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**MEETING PACKET FOR THE
SENIOR CITIZENS, FAMILIES AND
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MAY 20, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

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SENIOR CITIZENS, FAMILIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
May 20, 2026
Livonia City Hall Auditorium
33000 Civic Center Drive Livonia, MI 48154
6:00 PM

Members:

Eileen McDonnell, Chair
Carrie Budzinski, Vice Chair
Patrick Brockway, Member

AGENDA ITEM(S)

1. [The subject matter of urban environment concerns. \(CR 42-20\)](#)
2. [The subject matter of senior citizen needs and construction of the new Newburgh Senior Housing. \(CR 38-25\)](#)

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THIS MEETING WILL BE REPORTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2026

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MEMORANDUM

To: Councilwoman Eileen McDonnell
From: Aarica Smith, Director of Government Affairs
Date: May 19, 2026
Subject: Legislative Analysis of CR 42-20

In preparation for the committee meeting on Senior Citizens, Families and Environment on May 20, 2026, I reviewed CR 42-20: The subject matter of urban environment concerns. Please see the history of the subject matter below:

- August 1, 2022: Sam Caramagno of GFL discussed waste management, recycling, and large cart options.
- July 19, 2021: Councilwoman Laura Toy lead a discussion on the EGLE Recycling Cart Grant.
- June 15, 2021: Elizabeth Garver, Environmental Quality Specialist, presented on EGLE Recycling Program.
- February 24, 2021: Committee discussed City's weekly recycling program.

Due to the subject matter of CR 42-20 relating to waste management and recycling efforts, this does not provide the administration with an avenue to provide a report on a topic like RACER Trust. The Administration recommends **no further action** on CR 42-20. Additionally, the Administration recommends that you introduce a new resolution for each topic of which you are seeking a report and recommendation, i.e. RACER Trust, Ford Transmission plant.

Additionally, per the recommendation of the Law Department, resolutions on subject matters should be item-specific rather than broad topics i.e. "The subject matter of RACER Trust" instead of "The subject matter urban environment concerns."

Respectfully,

Aarica Smith



LETTER TO THE LIVONIA CITY COUNCIL

1.

Council Office
March 19, 2026

MEETING DATE

SCFE052026/R060126

PRESENTED BY

Eileen McDonnell Chair
Carrie Budzinski Vice Chair
Patrick Brockway Member

AGENDA ITEM

The subject matter of urban environment concerns. (CR 42-20)

BACKGROUND DETAILS

At the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2022:

Vice President Toy reported out on the subject matter of urban environment concerns as discussed in the Senior Citizens, Families and Environment Committee meeting of August 1, 2022. This item will remain in Committee. (CR 42-20)

A Senior Citizens, Families and Environment Committee meeting took place on August 1, 2022 to discuss this subject matter.

At the Regular Meeting of July 26, 2021:

#243-21 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Public Safety, Health & Environment Committee, dated July 19, 2021, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 42-20, regarding the subject matter of urban environment concerns, the Council does hereby determine to receive updates regarding environmental concerns as needed.

A Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting took place on July 19, 2021 to discuss this subject matter.

At the Regular Meeting Agenda of June 28, 2021:

RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Public Safety, Health & Environment Committee, dated June 15, 2021, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution No. 42-20, regarding the subject matter of urban environment concerns, the Council does hereby determine to receive updates regarding environmental concerns as needed. (CR 208-21)

Laura Toy, as Chair of the Public Safety, Health & Environment Committee, reported out on the meeting of June 15, 2021.

A Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting took place on June 15, 2021 to discuss this subject matter.

At the Regular Meeting Agenda of March 22, 2021:

Councilmember Laura Toy, as Chair of the Public Safety, Health & Environment Committee,

reported out on the meeting of February 24, 2021.

A Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting took place on February 24, 2021 to discuss this subject matter.

At the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2020:

#42-20 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Laura Toy, seconded by Council Vice President Scott Bahr, at the Regular Meeting held February 10, 2020, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of urban environment concerns to the Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee for its report and recommendation.

PREFERRED COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION (Please complete this field. Attachments are not to be used in lieu of the recommendation)

To discuss the subject matter as presented.

ATTACHMENTS

1. SCF080122 Minutes
2. R072621 Subject matter of urban environment concerns CR 243-21
3. PSHE071921 Minutes
4. PSHE061521 Minutes
5. PSHE022421 Minutes
6. R021020 Subject matter urban environment concerns CR 42-20

APPROVED BY

**SENIOR CITIZENS, FAMILIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022**

A Committee meeting was held on Monday, August 1, 2022, in the City Hall Council Chambers on the 2nd floor.

Committee Members Present: Council Vice President, Laura M. Toy, Chair
Councilmember Scott Morgan, Vice Chair

Committee Members Absent: Council President Jim Jolly
Councilmember Scott Bahr
Councilmember Rob Gjonaj Donovic

City Officials and Others Present: Councilmember Brandon McCullough
Councilmember Kathleen E. McIntyre
City Attorney, Paul Bernier
Assistant Director of Public Works, Doug Moore

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES*:
Jim Baringhaus, Chairman Greenleaf Commission
Betsy Calhoun, Greenleaf Commission
Terry Cullum, Greenleaf Commission
John Grzebik, Greenleaf Commission
Michael Shesterkin, Greenleaf Commission
Sam Caramango, GFL General Manager

MEETING CONVENED: 7:02PM

1. **CR 42-20** Subject matter of urban environmental concerns.

