CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD APRIL 28, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 9:37 p.m. by Council President McCullough. Present: Rob Donovic, Vice President Martha Ptashnik, Carrie Budzinski, Lynda Scheel, Laura Toy, and President Brandon McCullough. Absent: Scott Morgan.

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

Councilmember Donovic led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

During Audience Communication, Steve King, Coventry Gardens, spoke about the economy, tariffs, taxes and lay-offs in the auto industry. Mr. King listed the increased costs of various items and economic uncertainty and wished the millage issue had been pushed back until November to see how well the new Senior Wellness Center did before developing new municipal buildings. Mr. King cited statistical data regarding seniors, their voting habits, their limited incomes, stated seniors are worried about the economic future and are concerned about additional funding for new municipal buildings.

Christopher Martin, Livonia resident, commented he will vote no on the proposed millage because he feels the plan will change. He indicated he lives on a fixed income and does not support the millage because the economic future does not look promising.

Cindy Fleming, Woodring, inquired about the dollar amount donated by Penske to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Shelden Park renovation.

Barbara Glover, Myrna Court, commended President McCullough for offering different proposals for the millage she felt would have addressed various concerns raised by residents and was disappointed other Councilmembers did not support the motions made by President McCullough. Ms. Glover stated she did not feel the City had a good track record for maintaining buildings and felt it would be better to have put the millage proposal on the November ballot and stated she would not be supporting the millage.

Councilmember Donovic indicated $100,000 was the total amount that was donated by Penske Automotive for the Shelden Park renovations, to respond to Ms. Fleming's earlier inquiry.

Councilmember Toy announced the next Women's Connection event will be held at Cardwell Florist on Sunday, June 1, 2025 from 1-3 pm. The event will feature a food truck and a couple flower designers to work with attendees to create floral arrangements and encouraged anyone interested to attend the event.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BLOCK PARTY: Malgorzata Simmons, re: to be held Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Melrose Street between Elsie Street and Jamison Avenue, with a rain date of Saturday, August 23, 2025.

Malgorzata Simmons was present to answer questions of Council for the request to host a block party on August 16th. Ms. Simmons said the event will be to help promote her local real estate business with Keller Williams and to network with her neighbors on the block. A bounce house and food truck will be part of the block party, and they are just looking to have some fun.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

2. BLOCK PARTY: Carol Dobos, re: to be held Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on Cranston Street between Scone and Perth Streets, with a rain date of Sunday, August 24, 2025.

Carol Dobos was present to answer questions of Council for the request to host a block party on August 23rd. Ms. Dobos indicated this will be their second block party based on the success of last year's event.

Motion was made by Vice President Ptashnik to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

3. REQUEST TO DISPLAY BANNERS ON FARMINGTON ROAD AND FIVE MILE ROAD FROM MAY 23, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 29, 2025, AND A 4' X 8' SIGN AT CITY HALL AND FORD FIELD FROM MAY 23, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 29, 2025: Sam Caramagno, President, Livonia Anniversary Committee, Inc., re: same.

Sam Caramagno, President of Livonia Anniversary Committee and Kayleigh Kavanagh Reid, Executive Director of Livonia Anniversary Committee presented the item to Council. Mr. Caramagno stated this is for Spree's annual event scheduled the week of June 23rd and to display banner signs at City Hall and Ford Field for their event. Mr. Caramagno stated this is an annual request and is typical in fashion as has been done in the past. Mr. Caramagno stated they have added some attractions this year including enhanced fireworks, special pizza night prices, t-shirt giveaways, a blood drive and tickets for the rides have not increased from last year.

Councilmember Toy stated she is the Council representative for the Spree and thanked Mr. Caramagno and Ms. Reid for their countless hours dedicated to putting together such an amazing event each year.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

4. REQUEST TO CLOSE STARK ROAD FROM THE L.A.D. (14255 STARK ROAD) TO LYNDON AND LYNDON FROM FARMINGTON ROAD TO STARK ROAD TO TRAFFIC FROM 8:00 A.M., JUNE 23, 2025, THROUGH 12:00 NOON ON JUNE 30, 2025; AND TO REQUEST THAT THE CITY SEEK PERMISSION FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION TO ALLOW THE CLOSURE OF FARMINGTON ROAD BETWEEN THE I-96 OVERPASS AND FIVE MILE ROAD FROM 6:30 P.M. THROUGH 11:30 P.M. ON JUNE 29, 2025, IN CONNECTION WITH SPREE ’75: Sam Caramagno, President, Livonia Anniversary Committee, Inc., re: same.

