CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD JULY 07, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 9:08 p.m. by Vice President Ptashnik. Present: Scott Morgan, Laura Toy, Rob Donovic, Carrie Budzinski, Lynda Scheel, and Vice President Ptashnik. Absent: Council President McCullough.

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

Councilmember Toy led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

During Audience Communication, Christopher Martin, Resident, spoke about his concerns regarding the upcoming millage, the doors not working to the library, and how long residents can speak during meetings.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, expressed his opinion opposing the upcoming millage proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BLOCK PARTY: Russ Facione, re: to be held Saturday, August 2, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., on Arden Street between Elmira Street and Plymouth Road.

   Russ Facione, Arden St., proposed a block party for neighbors to celebrate the birthday of the neighborhood.

   Motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

2. BLOCK PARTY: Ray Franges and Jim Rumrill, re: to be held Friday, August 8, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on Brentwood Street between Jacquelyn Drive and Meadowlark Street, with a rain date of Saturday, August 9, 2025.

   Petitioner was absent from the meeting.

   Motion was made by Councilmember Donovic to put the matter on the Regular portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING REGULAR

3. BLOCK PARTY: Christina Zeoli, re: to be held Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Summers Street, between Riverside Drive and Ashurst Street.

Petitioner was absent from the meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Donovic to put the matter on the Regular portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING Regular

4. BLOCK PARTY: Alex Quint, re: to be held Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., between 9912 and 10000 Fairfield Street.

   Alex Quint, 11401 Fairfield, asked for approval regarding their 3rd annual block party.

   Motion was made by Councilmember Scheel to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

5. BLOCK PARTY: Tracy Nolte, re: to be held Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on Marie Street and Court, between Knolson Street and Minton Avenue, with a rain date of Saturday, September 13, 2025.

   Petitioner was absent from the meeting.

   Motion was made by Councilmember Toy to put the matter on the Regular portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING REGULAR

6. WAIVER PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2025-05-02-10 submitted by Tiseo Architects requesting waiver use approval to build an addition to the existing veterinary hospital at 27492 Five Mile Road, located on the northeast corner of Five Mile Road and Foch Street in the Southeast ¼ of Section 13.

   Ben Tiseo, 19815 Farmington, mentioned the neighboring building was acquired and a passageway will be built between the buildings.

   Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director, noted the waiver approval is for an expansion to the facility, the addition is not very large, and the parking will be increased.

   Motion was made by Councilmember Toy to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

7. SITE PLAN PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2025-05-08-06 submitted by Rich Naman, requesting site plan approval to construct a 4,164-square-foot warehouse garage at the Six Mid Plaza at 29441 Six Mile Road, located in the Northeast ¼ of Section 14.

   Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director, spoke about a plan to build a garage at the rear of the property, although it would have to be moved further from the property line or granted a variance.

   Rich Naman, 29423 Six Mile, said the plan includes placement of a dumpster in the off-set on the east side of the property to solve the issue of garbage being picked up along a main road.

   Motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to put the matter on the Regular portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING REGULAR

8. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE ONE (1) 2025 FORD E450 CHAMPION CHALLENGER CH4 PASSENGER BUS THROUGH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN BID PROCESS: Department of Housing, re: for transporting Senior Center participants to events and activities, with funds budgeted from the Community Development Block Grant Program.

   Kate Whiting, Senior Division Director, requested approval for a lease for a bus to bring seniors to and from events.

   Councilmember Morgan inquired on the reasoning for leasing versus buying a bus.

   Kate Whiting, Senior Division Director, noted the reason for leasing is that under CDBG policy they cannot buy a bus, only lease.

   Motion was made by Councilmember Toy to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

9. AWARD OF BID: Department of Parks and Recreation, re: remediation services at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Park, from budgeted funds.

   Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, asked the Council to award a bid to do interior restoration at the Alexander Blue House.

   Denise Mica, Lancashire, requested information regarding the work being done to the building.

   Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, mentioned plans of mold removal, drywall removal, insulation removal, and repairs to the office area.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toy to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

10. AWARD OF BID: Department of Parks and Recreation, re: the replacement of the medium in the sand filters at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center for the leisure pool and spa, from budgeted funds.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, requested an award of bid to replace sand filters with a glass medium which should be more effective.

Motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

11. REQUEST TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED NAME FOR THE NEW SENIOR FACILITY: Department of Parks and Recreation re: the naming of the new senior facility as the Livonia Senior Wellness Center.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, mentioned a proposed name for the new senior facility being the Livonia Senior Wellness Center.

Motion was made by Councilmember Scheel to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

12. AWARD OF BID: Department of Public Works, re: the generator replacement at Fire Stations 3 and 6 and DPW Building Maintenance building 13, as part of the Generator Replacement Program, from budgeted funds.

Don Rohraff, Public Works Director, spoke about previous plans for replacements but the bids were higher than anticipated. The new generators will effectively power the entire Fire Station rather than granting partial power.

Motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

13. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Department of Public Works, Water & Sewer Department, re: sewer line chemical root control services, in an annual amount not to exceed $100,000.00, for a period

of three years, with the option of a two-year extension, from budgeted funds.
Don Rohraff, Public Works Director, mentioned the company Duke's Root Control, who has been doing the job for years and provide excellent service.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toy to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Department of Public Works, re: parking, athletic, and street light electrical maintenance and general electrical maintenance at all City buildings and facilities for the period June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2028, from budgeted funds.

Don Rohraff, Public Works Director, noted the lowest bid being Great Lakes Power and Lighting, who is the contractor that helps with any electrical needs.

Motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

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15. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Greenleaf Commission and Department of Public Works, re: software, web access and tools to assist residents with recycling information on the city website for a period of three years, from budgeted funds.

Item #15 was removed and placed on the July 21st Study Meeting.

16. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND EXTEND CONTRACT WITH HAVENER TECH: Department of Public Works, re: the completion of all repair work required in connection with catch basin, storm sewer, and concrete slab stabilization, in an amount not to exceed $100,000.00 annually, from budgeted funds. (CR 286-23)

Don Rohraff, Public Works Director, verified the capabilities of Havener Tech having worked with the department for years and the great work provided.

Motion was made by Councilmember Scheel to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

17. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: Department of Public Works, re: the unexpected trimming and removal of trees resulting from increased tree trimming requests and section trimming in 2025, from the Forestry Fund.

Don Rohraff, Public Works Director, expressed concern over the delays from a large storm last year, leading to increased costs and a large list of open tree requests.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toy to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

18. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE 2025 FORD F150 SUPER CAB XL 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK THROUGH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND MACOMB COUNTY BID PROCESS: Public Works Division, re: for use by the Water Supervisor, from budgeted funds.

Don Rohraff, Public Works Director, requested the authorization to purchase a vehicle for the use of the Water Supervisor.

Motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

19. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE AND UPFIT ONE FREIGHTLINER MT55 STEP VAN THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL PURCHASING CONSORTIUM: Department of Public Works, re: to replace the current front-line water repair truck, from budgeted funds.

Don Rohraff, Public Works Director, noted the purchase will not increase the fleet but instead replace an older vehicle.

Motion was made by Councilmember Scheel to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

20. REQUEST TO ACCEPT STORM WATER FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Engineering Division, re: from Adams Park Development, LLC, in conjunction with the construction of a storm drain system that provides adequate for the Lyndon Park Site Condominium, in the Southeast 1/4 Section of 24.

David Lear, Assistant City Engineer, requested an acceptance to a storm water agreement just in case the developer does not keep up with maintenance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

There was no Audience Communication at the end of the meeting.

ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 pm

For July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting