MINUTES OF THE TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTY SECOND REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 14, 2026

On January 14, 2026, 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. Vice President Brockway led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called with the following result: Patrick Brockway, Brandon McCullough, Eileen McDonnell, Carrie Budzinski, Robin Persiconi, Martha Ptashnik, and Kayleigh Reid. Absent: None.

Elected and appointed officials present: Carter Fisher, City Attorney; Lori 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 Ptashnik, supported by Councilmember Budzinski, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#01-26 RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the 2031st Regular Meeting of the Council held December 17, 2025 are approved as presented.

During Audience Communication, Nas Simpson, 18957 Aspen Drive, spoke on behalf of the Schoolcraft Environment Club and spoke about the hazards of pesticides and herbicides used at Livonia golf courses.

Mike Kelly, 15731 Penn Drive, expressed concerns regarding how the previous Council handled the car wash proposal adopted by Council in December, 2025, at the vacant restaurant site on Six Mile Road.

Neil Moras, 15971 Penn Drive, echoed the concerns raised by Mr. Kelly regarding the car wash proposal adopted by Council in December, 2025, at the vacant restaurant site on Six Mile Road.

Matt Hansen, 15861 Swathmore, echoed the concerns raised by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Moras regarding the car wash proposal adopted by Council in December, 2025, at the vacant restaurant site on Six Mile Road.

Denise Mica, spoke to express her opinion she felt the Council had violated

the Open Meetings Act by submitting a letter via email signed by four Council members to put an item on the December, 2025 Agenda.

Greg Ralko, Golf Ridge Village, stated he felt Council members only stated what residents wanted to hear while they campaigned for office and once elected they stopped listening to residents and encouraged Council to rescind the approval of the car wash at the vacant restaurant site on Six Mile Road.

Patty Riggio, President of Willow Woods HOA, spoke in opposition to the Sheetz development approved at Eight Mile and Newburgh and indicated the residents have sent an open letter to the Administration urging the City not to issue any permits until the pending litigation has been resolved and asked Council to pass a resolution for same.

Ralph McNabb, stated his belief that the Council still has not received a summary from the Law Department regarding the conditions in the approval of the Sheetz development and the ZBA and Council never approved the use variance for the development which meant any further progress on the site is illegal and puts the City at risk for another lawsuit.

Denny Barenson, Deer Creek HOA representative, spoke about the City Charter, specifically Chapter 4, Section 31, regarding the legislative authority of Council to limit the number of oil and gas stations within the City.

Jerry Karasinski, spoke to commend the Finance Department for including relevant reports in the Council packets and requested additional transparency for expenditures in a particular account number in the future.

Neil Moroski, 15971 Penn, attempted to speak regarding the approved car wash proposal on Six Mile Road but was asked to address Council when the subject matter is addressed on the Agenda.

Laura Shoemaker, Golf Ridge Villa, stated she sent an email to Council regarding the proposed Sheetz development and only had one response and expressed her concerns regarding why the development should be denied, specifically in relation to zoning issues.

Councilmember Budzinski announced next week's MLK breakfast event at Madonna's Welcome Center from 8-10 am hosted by LEARN. Councilmember Budzinski indicated there will be an artist/community meetup event at Tin Cup on Friday, January 23rd from 6-8 pm hosted by the Livonia Arts Commission and Friends of Livonia Arts. Councilmember Budzinski stated there has been a lot of attention regarding data centers being proposed at neighboring communities and felt the subject matter should be investigated further by Livonia.

On a motion by Councilmember Budznski, supported by Councilmember Ptashnik, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#02-26 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Carrie Budzinski, seconded by Councilmember Martha Ptashnik, at the Regular Meeting held January 14, 2026, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of data centers and attendant zoning related issues to the Economic Development, Strategic Planning and Technology Committee for its report and recommendation.

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

#03-26 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Carrie Budzinski, seconded by Council Vice President Patrick Brockway, at the Regular Meeting held January 14, 2026, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of potential ordinance language related to limiting the distance between bodies of water and new gas stations to the Department of Law for its report and recommendation.

Jim Biga, Livonia, spoke in favor of the adopted resolution but added to his opinion he felt the resolution should include current gas stations as well.

Greg Ralko, Golf Ridge Villa, echoed the sentiments expressed by Mr. Biga and thanked Councilmember Budzinski for bringing this matter forward. Mr. Ralko added he would like to see the proposal be retroactive.

Councilmember Ptashnik spoke to address comments and concerns raised by residents during Audience Communication. Councilmember Ptashnik also highlighted great places to visit in Livonia, such as Punjab Cuisine on Plymouth Road. Councilmember Ptashnik also recognized the Fire Department for the number of calls they responded to during 2025 and thanked them for their service.

Vice President Brockway inquired through the Chair to Law if the question was the site plan or variance use regarding car wash or gas station businesses. Vice President Brockway inquired if the Administration could withhold issuing permits for the Sheetz development while pending litigation and inquired if the number of gas stations and car washes could be limited in the City Charter.

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

#04-26 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Council Vice President Patrick Brockway, seconded by Councilmember Carrie Budzinski, at the Regular Meeting held January 14, 2026, the Council does hereby refer the

subject matter of limiting the number of new gas stations and car washes within the City to the Economic Development, Strategic Planning & Technology Committee to study and consider potential limitations on new gas stations and car washes.

Greg Ralko, Golf Ridge Villa, expressed his support for the resolution adopted and indicated the City of Farmington Hills adopted something similar last year.

Ralph McNabb, Livonia, indicated he felt the City should seek outside Council for advice on whether the Sheetz proposal is legal and the ZBA acted appropriately in their ruling.

Councilmember McDonnell inquired, through the Chair to Law, if the Charter and Ordinances speak to what is required for a matter to go out to bid or not and was informed by City Attorney, Carter Fisher, all projects over $30,000 and renewals of contracts for that amount must all go out to bid unless there is an expressed exception.

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

#05-26 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Brandon McCullough, seconded by Councilmember Carrie Budzinski, at the Regular Meeting held January 14, 2026, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of 100 buffer foot requirements listed in ordinance vis a vis gas station distances to the Department of Law for its report and recommendation.

Greg Ralko, Golf Ridge Villa, stated he felt the City ordinance had been directly overlooked and measured incorrectly. Mr. Ralko indicated he believed the 100' line was from the property line of the subject property, and not from the club house.

Jerry Karasinski, Livonia, spoke in support of the resolution offered by Councilmembers McCullough and Budzinski.

Ron Riggio, Whispering Willows, spoke in opposition to the proposed Sheetz development and stated the golf course contains a waterway and should be protected.

Ralph McNabb, Livonia, spoke in support of the resolution offered by Councilmembers McCullough and Budzinski.

Councilmember McCullough announced his monthly pizza event at the Senior Wellness Center on February 19th and invited residents to attend. Councilmember McCullough also announced the Livonia All-Stars charity hockey game against the Red Wing alumni will take place on May 2nd this year, tickets are $10, and the funds raised go to Breaking Barriers. Councilmember McCullough indicated details will soon be promoted on all Social media platforms.

President Reid announced there was new data received for agenda items 14, 15, and 16.

A communication from the Department of Finance, dated December 17, 2025, re: forwarding various financial statements of the City of Livonia for the month ending September, 2025, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

On a motion by Councilmember Persiconi, supported by Councilmember Ptashnik, it was:

#06-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Engineer, dated November 25, 2025, approved for submission by the Mayor, to which is attached a letter from Livonia Builders G2, LLC, dated November 6, 2025, requesting a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the newly constructed homes at 20610, 20630, and 20650 Meadowview, in the NE ¼ of Section 6, the Council does hereby approve this request inasmuch as omitting the sidewalk on the subject properties would have no detrimental effect upon the neighboring properties at this time due to the absence of other public sidewalks existing within the neighboring area; FURTHER, the Council does hereby reserve the right to require sidewalks at this location in the event that sidewalks are installed in this area at some future date.

#07-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Assistant City Engineer, dated December 17, 2025, approved for submission by the Mayor, to which is attached a letter from Infinity Homes & Co., LLC, dated December 4, 2025, requesting a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the newly constructed home at 20129 Osmus, in the NE ¼ of Section 3, the Council does hereby approve this request inasmuch as omitting the sidewalk on the subject property would have no detrimental effect upon the neighboring properties at this time due to the absence of other public sidewalks existing within the neighboring area; FURTHER, the Council does hereby reserve the right to require sidewalks at this location in the event that sidewalks are installed in this area at some future date.

#08-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated December 9, 2025, approved for submission by the Mayor, which transmits its resolution #12-46-2025, adopted on December 2, 2025, with regard to Petition 2025-10-02-18, submitted by Charara Property LLC, requesting waiver use approval to operate an oil change establishment in connection with a previously approved coin-operated self-service car wash at 38400 Joy Road, located at the N.W. corner of Joy Road and Hix Road in the SW ¼ of Section 31,

the Council does hereby concur in the recommendation made by the City Planning Commission and Petition 2025-10-02-18 is hereby approved and granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Site Plan is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;

2. The hours of operation for the oil change operation shall be limited to the following: Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The self-serve car wash shall be permitted to operate 24 hours a day;

3. 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;

4. That the three walls of the trash dumpster area shall be constructed out of building materials that shall complement those of the building. The enclosure gates shall be of solid panel steel construction or durable, long-lasting solid panel fiberglass. The trash dumpster area shall be maintained and closed at all times when not in use;

5. That there shall be no outdoor storage of auto parts, equipment, scrap material, waste petroleum products, junked, unlicensed, or inoperable vehicles, or other similar items in connection with this operation, and the overhead doors, when not in use for vehicles entering or exiting the service facility, shall always be closed;

6. All pole-mounted light fixtures shall not exceed a height of twenty feet (20'), shall be aimed and shielded to minimize stray light trespassing across property lines and glaring onto adjacent roadways and residential properties, and shall be dimmed or turned off after 12:00 a.m.;

7. That the site's landscaping shall be permanently maintained in a healthy condition;

8. 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;

9. No LED light band or exposed neon shall be permitted on this site, including, but not limited to, the building or around the windows;

10. The oil change bay lights shall be turned off when closed;

11. 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;

12. The plans referenced in this approving resolution shall be submitted to the Inspection Department with the building permit application(s); and

13. 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 one (1) year.

#09-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Director of Community Resources, dated December 15, 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 accept the unit price bid of Accuform Printing & Graphics, Inc., 7231 Southfield Fwy., Detroit, MI 48228 for the design (cover and typesetting), proofs, editing, printing and sorting of three (3) issues of the City of Livonia's Connections magazine for the winter, spring/summer and fall editions for 2026, with the option for three (3) 2027 editions, at the unit prices specified in the attachment to the aforesaid communication per issue, for an estimated amount not to exceed $71,736.00, not including any extras for additional copies or additional pages at the rates stipulated in the organization's bid response, the same having been in fact the lowest bid received which meets all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed $71,736.00 from funds budgeted in Account Nos. 101-174-904-000 (50%, $35,868.00); 101-752-904-000 (7.5%, $5,380.20); 208-755-905-000 (17.5%, $12,553.80); 101-821-886-110 (25%, $17,934.00); and 101-174-818-000 (??%, $3,000.00) for this purpose; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract for and on behalf of the City of Livonia with Accuform Printing & Graphics, Inc., 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.

#10-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Director of Community Resources, dated December 15, 2025, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the donation of outdated Livonia Television equipment to Clarenceville High School in support of the City's shared commitment to education and innovation, and to maximize the value of City-owned assets for the public good; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#11-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated December 5, 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 Sublease and Health Services Agreement with Trinity Health-Michigan d/b/a Trinity Livonia for continued operation of physical and occupational rehabilitation services at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, for a period of five (5) years commencing April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2031, as well as for the rental of space in the Recreation Center, for an annual rent of $60,000.00, and the purchase of 20 corporate passes per year, the Council hereby approves the proposed sublease and health services agreement between the City of Livonia and Trinity Health-Michigan d/b/a Trinity Livonia, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute the attached agreement, 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.

#12-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated December 16, 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 accept the bid of Joe Rotondo Construction Corp., 38807 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 2, Livonia, Michigan 48150 (“Rotondo”), for performing all work required in connection with repaving the front entrance at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, by extending its Contract 24-G unit prices for Contract 25-G, in an amount not to exceed $129,935.50; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed $129,935.50 from funds budgeted in Account No. 208-755-974-000 for this purpose; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize such action without competitive bidding for the reasons indicated in the aforesaid communication, and such action is taken in accordance with 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 Joe Rotondo Construction Corp. and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#13-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated December 2, 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 authorize the purchase of one (1) upgrade package (including seat, proportional controls with electronic interface, and a 3 axis underslung hydraulic boom) from MacQueen Equipment (formerly Bell Equipment), 78 Northpointe Dr., Lake Orion, MI 48359, in an amount

not to exceed $26,500.00, to be utilized by the Roads Department (ID#2518) and installed on the new Spartan Pro Self-Contained Leaf Machine, previously approved by Council on January 27, 2025, pursuant to Council Resolution 28-25; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed $26,500.00 from funds budgeted in Account No. 226-528-987-000 for this purpose; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize this purchase without competitive bidding inasmuch as the same is based upon the low MI Deal contract bid process under Contract Agreement No. 071B7700091, 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.

#14-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, December 9, 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 authorize payment of the City's annual MISS DIG membership fee in an amount not to exceed $26,450.48, and directs that such payment be made to MISS DIG 811, 3212 Sjoquist Dr., Gladstone, MI 49837-2822 from Account No. 592-559-957-000 for this purpose; FURTHER, 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 MISS DIG and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#15-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of Assistant Director of Public Works, dated December 9, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works, the Director of Finance and the Assistant City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby accept the bid of Midwest Alarm Services, 986 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226 for the City's fire protection system testing and maintenance for all City of Livonia buildings, including the Police Department and all fire stations, for a period of three (3) years including 2026, 2027 and 2028, in a total amount not to exceed $52,584.00; the same having been in fact the second lowest qualified bid received which meets all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby reject the bid submitted by Vanguard Fire & Security Systems for the reason that their bid was incomplete, not signed, and did not include pricing for years two and three of the contract; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure, for a period of three (3) years, in an annual amount not to exceed $16,768.00 for 2026, $17,518.00 for 2027, and $18,298.00 for 2028, for a total amount not to exceed $52,584.00, from funds budgeted in Account No. 101-523-818-020 (General Fund - Building Maintenance) for this purpose; 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.

