

**CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD AUGUST 25, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. by Vice President Ptashnik. Present: Scott Morgan, Laura Toy, Vice President Ptashnik, Carrie Budzinski, Lynda Scheel, and Rob Donovan. Absent: President McCullough.

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

Councilmember Scheel led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

During Audience Communication, Steve Johnson, Resident, advocated for quiet time to begin an hour earlier.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, advocated for the attendance of the upcoming music event, his upcoming teach-in, and expressed happiness over the completion of the Newburgh sidewalks.

Pat Brockway, Melrose, urged residents to show presence in the upcoming election and supported the earlier quiet time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BLOCK PARTY: Sam Plymale and Jake Vargo, re: to be held Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sherwood Street, between Woodside and Westbrook Streets, with a rain date of Sunday, October 5, 2025.

Sam Pymel, Fairway Farms, noted the block party is a reoccurring event every year with no past issues and inquired on the possibility of a few more barricades.

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

DIRECTION:	APPROVING	CONSENT
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2. REQUEST TO EXTEND WAIVER USE APPROVAL TO NEW OWNER: Ali Saleh, Old Redford Auto, re: Petition 2013-08-02-19, submitted by Richard George, to operate a used auto dealership, located on the south side of Plymouth Road between Merriman Road and Milburn Avenue (30805 and 30835 Plymouth Road) in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35. (CR 24-15)

Richie George, 11700 Merriman, introduced the new owner in hopes of transferring the waiver use and stated his awareness of the rules and regulations surrounded the agreement.

Councilmember Donovan inquired on the issue of semi-trailers unloading vehicles and suggested adding an item requiring unloading to take place in the parking lot.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

- Doug Rands, Westland, stated due to recent events and upcoming medical events they may not be able to return to work so they are looking to sell the business to a new owner.

Sherry Liu, Representative of Xiaoping Shen, stated Xiaoping has been managing a similar business since 2015 and recently became owner of said business. Due to Haiyan's current circumstances they would like to take the opportunity to take over the business in honor of the hard work she put into renovating the property.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING Regular

- Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated it is a continuation of their Fuel Island Program which started at DPW, the contractor has been working with the City for a while now and does good work.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

5. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE: Department of Public Works, re: for additional tree planting, in the amount of \$70,000, with funds to be reimbursed from MEDC grant proceeds.

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

6. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE: Department of Public Works; re: for hazardous waste fees, in the amount of \$150,000, from budgeted funds.

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

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

ADJOURNED

For September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting