MINUTES OF THE TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2025

On October 20, 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 Donovic led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

#317-25 RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the 2026th Regular Meeting of the Council held October 6, 2025 are approved as presented.

During Audience Communication, Marleen N., Merriman Rd., urged residents to support the Livonia City Orchestra.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, informed the Council about restroom construction at Dial Park and believed the same could be implemented at Rotary Park.

Jenaveve Lenoir, 9063 Beatrice, requested an update regarding the bathroom status at Silver Village.

Jenny O’Connor, West Chicago, announced a community listening forum and a fund raiser for polio.

Christopher Martin, Resident, urged residents to vote for candidates that are actively involved in Council meetings.

Eileen McDonnell, Resident, addressed the importance of voting and asked for attendance at the upcoming forum.

Denise Mika, Resident, stated concerns over the recent Housing Commission meeting and the unprofessional manner in which it was held.

James Hooper, Resident, requested to know how much money was spent in the defeated municipal facilities package and the language for the tax millage.

Deb Christiansen, Resident, spoke about the recent 'hot-mic' incident and asked for an apology.

President McCullough announced new data for Items 13A and 16 and the removal of Item 14.

Councilmember Donovic requested clarification on the incidents that supposedly occurred at Silver Village, agreed that appointed Commissioners should hold qualifications, and addressed the recent 'hot mic' incident.

Councilmember Scheel informed the audience that the millage language is in the City Council Public Hearing packet of September 29th which can be found on the City website.

Councilmember Budzinski addressed the qualification speculation of Council candidates and the ways to be active in the community other than just attending Council meetings, informed residents of the Emergency Food Assistance Program, and announced her upcoming coffee hour.

President McCullough passed the gavel at 7:33 p.m.

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

#318-25 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Council President Brandon McCullough, seconded by Councilmember Rob Donovic, at the Regular Meeting held October 20, 2025, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of council office staffing and salaries to the Committee of the Whole for its report and recommendation.

Councilmember Toy returned the gavel to President McCullough at 7:35 p.m.

Dave Varga, Chief of Staff, introduced the new Finance Director Benjamin Grier, noting that he is a previous City of Pontiac employee, a licensed attorney, a CPA, and certified treasury professional.

Benjamin Grier, Finance Director, stated he looks forward to serving the City of Livonia, he is a lawyer, a certified public accountant, he graduated from Michigan State University, worked at Blue Cross Blue Shield for twenty years, and was a previous Finance Director for the City of Pontiac's retirement system.

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, announced the re-opening of Wayne Road following extensive construction.

On a motion by Councilmember Scheel, supported by

Councilmember Budzinski, it was:

#319-25 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Christopher Lee, dated September 29, 2025, requesting permission to close from addresses 36849 to 36875 Bristol Street on Friday, October 31, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a Halloween block party with music, the Council does hereby grant permission as requested, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

#320-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Director of Housing, dated September 26, 2025, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, requesting approval of a proposed agreement for the Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program Third-Party Contract between SMART and the City of Livonia for the period October 2, 2024 through September 30, 2025, which authorizes the City of Livonia to receive operating assistance funding in the amount of $33,386.00, utilizing grant funds to be deposited into Account No: 288-000-582-000, designated for the Liv & Go Program to provide lift-equipped transportation to the senior and disabled residents of the City, the Council does, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the said agreement in the manner and form herein submitted, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law, and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#321-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Director of Housing, dated September 29, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the

Mayor, to which is attached a proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Credit Contract between SMART and the City of Livonia for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, to allow for the Liv & Go Program to receive Municipal and Community Credits in the amount of $89,424.00, the Council does for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the municipal credit contract in the manner and form herein submitted, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law, and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#322-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated September 19, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Finance Director and City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby accept the bid of FSS Technologies (Detroit), 3858 Bestech Drive, Suite E, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 for the purchase of 24 Avigilo cameras with ACC7 licenses, to include programming and installation at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, in an amount not to exceed $46,011.17; the same having been the lowest bid received and meets all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an amount not to exceed $46,011.17 from funds budgeted in Account No: 208-755-987-000 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 the aforesaid bidder and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#323-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated September 22, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, requesting approval of a resolution supporting the application for the Detroit Institute of Arts' Partners in Public Art program, which would provide the City with a mural program that brings residents together for a collaborative design and creation process that explores their sense of community, resulting in a work of art that reflects the unique stories and interests of the community, the Council hereby determines as follows:

