

**MINUTES OF THE TWO THOUSAND THIRTEENTH REGULAR
MEETING MARCH 31, 2025**

On March 31, 2025, 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. Vice President Ptashnik and the Livonia 14u Knights led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called with the following result: Rob Donovic, Martha Ptashnik, Carrie Budzinski, Lynda Scheel, Scott Morgan, and Brandon McCullough. Absent: Laura Toy.

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

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

#89-25 RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the 2011th Regular Meeting of the Council held February 24, 2025 are approved as presented.

Danny McMaster, Coach of the Livonia 14u Knights, announced the team won the State Championship.

President McCullough presented a commendation to Livonia 14u Knights who won the State Championship, on behalf of City Council.

During Audience Communication, Freya Jacoby, 20341 Parker, asked for regulation on the ownership of pigeons.

Steve King, 33950 Coventry, asked for a special meeting regarding the City Center, the City to address the deer problem, and something to be done regarding the removal of dead trees.

Ralph Brown, 15642 Golfview, asked for the library to remain open as he thinks it is a great place.

Christopher Martin, Livonia resident, stated his disappointment in the previous meeting regarding the City Center.

Robert Vanorden, 9865 Laurel, suggested using the services of the Southland mall atrium maintenance worker, rather than replacing the roof of the library.

Ellen Dorman, 17211 Mayfield, expressed concern over the street parking at Mayfield and Six Mile, and the elderly living complexes near her home.

President McCullough announced new data for items #10 and #11.

Vice President Ptashnik stated regarding the deer problem, the DNR is currently fully booked, but it is being given attention. Secondly, the capital outlay meeting is not meant to run long but it is meant to be informative which tends to extend the time.

Councilmember Budzinski informed residents about the upcoming updates to the master plan regarding middle housing. There will be a master plan housing open house at the Civic Center Library on April 23rd from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Additionally the next coffee hour is April 26, at 11:00 am, at the Civic Center Library with Mayor Brosnan. Lastly, later this Spring a meeting will be scheduled about the vacant businesses on Plymouth Road.

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

#90-25 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Carrie Budzinski, seconded by Councilmember Rob Donovic, at the Regular Meeting held March 31, 2025, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of blighted and vacant businesses on Plymouth Road to the Economic Development, Strategic Planning Committee for its report and recommendation.

A communication from the Department of Finance, dated February 27, 2025, re: forwarding the Quarterly Investment Report for the City of Livonia for the quarter ending November 2024, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

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

#91-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a letter from Jake Turland, dated February 14, 2025, which requests permission to waive Section 8.32.070 (Noise Control) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, in order to host an album release party at the home located at 34286 Trillium Court, scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., the Council does hereby determine to waive section 8.32.070 (Noise Control) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. in connection with this event to be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025.

#92-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Mayor, dated February 20, 2025, concerning the reappointment of James McCann to the Board of Ethics, and pursuant to Section 2.200.070 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, the Council does hereby consent to and confirm the reappointment of James McCann, 17329 Ellen, Livonia, Michigan 48152, to the Board of Ethics for a three year term, which will expire on March 1, 2028.

#93-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated February 26, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works, the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby accept the bid of Stafford Landscaping & Irrigation LLC, 12033 Belle River Road., Riley Township, MI 48041 for performing all work required in connection with the installation of an irrigation system at Bicentennial Park, for a cost of \$65,480.00, plus \$10,000.00 in "contingency" to cover any unforeseen expenses that may arise, for a total amount not to exceed \$75,480.00; the same having been the lowest qualified bid received and meets all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$75,480.00 from funds budgeted in Account No. 401-000-974-000 for this purpose; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract, approved 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.

#94-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Assistant City Engineer, dated February 24, 2025, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 389-24, adopted on

November 18, 2024, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works, the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract extension, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, with Engineered Comfort Systems, Inc., 12480 Allen Road., Taylor, MI 48180, pursuant to Council resolution 304-24, adopted on September 9, 2024, to include the Livonia Police Department Headquarters HVAC chiller installation, in an amount not to exceed \$156,243.50, and waives the building inspection fees associated therewith; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an appropriation and expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$156,243.50 from Account No: 401-000-976-000 (Capital Projects) for this purpose; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize such action without competitive bidding for the reasons indicated in the aforesaid communication, and such action is taken in accordance with Section 3.04.140.E.3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended; and the City Engineer is hereby authorized to approve minor adjustments in the work as it becomes necessary but this authorization does not entitle the City Engineer to authorize any increase in the not to exceed amount or to contract with other parties; and the City Clerk is hereby requested to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#95-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Engineer, dated February 24, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works, the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize and accept the quote of Joe Rotondo Construction Corp., 38807 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 2, Livonia, Michigan 48150 ("Rotondo"), for performing all work required in connection with the 2025 Sidewalk Repair Program (Contract 25-G) by extending their Contract 24-G unit prices for contract 25-G, and determines as follows:

1. Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, since no advantage to the To waive the formal bidding process under Section 3.04.140.E.3 of the City would result from competitive bidding;
2. To extend Contract 24-G unit prices for Contract 25-G, 2025 Sidewalk Repair Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,054,347.50 to Joe Rotondo Construction Corp., 38807 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 2, Livonia, MI 48150, on the basis of the bid unit prices from 2024, Contract 24-G, with the exception of revised unit prices for bid items 1, 2, and 3 (concrete sidewalk of various thickness of 4, 6 or 8-inches and agreed upon inspector days of

110 based on quantities) said amount to be adjusted based upon the quantities of work actually completed;

3. To authorize a payment not-to-exceed \$30,000.00 to Precision Concrete Inc., 1896 Goldeneye Drive, Holland, MI 49424 for the saw-cutting portion of the contract;

4. To authorize an advance in an amount not to exceed \$272,782.25 (single lot assessments portion of the program) from the Road, Sidewalk and Tree Fund with the provision that this fund be reimbursed from that portion of the project, which is to be financed by special assessment at such time as funds are subsequently received for the payment of bills as assessments by affected property owners;

5. To authorize an expenditure from budgeted funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 from Account No. 202-451-977-010 (Major Road – Dist. Sidewalk Cost) and \$97,000.00 from Account No. 203-451-977-010 (Local Road - Dist. Sidewalk Cost) to cover the costs related to the construction or reconstruction of handicap ramps at major and local roads;

6. To authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 from the Unexpended Fund Balance of the Water and Sewer Fund for sidewalk work adjacent to and including water and sewer structure repairs;

7. To authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 to repair sidewalks heaved by tree roots from budgeted funds in the Road, Sidewalk and Tree Fund (Account No. 204-447-977-010 Distributed Sidewalk Cost) for the 2025 Sidewalk Repairs;

8. To authorize the City Engineer to approve minor adjustments in the work, as it becomes necessary but this authorization does not entitle the City Engineer to authorize any increase in the not to exceed amount or to contract with other parties; and

9. To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract 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.

#96-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant City Engineer, dated February 28, 2025, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 220-24, adopted on June 17, 2024, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works, the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is

approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby accept the quote submitted by Advanced Satellite Communications, Inc. (ASC), 12137 Merriman Road, Livonia, MI 48150 for the purchase and installation of five (5) Avigilon security cameras, along with the associated hardware, cabling and programming, to add the cameras to the existing systems for phase IV of the DPW security camera installation, in an amount not to exceed \$28,944.53; such action is taken without competitive bidding in accordance with Section 3.04.140.E.3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, for the reason that Advanced Satellite Communications (ASC), a Livonia-based company, was selected as the vendor for the first three phases of camera installations due to their familiarity with the system, and to be able to seamlessly integrate with the systems already in use by the Department of Public Works as well as by other departments within the City and no advantage would result from requiring competitive bidding; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an appropriation and expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$28,944.53 from Account No. 401-000-971-000 for this purpose; and the City Engineer is hereby authorized to approve minor adjustments in the work as it becomes necessary but this authorization does not entitle the City Engineer to authorize any increase in the not to exceed amount or to contract with other parties; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract, approved as to form and substance by the Department of Law, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia with the aforesaid vendors and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

Christopher Martin, Livonia resident, expressed his opinion opposing item number 2 on the consent agenda.

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

AYES: Donovic, Budzinski, Scheel, Morgan, Ptashnik, McCullough.

NAYS: None.

Councilmember Budzinski reported on the subject matter of transportation issues for seniors, families, and other community residents as discussed at the Senior Citizens, Families and Environment Committee Meeting of March 3, 2025, and indicated the matter will remain in committee. (CR 34-23)

Councilmember Budzinski reported on the subject matter of Parks and Rec offering classes to children with challenges as discussed at the Senior Citizens, Families and Environment Committee Meeting of March 3, 2025, and indicated the matter will remain in committee. (CR 267-23)

Councilmember Budzinski reported on the subject matter of senior citizen needs and construction of the new Newburgh Senior Housing as discussed at the Senior Citizens, Families and Environment Committee Meeting of March 3, 2025, and indicated the matter will remain in committee. (CR 38-25)

Christopher Martin, Livonia resident, suggested asking the senior citizens what they need regarding the transportation issues and housing.

