

MINUTES OF THE TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIXTH
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2025

On October 6, 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. Councilmember Toy led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

#305-25 RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the 2025th Regular Meeting of the Council held September 22, 2025 are approved as presented.

During Audience Communication, Jean Thompson, Silver Village resident, expressed concerns regarding lack of response from the Housing Commission and damage done to her garden area.

Paul Bernier, former City Attorney, addressed Council about his recent trip to Croatia which involved an injury that required surgery. Mr. Bernier thanked his wife for the excellent care she had provided to him and thanked the entire Civil Service department staff and Jeannine Liable, Civil Service Director, for reaching out to Blue Cross-Blue Shield to make sure he was not out of pocket for the medical expenses incurred. Mr. Bernier thanked Patty at the Court for her help in getting the airlines to allow him to board following surgery and stated he is lucky to work for the City. Mr. Bernier concluded by thanking all outgoing Councilmembers for their service and encouraged all new Councilmembers to work together for the community.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, stated gossip and rumors as well as political attacks during his campaign were counterproductive. Mr. King stated he respects the residents at all senior housing and those who work there and he is standing up for seniors who have reached out to him for help. Mr. King concluded he

has retained an attorney to fight the false allegations and slander that has taken place during his campaign for office.

John Pastor, Beacon Drive, announced the upcoming Liberty Mountain USA free event in Farwell, Michigan will be held this Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and will be a “sneak peak” of great concerts to come at this venue.

Eileen McDonnell, Livonia resident, thanked Councilmember Budzinski for hosting a great event at Mies Park and stated she has learned there is a large hole on Farmington Road near Oregon that needs repair. Ms. McDonnell stated she was approached at Mies Park by a homeless individual in need of resources and expressed concern that additional resources are not readily available for those in need. Ms. McDonnell stated she has learned there is a broken window in the Senior Center van which has not been repaired in some time which gives her concern and thanked and acknowledged all Council candidates present at the meeting.

Cindy Fleming, Woodring, provided the phone number for residents to report holes in Wayne County roadways and stated it is operational 24/7 and the reports are followed up in a timely manner.

Christopher Martin, Livonia resident, expressed concern for why the new Library van had decals on it but the City does not spend any money on making the restrooms at the Library ADA compliant. Mr. Martin also expressed he felt the City wasted money on contests for Library card designs rather than much needed repairs at multiple City buildings.

Laura Jannika, Munger, stated she attended the Mies Park event and felt it was very nice. Ms. Jannika stated while at the event two individuals approached her for help, one being the homeless individual mentioned earlier at tonight’s meeting and a second individual who inquired why she only addressed Council with concerns about Noble Library. Ms. Jannika indicated she has multiple concerns, such as: the long-standing, vacant Vlasius building; City buildings and meetings not being ADA compliant; rain gardens should be explored in the community; sidewalks would be useful in areas where there are none; children need pools to learn how to swim; transportation should be readily accessible to all; and City Ordinances should not preclude murals to enhance the community with artwork.

President McCullough announced the Capital Outlay and Infrastructure Committee Meeting will be held Monday, October 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan to discuss the subject matter of the Rotary Park pavilion reconstruction. (CR 259-25)

President McCullough announced there was new data for Agenda Item #7.

Vice President Ptashnik thanked Councilmember Budzinski for the recent “Trunk or Treat” event hosted at Mies Park and expressed her deep concern for

behaviors of political candidates and how they conduct themselves. Vice President Ptashnik encouraged everyone to conduct themselves appropriately.

Councilmember Toy announced October is Italian American heritage month and provided funeral arrangements for the recent passing of Dominic Soave, Jr. and encouraged all to keep the Soave family in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Councilmember Donovan offered condolences to the Soave family on their loss and wished a Happy Birthday to both Todd Zilincik, City Engineer and Mark Taormina, Planning Director. Councilmember Donovan acknowledged the Police Departments' vehicles are wrapped to honor October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and indicated vacant buildings in the community can be a problem and the City can only encourage developers to invest in such properties for the enrichment of the community.

