

MINUTES OF THE TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTY THIRD
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 26, 2026

On January 26, 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. Councilmember McCullough led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called with the following result: Brandon McCullough, Eileen McDonnell, Carrie Budzinski, Robin Persiconi, Patrick Brockway, and Kayleigh Reid. Absent: Martha Ptashnik.

Elected and appointed officials present: Carter Fisher, City Attorney; Lori Miller, City Clerk; Sara Kasproicz, Program Supervisor of Council Office; and David Lear, Assistant City Engineer.

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

#39-26 RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the 2032nd Regular Meeting of the Council held January 14, 2026 are approved as presented.

Jim Biga, Lancashire, requested the restriction of gas stations also include auto repair shops.

During Audience Communication, Mike Rudell, Morlock St., insisted the Police Department not work with I.C.E. as he believes it poses a threat to the community.

Suzanne Fanning, Plymouth Resident, stated her running for a position in the Wayne County Probate Court and discussed the changes she would like to bring regarding mental health services and easing the process of the court systems.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, discussed the Government Affairs position within the City and how it should be more focused on obtaining grants.

Betsy Calhoun, Grenada St., echoed concerns of the Police Department working with I.C.E. and stated her belief that Livonia should not be working with them while they are untrained and causing violence.

Mike Gladwick, Resident, echoed the beliefs of previous residents regarding the behavior of I.C.E. and stated that the organization does not belong in Livonia.

Ella Zangdal, Resident, called for transparency from the Police Department on the policies surrounding the calling of Immigration Enforcement during traffic stops and what determines whether the call is made or not.

William Hurley, Penn Dr., requested a rescission vote be placed on the next Agenda so residents have more time to discuss the car wash at the old Buca Di Beppo site.

Laurie Shook, Resident, stated her disappointment with the Police Department having any connection with I.C.E. and discussed recent tragic events.

Debbie Pinnell, Caliburn Manor, requested information regarding how the City plans to keep residents safe in regards to recent violent events.

James Hooper, Resident, congratulated Council on the recent elections, read the oath of office taken by Councilmembers, and stated his belief that the Police Department should in fact work with I.C.E. because he believes it is the safest course of action.

Renay Weiss-Stansell, Resident, requested that Livonia be proactive with its policies to keep residents safe and make the city more welcoming.

Deb Christiansen, Resident, congratulated newly elected officials and expressed hope that Livonia will keep I.C.E. out.

Rashida Tlaib, U.S. Representative, expressed that the Police Department has no obligation to work with I.C.E., her disappointment in the lack of sympathy from city government, and requested Council do their due diligence.

Christopher Martin, Resident, discussed a recent traffic incident in the local news, the price of towing the vehicle, and the importance of having competitive business to keep prices reasonable.

A communication from the Department of Finance dated January 6, 2026, forwarding the Departmental Purchases Report, for the month ending December 31, 2025, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

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

#40-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Information Systems Director, dated December 12, 2025, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution Nos. 21-14 and 83-16, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the renewal of the Microsoft Enterprise Licensing Agreement from La Dell Marketing L.P., One Dell Way, Round Rock, TX 78680 for a period of three (3) years, commencing February 28, 2026 to February 27, 2029, in an annual amount not to exceed \$96,237.04; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an annual expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$96,237.04, for a period of three (3) years, from funds budgeted in Account No. 101-228-851-020 for this purpose; FURTHER, the Council does hereby determine to authorize the said purchase without competitive bidding inasmuch as the same is based upon the low State of Michigan bid price, as well as for the additional reasons indicated in the aforesaid communication; and such action is taken in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3.04.140.E.4 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract, approved as to form and substance by the Department of Law, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia with the aforesaid company and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#41-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated December 18, 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 Keo and Associates, Inc., 18286 Wyoming Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48221 for performing all work required as general contractor in connection with the Sheldon Park Improvements and Renovation Project, to include significant site, landscape, recreational, and infrastructure upgrades aimed at enhancing park usability, safety, and long-term sustainability for residents and visitors, in an amount not to exceed \$3,160,822.00, inclusive of the base scope of work, all specified add-ons and alternates, and permit allowance, and subject to receipt of all required bonds, insurance, and contract documents; the same having been the lowest responsive qualified bidder which meets all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$3,160,822.00 from the sale of approved bonding for this project available in Account No: 418-000-683-000 for this purpose and waives all associated inspection and permit fees for this project; 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 Keo and Associates, Inc., and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#42-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant City Engineer, dated January 2, 2026,

which bears the signature of the Director of Public Works, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, regarding repair of sidewalks in the City of Livonia pursuant to the 2025 Sidewalk Program, Contract 25-G, at the locations and in the amounts indicated in the attachment to the aforesaid communication (the "Attachment"), which work was done pursuant to Council Resolution 95-25, adopted on March 31, 2025, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 340 of Title 12, Chapter 4 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, the City Treasurer is hereby directed to send a statement of charges to all property owners in the amounts listed in the Attachment in accordance with Section 150 of Title 3, Chapter 8 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, and the Council does hereby establish the evening of June 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the time and place when the Council shall meet for the purpose of adopting a resolution placing a special assessment upon said property for such charges unless the same are paid prior to the date of such meeting; and the City Clerk and City Treasurer are hereby requested to do all 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: McCullough, McDonnell, Persiconi, Budzinski, Brockway and Reid.

NAYS: None.

Betsy Calhoun, Kimberly Oaks, suggested going from a silver level certification with the Michigan Green Communities group to a gold and to try reusing the Sheldon Park pool building.

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

#43-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of the Parks and Recreation, dated December 18, 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 quote of Interior Environments – Novi, 48700 Grand River Avenue, Novi, Michigan 48374, in an amount not to exceed \$39,719.38, for the purchase of additional furniture at the Senior Wellness Center; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$39,719.38 from funds budgeted in Account No. 208-755-987-000 for this purpose; FURTHER, the Council does hereby determine to authorize the said purchase without competitive bidding in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3.04.140E4 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a purchase order for and on behalf

of the City of Livonia with Interior Environments – Novi and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, noted the furniture is extremely overpriced and hoped the extra costs surrounding the Senior Wellness Center are being tracked.

Christopher Martin, Resident, expressed that furniture could have been repurposed to save money.

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

#44-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant City Engineer, dated December 30, 2025, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works, the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, in connection with the 2026 Asphalt Road Paving Program (Contract 26-A), the Council does hereby accept the unit price bid of Nagle Paving Company, 36780 Amrhein, Livonia, Michigan 48150, for performing all work required in connection with the 2026 Asphalt Road Paving Program (Contract 26-A) on various asphalt streets throughout the City of Livonia, by extending their Contract 25-A bid unit prices, in an amount not to exceed \$3,806,939.15, based on the Engineering Division's estimate of units involved, and the mutually agreed upon inspector days consisting of 150 days, and subject to a 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 \$3,806,939.15 from funds budgeted in Account No: 204-463-818-112 (Rehabilitation) 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 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 Nagle Paving Company and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution; 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.3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

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

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

NAYS: McDonnell.

Chris Lenoir, Beatrice St., inquired why so many items keep having the formal bidding process waived when there are so many complaints about services and budget.

Michele Mancini, Merriman Rd., asked if pricing was held from previous years and if so that it is a good thing since prices have gone up.

Denise Mika, Resident, stated there should be an option for contracts to extend to the following year.

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

#45-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Assistant City Engineer, dated January 2, 2026, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the Director of Finance, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, to which is attached a summary outlining the final allocation of costs in connection with the 2025 Sidewalk Program (Contract 25-G), pursuant to Council Resolution 95-25, adopted on March 31, 2025, the Council does hereby determine as follows:

1. To establish a final project cost at \$1,102,784.95 (this includes the 10% Engineering Division's administrative fee) of which \$183,150.00 is to be charged to Single Lot Assessments and a total of \$919,634.95 which is to be charged to the following City funds: \$750,000.00 to the Road, Sidewalk and Tree Fund, Account No. 204-447-977-010; \$91,045.42 to the Michigan Transportation Fund (Local Road – Distributed Sidewalk Cost), Account No. 203-451-977-010; \$53,626.00 to the Unexpended Fund Balance of the Water and Sewer Fund (592); \$10,000.00 to the Non-Motorized Paths Fund, Account No: 204-463-974-200; and \$13,017.88 from the Contractual Services Contingencies Fund, Account No. 101-447-818-600. Also included in the final project cost is \$1,945.65 for Contractor permitted damaged walk, with these costs to be charged to the Forfeited Bond Fund, Account No. 101-000-658-702; and

2. To allocate project costs as set forth in the summary outlining the final allocation of costs for the 2025 Sidewalk Program (25-G) attached to the aforesaid communication.

Steve King, Coventry Gardens, requested information regarding the final pricing of the item and suggested more items be taken care of in-house.

Rhonda Snyder, Ingram St., expressed frustration over the lack of complete sidewalks connected to the main roads around the library and recreation center.

Greg Ralko, Golf Ridge Villa, questioned the reasoning for the sidewalk by Greenmead not going all the way to the corner.

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

#46-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Assistant City Engineer, dated January 2, 2026, 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, the Council does hereby authorize and accept the quote of Joe Rotondo Construction Corp., 38807 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 2, Livonia, Michigan 48150 ("Rotondo"), for performing all work required in connection with the 2026 Sidewalk Repair Program (Contract 26-G) by extending their Contract 25-G unit prices for Contract 26-G, and determines as follows:

1. To waive the formal bidding process under 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;
2. To extend contract 25-G unit prices for Contracts 26-G and 27-G and approve the 2026 Sidewalk Repair Program in an amount not to exceed \$909,663.50 payable to Joe Rotondo Construction Corp., 38807 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 2, Livonia, MI 48150. The award should be based on the bid unit prices from Contract 25-G and agreed upon inspector days of 110 based on quantities, said amount to be adjusted based upon the quantities of work completed;
3. To authorize a payment not-to-exceed \$30,000.00 to Precision Concrete Inc., 1896 Goldeneye Drive, Holland, MI 49424 for the saw-cutting portion of the 2026 and 2027 Sidewalk Program contracts;
4. To authorize an advance in an amount not to exceed \$268,629.85 (single lot assessments portion of the program) for the 2026 program from the Road, Sidewalk and Tree Fund with the provision that this fund be reimbursed from that portion of the project which is to be financed by special assessment at such time as funds are subsequently received for the payment of bills as assessments by affected property owners;
5. To authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed of \$45,000.00 for the 2026 program from the Unexpended Fund Balance of the Water and Sewer Fund for sidewalk work adjacent to and including water and sewer structure repairs;
6. To authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$670,000.00 for the 2026 program to repair sidewalks heaved by tree roots

from budgeted funds in the Road, Sidewalk and Tree Fund (Account No. 204-447-977-010 Distributed Sidewalk Cost);

7. To authorize an expenditure from budgeted funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 from Account No. 202-451-977-010 (Major Road – Dist. Sidewalk Cost) and \$40,000.00 from Account No. 203-451-977-010 (Local Road - Dist. Sidewalk Cost) for the 2026 program to cover the costs related to the construction or reconstruction of handicap ramps at major and local roads; and

8. To 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; and

9. To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract 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.

Following discussion by Council, a substitute motion was made by Councilmember McDonnell, supported by Vice President Brockway, to extend the contract pricing for one year through 2026.

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

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

President Reid declared the motion to allow the substitute motion failed.

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

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

President Reid declared the motion passed.

John Pastor, Resident, informed Council that costs in this line of work are always increasing and suggested locking in prices rather than constantly putting it out for bid.

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

#47-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the request of Council Vice President Patrick Brockway, at the Study Meeting held January 6,

2026, regarding the subject matter of conducting Council meetings via Zoom to allow Council meetings, and other meetings under the Open Meetings Act, to be conducted in person in conjunction with a virtual option, the Council does hereby refer this item to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and recommendation.

