

**CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. by Council President McCullough. Present: Laura Toy, Rob Donovic, Carrie Budzinski, and President McCullough. Absent: Vice President Ptashnik, Lynda Scheel, and Scott Morgan.

Elected and appointed officials present: Carter Fisher, City Attorney; Lori L. Miller, City Clerk; and Todd Zilincik, City Engineer.

Councilmember Toy led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

During Audience Communication, Christopher Martin expressed his concern with allotted time for residents to speak under audience communication; and Steve King expressed his concern for the conditions of parking lots, how sidewalk slabs are marked for replacement throughout the City, and the use of the phrase “budgeted funds” on subject matters that appear on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM TANCILL TO THE LIVONIA BOARD OF REVIEW: Office of the Mayor, re: for a three-year term, which will expire on February 16, 2028.

Jacob Liberati, Assistant Assessor, presented the item to Council. Mr. Liberati indicated Mr. Tancill has been on the Board of Review for many years and is a great asset to the Board. His knowledge and experience are invaluable and for that reason, the Assessor’s Office is requesting he be reappointed for a three-year term.

Mr. Tancill was present to answer any questions of Council and thanked them for their support.

Christopher Martin, Livonia resident, inquired the State requires members for the Board of Review must be trained every two years and inquired if the current members have met the State’s requirement.

Jacob Liberati, Assistant Assessor, responded all members of the Board of Review are current in the required training.

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2. REAPPOINTMENT OF RICHARD MCDOWELL TO THE LIVONIA BOARD OF ETHICS: Office of the Mayor, re: for a three-year term, which will expire on March 1, 2028.

Carter Fisher, City Attorney, presented the item to Council. Mr. Fisher indicated Mr.

McDowell was the founding member of the City's Board of Ethics and has been instrumental in the City's adoption and implementation of the City's Ethics Ordinance and the Board. Mr. Fisher stated his service to the community has been outstanding and the City is grateful for his service.

Mr. McDowell was present to answer any questions of Council and thanked them for their support.

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3. REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025, AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF LIVONIA: Douglas L. Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, re: to be celebrated at the Livonia Early Childhood Center, 18000 Newburgh.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of DPW, presented the item to Council. Mr. Moore indicated this is an annual event to celebrate Arbor Day and Livonia being a Tree City. This year it will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 25th at the newly opened Livonia Early Childhood Center at 18000 Newburgh Road and encouraged all Council members to attend.

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4. REQUEST TO APPROVE ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES (ARC) ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR 2025: Department of Public Works, re: in the amount of \$38,724.00, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of DPW, presented the item to Council. Mr. Moore indicate the City's participation in the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) is renewed on an annual basis. He indicated they provide services doing a lot of work that would take the City's staff time and they assist the City in meeting the requirements for the MS4 permit with the State. Mr. Moore stated this year's assessment of dues for the 2025 calendar year the dollar amount is \$38,724.

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5. AWARD OF BID: Department of Public Works, Building Maintenance, re: for custodial supplies, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director, presented the item to Council. Mr. Moore indicated the matter went out to bid and the City received a total of 21 companies who

responded. Mr. Moore stated DPW is recommending three (3) vendors be awarded the bid to supply Building Maintenance with custodial supplies for the calendar year of 2025 as follows: Supply Den, located in Rochester Hills, MSC Industrial Supply, located in Livonia, and Imperial Dade, located in Detroit. The request is to approve the list of materials to be provided by the three (3) vendors recommended.

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6. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVE VENDORS FOR EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE: Department of Public Works, re: to allow authorized vendors to perform equipment repairs in an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000, for fiscal year 2025, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of DPW, presented the item to Council. Mr. Moore indicated there has been a shortage of permanent personnel in the Fleet Garage to maintain the vehicles of the City. DPW relies on various certain vendors to assist with the fleet maintenance work. He was optimistic that equipment repairs should not hit the threshold requested, however, stated it was a needed assignment of work to keep things moving and in working order.

Councilmember Donovic stated the members of the Fleet Garage work incredibly hard and understood the City has struggled to fill positions in the Garage on a permanent basis. Councilmember Donovic inquired if that continued to be true.

