

**MINUTES OF THE TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOURTH REGULAR
MEETING SEPTEMBER 08, 2025**

On September 08, 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 Scheel led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called with the following result: Lynda Scheel, Scott Morgan, Laura Toy, Rob Donovic, Martha Ptashnik, Carrie Budzinski, and Brandon McCullough. Absent: None.

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 Dave Lear, Assistant City Engineer.

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

#283-25 RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the 2023rd Regular Meeting of the Council held August 25, 2025 are approved as presented.

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

#284-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Law and Education Committee, dated August 18, 2025, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 157-25, regarding the subject matter of potential ordinance amendment(s) related to cloth coverings on fences, the Council does hereby determine to take no further action with regard to this matter and refers the resident to seek a variance with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

During Audience Communication, James Biga, Resident, read a passage regarding audience behavior and rights during Council meetings.

Patrick Brockway, Melrose St., mentioned an idea utilizing community volunteers for basic projects to alleviate the workload of the Department of Public Works.

Cindy Fleming, Resident, shared a recent event supporting her opinion to save the Noble Library building.

Eileen McDonnell, Resident, thanked Councilmembers for helping resolve an incident in the senior housing and asked for employees to be patient with the residents.

Denise Mica, Resident, urged other residents to vote for a Council candidate that shares their values rather than the loudest ones.

Laura Jannika, Munger St., inquired on the bathrooms at the library regarding their ADA compliance.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, expressed his disappointment in the lack of maintenance at Rotary Park.

Christopher Martin, Resident, stated the elevator at the library is now working and noted the importance of free speech.

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

#285-25 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Laura Toy, seconded by Councilmember Scott Morgan, at the Regular Meeting held September 8, 2025, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of whether the City of Livonia may legally limit the number of gas stations and car washes within the city limits to the Department of Law for its inquiry, report and recommendation.

Councilmember Budzinski assured Council candidates didn't benefit from the, "Say Yes" campaign, the library projects were proposed in the budget, announced a women's connection event on September 25th, and announced a treat and meet the candidates event on October 5th.

Vice President Ptashnik reminded the audience of the upcoming Finance and Budget Committee Meeting and important topics that will be included.

A communication from the Department of Finance, dated August 20th, 2025, forwarding various financial statements of the City of Livonia for the months ending June and July 2025, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

Dave Varga, Chief of Staff, highlighted important upgrades being made to the ADA bathrooms at Silver Village, including walk in showers in place of bathtubs.

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

#286-25 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Sam Plymale and Jake Vargo, dated August 4, 2025, requesting permission to close Sherwood Street, between Woodside and Westbrook Streets, on Saturday, on October 4, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 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, October 5, 2025, in the event of inclement weather, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

#287-25 RESOLVED, that having considered an email communication from Richard George, dated August 14, 2025, wherein a request is submitted to transfer the waiver use approval in response to Petition 2013-08-02-19 submitted by Keith Lang of Lang Auto Sales, which petition was approved by City Council on January 27, 2014, pursuant to Council Resolution 25-14, and which such waiver was subsequently transferred to Hussein Zein of Zag Motors on March 22, 2021, pursuant to Council Resolution 77-21, 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, the Council does hereby approve of the request to transfer waiver use approval 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) from Hussein Zein, previous owner of Zag Motors, 30805 and 30835 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 to the new owner, Ali Saleh, Old Redford Auto Clinic, 23541 Plymouth Road, Redford Charter Township, MI 48239, subject to compliance with 1) all of the conditions set forth in the original waiver use approval and 2) the additional condition that no vehicles be loaded or unloaded from any public thoroughfare.

#288-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated August 13, 2025, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 349-24, adopted on October 7, 2024, 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 accept the quote of Oscar W. Larson Company, 10100 Dixie Hwy., Clarkston, Michigan 48348 (Vendor 16119) for performing all work required in connection with the removal and clean-up of the fuel island at Whispering Willows Golf Course, including but not limited to, removal and disposal of the current underground storage tank, assist with required soil samples as necessary, demolition and removal of the canopy and tank pad, and backfill, prep and pour a 20'x12' pad at 6" thick pad of reinforced concrete in preparation for the new tanks, in an amount not to exceed \$24,828.00, the same to be expended from funds budgeted in Account No. 401-000-987-000 for this purpose; FURTHER, the Council does hereby determine to authorize such action without competitive bidding inasmuch as the same is based upon the low State of Michigan bid price under Sourcwell Contract No. #092920; and no advantage to the City would result from competitive bidding, 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.