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

#48-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated January 9, 2026, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance and is approved for submission by the Mayor, and to which is attached a list of donations to be accepted, the Council does, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, accept various gifts and cash donations in the amount of \$49,935.00 from the sources indicated therein; FURTHER, the Council does hereby appropriate and credit the amount of \$1,995.00 to Account No. 211-000-674-216, \$7,940.00 to Account No. 270-000-674-010, and \$40,000.00 to Account No. 208-000-674-010, representing the total cash donations for the purposes designated by the donors.

During Audience Communication, Jerry Karasinski, Bainbridge, shared his support for the Livonia Police Department regardless of the decision regarding I.C.E.

Matt Hanson, Quakertown, expressed his frustration with a Councilmember stating that there was a contradiction with their opinion on the approval of a car wash versus their actions and that the recent car wash approval does not meet the standards of the proposed limitation.

Cindy Fleming, Resident, informed Council of her history as a site leader for Livonia Head Start, stated she couldn't get information regarding the safety of her water during a water main break, and requested a review of the emergency preparedness plans.

Erik Fitzpatrick, Rosedale Gardens, requested the revision of Livonia's outdoor lighting policies as they are excessive and cause safety issues.

Frances Janis, Resident, spoke about a recent incident involving I.C.E. and the tragic death of a nurse and requested Livonia not support the organization.

Chris Hench, Cranston, requested sign language interpreters at Council meetings.

Laurie Pohutsky, State Representative, stated there is no legal requirement for the Police Department to work with I.C.E. and urges them to stop as she believes it is unconstitutional and dangerous for residents.

Jenny, Resident, echoed the opinion that the Police Department should not work with I.C.E., stating the dangers it poses, and expressed that she does not feel safe in Livonia.

Mike Martin, Trillium Ct., expressed his hope in Livonia, noted the decreased crime rate in recent times, and stated now is not the time to bring I.C.E. into the City.

Lauren Dugas-Holler, Alexander St., covered a recent violent event involving I.C.E. and feared for the safety of residents.

Samantha Kliman, Ellen Dr., informed the Council of Washtenaw County's recent policy limiting I.C.E. involvement and urged Livonia to be more proactive.

John Pastor, Resident, counter-argued that the Police Department should be working with I.C.E. to enforce the law and stated his belief that while it is unfortunate that citizens have lost their lives it could all be avoided if immigrants properly entered the country.

Greg Ralko, Golf Ridge Villa, requested the Mayor stop everything at the corner of Eight Mile Road and Newburgh due to the pending Circuit Court item as it has yet to be resolved and noted the existence of two Ordinances that he believes the gas station directly breaks.

Laura Shoemaker, Golf Ridge Villa, recalled the events surrounding the Sheetz approval, stating a former Councilmember acted in bad faith, and expressed happiness that phones are no longer to be used during meetings.

Peter Dale, Cranston, recalled his family history of oppression and their escape to the United States, pointed out similarities between those historical events and the recent events involving I.C.E., noted that just because things are legal does not mean they are morally correct, and requested Council to reflect the values of the people to keep everyone safe.

Denise Mika, Resident, requested clarification on the specifics approved regarding the Sheetz site plan as it was not made clear and called for a revision of the item.

Marisa Thomas, Rosedale Gardens, informed Council of her recent residency in Livonia, requested a more proactive and transparent City Council, and expressed that while she is excited to raise a family in Livonia, she also wants to feel safe.

Jordan Foster, Norfolk, stated the unfair treatment that his immigrant neighbors have faced and expressed fear that I.C.E. is not going after criminals as they suggest but rather the citizens standing up for their immigrant neighbors.

Michele Mancini, Merriman Rd., expressed that while she understood a lot of the tragedy involved in the recent incidents involving I.C.E., she believes that it would be wrong to tell the Police Department not to cooperate with federal agencies.

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

#49-26 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Eileen McDonnell, seconded by Councilmember Brandon McCullough, at the Regular Meeting held January 26, 2026, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of procurement practices for contracts above \$30,000.00 in value to the Committee of the Whole for its report and recommendation.

On a motion by Councilmember Budzinski, supported by Councilmember McCoullough, and unanimously adopted, this 2,033rd Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Lori L. Miller, City Clerk