfast part of the judicial family she so deeply cherishes;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the people of Livonia and the 16th District, express our profound gratitude to Judge Kathleen McCann for her decades of exemplary service, her commitment to fairness and justice, and her tireless efforts to improve the lives of those in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we celebrate her extraordinary career and wish her and her husband, Norm Nickin, a fulfilling and joyful retirement filled with continued adventures and cherished memories.

Judge Kathleen McCann, your legacy will endure, and your contributions to Livonia and its people will never be forgotten.

Proclaimed this day, with heartfelt appreciation and admiration, by the people and leaders of Livonia, Michigan.

Bob Nash, 16136 Golfview, spoke regarding Judge Kathleen McCann to wish her congratulations in her retirement. Mr. Nash stated he has been friends with the McCann family for many years. Mr. Nash stated Judge McCann has always been very professional and has a deep caring and commitment to help people, all people. Mr. Nash stated Judge McCann has always believed in helping all people, which he felt was very important and made her such a great judge over the past 30 years.

During Audience Communication, Glenn Moon, 34461 Wood, spoke regarding how to follow him on his various Facebook accounts.

Councilmember Jolly thanked everyone again for their kind words, thanked his wife and family for their support, and stated he will miss being part of the Council and the comradery they have shared together over the years.

On a motion by Councilmember Toy, supported by Councilmember Donovic, and unanimously adopted, this 2,006th Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Lori L. Miller, City Clerk