

**MINUTES OF THE TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SECOND REGULAR
MEETING AUGUST 11, 2025**

On August 11, 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 led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, supported by Vice President Ptashnik, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#249-25 RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the 2021nd Regular Meeting of the Council held July 21, 2025 are approved as presented.

Judge Margaret Van Houten, 3rd Circuit Court, gave a presentation regarding what the procedures at the Circuit Court level entail and the procedures surrounding a jury summons.

During Audience Communication, Christopher Martin, Resident, stated disappointment in the grouping of the improvements for the Police and Fire Departments along with the rest of the proposed millage.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, read a speech celebrating the denial of the proposed millage.

Eileen McDonnell, Resident, questioned the state of a gazebo located at Greenmead and the plans surrounding it moving forward.

Jenny O'Connor, Council Candidate, stated ideas surrounding the city center project and requested fellow residents to continue to work together to improve Livonia.

Brady Walker, 15445 Harrison, read a scripture from the Bible and urged residents to make an educated decision in the upcoming election.

Mike Martin, 34190 Trillium, stated the Police Department handled the recent local protests respectfully and professionally.

Colleen Connelly, 17755 Fairway, expressed concern regarding the Rotary Park Pavillion, Bicentennial Park Restrooms, and capital improvements to city buildings.

Stephanie Richards, Wayne County Sheriff, announced an upcoming citizen's academy.

James Hooper, Six Mile Road, gave his opinion that prioritization should be given to first responders over the construction of a new city hall.

Karla Truxall, 29583 Jacquelyn, announced upcoming events celebrating acts of kindness and mental health management.

Vice President Ptashnik addressed the recent millage proposal, the urgent matter of the Public Safety buildings, repairs required at the Civic Center Library, and an addition of a Capital Outlay and Facilities Manager.

Councilmember Budzinski echoed concerns surrounding the Public Safety buildings, repairs needed at the library, and announced her upcoming coffee hour in hopes residents attend to voice their concerns.

Councilmember Morgan recognized the retirement of Barbara Vaden, Clerk Teller III, after twenty-six years and nine months.

President McCullough announced a Law and Education Committee meeting and an Economic Development and Strategic Planning Committee meeting on August 18th.

President McCullough announced Items #12 and #13 were removed from the Agenda.

President McCullough stated his position on the recent millage proposal.

A communication from the Department of Finance dated July 15, 2025, forwarding the Departmental Purchases Report, for the month ending June 30, 2025, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication from the Department of Finance, dated July 22, 2025, forwarding various financial statements of the City of Livonia for the months of December 2024 through May 2025, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

On a motion by Councilmember Toy, supported by Vice President Ptashnik, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#250-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from Judy Tenaglia, dated July 10, 2025, requesting permission to waive Section 8.32.070 (Noise Control) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, to host a gathering with live music in the backyard of their home located at 15367 Susanna Circle, on Sunday, August 24, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Council does hereby grant permission as requested.

#251-25 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Caren Shatter, dated June 27, 2025, requesting permission to close Sussex Street between Sherwood and Fitzgerald Streets, on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a block party, the Council does hereby grant permission as requested, including therein permission to conduct the said affair on Sunday, September 7, 2025, in the event of inclement weather, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

#252-25 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Heather Wilson, dated May 23, 2025, requesting permission to close Tuscany Court, between 38532 and 38517, on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a block party, the Council does hereby grant permission as requested, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

#253-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated July 3, 2025, approved for submission by the Mayor, which transmits its resolution #07-32-2025, adopted on July 1, 2025, with regard to Petition 2025-06-02-12, submitted by Penske Automotive Group, requesting waiver use approval to operate an automobile repair facility in connection with Bill Brown Ford, at 11813 Hubbard Street, located on the west side of Hubbard Road between Plymouth Road and Capitol Avenue in the Southwest ¼ of Section 27, the Council does hereby concur in the recommendation made by the City Planning Commission and Petition 2025-06-02-12 is hereby approved and granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. 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;
2. That the site's landscaping shall be enhanced to meet the Landscaping Design Requirements in Section 10.3 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance and thereafter permanently maintained in a healthy condition;
3. The eight (8) parking spaces located at the front of the property shall be doubled striped at ten feet (10') wide by twenty feet (20') in length;
4. That there shall be no outdoor storage of disabled or inoperative equipment and vehicles, scrap material, debris or other similar items;
5. That appropriate recordable legal instrumentation, such as a cross-access agreement, that gives notice and outlines the terms of how the subject property would share parking and access with abutting property(s), be supplied to the Inspection Department at the time a building permit is applied for;
6. That 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; and
7. Pursuant to 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, and unless a building permit is obtained, this approval shall be null and void at the expiration of said period.