CITY OF LIVONIA
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS' PARTNERS IN PUBLIC ART PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF LIVONIA

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia supports the addition and expansion of public art in our community; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Institute of Arts collaborates on a program known as "Partners in Public Art" which provides funding and support for outdoor murals painted in public places; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has identified that the Ben Celani Comfort Station in Bicentennial Park would be well suited for public art; and

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia understands that if selected, the partnership between the DIA and the City of Livonia shall include a guarantee of a minimum ten year commitment to keep and maintain the public art; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City Council approves the application for participation in the Partners in Public Art program, commits to the location of the public art on the Ben Celani Comfort Station in Bicentennial Park, and agrees to maintain the public art per the program requirements.

Motion by ________________and second by _________________to adopt the resolution in support of the application to participate in the DIA's Partners in Public Art program.

ROLL CALL: AYES:
NAYS:

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution in support of the application for the Detroit Institute of Arts' Partners in Public Art program for the City of Livonia, adopted by the City Council for the City of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a meeting held on October 20, 2025 and that the meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Act 267 Public Acts of Michigan 1976) and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be made available as the Act required.

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Lori Miller, City Clerk

#324-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated September 22, 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 proposed Addendum to the current contract between the City of Livonia and OptumHealth Care Solutions, LLC, 11000 Optum Circle, Eden Prairie, MN 55344, pursuant to Council

Resolution 08-22, adopted on January 19, 2022, to allow for the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center to continue offering Fitness Passport Memberships to the City's senior community, the Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute the aforesaid addendum in the manner and form herein submitted, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law, and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#325-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated September 17, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the Director of Finance, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby accept the bid of Design Plastic Systems, Inc., 2560 Boulevard of the Generals, Norristown, PA 19403 for the purchase of four (4) 10,500 gallon commercial rated liquid storage tanks, single walled, constructed of high density linear (HDLPE) polyethylene, in an amount not to exceed $90,731.00, for use by the roads division to hold calcium chloride and brine and to be delivered and installed at the City's Glendale facility; the same having been the sole bid received and meets all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an amount not to exceed $90,731.00 from funds budgeted in Account No: GL# 401-000-987-000 for this purpose.

#326-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Director of Public Works, dated September 25, 2025, which bears the signature of the Finance Director, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby accept the bid of Jack Doheny Companies, Inc., 777 Doheny Dr., Northville, MI 48167 to perform maintenance and multiple repairs of Vactor truck number 343, to include repair of the boom extend/retract cylinder and front hose reel, and the rental cost of a fill-in vactor truck while the City's own truck is out of service, for a total amount not to exceed $108,694.06; the same having been the lowest bid received and meets all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an appropriation and expenditure in an amount not to exceed $108,694.06 from funds budgeted in Account No. 592-559-939-000 for this purpose.

#327-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Director of Public Works, dated September 24, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, requesting approval for the Lead Identification/Removal Project for FY 2026, the Council does hereby approve the lead identification/removal project for FY 2026 and authorizes additional funding in an amount not to exceed $1.7 million to perform lead and galvanzied service line identification and replacement at various locations throughout the City; FURTHER, the Council hereby authorizes the City to finance same through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ("DWSRF"); FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an appropriation in an amount not to exceed $1.7 million from Account No. 592-559-787-020 (Water/Sewer Fund) for this purpose; 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; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to do all things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#328-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Director of Public Works, dated September 25, 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 an extension to the amended contract with D'Angelo Brothers, Inc., 30750 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335, pursuant to CR 427-24, adopted on December 18, 2024, as follows:

a) Approve the request by D'Angelo Brothers, Inc., 30750 Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336, to extend its contract with the City of Livonia for Fiscal Year 2026 (by extending their current contract pricing), to include lead and galvanized service line identification and replacement as required by the EPA and EGLE at various locations throughout the City, with a budget amendment to increase Account No. 592-559-787-020 (Water Maintenance Section) to the contract in a not to exceed amount of $1,700,000.00; and

b) Waive the formal bidding process in accordance with Section 3.04.140.E.3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, since, in light of the incumbent vendor's agreement to hold current prices, no advantage to the City would result from competitive bidding in this type of service.