#16-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated December 17, 2025, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 196-17, adopted on June 5, 2017, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, in connection with the renewal of the contract between the City of Livonia and Azteca Systems LLC, for the DPW work management system, including Cityworks Online, the Council does hereby approve a renewal of software licensing and maintenance for the City of Livonia by Azteca Systems LLC, 11075 South State Street, Suite 24, Sandy, UT 84070 for a period of one (1) year commencing March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027, in an amount not to exceed $105,925.20; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed $52,962.60 from Account No. 592-559-851-020 (Water Fund) and $52,962.60 from Account No. 226-528-851-020 (Refuse Fund) for this purpose; 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 Azteca Systems LLC is a sole source supplier and no advantage would result from requiring competitive bidding.

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

AYES: Brockway, McCullough, McDonnell, Budzinski, Persiconi, Ptashnik, and Reid.

NAYS: None.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, spoke regarding the sidewalk waivers approved on the Consent portion of the Agenda.

President Reid reported out on the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 5, 2026, regarding the subject matter of permanently referring the establishment of Council Committees, representatives of various Boards and Committees, the Parliamentarian, and any other business that would come before the Committee. This item remains in committee as a permanent resolution. (CR 498-05)

A communication from the Council Office presenting the Chairpersons and members of the various Council Committees for the years 2026-2027, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council. (CR 498-05)

Committee of the Whole: Kayleigh Reid, Chair
All Councilmembers

Capital Outlay and Infrastructure:	Robin Persiconi, Chair Martha Ptashnik, Vice Chair Brandon McCullough, Member
Economic Development, Strategic Planning:	Carrie Budzinski, Chair Patrick Brockway, Vice Chair Eileen McDonnell, Member
Finance and Budget:	Martha Ptashnik, Chair Robin Persiconi, Vice Chair Carrie Budzinski, Member
Law and Education:	Brandon, McCullough, Chair Eileen McDonnell, Vice Chair Martha Ptashnik, Member
Public Safety and Health:	Patrick Brockway, Chair Brandon McCullough, Vice Chair Robin Persiconi, Member
Senior Citizens, Families and Environment:	Eileen McDonnell, Chair Carrie Budzinski, Vice Chair Patrick Brockway, Member

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

#17-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, dated January 5, 2026, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 498-05, the Council does hereby designate Carrie Budzinski as the City's delegate to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and does hereby designate Brandon McCullough as the City's alternate on a continuing basis, or until further order of this council by council resolution.

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

#18-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, dated January 5, 2026, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 498-05, the Council does hereby designate Carrie Budzinski to serve as the Council representative on the Board of Directors of the Livonia Anniversary Committee (SPREE) and does further designate Patrick Brockway as the alternate on a continuing basis, or until further order of this council by council resolution.

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

#19-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, dated January 5, 2026, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 498-05, regarding the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, the Council does hereby designate the Director of Finance, Benjamin N. Grier, as the official representative and voting representative of the City of Livonia and does further designate Martha Ptashnik as the alternate on a continuing basis, or until further order of this council by council resolution.

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

#20-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, dated January 5, 2026, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 498-05, the Council does hereby designate Martha Ptashnik as Parliamentarian of the City Council on a continuing basis, or until further order of this Council by council resolution.

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

#21-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, dated January 5, 2026, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 498-05, regarding the Retirement Board of Trustees, the Council does hereby determine to designate Eileen McDonnell as the official representative and voting representative of the Board of Trustees of the Livonia Employees Retirement System on a continuing basis, or until further order of this council by council resolution.

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

#22-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, dated January 5, 2026, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 498-05, the Council does hereby designate Brandon McCullough to serve as the Council representative on the City’s Tree Committee on a continuing basis, or until further order of this Council by council resolution.

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

#23-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, dated January 5, 2026, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 498-05, the Council does hereby determine to designate Robin Persiconi to serve on the Hearts of Livonia Board on a continuing basis, or until further order of this Council by council resolution.

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

#24-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, dated January 5, 2026, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 498-05, the Council does hereby designate Eileen McDonnell to serve as the Council representative on the St. Mary Hospital Healthy Livonia and does hereby designate Brandon McCullough as the City's alternate on a continuing basis, or until further order of this Council by council resolution.