Mr. Moore explained offers of employment has been made and DPW is feeling hopeful to remedy the personnel shortage in the Garage and hopefully the full extent of allotted funds will not need to be used.

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7. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2025 CASE BACKHOE MODEL 580SN THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL CONTRACT (FORMERLY NJPA): Department of Public Works, re: to be used by the Roads Department, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of DPW, presented the item to Council. Mr. Moore stated in the past the Water Section would send over backhoes to the Roads Section when they were no longer useful to the Water Section. That practice has changed recently in that the Water Section now orders excavators which are not passed down to the Roads Section. The request is to use the Sourcwell contract for the best pricing to purchase a backhoe for the Roads Section from budgeted funds.

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8. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2025 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM: Engineering Division, re: to include approximately 554 locations throughout the City (784-82)

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, presented the item to Council. Mr. Zilincik stated the Sidewalk Repair Program is done on an annual basis and the program will start in April. The Engineering division goes out throughout the year to check the integrity of City sidewalks and the list being presented to Council for approval includes approximately 554 scattered locations throughout the City. Mr. Zilincik stated if residents are not able or do not pay for the sidewalk repair, then the Engineering Division would prepare a list for Special Assessments. In order to get ready for the construction season, this contract is being brought to Council for approval.

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9. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVE THE 2025 ASPHALT ROAD PROGRAM BY EXTENDING THE CONTRACT 24-A UNIT PRICES WITH NAGLE PAVING COMPANY: Engineering Division, re: for Contract 25-A in the amount of \$4,275,775.10 from budgeted funds. (CR 94-23 and CR 126-24)

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, presented the item to Council. Mr. Zilincik spoke highly of the City's vendor, Nagle Paving Company, who has been used over the years for various projects. The request being submitted is for the City's 2025 Asphalt Road Program and Nagle has agreed to extend their pricing from the 2024 contract. Mr. Zilincik indicated the funds have been allocated in the budget and recommended Nagle Paving Company for the contract. Mr. Zilincik stated they hope to start construction in April or May and follow up through the fall and that is why the contract is being brought before Council. He concluded by stating OHM does a great job for us through this program over the years and they continue to do so making sure everything gets done properly.

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10. REQUEST TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2025 ASPHALT ROAD PROGRAM (CONTRACT 25-A): Engineering Division, re: same. (CR 336-21)

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, presented the item to Council. Mr. Zilincik stated the City has a long-standing relationship with OHM Advisors who have provided construction engineering services in relation to many different projects throughout the City. The request is to make the necessary adjustments to the 2025 Asphalt Road Program (Contract 25-A) as it relates to the services provided by OHM. Mr. Zilincik stated OHM does a phenomenal job for us and they continue to make this program a success for the miles of roads throughout the City.

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11. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVE THE 2025 CONCRETE ROAD PROGRAM BY EXTENDING THE CONTRACT 24-C UNIT PRICES WITH HARD ROCK CONCRETE, INC.: Engineering Division, re: for Contract 25-C in the amount of \$4,538,170.86, from budgeted funds. (CR 120-23 and CR 72-24)

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, presented the item to Council. Mr. Zilincik explained the multiple road sections that are a top priority for 2025. Mr. Zilincik indicated the previous vendor, Hard Rock Concrete, has offered to extend their pricing from the 2024 contract as it relates to the City's 2025 Concrete Road Program. He stated this vendor goes above and beyond, their employees take great pride in their work and do a great job for the community. Mr. Zilincik indicated there would be no benefit to putting this matter out to bid and stated Hard Rock is a valued partner in our community who has done excellent work for the City.

Councilmember Donovic agreed with the comments made by Mr. Zilincik and stated Mr. Grimaldi was present at the meeting and he is the owner of Hard Rock Concrete. Councilmember Donovic stated Livonia is fortunate to have a core group of vendors who consistently perform at the highest level and Hard Rock and Mr. Grimaldi is one of those people.

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12. REQUEST TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN AND WESTRICK, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2025 CONCRETE ROAD PROGRAM (CONTRACT 25-C): Engineering Division, re: same. (CR 336-21)

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, presented the item to Council. Mr. Zilincik stated the City has an established rapport and relationship with Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, who provide assistance in various projects. Mr. Zilincik indicated the request before them is to simply amend the contract with AEW as it pertains to the construction

engineering services provided relative to the 2025 Concrete Road Program (Contract 25-C). Mr. Zilincik stated AEW provides excellent services to Livonia.

Councilmember Toy stated AEW is an excellent vendor to work with, but she wanted to commend City Engineer, Todd Zilincik, for doing a good job working with a lot of these vendors and works well to keep things running smoothly and on time.

President McCullough stated we are very fortunate to have dedicated vendors who take such good care of us and give us an amazing deal of extending last year's prices, which should not go unnoticed.

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13. REQUEST WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVE THE 2025 SIDEWALK AND PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM BY EXTENDING CONTRACT 24-F UNIT PRICES WITH GREAT LAKES CONTRACTING SOLUTIONS, LLC: Engineering Division, re: for Contract 25-F in the amount of \$300,000, from budgeted funds. (CR #106-23)

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, presented the item to Council. Mr. Zilincik stated there would be no benefit to send this contract out to bid as the previous contractor, Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, has offered to extend their 2024 prices for the 2025 contract. Mr. Zilincik indicated this vendor is great to work with and does a great job for the annual sidewalk and pavement replacement program and therefore is requesting the 2025 contract be awarded to Great Lakes Contracting. Mr. Zilincik stated we are fortunate to have this vendor extend their prices from last year and funds have been provided in the budget for this annual program.

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14. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVE THE 2025 CONCRETE ROAD MAINTENANCE/SELECTIVE SLAB PROGRAM BY EXTENDING THE CONTRACT 24-J UNIT PRICES WITH GREAT LAKES CONTRACTING SOLUTIONS, LLC: Engineering Division, re: for Contract 25-J in the amount of \$845,865.50 from budgeted funds. (CR 96-23 and CR 73-24)

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, presented the item to Council. Mr. Zilincik stated the Engineering Department keeps a running list of areas of concern, including in front of residences, but this year's list includes 25 locations and approximately 23 trees to be removed, as well as work that needs to be completed along Schoolcraft Road. Mr. Zilincik stated the rates being extended from Great Lakes Contracting Solutions are from the 2024 contract and therefore there would be no benefit to sending the contract

out to bid. Mr. Zilincik stated we have an established relationship with this vendor who does an excellent job for the City, so the request is to award the 2025 Concrete Road Maintenance/Selective Slab Program contract (Contract 25-J) to Great Lakes Contracting.

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15. REQUEST TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN AND WESTRICK, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION 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. Mr. Zilincik stated Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick (AEW) and the City have a longtime history working together. This will allow them to do some concrete testing to make sure everything meets with our requirements. The contract amendment requested is for the construction engineering services related to the 2025 Concrete Road Maintenance/Selective Slab Program (Contract 25-J).

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16. REQUEST TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE AND THE CITY OF LIVONIA: Engineering Division, re: for the Five Mile Road and Levan Road Intersection Traffic Signal Modernization, with the proposed City's participation to be estimated at 50%, in the total amount of \$76,120, from budgeted funds.

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, presented the item to Council. Mr. Zilincik stated the signal at the intersection of Five Mile and Levan has needed to be updated for quite some time. He thanked OHM for their help in preparing and negotiating the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County. Mr. Zilincik stated the Agreement is a partnership with Wayne County and outlines the City will only be responsible for 50% of the costs, a total for the City of \$76,120.00. Mr. Zilincik stated it will hopefully make this intersection safer to allow for left turns both east and westbound on Five Mile. Mr. Zilincik stated some funds were received from the Highway Improvement Safety Program and the remaining funds from our partnership with Wayne County.

Councilmember Donovic inquired about the total cost of a traffic signal, being more than \$400,000 and the City's total cost for this project would be \$76,120?

Mr. Zilincik concluded this was at a great savings to the City as the cost of engineering

services and expense of providing a modernized traffic signal can cost more than \$400,000 in total.

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AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

None.

ADJOURNED

9:50 p.m.

For February 24, 2025 Regular Meeting