#329-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the City Engineer, dated September 24, 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 a proposed amendment to the Engineering contract between the City of Livonia and OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150 in connection with the 2025 Water Main Replacement

Project (Area 11 and Schoolcraft Road), the Council does hereby determine as follows:

1. Award OHM Advisors (OHM), 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150 the designation of Construction Engineering Consultant to provide engineering services for the 2025 Water Main Replacement Project;

2. Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute an amendment to the Engineering contract with OHM Advisors in the not-to-exceed amount of $198,334.00 for construction engineering services for the 2025 Water Main Replacement Project (Area 11 and Schoolcraft Road);

3. Authorize an appropriation and expenditure in an amount not to exceed $198,334.00 from funds budgeted in Account No. 592-158-000; and

4. 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.

#330-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Engineer, dated September 24, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works, Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, to which is attached a letter from OHM Advisors, dated September 23, 2025, the Council does hereby accept the bid of Murphy Pipeline Contractors, LLC, 12235 New Berlin Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32226 for performing all work required in connection with the 2025 Water Main Replacement Project in Area 11 and Schoolcraft Road, in an amount not to exceed $2,479,179.00, with inspector day costs to be included in the construction engineering (CE) costs, to be approved by City Council, based upon the Engineering Division's estimate of units involved and subject to the final payment based on the actual units completed in accordance with the unit prices accepted herein, said amount and unit prices having been in fact the lowest bid received and meets all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed $2,479,179.00 from funds budgeted in Account No. 592-158-000 for this purpose; and the City Engineer is hereby authorized 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; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute a contract 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: Donovic, Budzinski, Scheel, Morgan, Toy, McCullough.

NAYS: None.

A communication received from the Director of Finance, dated October 13, 2025, to which is attached a memo to Council, dated October 10, 2025, forwarding additional information on potential adjustments to the City of Livonia Preliminary Budget Documents for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, in response to input received from City Council at the September 29, 2025 Public Hearing, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication received from the Director of Finance, dated October 2, 2025, forwarding additional information in response to the various questions asked by City Council at the September 18, 2025 Budget and Finance Committee meeting, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication received from the Director of Finance, dated September 26, 2025, forwarding additional information in response to the various questions asked by City Council at the September 18, 2025 Budget and Finance Committee meeting, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication received from the Director of Finance, dated September 8, 2025, forwarding additional information in response to the various questions asked by City Council at the August 11, 2025 Budget and Finance

Committee meeting, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

The City of Livonia Preliminary Budget Documents for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, received on September 12, 2025, were received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

The Supplement to Preliminary Budget 2025-2026 Personnel Worksheets, received on September 12, 2025, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

On a motion by Councilmember Scheel, supported by Councilmember Budzinski, it was:

#331-25 RESOLVED, that the Council hereby determines that the annual budget as submitted by the Mayor for the next fiscal year commencing December 1, 2025, and ending November 30, 2026, as shown below, submitted by the Mayor to the Council on September 12, 2025, pursuant to Section 3, Chapter VII of the City Charter, and adjusted pursuant to the requests of Council made at the Public Hearing held on September 29, 2025, be and hereby is determined and adopted. Council approval is required for any modification to the amounts shown below. All proceedings on said Budget are hereby approved as being in full conformance with the City Charter, a public hearing having been held on September 29, 2025, after proper notice being published in the Detroit Legal News, the official newspaper of the City, on September 17, 2025, and provided further that the City Clerk shall publish or cause to be published this resolution together with a summary of said Budget as adopted herein, together with the minutes of this meeting.

CITY OF LIVONIA				
ADOPTED BUDGET				
FISCAL YEAR 2025 – 2026				
GENERAL FUND (101)		**REVENUES**		**EXPENDITURES**
PROPERTY TAXES	401-449	$44,220,683		
LICENSES & PERMITS	475-500	3,354,800		
GRANTS	501-538	81,700		
STATE SHARED REVENUES	539-599	14,351,221		
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	601-654	5,867,796		

FINES & FORFEITS	655-663	3,570,100	
INTEREST & RENTS	664-671	3,344,934	
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	672-699	2,187,960	
TOTAL REVENUES		$76,979,194	
LEGISLATIVE			$314,571
EXECUTIVE			1,177,620
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION			4,872,706
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			8,177,785
JUDICIAL			3,203,316
PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE			31,211,673
PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE			17,901,625
PROTECTIVE INSPECTION			1,800,587
OTHER PROTECTIVE			2,203
PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING			4,993,386
PLANNING			680,506
PARKS & RECREATION			773,496
CULTURAL			1861,127
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			**$76,970,601**
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		**REVENUES**	**EXPENDITURES**
MAJOR STREET FUND	202	$9,928,350	$10,970,155
LOCAL STREET FUND	203	10,985,915	10,686,824
ROAD, SIDEWALK & TREE FUND	204	13,122,514	14,310,356
COMMUNITY RECREATION FUND	208	10,133,316	12,418,132
DESIGNATED PURPOSE FUND	211	150,000	150,000
STREETLIGHTING FUND	219	1,098,280	1,181,953
MUNICIPAL REFUSE FUND	226	18,590,068	18,434,105
LIVONIA BROWNFIELD LSRRF	242	218,000	42,770
LIVONIA BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND	243	1,340,000	1,340,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	244	1,000	1,000
PLYMOUTH ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTH	248	1,242,267	945,239
MIDC GRANT FUND	260	761,684	761,684
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION FUND	261	640,000	1,450,000
ADJUDICATED FORFEITURES FUND	262	350,000	941,062
HISTORICAL COMMISSION FUND	270	117,000	117,000
LIBRARY FUND	271	5,332,983	6,209,226
ARTS COMMISSION FUND	272	7,000	17,700
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND	284	190,000	227,000
TRANSIT AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	286	3,020,419	3,020,419
COMMUNITY TRANSIT FUND	288	756,728	953,235
CABLE TELEVISION FUND	297	374,500	465,741
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		$78,360,024	$84,643,601

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS			
2015 MBA REFUNDING	372	$0	$0
2016 MBA REFUNDING	373	547,400	547,400
2017 MBA REFUNDING	374	1,994,000	1,994,000
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		$2,541,400	$2,541,400
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS		**REVENUES**	**EXPENDITURES**
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	401	$2,820,419	$2,821,000
GOLF COURSE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	409	475,500	750,000
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND	418	2,770,000	4,805,723
SENIOR CENTER CONSTRUCTION FUND	419	6,310,723	10,400
COURT BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS FUND	470	537,400	547,400
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS		$12,914,042	$8,934,523
ENTERPRISE FUNDS			
NEWBURGH VILLAGE SR CITIZEN HOUSING	536	$890,000	$1,192,676
SILVER VILLAGE SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING	538	769,640	1,006,176
GOLF COURSE FUND	584	2,803,750	2,738,988
WATER AND SEWER FUND	592	51,855,439	46,998,945
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS		$56,318,829	$51,936,785

AND

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 5, Chapter VII and Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, the Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 3.9530 mills, of the taxable valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the next fiscal year commencing December 1, 2025, and ending November 30, 2026, and in addition to the above amount which is authorized to be levied for general purposes by the charter of the City of Livonia:

(A) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.7902 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for police protection and law enforcement personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities of the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;

(B) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 1.1857 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of

Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for fire, police and snow removal personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities of the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;

(C) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 1.6612 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for police and fire personnel and support costs in the City of Livonia, in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;

(D) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.7902 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for library services, supplies and facilities in the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;

(E) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.0089 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to the provisions of Act 359 of the Public Acts of 1925, for the purpose of advertising, exploiting and making known the industrial and commercial advantages of the City of Livonia and to establish projects for the purpose of encouraging immigration to, and increasing the trade, business and industries of the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount which is authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;

(F) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.7675 mills of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for a community recreation center, recreation personnel, equipment, supplies, facilities and operations; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;

(G) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.8689 mills of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for repairing or replacing public roads, sidewalks and trees in the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount to be levied for general municipal purposes;

(H) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.4884 mills of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for the City's community transit program and capital improvements within the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount to be levied for general municipal purposes;

(I) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.2440 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all ready and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for staff, maintenance, and; support costs for cultural and senior services in the City, including the Livonia Senior Center and Greenmead Historical Village, in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;

(J) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 2.3715 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year commencing December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2026, pursuant to the provisions of Act 298 of the Public Acts of 1917, for the purpose of establishing, operating, maintaining and administering the Municipal Garbage Collection System and/or plant for the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse in the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;

(K) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 0.5839 mills of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year commencing December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2026, for the purpose of defraying City expenses and liabilities for the collection and disposal activities required for curbside recycling and yard waste composting programs; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;

(L) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 2.0000 mills to be due and payable on July 1, 2026, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property located within the Plymouth Road Development Authority, subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year commencing December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2026, pursuant to the provisions of Act 197 of the Public Acts of 1975, for the purpose of providing revenues for obligations and operations of the Plymouth Road Development Authority, in addition to the amount to be levied for general municipal purposes. This millage shall be effective provided that all residential properties are first removed from the Plymouth Road Development Authority district;

AND PROVIDED FURTHER, that the Wayne County Bureau of Taxation, City Assessor, City Treasurer and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution, and the City Clerk is hereby requested to immediately transmit copies of this resolution to each of the above offices.