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

#25-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, dated January 5, 2026, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 498-05, the Council does hereby designate Patrick Brockway to serve as the Council representative on the Bike-Walk Livonia Advisory Committee on a continuing basis, or until further order of this Council by council resolution.

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

#26-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, dated January 5, 2026, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 498-05, the Council does hereby designate Robin Persiconi as the official representative of the City of Livonia to the Michigan Municipal Services Authority on a continuing basis, or until further order of this Council by council resolution.

Jim Biga, Livonia, expressed his concern for Chair and Vice Chair assignments on a few of the Council committees.

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

> **#27-26** RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated December 17, 2025, approved for submission by the Mayor, which transmits its resolution #12-51-2025, adopted on December 16, 2025, with regard to Petition 2025-02-02-05, submitted by Symmetry Management, requesting to amend the site plan and conditions approved under Council Resolution 139-25, granted on May 7, 2025, to eliminate the requirement of providing access to Chippewa Drive, in connection with the construction of a new 2,515-square-foot, full-service restaurant with drive-thru facilities at 39200 Seven Mile Road, located at the northeast corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty Roads in the Southwest ¼ of Section 6, the Council does hereby concur in the recommendation made by the City Planning Commission and Petition 2025-02-02-05 is hereby amended and approved subject to the following conditions:
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> 1. That the Site Plan identified as Sheet Number C-3 prepared by Stonefield Engineering & Design., dated November 13, 2025, is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;
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> 2. That the petitioner works with the Planning Department to identify appropriate signage demonstrating how to exit east onto Seven Mile; and
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> 3. That the remaining conditions described in CR #139-25 are adhered to.

Denise Mica, Livonia, stated she felt a new traffic study should be conducted given the proposed change in relation to the original resolution that approved this site plan. (Petition 2026-02-02-05)

Jerry Karasinski, Livonia, spoke in support of the approved resolution offered by Councilmembers Budzinski and Persiconi.

A communication received from the Livonia Police Department, dated January 9, 2026, re: S.D.M. liquor license requested by Outback Steakhouse located at 13010 Middle Belt Road, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council. (Petition 2025-10-02-17)

On a motion by Councilmember Ptashnik, supported by Councilmember Persiconi, it was:

#28-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated December 9, 2025, approved for submission by the Mayor, which transmits its resolution #12-45-2025, adopted on December 2, 2025, with regard to Petition 2025-10-02-17, submitted by Outback Steakhouse of Florida, LLC, d.b.a. Outback Steakhouse, requesting waiver use approval, to utilize an S.D.M. liquor license (allows a licensed business to sell beer, wine, and mixed spirit drink products in the original package for consumption off the premises) in connection with the existing restaurant operation (Outback Steakhouse) at 13010 Middle Belt Road, located at the Southeast corner of Middle Belt Road and Industrial Drive in the Northwest ¼ of Section 25, the Council does hereby concur in the recommendation made by the City Planning Commission and Petition 2025-10-02-17 is hereby approved and granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. That this approval is subject to City Council waiving the 500-foot separation requirement between SDM-licensed establishments;

2. That the subject site has the capacity to accommodate the proposed use; and

3. That the use of an SDM liquor license will complement the existing use of the subject property and will provide an additional service to customers.

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

AYES: McCullough, McDonnell, Budzinski, Persiconi, Ptashnik, and Reid.

NAYS: Brockway.

On a motion by Councilmember McCullough, supported by Councilmember Persiconi, it was:

#29-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated December 9, 2025, approved for submission by the Mayor, which transmits its resolution #12-45-2025, adopted on December 2, 2025, with regard to Petition 2025-10-02-17 submitted by submitted by Outback Steakhouse of Florida, LLC, d.b.a. Outback Steakhouse, requesting waiver use approval, to utilize an S.D.M. liquor license (allows a licensed business to sell beer, wine, and mixed spirit drink products in the original package for consumption off the premises) in connection with the existing restaurant operation (Outback Steakhouse) at 13010 Middle Belt Road, located at the Southeast corner of Middle Belt Road and Industrial Drive in the Northwest ¼ of Section 25, the Council does hereby waive the 500-foot separation requirement from

existing SDM licensed establishments as set forth in Section 6.03(2)(a) of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance.

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

AYES: McCullough, McDonnell, Budzinski, Persiconi, Ptashnik, and Reid.

NAYS: Brockway.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, inquired if the additional information requested by Councilmember McDonnell had been provided by the Police Department and stated his opposition to approving the request made by Outback Steakhouse.

