

**MINUTES OF THE TWO THOUSAND TWENTY REGULAR
MEETING JULY 7, 2025**

On July 7, 2025, the above meeting was held at the City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, and was called to order by the Vice-President of the Council at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Morgan led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

#208-25 RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the 2019th Regular Meeting of the Council held June 16, 2025 are approved as presented.

During Audience Communication, Blair Brisson, 29491 Bobrich, mentioned how he had lived in Valley Wood Condominium for years and would appreciate if they could receive some help with dying trees in the area.

Kerri Wittbracht, 14168 Arden, spoke upon the subject of the new Senior Wellness Center, questioning some of the decisions that were made, and asked the Council to be aware of what the residents want when it comes to the Livonia Built project.

Steve King, 33950 Coventry, expressed his opinion against the millage proposal because he believes residents are not being listened to, but being treated as customers instead.

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

#209-25 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Toy, supported by Councilmember Scheel, the Council does hereby extend the allotted time for speaking to Kathleen McIntyre for an additional minute during Audience Communication.

Kathleen McIntyre, Resident, took a minute to speak about Josie Smith and her recent passing, and asked others to be kind and supportive like she was.

Jacki Graham, Oakview, spoke about the upcoming Toasting Hope event to help raise funds for epilepsy.

Deb Christiansen, Resident, noticed flags by the hanging flowers and requested next year for pride flags to be placed in the same location.

Patrick Brockway, 14612 Melrose, expressed the importance on voting in the upcoming elections.

Greg Ralko, Golfridge Villa, spoke upon an issue regarding the Sheetz project and a drive-through which he believes is prohibited.

Nicholas Pickard, 29891 Robert, wanted to remind residents that Livonia has a farmer's market at the Wilson Barn.

John Schafer, 15638 Brookfield, asked Council if the public gets to vote on phase 4 of the Livonia Built project.

Lynn Mills, Resident, expressed her opposition to the Livonia Built project and the placement of buildings.

Dave Piontek, 30432 Bobrich, brought up the issue of Rotary park and the amount of time it has gone unrepaired.

Ms. Brown, Emerson Oaks Community, requested a bond be withheld from the developer as requested at a previous meeting, as the work she believes they are obligated to do was not completed.

Councilmember Morgan announced the retirement of Greg Yon from the Livonia Police Department after 38 years and 9 months of service.

Councilmember Budzinski announced her upcoming coffee hour, which includes recent updates of local issues and reminded the audience of the Livonia Built website. Budzinski addressed the subject of flags and signs

advertising the Livonia Built project noting the importance of spreading information.

Councilmember Toy asked for prayers for Josie Smith's family and expressed the importance of voting.

Councilmember Donovic reiterated the rules of the meetings, thanked Kathleen McIntyre for her kind words, and asked residents to do their best to be informed about the millage proposal prior to voting.

Vice President Ptashnik stated Early Voting will be held the weekend before the election and addressed the worries regarding ADA and City Hall.

A communication from the Department of Finance dated June 2nd, 2025, forwarding the Departmental Purchases Report, for the months ending April 30th, 2025 and May 31st, 2025, was received and filed for the information of the Council.

Vice President Ptashnik indicated Item #3 was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed into Unfinished Business.

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

#210-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Mayor, dated June 3, 2025, wherein she has requested approval of the appointment of Mark Orosz, 11406 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan 48150, as a member of the Plymouth Road Development Authority, for a three-year term expiring on May 16, 2028, pursuant to Section 3.16.060 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, and Act No. 57 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2018, MCL 125.4101 et seq., as amended, the Council does hereby confirm and approve such appointment provided that Mr. Orosz takes the oath of office as required in Section 2, Chapter X of the City Charter, to be administered by the Office of the City Clerk.

#211-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated May 22, 2025, which transmits its resolution #05-21-2025, adopted on May 20, 2025, with regard to Petition 2025-03-08-05 submitted by Cityscape Architects on behalf of Comerica Bank, requesting site plan approval to renovate the building and reconfigure the parking lot at

17111 Laurel Park Drive North, located at the Northwest corner of Six Mile Road and Laurel Park Drive in the Southeast ¼ of Section 7, the Council does hereby concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Petition 2025-03-08-05 is hereby approved and granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Engineering Plan, identified as Sheet No. C2, dated March 27, 2025, prepared by NF Engineers, is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;
2. The Landscape Plan, identified as Sheet No. L2, dated March 28, 2025, as revised, prepared by NF Engineers, is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;
3. All regular parking spaces shall be double-striped and measure ten feet (10') in width;
4. All disturbed lawn areas, including road rights-of-way, shall be sodded instead of hydroseeding;
5. Underground sprinklers shall be provided for all landscaped and sodded areas. All planted materials shall be installed to the satisfaction of the Inspection Department and then permanently maintained in a healthy condition;
6. The Exterior Elevations Plans, identified as Sheet No. A-211, A-212 and A-213, dated March 21, 2025, prepared by Cityscape Architects, are hereby approved and shall be adhered to;
7. The walls of the refuse enclosures shall consist of materials that complement the building. The enclosure gates shall be solid steel or durable, long-lasting solid panel fiberglass;
8. All exterior light fixtures shall not exceed twenty feet (20') in height and shall be aimed and shielded to minimize stray light trespassing across property lines and glaring into adjacent roadways;
9. Only conforming signs are approved with this petition. Additional signs shall be submitted for review and approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals;
10. No exposed LED light band or neon shall be permitted on this site including, but not limited to, the building or around the windows;
11. That the Petitioner shall submit for approval an ongoing Phragmite control program, as approved by the Department of

Public Works describing maintenance operations to the City of Livonia Inspection Department prior to the construction of the stormwater retention basin;

12. That all existing landscaped areas shall be cleaned up, re-managed and permanently maintained in a healthy condition;
13. The specific plans referenced in this approving resolution shall be submitted to the Inspection Department when the building permits are applied for; and
14. Under Section 13.13 of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance, as amended, this approval is valid for a period of one year only from the date of approval by the City Council. Unless a building permit is obtained, this approval shall be null and void at the expiration of said period.

#212-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Director of Inspection, dated May 28, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase of two (2) 2025 Ford Ranger pickup trucks, at a cost of \$38,886.00 each, for a total amount not to exceed \$77,772.00, from Lunghamer Ford, 1960 E. Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867; and the upfitting of said vehicles by Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc., 900 Grand Oaks Dr., Howell, MI 48843, at a cost of \$3,810.00 each, for a total amount not to exceed \$7,620.00, for a grand total not to exceed \$85,392.00; for use by the Inspection Department and to replace comparable vehicles which have outlived their life expectancy, the same to be expended from funds budgeted in Account Nos: 401-000-985-000 and 226-521-985-000 (Capital Projects Funds); 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 and Macomb County extended purchasing program under Contract No. MA 240000001208 for the new vehicle purchase; and the upfitting of said vehicles through the Rochester Hills Co-Op Award Agreement, reference number RFP-RH-20-023; 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 Council does hereby authorize the disposal of the replaced vehicles at public auction hosted by the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN) or commercial auction after receipt of the new vehicles, and the Director of Inspection is hereby authorized to approve minor adjustments in the vehicle purchase as it becomes necessary but this authorization does not entitle the Director of Inspection to authorize any increase in the not to exceed amount or to contract with other parties.

#213-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Director of Inspection, dated May 28, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase of four (4) 2025 Ford Escapes, at a cost of \$30,730.00 each, for a total amount not to exceed \$122,920.00, from Lunghamer Ford, 1960 E. Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867; and the upfitting of said vehicles by Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc., 900 Grand Oaks Dr., Howell, MI 48843, at a cost of \$3,390.00 each, for a total amount not to exceed \$13,560.00, for a grand total not to exceed \$136,480.00; for use by the Inspection Department and to replace comparable vehicles which have outlived their life expectancy, the same to be expended from funds budgeted in Account Nos: 401-000-985-000 and 226-521-985-000 (Capital Projects Funds); 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 and Macomb County extended purchasing program under Contract No. MA 240000001208 for the new vehicle purchase; and the upfitting of said vehicles through the Rochester Hills Co-Op Award Agreement, reference number RFP-RH-20-023; 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 Council does hereby authorize the disposal of the replaced vehicles at public auction hosted by the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN) or commercial auction after receipt of the new vehicles, and the Director of Inspection is hereby authorized to approve minor adjustments in the vehicle purchase as it becomes necessary but this authorization does not entitle the Director of Inspection to authorize any increase in the not to exceed amount or to contract with other parties.