Sam Caramagno, President of Livonia Anniversary Committee and Kayleigh Kavanagh Reid, Executive Director of Livonia Anniversary Committee presented the item to Council. Mr. Caramagno stated this is for the Spree’s annual event the week of June 23rd and to close the necessary roads that adjoin Ford Field such as Stark Road. The request also includes the closure of Farmington between the I-96 express way and Five Mile Road to host the Spree fireworks set to take place on Sunday, June 29th from 6:30-11:30 p.m.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

5. REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR WADE SHOWS TO HOLD CARNIVAL AMUSEMENT RIDES AT FORD FIELD AND VETERANS’ PARK, JUNE 24-29, 2025, DURING REFERENCED HOURS; A PERMIT FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY BY AMERICAN FIREWORKS, INC. TO BE HELD AT 10:15 P.M. ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025, AT STYMELSKI VETERANS' PARK; AND AUTHORIZATION TO USE AND LEASE THE FACILITIES AT FORD FIELD, EDDIE EDGAR ARENA AND STYMELSKI VETERANS’ PARK DURING SPREE ’75: Sam Caramagno, President, Livonia Anniversary Committee, Inc., re: same.

Sam Caramagno, President of Livonia Anniversary Committee and Kayleigh Kavanagh Reid, Executive Director of Livonia Anniversary Committee presented the item to Council. Mr. Caramagno stated this is for Spree’s annual event to take place the week of June 23rd and for their closing fireworks display to take place around 10:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 29th.

Christopher Martin, Livonia resident, requested the ride operators be given a breath alyzer test before being allowed to run the equipment. And, if the operators fail then he would like to see the ride shut down for the rest of the event. Mr. Martin stated he felt it was important for the safety of the patrons.

Barbara Glover, Myrna Court, inquired about a rain date for the fireworks and expressed residents were extremely disappointed when the fireworks are cancelled. Ms. Glover asked if they could be scheduled for the Saturday night of the Spree rather than Sunday in the event it rains Saturday, they can do the fireworks on Sunday.

Councilmember Toy indicated she understood the date of the contract is locked in because the carnival must pack up and move on once the event is over.

Ms. Reid, Executive Director of Livonia Anniversary Committee, responded the date of the fireworks is locked into their contract through 2030 but the bigger concern is Police Officers are scheduled to work that night, and they cannot take that night off. It would not be possible to reschedule and require all police officers to work the secondary day. Ms. Reid concluded it is tradition to take place at the closing of the festival to wrap up with the fireworks.

Motion was made by Vice President Ptashnik to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

6. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE HARD SURFACING ORDINANCE REQUIREMENT: Steve Crute, re: for the use of asphalt millings.

Mr. Steve Crute, stated at the rear of his building and back of the property, is split up between asphalt and asphalt millings and they have cleaned up the property and building significantly. This subject matter came up during a routine zoning compliance application process and the building inspector indicated they are not able to keep the asphalt millings. Mr. Crute stated their property abuts gravel-laden property with semi-trucks, so he is looking to Council to waive the Ordinance requirement.

Councilmember Donovic wanted to clarify the petitioner has spent a great deal of time and money invested in this property including the public parking lot but want to leave the back part of the property which is hidden from the road-view with the asphalt millings. Councilmember Donovic stated there is a large area of 11 acres that abuts Mr. Crute's property, that is all stone and asphalt millings. He indicated this is part of the industrial corridor and he drove back there to look at the property and stated Mr. Crute and his company have done a phenomenal job fixing up this and other buildings and he could understand the request.