A communication received from the Assistant Planning Director, dated January 12, 2026, re: forwarding a residential neighbor letter in support of waiver use petition submitted by Detroit Light Action LLC for property at 28370 Joy Road, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council. (Petition 2025-11-02-19)

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

#30-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated December 17, 2025, approved for submission by the Mayor, which transmits its resolution #12-48-2025, adopted on December 16, 2025, with regard to Petition 2025-11-02-19 submitted by Detroit Light Action LLC requesting waiver use approval to operate a banquet center with occupancy of over fifty (50) people, at 28370 Joy Road, located at the Northwest corner of Thorpe Street and Joy Road in the Southeast ¼ of Section 36, the Council does hereby concur in the recommendation made by the City Planning Commission and Petition 2025-11-02-19 is hereby approved and granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Site Plan dated November 14, 2025, as revised, prepared by AB-SB Land Survey PC, is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;

2. The specific plans referenced in this approving resolution shall be submitted to the Inspection Department at the time the building permits are applied for;

3. This waiver use and the operation of a banquet facility shall remain valid only as long as the property is leased by the current

applicant. Any change of tenancy, sublease of the premises, or different business operator that involves the use of the building as a banquet facility shall first be approved by the City Council;

4. The establishment shall not serve or allow outside alcohol on the premises;

5. The establishment shall be limited to no more than one hundred (100) guests;

6. Events at the facility shall not continue beyond 10:00 p.m. This does not include breakdown and cleanup operations following an event, which shall be completed or terminated by midnight;

7. Appropriate recordable legal instrumentation, such as a cross-access agreement, that gives notice and outlines the terms of how the subject property would share parking and access with abutting property(s), be supplied to the Inspection Department at the time a building permit is applied for;

8. No signs, either freestanding or wall-mounted, are approved with this petition. All such signage shall be separately submitted for review and approval by the Planning Commission and City Council;

9. No LED lightband or exposed neon shall be permitted on this site, including, but not limited to, the building or around the windows;

10. This approval is subject to the City Council waiving the 300-foot separation requirement between a banquet facility and any residential district or property used for church purposes as stipulated under Section 6.14(2) of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance; and

11. Under Section 13.13 of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance, as amended, this approval is valid for one year only from the date of approval by the City Council. Unless a building permit is obtained, this approval shall be null and void at the expiration of said period.

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

AYES: Brockway, McDonnell, Budzinski, Persiconi, Ptashnik, and Reid.

NAYS: McCullough.

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

#31-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated December 17, 2025, approved for submission by the Mayor, which transmits its resolution #12-48-2025, adopted on December 16, 2025, with regard to Petition 2025-11-02-19 submitted by Detroit Light Action LLC requesting waiver use approval to operate a banquet center with occupancy of over fifty (50) people, at 28370 Joy Road, located at the Northwest corner of Thorpe Street and Joy Road in the Southeast ¼ of Section 36, the Council does hereby waive the 300 ft separation requirement between a banquet facility and any residential district or property used for church purposes as set forth in Section 6.14(2) of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance.

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

AYES: Brockway, McDonnell, Budzinski, Persiconi, Ptashnik, and Reid.

NAYS: McCullough.

Vice President Brockway thanked the petitioner for getting out in the neighborhood to speak with residents and gain their support.

Mirella Karahusick, Petitioner for property at 9870 Joy Road, was present to answer questions of Council and thanked Council and residents for their support.

An email communication received from the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated January 6, 2026, regarding the City's 2025 tree trimming numbers, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

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

RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated January 26, 2026, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the Director of Finance, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, wherein a request is made to extend the contract with Boon Development, LLC (d/b/a Sod Solutions) for the City's 2026 Tree Trimming Service, the Council does hereby accept the unit price bid of Boon Development, LLC (d/b/a Sod Solutions), 14382 Sunbury, Livonia, MI 48154, for performing all work required in connection with the City's 2026 right-of-way section street tree trimming, emergency tree and stump removal service and routine requests, with a one (1) year extension upon mutual consent, in an amount not to exceed $375,000.00, based upon the Public Service Division's estimate of units involved and subject to final payment based upon the actual units

completed in accordance with the unit prices accepted herein; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed $375,000.00 from funds budgeted in Account No. 226-528-818-045 for this purpose; 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 Boon Development, LLC (d/b/a Sod Solutions) has agreed to extend its bid pricing from the 2025 Tree Trimming Services contract for a second year; 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 Boon Development, LLC (d/b/a Sod Solutions) and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

Following discussion by Council, the following substitute motion was offered by Councilmember McDonnell, supported by Councilmember McCullough:

RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated January 26, 2026, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the Director of Finance, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, wherein a request is made to extend the contract with Boon Development, LLC (d/b/a Sod Solutions) for the City's 2026 Tree Trimming Service, the Council does hereby accept the unit price bid of Boon Development, LLC (d/b/a Sod Solutions), 14382 Sunbury, Livonia, MI 48154, for performing work required in connection with the City's 2026 right-of-way section street tree trimming, emergency tree and stump removal service and routine requests for the period of January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026 only, in an amount not to exceed $93,000.00, based upon the Public Service Division's estimate of units involved and subject to final payment based upon the actual units completed in accordance with the unit prices accepted herein; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed $93,000.00 from funds budgeted in Account No. 226-528-818-045 for this purpose; 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 Boon Development, LLC (d/b/a Sod Solutions) has agreed to extend its bid pricing from the 2025 Tree Trimming Services contract for the 2026 year; 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 Boon Development, LLC (d/b/a Sod Solutions) for the period January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026, and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

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

AYES: McDonnell, McCullough, and Brockway.