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

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

NAYS: None.

Christopher Martin, Resident, inquired on the difference between the current proposed tax rate compared to the previous.

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

#332-25 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Capital Outlay and Infrastructure Committee, dated October 13, 2025, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 259-25, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of the Rotary Park pavilion reconstruction to the Administration for a recommendation to rescope/full rebid the project that will comply with code requirements; FURTHER, the Council does hereby discharge the Capital Outlay And Infrastructure Committee from further consideration of the subject matter of the Rotary Park pavilion reconstruction.

Councilmember Donovic reported on the subject matter of the Rotary Park Pavilion reconstruction. (CR259-25)

Jim Biga, Lancashire Road, stated he doesn’t recall a notice put forth to inform residents of the lack of audience communication in the meeting.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, insisted on his proposals for a bathroom and pavilion construction and hopes someone will be held accountable for tearing down the structure in the first place.

Jenny O’Connor, West Chicago Rd., requests the City to use intersex single user restrooms and wants to know what steps have been taken to involve community skilled tradesmen in the project.

Cindy Fleming, Resident, insisted upon true ADA accessibility by including an adult sized changing table.

Jerry Karasinski, 19488 Bainbridge Ave., requested a plan for the Parks and Recreation Department from the Administration.

President McCullough passed the gavel to Councilmember Donovic at approximately 8:09 p.m.

On a motion by Councilmember Toy, supported by President

McCullough, it was:

RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated September 23, 2025, which transmits its resolution #09-39-2025, adopted on September 16, 2025, with regard to Petition 2025-08-08-07 submitted by Skilken Gold, on behalf Sheetz, requesting site plan approval pursuant to ZBA Appeal Case No. 2025-03-04, approved on May 6, 2025, to construct a gasoline service station, limited service/carry-out restaurant, including a drive-thru window at the S.E. corner of Newburgh Road and Eight Mile Road in the N.W. ¼ of Section 5, the Council does hereby reject the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Petition 2025-08-08-07 is hereby denied for the following reasons:

1. That the petitioner has failed to comply with all general standards and requirements as set forth in Sections 13.13 of the Zoning Ordinance;

2. That the layout and aesthetics of the proposed site would have a negative effect upon the neighboring properties; and

3. That the petitioner has failed to comply with all the concerns deemed necessary for the safety and welfare of the City and its residents.

Following discussion by Council, a substitute motion was made by Councilmember Morgan, supported by Councilmember Scheel, as follows:

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1. The Site Plan marked Sheet C1.0 dated September 29, 2025, as revised, prepared by Kimley Horn, is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;

2. The Landscape Plan marked Sheets L1.0 and L1.1 dated September 29, 2025, as revised, prepared by Kimley Horn, is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;

3. The Lighting Plan marked Sheets A1.0 through A1.5 dated July 23, 2025, as revised, prepared by Red Leonard Associates, is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;

4. The Elevation Plans marked Sheets A200 and A201 dated July 16, 2025, as revised, prepared by Convenience Architecture and Design P.C., is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;

5. 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;

6. All disturbed lawn areas shall be sodded instead of hydroseeding;

7. Underground sprinklers are to be provided for all landscaped and sodded area;

8. This site shall meet either the City of Livonia or the Wayne County Storm Water Management Ordinance, whichever applies, and shall secure any required permits, including storm water management permits, wetlands permits and soil erosion and sedimentation control permits;

9. The south half of the existing sidewalk along Newburgh Road shall be relocated to the correct location along the property line to the satisfaction of the Planning Director;

10. Free air shall be provided at all times this station is open for business. The free air shall be dispensed at the point of service without having to enter the station or the performance of any extra action in order to obtain the air without charge;

11. The walls of the dumpster enclosure shall be constructed out

of the same brick used in the construction of the building or in the event a poured wall is substituted, the wall's design, texture and color shall match that of the building and the enclosure gates shall be of solid panel steel construction or durable, long-lasting solid panel fiberglass and maintained and when not in use closed at all times;

12. The sound levels of any outdoor speakers shall be used for emergency purposes only;

13. All parking spaces, except the required handicapped spaces, shall be double-striped at ten feet (10') wide by twenty feet (20') in length as required by the Zoning Ordinance;