Councilmember Budzinski acknowledged concerns raised by the resident at Silver Village and those expressed during Audience Communication about a homeless person in need of resources. Councilmember Budzinski stated Library capital projects continue to be a top priority and expressed thanks to all eight (8) Council candidates who participated in the past weekend's Trunk and Treat event at Mies Park. Councilmember Budzinski concluded by announcing upcoming community events, specifically the Police Department's Faith & Blue event this Saturday at Nehasil Park as well as the Pumpkin Fest held at Wilson Barn.

Councilmember Toy expressed concern regarding the increased number of lost pets and felt Council should look at the subject matter further.

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

#306-25 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Laura Toy, seconded by Councilmember Carrie Budzinski, at the Regular Meeting held October 6, 2025, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of lost pets and a potential network to identify and properly connect lost pets with their owners, as well as a potential drop off location for lost pets to the Committee of the Whole for its report and recommendation.

President McCullough passed the gavel to Vice President Ptashnik at 7:39 p.m.

President McCullough apologized for the unprofessionalism exhibited at a previous Council meeting and acknowledged the "hot mic" situation which occurred.

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

#307-25 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Council President Brandon McCullough, seconded by Councilmember Carrie Budzinski, at the Regular Meeting held October 6, 2025, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of all ADA deficiencies throughout the City to the Administration for its report and recommendation and refers said list to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

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

RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Council President Brandon McCullough, seconded by Councilmember Laura Toy, at the Regular Meeting held October 6, 2025, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of a “Charter Clean Up” to review the Charter for potential areas to update where there may be outdated provisions to the Law and Education Committee for its report and recommendation.

A roll call vote was taken with the following result:

AYES: McCullough and Toy.

NAYS: Donovic, Budzinski, Morgan, and Ptashnik.

Vice President Ptashnik declared the motion failed.

President McCullough announced the annual “All Stars” fundraiser hockey game against Red Wing Alumni may be held later in the year, possibly May. President McCullough also indicated his inaugural podcast will be released sometime in the month of October and encouraged residents to check it out.

President McCullough resumed the gavel at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan addressed Council to share good news about the successful \$1,000,000 line item in the State’s approved budget for the Livonia Bike/Walk Plan. Mayor Brosnan indicated she is hopeful the Federal budget will also have a line item for Livonia and acknowledged it was a “big ask” but has the support of our Senators. Mayor Brosnan concluded the State has successfully secured the \$300,000 needed for the Rotary Park pavilion reconstruction and thanked the support and dedication of our State Representatives.

Councilmember Donovic re-announced the Capital Outlay Committee meeting to discuss the Rotary Park pavilion repair to be held in Council chambers next Monday, October 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Toy extended congratulations and thanks to Mayor Brosnan for her hard work in securing much needed funding from the State and Federal governments on behalf of the community.

A communication from the Department of Finance, dated September 19, 2025, re: forwarding the Quarterly Investment Report for the City of Livonia for the quarter ending August 31, 2025, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

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

#308-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Chief of Police, dated September 3, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, wherein a request is made to purchase Flock Safety Cameras and Software Products to enhance crime prevention and investigations, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase of Flock Safety Cameras and software products from Flock Group Inc. d/b/a Flock Safety, 1170 Howell Mill Rd., Suite 210, Atlanta, GA 30318, to support the Police Department's mission to protect and serve Livonia residents by leveraging technology to keep the community safe, as set forth below:

- Flock Safety Platform
Twenty-one (21) Flock Safety LPR, FKA Falcon
Law enforcement grade solar power + LTE license plate recognition cameras with proprietary Vehicle Fingerprint technology and real-time alerts for unlimited users.
- Ten (10) Solar Long-range LPR, FKA Solar Falcon LR
Law enforcement grade long range and high vehicle speed license plate recognition camera with proprietary Vehicle Fingerprint technology and real-time alerts for unlimited users.
- Two (2) Dual Solar LPR - Standard Bundle, FKA Falcon
Two solar-powered fixed standard-range LPR cameras on the same pole.
- One (1) Flock Safety Platform - Essentials
An integrated public safety platform that detects, centralizes and decodes actionable evidence to increase safety, improve efficiency, and connect the community.
- One (1) Enhanced LPR Upgrade
The enhanced LPR upgrade package is a software add-on for any

of the Flock OS tiers designed to help detectives and patrol officers conduct more efficient, informed and collaborative investigations. Its advanced License Plate Recognition (LPR) features streamline investigations, providing officers with immediate access to essential information and improving communication within and across departments.