#214-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated April 23, 2025, which bears the signature of the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, to which is attached a proposed Agreement for Conservation Easement between the City of Livonia and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), PO Box 30458, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7958, for an EGLE Conservation Easement along the branch of the Bell Creek within Fox Creek Golf Course, the Council does hereby approve the agreement for Conservation Easement in the manner and form herein submitted; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to affix their signatures to the said agreement, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law, and

to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#215-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated May 19, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the Chief Accountant, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase of four (4) 2025 Ford F150 Super Cab XL 4x4 pickup trucks with 6.5' beds, in an amount not to exceed \$187,030.00, from Lunghamer Ford, 1960 E. Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867; and the upfitting of said vehicles by Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc., 900 Grand Oaks Dr., Howell, MI 48843, in an amount not to exceed \$76,200.00, for a grand total not to exceed \$263,230.00; to be utilized by various departments of the Public Service Division and to replace comparable vehicles which have outlived their life expectancy; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$263,230.00 from funds budgeted in Account No. 401-000-985-010 (Capital Outlay Account) 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 Contract No. MA 240000001208 and Macomb County Contract #21-18 for the new vehicle purchase; and the upfitting of said vehicles through the Rochester Hills Co-Op Award Agreement, reference number RFP-RH-20-023; 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 Council does hereby authorize the disposal of the replaced vehicles at public auction hosted by the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN) or commercial auction after receipt of the new vehicles.

#216-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated May 19, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the Chief Accountant, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase of three (3) 2025 Ford F250 Super Cab XL 4x4 pickup trucks with 8' beds, in an amount not to exceed \$148,704.00, from Lunghamer Ford, 1960 E. Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867; and the upfitting of said vehicles by Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc., 900 Grand Oaks Dr., Howell, MI 48843, in an amount not to exceed \$80,095.00, for a grand total not to exceed \$228,799.00; to be utilized by the Parks Division and to replace comparable vehicles which have outlived their life expectancy; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$228,799.00 from funds budgeted in Account No. 401-000-985-010

(Capital Outlay Account) 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 Contract No. MA 240000001208 and Macomb County Contract #21-18 for the new vehicle purchase; and the upfitting of said vehicles through the Rochester Hills Co-Op Award Agreement, reference number RFP-RH-20-023; 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 Council does hereby authorize the disposal of the replaced vehicles at public auction hosted by the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) or commercial auction after receipt of the new vehicles.

#217-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated May 19, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the Chief Accountant, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford Transit Van 250 RWD Hi Roof Cargo Van, in an amount not to exceed \$51,824.00, from Lunghamer Ford, 1960 E. Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867; and the upfitting of said vehicle by Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc., 900 Grand Oaks Dr., Howell, MI 48843, in an amount not to exceed \$17,070.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$68,894.00; to be utilized by the Building Maintenance Division and to replace a comparable vehicle which has outlived its life expectancy; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$68,894.00 from funds budgeted in Account No. 401-000-985-010 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 State of Michigan Department of Vehicle Procurement, under Contract #071B7700180, and Macomb County Contract #21-18 for the new vehicle purchase; and the upfitting of said vehicle through the Rochester Hills Co-Op Award Agreement, reference number RFP-RH-20-023; 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 Council does hereby authorize the disposal of the replaced vehicle at public auction hosted by the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) or commercial auction after receipt of the new vehicle.

Carter Fisher, City Attorney, explained the agreement with Huntington Bank is not a three-year agreement but instead a rolling one-year agreement with a thirty-day cancellation period.

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

#218-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Director of Finance, dated June 2, 2025, which is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a one year Master Services Agreement with the Huntington National Bank, 7 Easton Oval, Columbus, OH 43219, with an automatically renewing term that can be cancelled with 30 days written notice, to replace the current credit card program utilized by the City and transition to a procurement card program (P-cards), which includes real-time tracking, easier reconciliation, and a rebate program, as outlined in the P-card comparative analysis attached to the aforesaid communication; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize the said 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.4 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

Larry Jierczyk, Costco Wholesale, explained expansion will be to the East and North to add more gas pumps, expediting customer transactions.

