CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD DECEMBER 03, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 8:45 p.m. by Vice President Ptashnik. Present: Carrie Budzinski, Lynda Scheel, Laura Toy, Rob Donovic, Vice President Ptashnik, and President McCullough. Absent: Scott Morgan.

Elected and appointed officials present: Carter Fisher, City Attorney; Mark Taormina, City Planner and Economic Development Director; Todd Zilincik, City Engineer.

Councilmember Toy led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

During Audience Communication, Jim Biga, Lancashire, requested clarification on how Civil Service matters are handled and if it is gone over in Council meetings.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, stated the trays used at the holiday party weren't made for food and listed off items that Council approved that he personally disapproved of.

NEW BUSINESS

1. DETERMINATION OF THE LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION: Office of the City Clerk, re: the salaries of elected officials for the calendar years 2026 and 2027, in accordance with Section 2.48.030 of Chapter 2.48 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances as amended.

   Glen Long, LOCC, stated they do research, compare a lot of information, and simply present the numbers on what they believe is a fair salary increase.

   Christopher Martin, Resident, requested clarification on if it's just a salary increase and stated he personally believes that Council passes salary increases disguised as a receive and file.

   Denise Mika, Resident, requested the commission investigate the benefits that employees receive other than salary.

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

DIRECTION: DENYING REGULAR

2. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH HEGIRA HEALTH, INC.: Division of Police, re: to renew the agreement to continue providing law enforcement/mental health co-response services to the residents of Livonia, from budgeted funds.

   Thomas Goralski, Chief of Police, stated the item is to continue their social work program, extending the contract with Hegira Health, while keeping the pricing the same.

Cindy Fleming, Resident, stated the program is wonderful and thanked Hegira and all those involved.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

3. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FIVE (5) POWER PRO TWO AMBULANCE STRETCHERS: Livonia Fire & Rescue, re: to be placed in frontline vehicles and improve worker and patient safety, from budgeted funds.

   Robert Jennison, Fire Chief, noted the stretchers fit well, are integral to the system they use and will be replacing old ones.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

4. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE THE SEALED BID PROCESS AND PURCHASE FROM SOLE SOURCE WITH COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONSORTIUM CONTRACT: Livonia Fire Department, re: for purchase of two (2) Zoll Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillators to replace outdated or decertified equipment, from budgeted funds.

   Robert Jennison, Fire Chief, stated they would be trading in two of their oldest monitors as they are unserviceable and an essential part of their equipment.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

5. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE THE SEALED BID PROCESS AND PURCHASE FROM SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER: Department of Parks and Recreation, re: for insecticide, fungicide, pesticide, herbicide and fertilizer needed for the 2026 golf season to maintain Fox Creek, Whispering Willows and Idyl Wyld golf courses from budgeted funds.

   Douglas Ware, Golf Course Superintendent, noted the company has been used for many years and he is very happy with their product.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

6. AWARD OF BID: Public Works Division, re: for water main repair clamps for the City's 2026 and 2027 calendar years, from budgeted funds.

   Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, expressed that the clamps would be bought by the current supplier who was the lowest bidder from a two year bid.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

7. REQUEST TO EXTEND CONTRACT: Department of Public Works, re: for the 2026 Municipal Park Mowing Program, which involves approximately 136 acres of parks, cemetery and fire station property, from budgeted funds.

   Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, noted the current contractor offered to hold their prices and the company has done a wonderful job.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

8. REQUEST TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH ETNA SUPPLY COMPANY, THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER OF SENSUS METERS IN MICHIGAN: Public Works Division, re: for water meters and supplies in an amount not to exceed $1,500,000; from budgeted funds.

   Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, requested the extension of pricing and informed that not all of the budget is spent on meters and the remainder stays in the account.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

9. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE JACK UNIT REPLACEMENT THROUGH HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (HGAC-BUY) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONSORTIUM: Department of Public Works, re: to replace Front Hoist #9 leaking jack unit, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, informed that there is a program for purchasing vehicle hoists and the providing company is based out of Indiana.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

10. REQUEST TO AMEND THE QBS ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING (CE) SERVICES FOR THE 2025 TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERINIZATION PROJECTS: Engineering Division, re: at the intersections of Levan Road at Five Mile Road along with Lyndon Avenue at Newburgh Road, in the amount of $133,413.00, from budgeted funds. (CR 336-21)

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, stated the modernization will help improve the safety of the intersections as there have been issues in the past and requests approval for the improvements.

Eileen McDonnell, Resident, inquired about the location and whether the item had already been through Council.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

There was no audience communication at the end of the meeting.

ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

For December 17, 2025 Regular Meeting