Carter Fisher, City Attorney, indicated both City Engineer, Todd Zilincik and Inspection Director, Jerome Hanna, were not able to be present for tonight's meeting and he has had discussions with them, and they have requested it be put on the Regular portion of the Agenda. Mr. Fisher stated both the Engineering and Inspection departments do have input they would like to discuss on this request with Council.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING REGULAR

7. WAIVER PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2025-02-02-04 submitted by Emmett Contracting requesting Special Waiver Use approval to construct a Planned Residential Development consisting of two (2) buildings with 58 senior independent apartments on properties at 14821 and 14829 Farmington Road located on the west side of Farmington Road between Five Mile Road and Lyndon Street in the Northeast ¼ of Section 21.

Mark Taormina, City Planner, presented an overview of the waiver petition submitted by Emmett Contracting to Council. Mr. Taormina presented a thorough overview of the proposal and stated the property is adjacent to the Aletha Phipps development along Farmington Road. The two buildings to be constructed are in line with the height, size and scale of the first phase of the apartments and are 3-story and 4-story buildings, both provided with elevators. Mr. Taormina indicated the buildings will have a close set back to Farmington Road and are mostly brick and each apartment will have an assigned carport, and the amount of parking to be provided is in line with what has been done at Phase I. Mr. Taormina indicated the waiver petition was approved by the Planning Commission and the petitioner was present to answer any questions of Council.

Councilmember Donovic inquired if the owner of this project was the same as the original project at Aletha Phipps. Mr. Taormina responded that the developer of the project has an interest in the first project, but some of the interests in the first phase do not have an interest in this project. Councilmember Donovic indicated he looks at this as an extension of the first project, albeit somewhat different. Mr. Taormina indicated there will be a cross-over and sharing of amenities between the projects.

Brad Emmett, Emmett Contract, 17067 Warren Road, spoke about the proposed development and highlighted the architectural features and elements and discussions with the Planning Department to develop where the proposal has evolved into to include modern and traditional looks. It is largely brick and what is not brick is masonry siding so it will hold up over time.

Councilmember Donovic stated it was a great project and hoped other developers would take note and thanked the petitioner for detail and investment going into the project.

Councilmember Toy inquired about consideration given as to renting to own rather than developing apartments. Mr. Emmett stated it was a different partnership structure for the property and the goal was to simply have apartments. Councilmember Toy asked how large the floor plans of the units. Mr. Emmett responded the completed projects are one bedroom/one bath but they have learned seniors are looking for bigger apartments and these will be closer to 1,000 sq. ft as opposed to the 750 sq. ft. in the first phase. Councilmember Toy commented she was just trying to compare what the private market is doing in comparison to what the City is developing at Newburgh Village.

Councilmember Budzinski stated she was excited when she saw the new renderings for the project as she was part of the study meeting group and asked what the timeline may be for completion. Mr. Emmett stated the first two phases are full which will motivate them to push through to get things going as fast as August, given other county and state permits and things to be accomplished.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

8. WAIVER PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2025-02-02-05 submitted by Symmetry Management requesting waiver use approval to construct a 2,515-square foot, full- service restaurant with drive-thru facilities at 39200 Seven Mile Road, located at the northeast corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty Roads in the Southwest ¼ of Section 6.

Mark Taormina, City Planner, presented a complete and thorough overview of the waiver petition submitted by Symmetry Management to construct a new full-service restaurant with a drive-thru on the property where Macaroni Grill was previously located at 39200 Seven Mile Road. The restaurant is Cava and is new to the Michigan market. Mr. Taormina stated the property will have access to the private drive, Chippewa Drive, to the property behind, to have access to signalized intersections to have safe access to left-hand turns which will benefit the adjacent restaurant, Shake Shack.

Mr. Taormina stated the proposed restaurant will be 2,515 sq. ft. in size and has adequate parking space provided in line with City Ordinance. The restaurant will have a pick-up window, not a typical drive-thru window, for patrons to pick up orders placed in advance and there would be no drive-thru boards. Mr. Taormina indicated the building itself will be predominantly efface with a stone waistcott near the bottom and the windows will be glazed and there is a wrap-around outdoor patio. The restaurant will have 44 indoor seats and 18 outdoor seats. Mr. Taormina indicated the matter has been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission.

Vice President Ptashnik indicated a concern was raised by the Planning Commission regarding the dumpsters and not having enough room for truck access and wondered if that had been adjusted. Mr. Taormina stated he believed the dumpster issue has been modified, stated he did not have an issue with the current placement as submitted but would allow the petitioner to address that issue.