In addition, Flock Safety Professional Services and One Time Purchases include first year implementation fees.

FURTHER, the cost of the two-year contract, which includes all the systems and services delineated in this resolution, is \$165,250.00 for the first year, and \$130,100.00 for the second year of the contract, with a total amount not to exceed \$295,350.00, which includes a savings of \$15,000.00. Funds are budgeted for year one in Account No. 262-333-818-000 (Contractual Services). Grant monies have been approved through the Michigan State Police Automobile Theft Prevention Authority with the grant award being 37% of year one's total cost; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize the action herein without competitive bidding in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3.04.140.E.3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, for the reason that the preferred vendor, Flock Safety, is a sole source provider to supply the Police Department with Flock Safety platform cameras, technology and professional services for deployment throughout the City to enhance their ability to prevent and investigate crime and no advantage would result from requiring competitive bidding; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia with Flock Safety and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#309-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Chief of Police, dated September 3, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase of two (2) marked police vehicles as part of the vehicle replacement program, utilizing the State of Michigan cooperative bid pricing, under MiDeal Contract No. 071B7700178, in a total amount not to exceed \$109,062.00, to be expended from funds budgeted for this purpose in Account No.: 101-325-985-000, as specified below:

(2) 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle Utility @ \$54,531.00 each (\$109,062.00 total) from:

Todd Wenzel Chevrolet
3156 Highland Drive, PO Box 310
Hudsonville, MI 49426
(734) 713-1065

FURTHER, the Council does hereby determine to authorize the new vehicle purchases without competitive bidding inasmuch as the same is based upon the low State of Michigan cooperative bid price, under Contract No. 071B7700178, 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.

#310-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated August 27, 2025, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby accept the unit price bid of the lowest bidder for each item indicated on the breakdown sheets, attached to the aforesaid communication, for supplying the Parks and Recreation Department with clothing for the period December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2027, the same having been the lowest bids submitted for each item listed and meet all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize said purchases from funds already budgeted in the following Account Nos: 208-755-768-000, 208-776-764-000, 101-759-766-000, 101-752-764-000, 101-758-760-000, and 208-755-776-040 for this purpose.

#311-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated September 11, 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, in connection with Phase 2 of the Building Controls System Upgrade Project, pursuant to Council Resolution 098-23, adopted on March 13, 2023, the Council does hereby accept the quote of Havel, 21661 Melrose Avenue, Southfield, MI 48075, for completing all work required in connection with Phase 2 of the Building Controls System Upgrade Project, to include the installation of a Tridium Niagara N4/Bacnet IP direct digital system of automatic temperature control and building automation at the DPW Garage, Housing Commission building, and Fire Stations 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in a total amount not to exceed \$112,582.00; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$112,582.00 from funds budgeted in Account No. 401-000-987-000 for this purpose, with funds to be reimbursed by the US Department of Energy through its Energy Efficiency and Conservative Block Grant (EECBG) in an amount not to exceed \$155,220.00; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize this action without competitive bidding inasmuch as the same is made through the OMNIA Partners Public Sector, under Contract R220703, 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; 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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

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

#312-25 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Malgorzata Simmons, dated September 8, 2025, requesting permission to close Melrose Street between Elsie Street and Jamison Avenue on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a Halloween block party, the Council does hereby grant permission as requested, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

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

#313-25 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Danielle Greason, dated September 8, 2025, requesting permission to close Emerson Court and Tulipwood Street, from West Chicago to Harrison Street, on Friday, October 31, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 9:30 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.

A communication from the Planning and Economic Development Director, dated October 1, 2025, re: containing the revised First Amendment to Planned General Development Agreement, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council. (Petition 2024-02-02-03; CR 135-24)

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

#314-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Planning and Economic Development Director, dated August 28,

2025, which is approved for submission by the Mayor, regarding a request from Doraid Markus, on behalf of Haggerty Six Partners, LLC, to approve the First Amendment to The Shoppes at College Park Planned General Development Agreement between the City of Livonia and Haggerty Six Partners, LLC, approved by Council on December 18, 2024, pursuant to CR 431-24, in connection with Petition 2024-02-02-03, previously approved by Council on April 15, 2024, pursuant to CR 135-24, the Council does hereby approve the First Amendment to the Shoppes at College Park Planned General Development Agreement between the City of Livonia and Haggerty Six Partners, LLC, amending Paragraph 4.7 of the Agreement which addresses signage, as follows:

4.7 Signage. Freestanding signs for the Development shall be ground-mounted (monument) signs. No pole signs shall be permitted. All freestanding signs shall have a base constructed of materials that coordinate and are not inconsistent with the building and other signs within the Development. All freestanding lighted signs shall be internally lit. Wall-mounted and other signs, including directional signs, shall be permitted as authorized in the City's Zoning Ordinance, unless otherwise provided in this PGD Agreement.

4.7.1 Monument Signs. Given the unique layout of the Development, one (1) monument sign shall be permitted to be constructed at each of the three (3) main entrances into the development, which include the two (2) on Haggerty Road and one (1) on Six Mile Road, identified as Sign A, Sign B and Sign E on Exhibit F, attached hereto. Signs A, B, and E shall be limited to twelve (12) feet in height and one hundred (100) square feet in sign area as determined in the Livonia Zoning Ordinance. Buildings C, D, and E, combined, shall be considered a single Business Center (as defined in the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance), and shall be entitled to one (1) Business Center sign having a maximum height of eight (8) feet and a maximum area of forty (40) square feet. Building F and Building Pads H and I shall each be allowed one (1) monument sign measuring a maximum of six (6) feet in height and thirty (30) square feet in area. If Building F contains four (4) or more tenants, the permitted monument sign height shall be eight (8) feet, and the permitted sign area shall be forty (40) square feet. The signs for Building Pads H and I shall identify the respective tenants for each of the multi-tenant retail buildings.

4.7.2 Wall Signs. For Buildings C, D, E, and F, and Building Pads G, H, and I, as shown on Exhibit F, the following area limitations shall apply to all tenant wall signage:

(a) Along each of the front elevations facing either Haggerty Road or Six Mile Road, the sign area permitted shall not exceed one (1) square foot of sign area for each one (1) lineal foot of building frontage that the tenant occupies.

(b) Along each of the rear elevations, the sign area permitted shall not exceed one (1) square foot of sign area for each one (1) lineal foot of building length that the tenant occupies.

(c) Along each of the side elevations, the sign area permitted shall not exceed one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of a square foot of sign area for each one (1) lineal foot of building length that the tenant occupies along the exterior portion of the side of the building.

(d) The outer limits of a tenant sign shall not exceed 80% of the total storefront width that the tenant occupies.

FURTHER, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Amended Agreement, approved as to form and substance by the Department of Law, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia and to do all things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

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

#315-25 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Kathy Faitel, received by the Office of the City Clerk on September 22, 2025, requesting permission to close Edgewood Street between Perth and Scone Streets, on Sunday, October 19, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 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.

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

#316-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the City Engineer, dated September 29, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the Finance Director, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, regarding additional appropriation and expenditure to close out the contract with Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW), in connection with the West Chicago Reconstruction Project, Harrison Avenue to Inkster Road, approved by City Council on June 3, 2024, pursuant to Council Resolution 207-24, the Council does hereby determine to:

1. Approve payment in an amount not to exceed \$18,499.08 from funds budgeted in Account No. 101-447-818-005 (Cont Serv Consultant) payable to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick (AEW), Inc., 51301 Schoenherr, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315 for additional construction engineering and administrative services in connection with

the West Chicago Reconstruction Project, Harrison Avenue to Inkster Road, increasing their contract amount from \$224,556.18 to \$243,055.26.

FURTHER, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to do all things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

During Audience Communication, Kathleen McIntyre, Fairway, addressed Council to announce October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and indicated early detection is most important and provided information regarding how to obtain free mammograms for those who may need same.

American Heritage Girls, offered wreath sponsorships to raise awareness and honor veterans laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial.

Deb Christiansen, West Chicago, stated a complaint about an audience member holding a sign up and gave her opinion about a possible ethics complaint regarding the open microphone incident at the previous meeting.

On a motion by Councilmember Toy, supported by Vice President Ptashnik, and unanimously adopted, this 2,026th Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Lori L. Miller, City Clerk