#254-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Library Director, dated June 24, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Finance Director and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, to which is attached a complete written proposal from Cynerge Consulting Inc. relative to the Livonia Public Library's website redesign, the Council does hereby accept the bid of Cynerge Consulting Inc., 31 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, MI 48342 for performing all work required in connection with the Livonia Public Library's website redesign, including implementation, training, hosting and optional services, in an amount not to exceed \$35,583.00; the same having been the best lowest qualified bid received which meets all specifications. Cynerge Consulting Inc. scored the highest among other vendors and more importantly specialized in ADA compliance and provided other value-added features given their competitive pricing structure;

FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$35,583.00 from funds budgeted in GL# 271-718-813-000 for this purpose; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the City of Livonia to execute a contract, approved as to form and substance by the Department of Law, with Cynerge Consulting Inc. and to do all things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#255-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Director of Public Works, dated June 25, 2025, which bears the signature of the Chief Accountant, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby accept the unit price bid of G & M Enterprises, Ltd., 19614 W. Eight Mile Rd., Southfield, Michigan 48075 for performing all street sweeping required for the City's 2026-2031 Supplemental Routine Street Sweeping Program, for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031, by extending their 2016 contract unit prices bid of \$70.00 per lane mile for the final sweep associated with the City's Leaf Pick-up Program and \$60.00 per lane mile for each of the three supplemental sweepings performed each year, in an annual amount not to exceed \$180,000.00; the final cost being based upon the Public Service Division's estimate of units involved, and subject to a final payment based upon the actual units completed in accordance with the unit prices accepted herein; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an annual amount not to exceed \$180,000.00 from funds budgeted in Account No. 205-527-886-015 (Municipal Refuse Fund) 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 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.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, stated his opposition to the contracting of street sweeping.

Councilmember Scheel gave first reading to the following

Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 020 OF TITLE 12,
CHAPTER 18 (NAMING OF PUBLIC PLACES AND

BUILDINGS) 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 Scheel took from the table, for second reading and adoption, the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 040 AND
ADDING SECTIONS 540, 550, AND 560 OF TITLE 6
(ANIMALS), CHAPTER 01, OF THE LIVONIA CODE
OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

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

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

NAYS: None.

On a motion by Councilmember Toy, supported by Vice President Ptashnik, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#256-25 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Jared Keyes, dated June 26, 2025, requesting permission to close Van Court between Levan and Raleigh, on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., in order to host a wedding reception on the grounds of Christadelphians Church, the Council does hereby grant permission as requested, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

Petitioner requested permission for a street barricade during a wedding event due to safety concerns for children attending.

On a motion by Councilmember Scheel, Item #10 was tabled until the next Regular Meeting.

On a motion by Councilmember Toy, supported by Vice President Ptashnik, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#257-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Council Office, dated July 30, 2025, wherein it is

requested that Council Resolution 243-25, adopted on July 21, 2025, be amended to reflect the correct date(s) for conducting a block party on Brentwood Street between Jacquelyn Drive and Meadowlark on Saturday, August 23, 2025, with a rain date of August 24, 2025, instead of August 8, 2025, with a rain date of August 9, 2025, which were incorrectly provided to Council for approval, the Council does hereby amend and revise Council Resolution #243-25 so as to read as follows:

CR #243-25 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Ray Franges and Jim Rumrill, dated May 27, 2025, requesting permission to close Brentwood Street between Jacquelyn Drive and Meadowlark Street, on Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a block party, and a communication from the Council Office, dated July 30, 2025, the Council does hereby grant permission as requested, including therein permission to conduct the said affair on Sunday, August 24, 2025, in the event of inclement weather, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

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

#258-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation from the Finance Director, dated July 24, 2025, which is approved for submission by the Mayor, and a communication from Plante & Moran, PLLC, dated July 24, 2025, to which is attached a proposed Professional Services Agreement between the City of Livonia and Plante & Moran, PLLC, for limited accounting and financial services due to department vacancies, the Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute the aforesaid agreement between the City of Livonia and Plante & Moran, PLLC, 3000 Town Center, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075, to provide professional accounting and financial services, as outlined in the above-referenced communications, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 from unexpended funds in general fund, GL# 101-191-813-000, 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.1 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended; and the City Clerk is hereby requested 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: Toy, Ptashnik, Budzinski, Scheel, Morgan.