#289-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated August 15, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the Chief Accountant, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, regarding additional expenditure in connection with the 2024 Right-of-Way Tree Planting Program, pursuant to Council Resolution 043-23, adopted on February 13, 2023 and Council Resolution 103-24, adopted on March 20, 2024, the Council does hereby authorize an additional expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 from funds budgeted in Account No: 204-463-818-112, payable to Crimboli Nursery, Inc., 50145 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187, for additional tree planting throughout the City in connection with the 2024 Right-of-Way Tree Planting Program, with funds to be reimbursed through a grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC); FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize the action herein without competitive bidding in accordance with Section 3.04.140.E.3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, since no advantage to the City would result from competitive bidding.

#290-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated August 15, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the Chief Accountant, and is approved for

submission by the Mayor, regarding additional expenditure for hazardous waste disposal services, previously authorized in Council Resolution 336-23, adopted on November 1, 2023, the Council does hereby authorize an additional expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 from funds budgeted in Account No: 226-528-818-035 (Household Hazardous Waste) to offset the increase in hazardous waste fees due to the marked uptick in residential drop-offs at Environmental Recycling Group (ERG), 13040 Merriman Road, Suite 200, Livonia, MI 48150; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize the action herein without competitive bidding in accordance with Section 3.04.140.E.3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, since no advantage to the City would result from competitive bidding.

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

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

NAYS: None.

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

#291-25 RESOLVED, that having considered an email communication from Haiyan Pi, dated July 30, 2025, wherein a request is submitted to transfer the waiver use approval in response to Petition 2019-04-02-07 submitted by Haiyan Pi, Owner of Ocean Wellness & Massage, which petition was approved by City Council on August 12, 2019, pursuant to Council Resolution 273-19, to operate a massage establishment located on the West side of Middlebelt Road between Puritan Avenue and Six Mile Road (16345 Middlebelt) in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, the Council does hereby approve of the request to transfer waiver use approval to operate a massage establishment on property located on the West side of Middlebelt Road between Puritan Avenue and Six Mile Road (16345 Middlebelt) from Haiyan Pi, Ocean Wellness & Massage, 16345 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48150 to the new owner, Xiaoping Shen, Yoyo Spa LLC D/B/A Elite Foot and Body Spa, 34389 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 subject to compliance with all of the conditions set forth in the original waiver use approval.

Doug Rands, Walled Lake, stated he is the husband of the previous owner, who is suffering from medical issues, noting that multiple offers of higher monetary value were turned down to accept a more trustworthy business owner to take over and assured the business will be going into great hands.

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

#292-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the City Engineer, dated August 21, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works, the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, to which is attached an Intergovernmental Agreement, MDOT Contract 25-5427, between the City of Livonia and the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Traffic Signal Modernization along 5 Mile Road at Levan Road and Newburgh Road at Lyndon Street, with the City's participation to be estimated at \$84,548.00, the Council does hereby:

1. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute the attached Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Livonia in the manner and form herein submitted, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law;
2. Authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$84,548.00 from funds budgeted in Account No. 202-463-818-125 (Major Street Fund – City Participation in County and MDOT Projects) for this purpose; and
3. Authorize the City Engineer to approve minor adjustments in the work as it becomes necessary but this authorization does not entitle the City Engineer to authorize any increase in the not to exceed amount or to contract with other parties.

Vice President Ptashnik gave first reading to the following

Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 075, 080, AND 115 OF CHAPTER 04 (CITY COUNCIL) TO TITLE 2 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.

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

On a motion by Councilmember Donovic, supported by Councilmember Toy, and unanimously adopted, this 2,024th Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Lori L. Miller, City Clerk