

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:16 p.m. by Council President McCullough. Present: Vice President Martha Ptashnik, Carrie Budzinski, Lynda Scheel, Scott Morgan, Laura Toy, Rob Donovic, and President Brandon McCullough. Absent: None.

Elected and appointed officials present: Eric Goldstein, Assistant City Attorney; Mark Taormina, City Planner and Economic Development Director; Dave Lear, Assistant City Engineer; and Lori L. Miller, City Clerk.

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

During Audience Communication, Steve King, 33950 Coventry, stated he felt the way Silver and Newburgh Village were constructed were outdated and encouraged the City to put together a steering committee for the development of the next phase at Newburgh Village and to build something innovative.

Christopher Martin, Livonia resident, spoke about free speech and whether his address was required to be given to speak at a ZBA meeting.

President McCullough announced there was New Data for Agenda Item #3.

NEW BUSINESS

1. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE CITY'S NOISE ORDINANCE: Jake Turland, re: to host an album release party at 34286 Trillium Ct. on Saturday, May 24, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Jake Turland, 34286 Trillium Court, was present to answer any questions of the Council. Mr. Turland indicated he and several of his friends have a band and would like to host a party to release their album. Mr. Turland stated he has spoken with his surrounding neighbors, who had no objection. Mr. Turland stated he and his band mates have family members and friends who they plan to invite so they thought it would be a great idea to host a house party for the release of their album.

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CONSENT

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

Eric Goldstein, Assistant City Attorney, presented the item to Council. Mr. Goldstein stated Mr. McCann has been a lifelong, active member of our community and is an outstanding attorney. Mr. Goldstein stated a member of the McCann family have been involved in some way with our local government since Livonia became a City. Mr.

Goldstein stated Mr. McCann's knowledge, expertise, and community involvement make him an excellent member of the Board of Ethics.

James McCann was present to answer any questions of Council and thanked them for their service to our community. Mr. McCann stated as a former Councilmember he knows how dedicated the Council members and all City employees are to our community and for that he is grateful.

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3. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL ON PROPOSED LOT SPLIT: Department of Assessment, re: for the property located North of Seven Mile Road and East of Farmington Road, in the SW 1/4 Section 3; 19303, 19307, 19311, 19315, 19319 Shadyside (Petition 2025- 01-LS-01). To waive the lot-width requirement for proposed Parcels "A", "B", and "C".

Mark Rotondo, was present on behalf of Shadyside Development, LLC, the petitioner in this matter. Mr. Rotondo indicated this parcel is on Farmington Road and currently has a building that is collapsing as well as a lot of debris and garbage. The lot split would create a 1-foot deficiency for all three proposed lots, which would not be noticeable to the everyday community member. The proposed development would involve constructing three (3), 3–4-bedroom single-family homes on the new lots which would improve the overall value of all homes in the general area. Mr. Rotondo indicated the project will involve their company demolishing the decaying building and clearing the lots, which he stated would begin as soon as Council has approved the lot split, and they are able to have all utilities on the property shut off.

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4. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE LIVONIA FIRE FIGHTERS' UNION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2024, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2027, Civil Service Department, re: same.

Mayor Brosnan presented the item to Council. The Mayor indicated the proposed contract being brought to Council took a great deal of effort by the City and Firefighters' Negotiation Teams and felt it should embody what the firefighters' main concerns involved. The last contract approved brought back the pensions for both the Police and Fire Departments, but that was not enough to attract good and talented individuals. The competitive market for these fields involved other things, including salary, which the City wanted to include in this contract to assist in meeting the goals of both our first responders and the community. Mayor Brosnan indicated she felt the agreement put forth tonight did that for both sides.

7. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCCES, EXTEND CONTRACT WITH ENGINEERED COMFORT SYSTEMS, INC. AND AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE: Engineering Division, re: to include the Livonia Police Department HVAC chiller installation. (CR 389-24)

Dave Lear, Assistant City Engineer, presented the item. Mr. Lear stated the chiller ordered for LPD is expected to arrive in May and the building is in dire need of this replacement. The current vendor, Engineered Comfort Systems, has been working on a similar project for Livonia at the Bennett Civic Center Library. Mr. Lear indicated this company is great to work with, has done a clean job, and it is their recommendation that due to the time constraints and current involvement with the vendor, the formal bidding process be waived and the contract be awarded to Engineered Comfort Systems, Inc.

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8. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVE THE 2025 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM BY EXTENDING CONTRACT 24-G UNIT PRICES WITH JOE ROTONDO CONSTRUCTION CORP. AND REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE AN APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE TO PRECISION CONCRETE CUTTING, INC.; Engineering Division, re: for Contract 25-G, in the amount of \$1,174,782.25. (CR 74-24)

Dave Lear, Assistant City Engineer, presented the request to Council. Mr. Lear indicated to limit increased contract prices, the Engineering Division has asked current contract vendors to honor prices at the current level and simply extend their contract timelines for an additional year. Mr. Lear stated Joe Rotondo Construction has been a valuable contractor to work with for many years and was willing to extend unit contract prices for the 2025 Sidewalk Repair Program. Mr. Lear stated this is an annual contract and the work performed by this vendor is always exceptional.

Christopher Martin spoke about sidewalk quality and having a stamp put into the cement to show the company name demonstrates pride in one's work and looks fantastic.

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9. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Engineering Division, re: for Phase 4 of the DPW security camera installation, from budgeted funds. (CR 148-22, 272-23 and 220-24)

Dave Lear, Assistant City Engineer, presented the item to the Council. Mr. Lear stated the DPW yard has had cameras installed in phases for security, to deter theft and damage to City equipment. Tonight, the request is to approve what they hope to be the final phase, involves installing five (5) additional cameras and wiring upgrades to

complete current blind spots and areas between the buildings on the DWP property yard. Mr. Lear stated the vendor has been used throughout all City buildings, including City Hall and the Rec Center, and has done the initial phases of the security cameras at the DPW yard. Mr. Lear stated funds have been budgeted for this purpose.

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10. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED: Department of Law, re: to amend Sections 007 and 010 of Title 5, Chapter 3, in order to simplify the language.

Eric Goldstein, Assistant City Attorney, presented the item to Council. Mr. Goldstein indicated the subject matter came up because of the Law Department assisting the Building/Inspection Department in prosecuting Ordinance offenders. Mr. Goldstein stated the recent dispute has been settled, but the language in the Ordinance is vague and should be cleaned up. For that reason, the Law Department is recommending the proposed Ordinance Amendment to better support the Inspection Department and to make sure the language is simplified.

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AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

None.

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9:16 PM