NAYS: Budzinski, Ptashnik, Persiconi, and Reid.

The President declared the substitute motion failed for lack of support.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, spoke in favor of the substitute motion offered by Councilmembers McDonnell and McCullough and stated more oversight is needed.

Denise Mica, Livonia, thanked Council for looking at the details of the budget and stated her support for the substitute motion offered by Councilmembers McDonnell and McCullough.

Jerry Karasinski, Livonia, echoed the support expressed by Mr. King and Ms. Mica for the substitute motion offered by Councilmembers McDonnell and McCullough.

A roll call vote was then taken on the original motion offered by Councilmember Budzinski, supported by Councilmember Persiconi, as follows:

#32-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated January 26, 2026, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the Director of Finance, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, wherein a request is made to extend the contract with Boon Development, LLC (d/b/a Sod Solutions) for the City's 2026 Tree Trimming Service, the Council does hereby accept the unit price bid of Boon Development, LLC (d/b/a Sod Solutions), 14382 Sunbury, Livonia, MI 48154, for performing all work required in connection with the City's 2026 right-of-way section street tree trimming, emergency tree and stump removal service and routine requests, with a one (1) year extension upon mutual consent, in an amount not to exceed $375,000.00, based upon the Public Service Division's estimate of units involved and subject to final payment based upon the actual units completed in accordance with the unit prices accepted herein; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed $375,000.00 from funds budgeted in Account No. 226-528-818-045 for this purpose; 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 Boon Development, LLC (d/b/a Sod Solutions) has agreed to extend its bid pricing from the 2025 Tree Trimming Services contract for a second year; 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 Boon Development, LLC (d/b/a Sod Solutions) and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

with the following result:

AYES: Budzinski, Persiconi, Ptashnik, and Reid.

NAYS: McCullough, McDonnell, and Brockway.

The President declared the resolution adopted.

Jim Biga, Livonia, stated he felt the changes involved a scope change in the contract based on the information provided and did not feel the contract as submitted should be approved.

Denise Mica, Livonia, agreed with statements made by Mr. Biga and stated because the scope of the contract has been changed, the Council should not approve the contract.

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

#33-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated January 6, 2026, 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 amend the current household hazardous waste drop-off contract between the City of Livonia and Environmental Recycling Group (ERG), 13040 Merriman Road, Suite 200, Livonia, MI 48150, previously adopted on November 1, 2023, pursuant to CR 336-23, by adjusting the public offering from a seven-month service to a year-round service for the 2026 and 2027 household hazardous waste and electronic waste drop-off program. Budgeting for this program is provided through the Municipal Refuse Fund, Account No. 205-527-818-035, and derived from the dedicated recycling millage with no general fund expense resulting from this program. Due to the change in service, it is requested that the budget be adjusted to $195,000.00 annually for the next two (2) years (2026 and 2027); 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, as this is an extension of a previous bid and award where the vendor was the sole bidder; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment with ERG, 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.

On a motion by Councilmember Budzinski, supported by Vice President Brockway, it was:

#34-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated December 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, requesting that a list of designated vendors be approved to allow outside vendor services for equipment repairs and maintenance of the City's fleet, the Council does hereby approve of the designation of authorized vendors per the process set forth in the aforesaid communication and approves use of the referenced vendors to provide equipment repairs and maintenance of the City's fleet; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an amount not to exceed $300,000.00 for fiscal year 2026 for this purpose, the same to be expended from funds budgeted in Account No. 101-443-933-050 (Equipment Maintenance – Outside Repair); FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize such action without competitive bidding as many of the vendors are sole source suppliers and have agreed to come to the DPW yard and perform the necessary work. The City has an established working relationship with the vendors being used. These vendors have a history of good work performance, knowledge of the City equipment, and the capacity to be able to perform the work. Additionally, the location of many of the vendors in proximity to the DPW yard is also a big advantage with the transportation of the equipment, and such action is taken in accordance with Section 3.04.140.E.1 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

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

AYES: Brockway, McDonnell, Budzinski, Persiconi, Ptashnik, and Reid.

NAYS: McCullough.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, spoke in opposition to the use of outside vendors for City vehicles.

