

**MINUTES OF THE TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTY**  
**REGULAR MEETING MAY 04, 2026**

On May 04, 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 McDonnell led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

**#169-26** RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the 2039<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Council held April 20, 2026, are approved as presented.

During Audience Communication the following residents spoke: Steve King, Denise Mika, Christopher Martin, John Schaefer, John Grzebik, and Greg Ralko.

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

**#170-26** RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Brandon McCullough, supported by Councilmember Eileen McDonnell, at the Regular Meeting held May 4, 2026, the Council does hereby extend the allotted time for speaking to Greg Ralko for an additional ninety (90) seconds during audience communication.

AYES: McDonnell, Persiconi, Brockway, McCoullough, and Reid.

NAYS: Ptashnik.

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

**#171-26** RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Eileen McDonnell, seconded by Councilmember Brandon McCullough, at the Regular Meeting held May 4, 2026, the Council does hereby determine that all departmental purchases between \$15,000 and \$19,999 will be reported to the Committee of the Whole.

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

**#172-26** RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Council Vice President Patrick Brockway, seconded by Councilmember Ptashnik, at the Regular Meeting held May 4, 2026, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of ultralight aircraft to the Law and Education Committee for its report and recommendation.

Item #6 was removed from the Agenda.

New data was announced for Item #7.

A communication from the Department of Finance, dated April 17, 2026, forwarding the Departmental Purchases Report for the month ending March 31, 2026, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication from the Department of Finance, dated April 17, 2026, forwarding various financial statements of the City of Livonia for the month ending October 31, 2025, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication from the Department of Finance, dated April 17, 2026, forwarding the Quarterly Investment Report for the month ending February 28, 2026, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

Item #3 was removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

**#173-26** RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Jackie Gordon, dated March 26, 2026, requesting permission to close Arden Street between Elmira and Orangelawn Streets on Friday, June 12, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a block party with music, food and games, the Council does hereby grant permission as requested, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

**#174-26** RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated March 18, 2026, 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 quote of KAB Enterprises, 3318 Fort Street, Lincoln Park, MI 48146 for performing all work required in connection with the addition of an accessible entrance to the Newburgh Schoolhouse at Greenmead Historical Park, in an amount not to exceed \$55,075.00; the same having been the sole bid received which meets all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$55,075.00 from Historical Fund 270-000-931-000 for this purpose; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia with KAB Enterprises, and to do all things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

**#175-26** RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated March 18, 2026, 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 W.J. O'Neil Company, 35457 Industrial Rd., Livonia, MI 48150, for HVAC preventative maintenance and service at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, Livonia Senior Wellness Center and associated facilities, for the term of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2029, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,042,664.00; the same having been the most qualified bid received and fully responsive to the specifications outlined in the bid documents; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$1,042,664.00 from funds budgeted in Account No: 208-755-818-020 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 W.J. O'Neil Company, and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

**#176-26** RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated April 8, 2026, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase of Site Furnishings, as part of the Shelden Park

Redevelopment Project, from Kerr Albert Office Supply, 1121 Military St., Port Huron, MI 48060, in an amount not to exceed \$49,674.20, the same having been the lowest bid received which meets all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$49,674.20 from funds received from the sale of approved bonding for this project and budgeted in Account No. 418-000-683-000 for this purpose; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute a purchase order with Kerr Albert Office Supply and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

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

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

NAYS: None.

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

**#177-26** RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated March 18, 2026, 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 quote of Cedar Preservation Systems, 28317 Beck Road E-19, Wixom, MI 48383, for performing all work required in connection with the replacement of the A.J. Geer store roof at Greenmead Historical Park, in an amount not to exceed \$23,680.00; the same having been the lowest bid received which meets all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$23,680.00 from Greenmead Maintenance Account No. 101-821-931-220 for this purpose; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia with Cedar Preservation Systems, and to do all things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

The following residents spoke regarding Item #3: Steve King, Betsy Calhoun, Christopher Martin, Greg Ralko, Jerry Karasinski, and Jim Biga.

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

**#178-26** RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated April 6, 2026, approved for

submission by the Mayor, and a communication from Gregory Goodbred and Nick Tomilenko, on behalf of The Rack Charity Poker, which in accordance with the provisions of Section 13.13(10) of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance, takes an appeal from a determination made on March 24, 2026, by the City Planning Commission in its resolution #03-16-2026 with regard to Petition 2026-02-02-08, submitted by Gregory Goodbred on behalf of The Rack Charity Poker, requesting to amend Council Resolution #277-24 granted on August 26, 2024, to The Rack pool hall in connection with the approval of a Class C liquor license, to host charity poker games at 28410 Joy Road, located on the North side of Joy Road between Thorpe Street and Harrison Avenue in the Southeast ¼ of Section 36, and the Council having conducted a public hearing with regard to this matter on Monday, April 20, 2026, the Council does hereby concur in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission and Petition 2026-02-02-08, submitted by Gregory Goodbred on behalf of The Rack Charity Poker, is hereby denied for the following reasons:

1. The proposed expansion of gaming activities is not consistent with the character of the surrounding commercial corridor and may introduce additional impacts, including noise, traffic, and late-night activity, that are not compatible with adjacent uses;
2. The addition of charity poker operations in conjunction with an existing liquor establishment may intensify the use of the site beyond what was originally approved, creating concerns related to over-concentration of such activities and potential negative effects on public safety;
3. The increased intensity of use associated with charity poker events may result in parking deficiencies and circulation conflicts on-site, contrary to the intent of the off-street parking requirements outlined in the Livonia Zoning Ordinance;
4. That the petitioner has failed to affirmatively show that the proposed utilization of a Class C liquor license at this location would comply with all the general waiver use standards and requirements as set forth in Section 6.22 of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance; and
5. Approval of the amendment could establish an undesirable precedent for similar requests within the City, potentially leading to an overconcentration of gaming-related activities in commercial districts without sufficient regulatory controls.

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

**#179-26** RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Planning Commission, dated March 25, 2026,

which transmits Planning Commission Resolution #03-22-2026, adopted on March 24, 2026, with regard to Petition 2026-01-07-01, submitted by the Livonia Planning Commission, requesting authorization by the Livonia City Council to distribute proposed amendments to the Livonia Vision 21 Master Plan, including the addition of Book 5, Housing Sustainability, for public review and comment, and to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed amendments pursuant to P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, the Council does hereby authorize the distribution of the proposed amendments to the Livonia Vision 21 Master Plan, including the addition of Book 5, Housing Sustainability, to all required entities pursuant to state law and refers the proposed amendments to the plan back to the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing and thereafter submit its report and recommendation to the City Council.

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

**#180-26** RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Planning Commission, dated March 25, 2026, which transmits Planning Commission resolution #03-22-2026, adopted on March 24, 2026, with regard to Petition 2026-01-07-01, submitted by the Livonia Planning Commission, requesting authorization by the Livonia City Council to distribute proposed amendments to the Livonia Vision 21 Master Plan, including the addition of Book 5, Housing Sustainability, for public review and comment, and to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed amendments pursuant to P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, the Council does hereby refer this item to the Law and Education Committee for its report and recommendation.

The following residents spoke regarding Item #8: Jim Biga, Jim Baringhaus, John Schafer, Betsy Calhoun, Denise Mika, Naz Cimsit, Greg Ralko, and Jerry Karasinski.

During Audience Communication, the following residents spoke: John Pastor.

On a motion by Councilmember Ptashnik, supported by Councilmember Persiconi, and unanimously adopted, this 2,040<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Lori L. Miller, City Clerk