Councilmember Donovic gave first reading to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 007 AND 010 OF TITLE 5, CHAPTER 42 (HOTELS, MOTOR COURTS, LODGING-HOUSES, ROOMING-HOUSES, ONE-FAMILY RENTAL DWELLINGS, TWO-FAMILY RENTAL DWELLINGS AND MULTIPLE-FAMILY RENTAL DWELLINGS) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

On a motion by Councilmember Budzinski, supported by Councilmember Scheel, it was:

#97-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Department of Assessment, bearing the signatures of the Planning Director and the City Engineer, dated February 12, 2025, and approved for submission by the Mayor, with regard to a request from Joe Rotondo on behalf of Shadyside Development, LLC, and in accordance with the provisions of 1967 PA 288, as amended, as well as Code of Ordinances Section 16.32.030 and Section 7.21 of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance, both as amended, the Council does hereby approve of the combination and proposed division of tax Item Nos: 011-01-0183-000; 011-01-0184-000; 011-01-0185-000; 011-01-0186-000; and 011-01-0187-000, located on the north side of Seven Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, in the SW 1/4 of Section 3 (19303, 19307, 19311, 19315 and 19319 Shadyside), into three (3) parcels, the legal descriptions of which shall read as follows:

Parcel "A"

Part of the southwest ¼ of Section 3, Town 1 south, Range 9 east, City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan described as:

Lot 183 and the south 22.33' of Lot 184, also the east ½ of the adjacent vacated alley, of Westmore Suburban, as recorded in liber 48, page 85, Wayne County Records.

Parcel "B"

Part of the southwest ¼ of Section 3, Town 1 south, Range 9 east, City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan described as:

Lot 184 except the south 22.33', Lot 185, and the south 11.16' of Lot 186, also the east ½ of the adjacent vacated alley, of Westmore Suburban, as recorded in liber 48, page 85, Wayne County Records.

Parcel "C"

Part of the southwest ¼ of Section 3, Town 1 south, Range 9 east, City of Livonia, Wayne county, Michigan described as:

Lot 186 except the south 11.16', and Lot 187, also the east ½ of the adjacent vacated alley, of Westmore Suburban, as recorded in liber 48, page 85, Wayne County Records.

as shown on the map attached to the aforesaid communication which is made a part hereof by reference; FURTHER, in accordance with Section 16.32.030 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, and Section 7.21 of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance, as amended, the Council does hereby waive the lot-width requirement set forth in the Livonia Zoning Ordinance relative to parcels A, B, and C of this property division, and the City Clerk is hereby requested to cause a certified copy of this resolution to be recorded in the Office of the Wayne County Register of Deeds.

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

AYES: Donovic, Budzinski, Scheel, Morgan, Ptashnik, McCullough.

NAYS: None.

On a motion by Vice President Ptashnik, supported by Councilmember Budzinski, it was:

#98-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Human Resources Director, dated March 4, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, and a subsequent communication from the Human Resources Director, dated March 14, 2025, which sets forth Resolution No. 25-51 adopted by the Civil Service Commission on March 6, 2025, wherein it is recommended that the attached Mediator's Recommended Settlement between the City of Livonia and Livonia Fire Fighters Union (LFFU) be approved for the period December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2027, the Council does hereby

determine to approve of and concur in the aforesaid action; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby requested to affix their signatures to the aforesaid agreement, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

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

AYES: Donovic, Budzinski, Scheel, Morgan, Ptashnik, McCullough.

NAYS: None.

Jeannine Laible, Human Resources Director, spoke about all the adjusted benefits regarding the Livonia firefighters. The benefits were adjusted to keep the City up to date with surrounding communities and help with recruitment.

Audience communication was filled with residents thanking the local Law Enforcement and Fire Department for their hard work and dedication.

On a motion by Councilmember Budzinski, supported by Vice President Ptashnik, it was:

#99-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Human Resources Director, dated March 4, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, and a subsequent communication from the Human Resources Director, dated March 14, 2025, which sets forth Resolution No. 25-52 adopted by the Civil Service Commission on March 6, 2025, wherein it is recommended that the salary and fringe benefit adjustments for the classifications of Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief be approved for the period December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2027, the Council does hereby concur in the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and the salary and benefit adjustments for the classifications of Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief are hereby approved for the period December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2027 as set forth in the attachment to the aforesaid communication.

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

AYES: Donovic, Budzinski, Scheel, Morgan, Ptashnik, McCullough.

NAYS: None.

Christopher Martin, Livonia resident, asked for clarification regarding the benefits provided.

On a motion by Councilmember Scheel, supported by Vice President Ptashnik, and unanimously adopted, this 2,013th Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Lori L. Miller, City Clerk