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

RESOLVED, that having considered the request of Councilmember Martha Ptashnik, at the Study Meeting held January 6, 2026, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of a proposed ordinance amendment restricting approval(s) of new car washes within one mile of existing car washes, including those that have already received site plan or other special approval from the City, to the Department of Law for preparation of a proposed ordinance amendment in connection with this item.

The following substitute motion was offered by Councilmember McCullough, supported by Vice President Brockway, as follows:

> RESOLVED, that having considered the request of Councilmember Martha Ptashnik, at the Study Meeting held January 6, 2026, regarding a proposed ordinance amendment to establish a restriction on approving new car washes within one mile of existing car washes, including those that have already received site plan or other special approval from the City, and upon the motion by Councilmember Brandon McCullough, seconded by Council Vice President Patrick Brockway, at the Regular Meeting held January 14, 2026, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of a 12-month moratorium on approvals for all new car washes throughout the City of Livonia to the Department of Law for its report and recommendation.

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

AYES: Brockway, McCullough, McDonnell, Budzinski, Persiconi, Ptashnik, and Reid.

NAYS: None.

The President declared the motion to allow the substitute motion passed.

A roll call vote was then taken on the substitute motion, with the following result:

#35-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the request of Councilmember Martha Ptashnik, at the Study Meeting held January 6, 2026, regarding a proposed ordinance amendment to establish a restriction on approving new car washes within one mile of existing car washes, including those that have already received site plan or other special approval from the City, and upon the motion by Councilmember Brandon McCullough, seconded by Council Vice President Patrick Brockway, at the Regular Meeting held January 14, 2026, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of a 12-month moratorium on approvals for all new car washes throughout the City of Livonia to the Department of Law for its report and recommendation.

AYES: Brockway, McCullough, McDonnell, Budzinski, Persiconi, Ptashnik, and Reid.

NAYS: None.

The President declared the resolution adopted.

Ralph McNabb, Golf Ridge Villa, spoke in favor of the proposed substitute motion for a 12-month moratorium of new car washes throughout the City.

Greg Ralko, Golf Ridge Villa, spoke in favor of the proposed substitute motion for a 12-month moratorium of new car washes throughout the City and expressed neighboring communities have already adopted same.

Jerry Karasinski, Livonia, spoke in favor of the proposed substitute motion for a 12-month moratorium of new car washes throughout the City and made the point there are various types of car washes, drive-through, coin operated, and those attached to existing gas stations that should be considered.

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

#36-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the request of Councilmember Brandon McCullough, supported by Councilmember Eileen McDonnell, at the Regular Meeting held January 14, 2026, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of a Charter Process Improvement to the Law and Education Committee for its report and recommendation.

On a motion by Councilmember McCullough, supported by Councilmember Persiconi, it was:

RESOLVED, that having considered the request by Councilmember Brandon McCullough, supported by Councilmember Robin Persiconi, at the Regular Meeting held January 14, 2026, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of vacant businesses and potential fines to the Law and Education Committee for its report and recommendation.

Following discussion by Council, Councilmember McCullough and Councilmember Persiconi withdrew the previously offered motion.

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

#37-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the request by Councilmember Brandon McCullough, supported by Councilmember Carrie Budzinski, at the Regular Meeting held January 14, 2026, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of residential property enforcement to the Committee of Law and Education for its report and recommendation.

Jerry Karasinski, Livonia, spoke in favor of the resolution offered by Councilmembers McCullough and Budzinski. Mr. Karasinski stated he felt rental property in his neighborhood was not well maintained and there were many cars left in the streets.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, commended Councilmember McCullough for the thoughtful resolutions proposed at the meeting and indicated he personally

observed many code violations while canvassing neighborhoods as a Council candidate. Mr. King encouraged Council to offer resources to those who needed help to maintain their properties and not focus solely on punishment.

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

#38-26 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Robin Persiconi, supported by Councilmember Brandon McCullough, at the Regular Meeting held January 14, 2026, the Council does hereby refer subject matter of the construction of a new police station to the Capital Outlay and Infrastructure Committee for its report and recommendation.

Jerry Karasinski, Livonia, thanked Councilmembers Persiconi and McCullough for the resolution offered and indicated his support of same.

During Audience Communication, Steve King, Coventry Gardens, expressed law and morality are not the same, stated local government is where moral courage matters, policy makes history and indicated policies adopted become the history explained tomorrow.

Jim Biga, Livonia, expressed his opinions regarding the actions taken by the previous Council violated the Open Meetings Act by adding a last-minute Agenda item that was not posted properly, a previous Councilmember texting while sitting at the dais which does not look proper and no one knows who was involved, and stated residents should not have to file a lawsuit for this Council to correct the errors of the previous Council.

On a motion by Councilmember Ptashnik, supported by Councilmember Budzinski, and unanimously adopted, this 2,032nd Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Lori L. Miller, City Clerk