CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD APRIL 8, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. by President Reid. Present: Martha Ptashnik, Vice President Brockway, Brandon McCullough, Eileen McDonnell, Carrie Budzinski, Robin Persiconi, and President Reid. Absent: None.

Elected and appointed officials present: Eric Goldstein, Interim City Attorney; Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director; and Todd Zilincik, City Engineer

Councilmember McCullough led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

During Audience Communication, the following residents spoke: Kathleen McIntyre and Steve King.

NEW BUSINESS

1. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE CITY'S NOISE ORDINANCE: Wafi Barshini, Festival Chairperson, The Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, in order to host a festival with live music in the rear parking lot at 18100 Merriman Road on Friday, August 14, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday, August 15, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. and Sunday, August 16, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

   Wafi Barshini, Festival Chairperson, stated the event is a yearly community get together and any proceeds go to the improvement and maintenance of the church.

   The following residents spoke regarding Item 1: Denise Mika and Steve Johnson.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

2. REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE MAY AS ALS AWARENESS MONTH: Marcia Miller, to raise awareness and honor those affected by the disease.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

3. WAIVER PETITION 2026-02-02-06: submitted by Capital Grille Holdings, Inc., requesting waiver use approval to operate a Class C liquor license (sale of beer, wine and spirits for consumption on the premises), and an S.D.M. liquor license (sale of packaged beer and wine for consumption off the premises) in connection with a full-service restaurant (Capital Grille) at

17117 North Laurel Park Drive, located on the North side of Six Mile Road between North Laurel Park Drive and the I-275 Expressway in the Southeast ¼ of Section 7.

Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director, stated the restaurant is expected to open soon and a waiver of the separation requirement will be needed at the Regular due to the proximity of another licensed business.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING REGULAR

4. WAIVER PETITION 2026-02-02-09: submitted by C3 Michigan, LLC on behalf of The Axe Parlor, requesting waiver use approval to operate a Class C liquor license (sale of beer, wine and spirits for consumption on the premises) at 15970 Middlebelt Road, located on the east side of Middlebelt Road between Sunnydale Street and Terrence Avenue in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13.

Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director, stated the petitioner previously worked with Council in 2023, wishes to relocate her business to a new building, and requests a waiver use due to the nearby establishments.

The following residents spoke regarding Item 4: Steve King.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING REGULAR

5. WAIVER PETITION 2026-03-02-10: submitted by Wade Shows, Inc. requesting waiver use approval to conduct a carnival in the parking lot of the former Sears department store, sponsored by the Livonia AM Rotary Club, consisting of amusement rides, games, and food concessions from May 18, 2026, through June 1, 2026, on the property at 29500 Seven Mile Road, located at the Northwest corner of Seven Mile and Middlebelt Roads in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2.

Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director, stated the carnival is identical to the previous years with the only thing changing being the date.

The following residents spoke regarding Item 5: Jerry Karasinski.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

6. SITE PLAN PETITION 2025-12-08-10: submitted by Charlie Bazzi on behalf of 36300 5 Mile Investment, LLC, requesting site plan approval to demolish the existing gas station and fuel pumps at 36300 Five Mile Road, and construct a new gas station convenience store and fuel pumps, located the Northeast corner of Levan Road and Five Mile Road in the Southeast ¼ of Section 17.

   Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director, stated the petitioner proposes leveling everything and rebuilding the site, the new building would be larger and pushed to the Southeast corner, recommends the brick be extended to the East side of the building, the driveways will be narrowed, and lastly recommends the removal of the LED band lighting.

   The following residents spoke regarding Item 6: Steve King.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

7. REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A NEW CLASSIFICATION: for the position of Assistant Library Director.

   Jeannine Laible, Human Resources Director, requests a name change of a classification that better aligns to its duties.

   The following residents spoke regarding Item 7: Steve King, Donna Willbanks, Jerry Karasinski, and Denise Mika.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING REGULAR

8. REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL BENEFIT: for non-represented City of Livonia employees, non-appointed department heads and appointed department heads for the period of December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2028.

   Jeannine Laible, Human Resources Director, requested additional benefit in order to extend the updated clothing benefit to other employees.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

9. REQUEST ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WAYNE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION AS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ON FEBRUARY 20, 2026: for a period of five (5) years in order to receive funds made available through certain mitigation grant programs, pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Part 201, Section 201.6.c.5 which has been approved for implementation from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Brian Kahn, P.E.M. Director, requests authorization to adopt the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to identify any risks within the city and should any grants come up in the future the plan would allow the city to take advantage of it.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

10. AWARD OF BID AND REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT: for bridge repairs at Idyl Wyld Golf Course, from the Unexpended 409 Golf Course Capital Account.

Douglas Ware, Golf Course Superintendent, requests award of bid to repair bridges at Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

11. AWARD BID: for the replacement of the HVAC and boiler system at Sandburg Library, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, requested award of bid to Guardian Environment to replace the boiler, HVAC, and ancillary systems.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

12. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT: to replace the temperature controls and building automation at the City Hall Annex, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated the majority of the funds are being recovered through a previously awarded grant.

Motion was made by Councilmember McCullough to put the matter on the Consent portion

of the next Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

13. AWARD OF CONTRACT: for the 2026 Sidewalk and Pavement Replacement Program — Water Main Breaks (Contract 26-F)

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, requests an award of contract to Joe Rotondo Construction as the low bidder and stated the contractor has worked on the project in the past.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT: for the Myrna Avenue Water Main Replacement (Hubbard Road to Merriman Road)

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, stated the water main lasted seventy one years, a half mile of water main would be replaced, recommended the low bidder as they had worked with the city previously and does great work.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING REGULAR

15. REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE APRIL AS AUTISM AND HASHIMOTO'S THYROIDITIS DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH: in order to bring civic awareness to these topics and foster better understanding within the community.

Resident, explained Hashimoto’s disease and its symptoms, stated the disease does not get enough attention, and hopes to bring awareness.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

During Audience Communication, the following residents spoke: Laura Wojcik, Jerry Karasinski, and Denise Mika.

ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

For April 20, 2026, Regular Meeting