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

#219-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated May 22, 2025, approved for submission by the Mayor, which transmits its resolution #05-20-2025, adopted on May 20, 2025, with regard to Petition 2025-04-02-09 submitted by Costco Wholesale Corporation, requesting waiver use approval to expand the existing fuel facility and parking lot at the Costco Wholesale at 19540 Haggerty Road, located at the Southeast corner of Haggerty Road and Eight Mile Road in the Northwest ¼ of Section 6, the Council does hereby concur in the recommendation made by the City Planning Commission and Petition 2025-04-02-09 is hereby approved and granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Preliminary Site Plans identified as Sheets DD11-10, DD12-10, and DD14-10, Dated May 16, 2025, prepared by MG2, are hereby approved and shall be adhered to;
2. The Landscape Plan identified as Sheets L1.0 and L1.1, dated April 09, 2025, prepared by Kimbley Horn and Associates, Inc., is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;

3. All disturbed lawn areas shall be sodded instead of hydroseeding;
4. That underground sprinklers are to be provided for all landscaped and sodded areas, and all planted materials shall be installed to the satisfaction of the Inspection Department and, after that, permanently maintained in a healthy condition;
5. The Concept Fuel Elevations identified as Sheet DD31-01, dated April 09, 2025, prepared by MG2, is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;
6. Any illumination of the pump island canopy shall be restricted to the undercarriage, and all light fixtures shall be recessed and flush with the established ceiling. However, this section shall not apply to those specified signs expressly allowed by the district regulations of the Zoning Ordinance;
7. Only conforming signage is approved with this petition, and any additional signage shall be separately submitted for review and approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals;
8. No part of the pump island canopy fascia, except for signage, shall be illuminated;
9. No LED light band or exposed neon shall be permitted on this site, including, but not limited to, the pump island canopy, building, or around the windows;
10. Under Section 6.26(11), free air shall be provided whenever this station is open for business;
11. Unless approved by the proper local authority, any type of exterior advertising, such as promotional flags, streamers, or sponsor vehicles designed to attract the attention of passing motorists, shall be prohibited;
12. All light fixtures shall not exceed thirty-five feet (35') in height and shall be shielded to minimize glare trespassing on adjacent properties and roadways;
13. All parking spaces, except the required handicapped spaces, shall be doubled striped at ten feet (10') wide by twenty feet (20') in length as required;
14. That the three walls of the trash dumpster area shall be constructed out of building materials that shall complement that

of the building. The enclosure gates shall be of solid panel steel construction or durable, long-lasting solid panel fiberglass. The trash dumpster area shall be maintained and, when not in use, closed at all times;

15. That the specific plans referenced in this approving resolution shall be submitted to the Inspection Department at the time the building permits are applied for; and

16. Under Section 13.13 of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance, as amended, this approval is valid for one year only from the date of approval by the City Council. Unless a building permit is obtained, this approval shall be null and void at the expiration of said period.

Councilmember Donovic requested an addition to the resolution to ensure that initial plantings require trees to be six ft. in height when planted.

Councilmember Morgan accepted the request.

Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director, explained the building was moved farther from the lot line, windows were eliminated, plantings on the west line, and grass paper blocks around the building to provide emergency access around the building.

Karim Elrez, 29440 Schoolcraft, noted the removal of windows facing the residential zone and the planting of trees every four feet along the perimeter.

Chris Martin, Resident, stated the petitioner does not need to speak to the neighbors for approval.

Fay Nemer, Burton Hollow, expressed that the petitioner should be treated equally as other businesses have, instead of being required extra steps or given a hard time when they are in fact improving the site as it is, and urged Council to give the petitioner approved.

Councilmember Donovic explained the authority Council has over the site planning phase and the importance of asking questions that could lead to an improvement for nearby homeowners.