NAYS: McCullough.

Debra Lichtenberg, Finance Director, stated due to vacancies the Finance Department requires accounting and financial services for a limited period.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, stated his opinion of the contract being fiscally irresponsible.

Nicole Hefty, Rosedale Gardens, echoed the opinion of the contract being irresponsible due to an outrageously high cost, and inquired on the recent turnover rate within the City.

Debra Lichtenberg, Finance Director, noted that due to the lengthy hiring process and current state of the department it is required to request help now rather than later in order to keep staffing.

Vice President Ptashnik, supported by Councilmember Toy, offered a substitute motion to move the bid for the Rotary Park pavilion reconstruction into the Capital Outlay Committee.

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

AYES: Ptashnik, Scheel, Morgan, Toy, McCullough.

NAYS: Budzinski.

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

#259-25 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Council Vice President, Martha Ptashnik, seconded by Councilmember Laura Toy, at the Regular Meeting held August 11, 2025, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of the Rotary Park Pavilion Reconstruction to the Capital Outlay and Infrastructure Committee for its report and recommendation.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, noted that due to extended research and reaching out to companies that did not place a bid, the bid placed by NRC Bidders was adequate, although the price was way higher

than expected.

Nancy Darga, Center St., stated her experience in park construction and confirmed the pricing.

Michelle Mancini, 18507 Merriman, noted that Livonia needs to budget better and is happy the subject will be talked about more prior to moving forward.

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

#260-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the City Engineer, dated July 14, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, with regard to a storm water maintenance agreement from Leo Soave Building Company, Inc., a Michigan co-partnership/corporation, in conjunction with the construction of a storm drain system that provides adequate drainage for the Grand Reserve Site Condominium, located at 37855 Lyndon Street, in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, the Council does hereby determine as follows:

1. Accept the Storm Water Management System (SWMS) for the Grand Reserve Site Condominium located at 37855 Lyndon Street, Livonia, Michigan 48154, in the S.E. ¼ of Section 19; and
2. Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Storm Water Facilities Maintenance Agreement on behalf of the City.

On a motion by Vice President Ptashnik, supported by Councilmember Toy, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#261-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the City Engineer, dated July 18, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, with regard to a storm water maintenance agreement from Crosswinds Court Subdivision, Inc., a Michigan corporation, in conjunction with the construction of a storm drain system that provides adequate drainage for the Hines Place Site Condominium in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 30, the Council does hereby determine as follows:

1. Accept the Storm Water Management System (SWMS) for the Hines Place Site Condominium located on the south side of

Plymouth Road, west of Jughandle Road, in the S.E. ¼ of Section 30;

2. Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Storm Water Facilities Maintenance Agreement on behalf of the City;

3. Advise the Wayne County Department of Public Services (Permit Section) that the City of Livonia has approved the storm water collection system plans and further, that the City will accept jurisdiction and maintenance (at no cost to the County) of the storm water collection system within the Hines Place Site Condominium; and

4. Authorize the City Engineer to execute Wayne County Permit Number M-53263 on behalf of the City of Livonia in conjunction with the above storm water collection system.

On a motion by Councilmember Toy, supported by Councilmember

Budzinski, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#262-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Director of Public Works, dated August 4, 2025, which bears the signatures of the City Clerk and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, to which is attached a proposed Amendment to the License Agreement between the City of Livonia and Consumers Energy Company, adopted by City Council on December 18, 2024, pursuant to CR 439-24, for property located at 32000 Glendale Street, Livonia, Michigan 48150, to allow Consumers Energy permission to use as a construction show up site, to include the outdoor storage of commercial vehicles and other construction equipment, for the period August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025, for the monthly rental amount of \$3,000.00, the Council does hereby approve the aforesaid license amendment and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute the attached amendment, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law, as well as to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

Carter Fisher, City Attorney, stated Consumers Energy rents out the property in order to do work in the City and they requested an extension.

During Audience Communication, Jim Biga, Lancashire, noted there are very few positions listed on the City website for employment.

Vicky Johnson, Jameson Ct., commented on the recent election and residents being unhappy on the location they are voting or the time it took to get through the lines.

On a motion by Vice President Ptashnik, supported by Councilmember Toy, and unanimously adopted, this 2,022nd Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Lori L. Miller, City Clerk