14. Any outdoor sales of ice or propane shall be restricted to screened in area identified on the Site Plan;

15. A trash receptacle shall be provided for the outdoor patio area and shall be emptied regularly as needed;

16. The hours of operation shall be limited to twenty-four hours, seven days a week;

17. All rooftop mechanical equipment shall be concealed from public view on all sides by screening, which shall be compatible with the materials and colors of the other exterior materials on the building;

18. The gas pump island canopy shall not exceed eighteen feet (18') in height, and its support columns shall be covered with the same brick used in the construction of the building;

19. No portion of the canopy fascia shall be illuminated except for the "Sheetz" lettering on the sign;

20. Unless approved by the Inspection Department, any type of exterior advertising, such as promotional flags, streamers, or sponsor vehicles designed to attract the attention of passing motorists, shall be prohibited;

21. 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;

22. Per Section 13.13 of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance, this approval is valid for one (1) year from the date of approval by the City Council. Unless a building permit is obtained, this approval shall be null and void after the one (1) year period.

A roll call vote was taken to allow the substitute motion, with the following result:

AYES: Budzinski, Scheel, Morgan, and Donovic.
NAYS: McCullough and Toy.

Councilmember Donovic declared the motion to allow the substitute motion passed.

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, supported by

Councilmember Scheel, as follows:

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

AYES: Scheel, Morgan, and Donovic.
NAYS: McCullough, Budzinski, and Toy.

Councilmember Donovic declared the substitute motion failed.

On a motion by Councilmember McCullough, supported by Councilmember Toy, the following substitution resolution was offered:

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

AYES: McCullough, Budzinski, and Toy.
NAYS: Scheel, Morgan, and Donovic.

Councilmember Donovic declared the substitute resolution failed.

On a motion by Councilmember Scheel, supported by Councilmember Morgan, the following substitute resolution was offered:

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

AYES: Scheel, Morgan, and Donovic.
NAYS: McCullough, Budzinski, and Toy.

Councilmember Donovic declared the substitution resolution failed.

Point of order was called by Councilmember Scheel. Following, a roll call vote on the initial resolution offered by Councilmember Toy, supported by Councilmember McCullough, as follows:

#333-25 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated September 23, 2025, which transmits its resolution #09-39-2025, adopted on September 16, 2025, with regard to Petition 2025-08-08-07 submitted by Skilken Gold, on behalf Sheetz, requesting site plan approval pursuant to ZBA Appeal Case No. 2025-03-04, approved on May 6, 2025, to construct a gasoline service station, limited service/carry-out restaurant, including a drive-thru window at the S.E. corner of Newburgh Road and Eight Mile Road in the N.W. ¼ of Section 5, the Council does hereby reject the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Petition 2025-08-08-07 is hereby denied for the following reasons:

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3. That the petitioner has failed to comply with all the concerns deemed necessary for the safety and welfare of the City and its residents.

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

AYES: McCullough, Budzinski, Scheel and Toy.
NAYS: Donovic and Morgan.

Councilmember Toy declared the resolution adopted.

David Bruckelmeyer, Sheetz, stated a drive through window has not been removed from the site plan but would be willing to agree on the removal moving forward.

Chris Martin, Resident, stated displays should be allowed to be brought into Council Meetings.

Ralph McNabb, 36372 Fairway Dr., read an ordinance that restricts the locations of gas stations and urged the Council to use the ordinance to their benefit.

A total of twenty-eight residents took the podium in favor of denying Sheetz for reasons such as: traffic issues, environmental implications, safety concerns, noise pollution, a lack of transparency, a nearby gas station already exists, and the pursuit of the use of a loop-hole within zoning in order to bypass a previous denial by Council.

During Audience Communication, Keith Lyskawa, Resident, offered a solution for leaf pickup in Livonia.

Cindy Fleming, Resident, thanks the Livonia Police Department for handling the safety of the recent protesters.

Jerry Karasinski, 19488 Bainbridge Ave., requested information on the details of Hillcrest Park.

Lynn Mills, Plymouth Rd., stated residents of Silver Village and Newburgh Village are being threatened with eviction for speaking up about living conditions.

Frank Engler, Wisconsin St., inquired on the absence of the soccer nets at Mies Park.

On a motion by Councilmember Toy, supported by Councilmember Scheel, and unanimously adopted, this 2,027th Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Lori L. Miller, City Clerk