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

#220-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated May 22, 2025, which transmits its resolution #05-23-2025, adopted on May 20, 2025,

with regard to Petition 2025-03-08-02 submitted by Karim Elrez, requesting approval of all plans to expand an existing commercial building by constructing a new two-story addition at 29440 Schoolcraft Road, located at the Northwest corner of Schoolcraft Road and Middlebelt Road, in the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, the Council does hereby concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Petition 2025-03-08-02 is hereby approved and granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Site Plan, identified as A-1, dated May 13, 2025, prepared by Ziad El-Baba Engineering, is approved and shall be adhered to, except that a twenty (20) foot building setback shall be maintained along the west property line in compliance with Section 4.03(P) of the Zoning Ordinance;
2. The west elevation, adjacent to residential properties, shall be constructed using the same brick material as the front (South) elevation;
3. All disturbed lawn areas, including road rights-of-way, shall be sodded instead of hydroseeding;
4. Underground sprinklers shall be installed for all landscaped and sodded areas. All planted materials shall be installed to the satisfaction of the Inspection Department and permanently maintained in a healthy condition;
5. The Exterior Elevations Plan, identified as A-4, dated May 13, 2025, prepared by Ziad El-Baba Engineering, is approved and shall be adhered to, except that the windows shall be removed from the west elevation of the building facing the residential homes;
6. The Landscape Plan, identified as Drawing No. SP-5, dated January 10, 2025, prepared by Ziad El-Baba Engineering, is approved and shall be adhered to, except that evergreen trees (e.g., Thuja Giant or Emerald Green Giant Arborvitae) shall be planted along the west side of the property, adjacent to the fence, to provide additional screening between the residential lots and the commercial building.
7. Parking spaces shall be doubled striped at ten feet (10') wide by twenty feet (20') in length;
8. All rooftop mechanical equipment shall be concealed from public view on all sides by screening, consisting of material compatible in color with other exterior materials on the building;

9. The three walls of the trash dumpster area shall be constructed out of building materials that complement the building, and the enclosure gates shall consist of opaque and durable steel or composite panels;
10. All light fixtures shall not exceed a height of twenty feet (20') and shall be aimed and shielded to minimize stray light trespassing across property lines and glaring onto adjacent roadways;
11. Only conforming signage is approved with this petition, and any additional signage shall be separately submitted for review and approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals;
12. No LED light band or exposed neon shall be permitted on this site, including, but not limited to, the building or around the windows;
13. Unless approved by the Inspection Department, any type of exterior advertising, such as promotional flags, streamers, or sponsor vehicles designed to attract the attention of passing motorists, shall be prohibited;
14. A cross-access agreement, that provides notice and outlines the terms for emergency access between the subject property and the adjacent property, 13911 Middlebelt Rd., must be submitted to the Inspection Department at the time of building permit application. This condition may be waived subject to the approval of an alternative by the Inspection and Fire Departments;
15. The plans referenced in this approving resolution shall be submitted to the Inspection Department with the building permit application(s); and
16. Per Section 13.13 of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance, this approval is valid for one (1) year from the date of approval by the City Council. Unless a building permit is obtained, this approval shall be null and void after the one (1) year period.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, thanked Finance and Mark Taormina for their assistance with the project, and addressed current projects and their progress.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, asked if the project went out to bid or how the budget number was proposed.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, noted the budget was proposed based on recent related projects.

Deb Christiansen, Resident, questioned the decision of not including the Noble building with the repair of Sheldon Park.

Francis Janis, Sunset, asked whether the pools in Livonia are wheelchair accessible.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreations, stated that every pool in Livonia is wheelchair accessible.

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

#221-25 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City") intends to issue general obligation limited tax bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended ("Act 34"), in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) (the "Bonds") for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping improvements to Sheldon Park, including a splash pad, playgrounds, sports fields and facilities, walking paths and a pavilion, site improvements and ancillary facilities therefor (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, a notice of intent to issue the Bonds must be published before the issuance of the Bonds in order to comply with the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34; and

WHEREAS, the City intends at this time to state its intentions to be reimbursed from proceeds of the Bonds for any expenditures undertaken by the City for the Project prior to issuance of the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Notice of Intent Authorized. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a notice of intent to issue bonds in the *Detroit Legal News*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City.
2. Form of Notice of Intent. The notice of intent shall be published as a display advertisement not less than one-quarter (1/4) page in size in substantially the form attached to this resolution as Exhibit A.

3. Approval of Notice of Intent and Publication. The City Council does hereby determine that the foregoing form of Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and the manner of publication directed is the method best calculated to give notice to the City's electors and taxpayers residing in the boundaries of the City of the City's intent to issue the Bonds, the maximum amount of the Bonds, the purpose of the Bonds, the source of payment for the Bonds and the right of referendum relating thereto, and the newspaper named for publication is hereby determined to reach the largest number of persons to whom the notice is directed.

4. Reimbursement Declaration. The City may incur expenses for the Project prior to receipt of proceeds of the Bonds and may advance moneys for that purpose from funds available to the City, to be reimbursed from proceeds of the Bonds when available. The City makes the following declarations for the purpose of complying with the reimbursement rules of Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2 pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended:

(a) The City reasonably expects to reimburse itself with proceeds of the Bonds for certain costs of the Project which were paid or will be paid from the funds of the City subsequent to sixty (60) days prior to today.

(b) The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project, including issuance costs, is \$5,000,000.

(c) A reimbursement allocation of the capital expenditures described above with the proceeds of the Bonds will occur not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date on which the expenditure is paid, or (ii) the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the original expenditure is paid. A reimbursement allocation is an allocation in writing that evidences the City's use of the proceeds of the Bonds to reimburse the City for a capital expenditure made pursuant to this resolution.

5. Bond Counsel. Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. is hereby approved as bond counsel for the Bonds.

6. Rescission. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

AYES:

Members: _____

NAYS:

Members: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Lori L. Miller
City Clerk

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of July, 2025, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976 and that minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Lori L. Miller
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS
OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA
OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS
AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), intends to issue and sell its general obligation limited tax bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping improvements to Shelden Park, including a splash pad, playgrounds, sports fields and facilities, walking paths and a pavilion, site improvements and ancillary facilities therefor (the "Project").

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations. In addition, the City intends to use revenues pledged by the Plymouth Road Development Authority to pay a portion of the debt service on the bonds.

BOND DETAILS

SAID BONDS will be payable in not more than twenty-five (25) years from the date of issuance of each series of bonds and will bear interest at the rate or rates to be determined at a public or private sale but in no event to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law on the balance of the bonds from time to time remaining unpaid.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Lori L. Miller
City Clerk
City of Livonia

Councilmember Scheel gave first reading to the following

Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10 OF
TITLE 9, CHAPTER 56 (MALICIOUS MISCHIEF) OF
THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS
AMENDED

The foregoing Ordinance, when adopted, is filed in the Journal of Ordinances in the Office of the City Clerk, and is the same as if word for word repeated herein.

Councilmember Budzinski gave first reading to the following

Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 88 (Sale of Tobacco Products to Persons Under Age 21) OF TITLE 9 OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

The foregoing Ordinance, when adopted, is filed in the Journal of Ordinances in the Office of the City Clerk, and is the same as if word for word repeated herein.

Councilmember Toy gave first reading to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 045 TO TITLE 9, CHAPTER 04 (OBSTRUCTING OFFICERS AND CITY BUSINESS) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

The foregoing Ordinance, when adopted, is filed in the Journal of Ordinances in the Office of the City Clerk, and is the same as if word for word repeated herein.

Freya Jacoby, Parker St., questioned whether or not owners of pigeons will be grandfathered in and allowed to keep what they already have.

Carter Fisher, City Attorney, noted that including the subject with the animal ordinance rather than zoning, there would be no grandfathering.

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

#222-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the request of Councilmember Lynda Scheel at the Study Meeting held June 16, 2025, regarding the subject matter of regulating the number of racing pigeons allowed to be housed in an N2 neighborhood or subdivision, the Council does hereby refer this item to the Department of Law for its Report and Recommendation and preparation of a proposed ordinance limiting the number of racing pigeons allowed to be housed in an N2 neighborhood district to no more than 20.

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

#223-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the City Engineer, dated June 6, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works, the Finance Director and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by

the Mayor, regarding additional appropriation and expenditure to close out the contract with Bidigare Contractors, Inc., in connection with the 2024 Westfield Avenue and Harrison Road Water Main Replacement Project, approved by City Council on June 3, 2024, pursuant to Council Resolution 199-24, the Council does hereby determine to:

1. Authorize an appropriation and expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$98,855.24 from Account No. 592-158-000; and
2. Approve a payment to Bidigare Contractors, Inc., 939 S. Mill Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$98,855.24 from Account No. 592-158-000 and increasing the overall contract amount for the Westfield Avenue and Harrison Road Water Main Replacement Project from \$3,286,245.00 to \$3,385,100.24 to close out the contract for the work performed.

FURTHER, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to do all things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

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

#224-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the City Engineer, dated June 10, 2025, which bears the signature of the Director of Public Works, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the release to Crosswinds Court Subdivision, Inc., 37771 Seven Mile Road, Suite C, Livonia, Michigan 48152, the proprietor of Hines Place Site Condominium, located South of Plymouth Road, West of Jughandle Road in the S.E. 1/4 of Section 30, the financial assurances previously deposited pursuant to Council Resolution 107-22, adopted on March 23, 2022, specifically:

a) General Improvement	\$19,589.00 (all cash)
b) Sidewalk	\$ 7,500.00 (all cash)
c) Entrance/Markers/Landscaping	\$ 5,000.00 (all cash)
d) Monuments & Markers	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u> (all cash)
	<u>\$33,089.00</u>

Please note that the Grading & Soil Erosion Control Bond and the As-Built Drawings Bond will be retained until these required items are complete; FURTHER, all other financial assurances now on deposit with the City, if any, with respect to this subdivision shall remain the same and unchanged; and the action herein being taken

is for the reasons indicated in the aforementioned report of the City Engineer that all these improvements have been satisfactorily installed in accordance with the rules and regulations and ordinances of the City of Livonia.

Councilmember Morgan questioned the process in gathering information regarding bonds being held.

David Lear, Assistant City Engineer, noted the Finance Department may be able to run a report.

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

#225-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the City Engineer, dated June 11, 2025, which bears the signature of the Director of Public Works, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the release to Adams Park Development LLC, 31300 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, the proprietor of Lyndon Park Site Condominium, located South of Lyndon Avenue, East of Harrison Road in the S.E. 1/4 of Section 24, the financial assurances previously deposited pursuant to Council Resolution 241-21, adopted on July 26, 2021, specifically:

a) General Improvement	\$79,674.00 (all cash)
b) Sidewalk	\$10,500.00 (all cash)
c) Entrance/Markers/Landscaping	\$ 5,000.00 (all cash)
d) Monuments & Markers	<u>\$ 1,000.00 (all cash)</u>
	<u>\$96,174.00</u>

Please note that the Grading & Soil Erosion Control Bond and the As-Built Drawings Bond will be retained until these required items are complete; FURTHER, all other financial assurances now on deposit with the City, if any, with respect to this subdivision shall remain the same and unchanged; and the action herein being taken is for the reasons indicated in the aforementioned report of the City Engineer that all these improvements have been satisfactorily installed in accordance with the rules and regulations and ordinances of the City of Livonia.

During Audience Communication, Patty Riggio, 37204 Bretton, stated her opposition to Sheetz, that residents don't want a gas station in such a nice location.

Fay Nemer, Burton Hollow, addressed the location of Sheetz compared to nearby sites, the way Sheetz went about their approval, and asked Council to openly state opposition to the plan.

Jim Biga, Lancashire, expressed his unhappiness with the recent Senior Bulletin, and the possibility of voting to take the power to buy and sell property away from Council.

Eileen McDonnell, 36099 Brookview, requested action to be taken regarding the lack of staffing in the Police and Fire Departments.

Denise Mica, Lancashire, compared nearby cities and their staffing for emergency responders to Livonia, and the lack of cement work at Newburgh Village.

Steve Betts, University of Michigan, offered help and resources for the City of Livonia, considering many Livonia residents attend the University.

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, supported by Councilmember Scheel, and unanimously adopted, this 2,020th Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Lori L. Miller, City Clerk