Eric Williams, Stonefield Design, 555 South Old Woodward, Birmingham, on behalf of the petitioner, was present to answer questions of Council. Mr. Williams stated the dumpsters were adjusted and the food is mediterranean, like Chipolte, with both wraps and bowls.

Councilmember Budzinski inquired if this would be the first Michigan restaurant and Mr. Williams replied there were a few already approved but would be in the first batch of Michigan locations to open.

Councilmember Donovic inquired if Mr. Taormina knew what type of material was on the exterior of the neighboring restaurant, Shake Shack. Mr. Taormina stated he could not recall. Mr. Williams stated he could not recall exactly either but was of modern nature. Councilmember Donovic stated he was not too excited about the exterior of the proposed restaurant being mostly efface, with just a little bit of brick at the bottom and inquired if they could improve the exterior. Mr. Williams stated that the chain is Mediterranean, and their other locations all have the same elements to dress this location up a bit but were not willing to change it drastically.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

9. WAIVER PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2025-03-02-08 submitted by Wade Shows, Inc. requesting to conduct a carnival in the parking lot of the former Sears, sponsored by the Livonia AM Rotary Club, consisting of amusement rides, games, and food concessions from May 19, 2025, through June 8, 2025, on the property at 29500 Seven Mile Road, located on the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Middlebelt Roads in the Southeast ¼ of Section 2.

Two representatives from the Livonia AM Rotary Club presented their request to host a carnival at the former Sears parking lot. They indicated this is an annual event and is their biggest fundraiser. They use those funds to provide grants to many applicants locally every year with the funds generated from this event. The dates that are listed include the set-up date by Wade Shows, which is May 19^{th} and the carnival will open on June 22nd.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

10. SITE PLAN PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2025-02-08-01 submitted by Robertson Brothers Homes, under an amended Consent Judgment, requesting site plan approval to construct a residential townhouse development consisting of fifteen (15) buildings and a total of one hundred (100) dwelling units on the properties at 37640 Seven Mile Road located on the north side of Seven Mile Road between Victor Parkway and Newburgh Road in the Southeast ¼ of Section 26.

Mark Taormina presented a thorough overview of this proposed development. The site plan now includes two pieces of property and is over 10 acres of land. This site has a long legal history and was approved by Council in December of 2023 as a result of the Consent Judgment. The plan submitted tonight is equal to the plan approved as included in the Consent Judgment, including number of buildings, number of units and the number of apartments. It is made up of predominantly 2-bedroom units but there are some 3-bedroom units and they range in size from 1,300 sq. ft. to 1,600 sq. ft.

Mr. Taormina stated the density of the project is right in line with the medium density land use category and the ground floor units will contain a garage for parking. The building height is limited to 29' from the eaves and the design has been reviewed carefully by the petitioner and the Planning Commission, with the addition of color variation recommended as a condition of approval. Mr. Taormina indicated each unit will have a balcony and the petition was submitted and approved by the Planning Commission.

Tim Lochren, Robertson Brothers Homes, 6905 Telegraph Road, was present to answer questions of Council.

Councilmember Donovic inquired about the land acquired and how much buffer would be to the residents of the north, which he understood those buildings would be taller just north of the subject property. Mr. Lochren stated that parcel was added as part of the Consent Judgment to help provide definition of the property and they hosted a neighborhood meeting recently which was the major concern of the neighboring properties. Mr. Lochren stated they plan to keep most of the northern section of the property passive, walking area, and felt that helped with the neighborhood. Mr. Lochren stated their buildings are lower and given the buffer it should no longer be a concern, which they were happy to address and add the buffer.

Councilmember Donovic encouraged the petitioner to use some of the dirt on the property around to give some depth and definition rather than just a flat piece of land. Mr. Lochren replied they agreed, they do not want to leave it just flat but plan to move some dirt around to give some definition and contrast. Councilmember Donovic thanked the petitioner for being so receptive and responsive to the concerns raised by both residents and Council on this project.

President McCullough stated this property has been sitting there for years and several things have fallen apart but this is the type of housing that is needed, and the products of Robertson Brothers Homes are great. President McCullough thanked them for choosing Livonia for this project.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

11. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE: Department of Civil Service, re: to enable payment to Empco for the promotional examinations of Police Lieutenant and Police Sergeant, from budgeted funds.

Jeannine Laible, Civil Service Director, presented this item to Council. Ms. Laible indicated they have used the services of Empco in the past to help conduct promotional examinations for both the Sergeant and Lieutenant positions with the Police Department, as well as administrative personnel at the Fire Department. Ms. Laible stated the funds have been budgeted for this purpose and the Civil Service Department.

Motion was made by Vice President Ptashnik to put the matter on the Consent portion of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

12. REQUEST TO EXECUTE THE 2025 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND SMART: Livonia Housing Commission, re: to allow the Livonia Community Transit Program to receive the Municipal and Community Credits in the amount of $89,424.

Madison Bjertness, Director of Livonia Housing Commission, presented the request to Council. Ms. Bjertness stated this is an annual request to approve the agreement with SMART to allow the Transit division to receive annual credits. The total amount for FY 2025 is $89,424.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

13. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE 2016-2021 CONSOLIDATION PLAN AND 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: Livonia Housing Commission, re: to allocate CARES Act Funding to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to include activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the spread of infectious diseases such as the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). (CR 140-20, CR 178-19 and CR 181-16).

Madison Bjertness, Director of Livonia Housing Commission, presented the request to Council. She stated it was to amend their original plan, and this will be their final substantial amendment to spend the remaining funds of $188,320 that must be spent by August of 2026. Their proposal includes installing some touchless equipment in the bathrooms at McNamara Towers, Silver Village and Newburgh Village and doing a final round of small business grants.

Councilmember Donovic inquired what the small business grants entail. Ms. Bjertness stated the grants would be like the last round of grants, where they provided technical assistance to businesses to develop a business plan so they may prepare for something such as Covid-19 in the future and to provide them with some funding for operations in their business. Councilmember Donovic inquired how most of the grant funding received had been spent so far and Ms. Bjertness replied when Covid first started, funding was used for testing, vaccinations, some mental health counseling for seniors, and have done two rounds of small business grants, this request would make for the third round of small business grants.

Councilmember Donovic inquired if Council does not approve this money being spent, what would happen to the remaining funds. Ms. Bjertness stated she was not sure, but would assume the federal government would take it back and the deadline is August, 2026 to spend all the funding.

Cindy Fleming, Livonia resident, inquired about "Covid dollars" being spent for air filtration and physical touch, which is how Covid was spread.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

14. REQUEST TO APPROVE SPONSORSHIP FOR LIVONIA JUNIOR ATHLETIC LEAGUE: Department of Parks and Recreation, re: to offset officials' cost, from budgeted funds.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, presented the item to Council. Mr. Davis stated his department recently realized this subject matter should be approved by Council. The LJAL has been sponsored in the past by the Department of Parks and Recreation and assists in offsetting costs for officials. Mr. Davis stated funds have been budgeted for this purpose.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

15. REQUEST TO APPRPOVE SUBLEASE AGREEMENT WITH LIVONIA JUNIOR ATHLETIC LEAGUE FOR ROTARY PARK DIAMONDS 1-4: Department of Parks and Recreation, re: for use and maintenance of Rotary Park Diamonds 1-4 as defined in Exhibit A.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, presented the item to Council. Mr. Davis stated the Parks and Recreation department has a longstanding history with the LJAL to sublease Diamonds 1-4 at Rotary Park. This partnership and agreement not only include the use of baseball diamonds but also the maintenance of those fields. Mr. Davis stated the LJAL does an excellent job of maintaining those diamonds and is requesting the Council's approval to enter into the sublease agreement as submitted.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

16. REQUEST TO APPROVE ART IN THE PARK PROGRAM: Department of Parks and Recreation, re: to provide a low-cost framework for introducing art into our public spaces, from budgeted funds.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, explained the request is to approve a low-cost framework to introduce artwork at public and park spaces. The Art in the Park Program is designed to have artists submit work for approval to display in open areas and there is a review committee that would approve the submissions. The dollar value for the program is $1,000 and Mr. Davis stated they have not had too many artists submit their work for consideration.

Margaret Earle, Livonia resident, inquired if the information could be shared with the Livonia Public Schools because she felt the Art Departments may be very engaged in that. Councilmember Budzinski indicated she has already spoke with Vice President Ptashnik who stated she will take it to the schools to help recruit student artwork.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

17. AWARD OF BID: Department of Parks and Recreation, re: roof replacement for Pavilion 2 at Rotary Park, from budgeted funds.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, presented the item to Council. Mr. Davis stated Council may recall this structure was damaged more than a year ago due to severe weather. There was some disinformation circulating and he wanted to be clear the reason the pavilion was not demolished is because it does not need to be, the pavilion simply needs a new roof. Mr. Davis stated his department went out to bid for the project and they are requesting the low bidder, Sena Roofing and Sheet Metal, be awarded the contract.

Councilmember Donovic inquired how the Parks and Recreation Department would pay for the project and Mr. Davis responded it would be paid out of their budgeted funds and would be reimbursed by the settlement from the City’s insurance company.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

18. AWARD OF BID AND REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: Department of Parks and Recreation, re: for exterior wood repair and painting of the Historic Newburg Church at Greenmead from the unexpended fund balance of the Historical Trust Fund and budget transfer in the amount of $10,000 to cover all associated expenses.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, presented the request to Council. Mr. Davis stated they are asking to award the bid for the repair needed at Newburg Church, having received three bids on the matter. They are requesting the second lowest bidder be awarded the contract, based on their past previous experiences with the contractor with only a $25 difference between the lowest bidder and this contractor.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

19. REQUEST TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH OHM ADVISORS: Department of Public Works, Water & Sewer Division, re: to include the AIWA Risk & Resilience Assessment (RRA) and Emergency Response Plan (ERP), from the Unexpended fund balance of the Water & Sewer Fund.

Ryan Farrell, DPW, presented the item to Council. Mr. Farrell indicated the project is a combination of mandated requirements from federal acts and required to be updated every five years. The plans will be updated, as well as their GIS data, planning and demand projections, hydraulic model, capital improvement plan for 5 years to be included in the master plan document with the assistance of OHM, who has provided assistance in the past. Mr. Farrell indicated OHM was awarded the contract through the QBS process in CR 336-21and the funds are available in the unexpended fund balance of the Water & Sewer Fund. Mr. Farrell indicated Jessica Caters, representing OHM, was present should Council have any further questions.

Councilmember Donovic inquired if the City would not be as efficient in our safe water if it were not for the assistance provided by OHM and Mr. Farrell responded in the affirmative. Councilmember Donovic stated they are local and responsive to our needs and thanked OHM for their help.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

20. REQUEST TO APPROVE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND PROJECT PLAN: Department of Public Works, Water & Sewer Division, re: Identification and replacement of lead water service lines.

Ryan Farrell, DPW, presented the item to Council. Mr. Farrell stated the purpose of the plan is to obtain funding through the Drinking Water Revolving Fund. The plan is to identify and replace lead water service lines and change out lead lines as they are found. The plan involved a partnership with OHM to create an educated approach and mapped out where lead lines were found previously and to identify that quarter section. The plan is for an EGLE $5 million loan over 20 years, a low-interest loan with potential grant forgiveness.

Councilmember Budzinski stated it is a robust long plan as was mentioned during the Regular meeting by Councilmember Donovic where we are going through a citywide assessment of households, at no charge to residents, to check for lead service lines and replace them. Councilmember Budzski inquired if this plan was part of that program and Mr. Farrell replied in the affirmative, stating it is expensive to do this plan, but the city has a great contract in place with D'Angelo Brothers as approved last fall.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

21. REQUEST TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT: Department of Law, re: for MMRMA Claims in connection with a sewer backup claim at 29655 Minton Street.

Carter Fisher, City Attorney, presented the item to Council. Mr. Fisher stated this was a claim made by a homeowner due to a sewer backup and the claim has been recommended for settlement.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

22. REQUEST TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT: Department of Law, re: for MMRMA Claims in connection with a sewer backup claim at 29737 Mark Lane.

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

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

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

ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 p.m.