Discussion was led by Council Chair Laura Toy regarding waste management. Sam Caramagno, GFL General Manager stated they offer larger carts to accommodate customers and the complaints have been pretty low.

Sam discussed the fuel toll on their trucks. He stated there is 20% or less of recyclables that go into the trash. The recycling goes to New Boston. He indicated that cardboard and paper are good, but plastics vary.

There have been staffing challenges as well as challenges in getting CDL drivers.

Sam offered to provide a tour of the plant to Council.

The Committee recommends:

Councilmember Scott Morgan offered to leave this item in Committee.

Note: This item will remain in Committee for future updates

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of August 22, 2022**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM

2. CR 23-21 Subject matter of sustainability in the City.
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Discussion was led by Council Chair Laura Toy, along with the Greenleaf Commission. There is a need for education on the Tree & Solid Waste Recycling Infrastructure. The Commission recommends recycling solid waste in 65- or 95-gallon containers.

A discussion was held regarding robotic trucks and door to door service for disabled residents, similar to Novi.

A discussion took place regarding recycling bins for yard waste, hazardous waste and organic compost.

It was noted there are recycling grants for larger bins and there should be more community outreach on recycling of solid waste, possibly a phone app and guidelines for recycling.

Councilmember Kathleen McIntyre would like to get information from the Sustainability Committee, while the Chamber could identify with businesses.

Electronic Vehicles (EV) were discussed. Numbers were low last September, another discussion will take place again in October, which will be updated on the City website. EV in Canton, Westland and Northville have vendors for charging stations and offer rebates on fees. E-bikes were also discussed and are very mobile.

Climate change was noted to have seven (7) recommendations in September 2020; high level of greenhouses, temperature changes from 1950-2010 show a 1-degree seasonal increase.

The Committee recommends:

1. Recommendation for Administration to look at an ordinance on e-bikes following the State Law.

Note: This item will remain in Committee for future updates.

This item is to be placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda of August 22, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Laura M. Toy, Chair

#243-21 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Public Safety, Health & Environment Committee, dated July 19, 2021, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 42-20, regarding the subject matter of urban environment concerns, the Council does hereby determine to receive updates regarding environmental concerns as needed.

This item will remain in Committee.

<i>UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEM 18a (Regular Meeting of July 26, 2021)</i>
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Councilmembers Present: Donovic, Jolly, Toy, Bahr, White, McCullough, McIntyre
Councilmembers Absent: None

PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021

A Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 19, 2021.

Committee Members Present: Laura M. Toy, Chair
Brandon McCullough, Vice Chair
Rob Gjonaj Donovic

Committee Members Absent: None

City Officials and Others Present: Cathy White, Council Member
Tom Goralski, Acting Police Chief
Dave Heavener, Fire Chief
Paul Bernier, City Attorney
LaShawn Thomas, Director of Governmental Affairs
Josh Sabo, Director of Communications
Jim Baringhaus, Chairman Greenleaf Commission
Betsy Calhoun, Greenleaf Commission Member
John Grzebik, Greenleaf Commission Member
Michael Shesterkin, Greenleaf Commission Member

See attached attendee report.

The meeting convened at 7:10 p.m.

1. CR 42-20 Subject matter of urban environment concerns.

The meeting was led by Committee Chair, Laura Toy. Beginning discussion took place regarding the EGLE Recycling Partnership Cart Grant. Getting an early start could provide 20% of the grant to use towards recycling, which would need to be completed and submitted by the deadline of August 18, 2021.

Suggestions of grant uses were made:

- Roads and pathways in the Fall of 2022
- Use 64-gallon bins, which are partially made of recycled materials

Councilmember Brandon McCullough mentioned an Innovation grant offered by NextCycle Michigan that could be used toward creating pathways made of recycled materials. He offered a resolution to complete and submit both of the recycling grant applications.

Comments were made that people are ready to move on. The 2015 contract with the recycling company expires in 2 (two) years and we need a process for now and in 2 (two) years from now. Historical data will show where we are and what we need to move forward.

An education session was suggested as an important tool to inform residents of how to properly recycle.

Large discussion took place regarding the repurposing of trees. Money could be available from the State to assist.

The Tree Committee will be discussing a tree ordinance to include tree credits and landmark trees.

The Committee recommends:

- A resolution for the Community Resources and Communications Department along with the Director of Governmental Affairs to complete and submit both recycling grant applications prior to their deadlines.
- Receiving updates regarding environmental concerns as needed.

Note: This item will remain in committee for further discussions

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of July 26, 2021**

2. CR 111-18 Subject matter of measures to retain employees within the Police and Fire Divisions of the Department of Public Safety.

Acting Police Chief, Tom Goralski began the discussion, stating that the police force is down by 31 (thirty-one) officers, in addition to the lack of dispatchers and others due to problems with the media along with unemployment assistance that was provided due to COVID.

The budget goal is 189 employees for a full department. The Defined Benefit Plan could supply a larger pool of people for recruitment. On August 1st, they will begin an experiment of using 12-hour shifts.

He is hopeful for more employees by September and is aggressively trying to recruit hire and retain officers. It was noted that 1:7 tend have a background in the military.

The State Police provides an 18-week academy while Livonia provides a 10-week academy for Certified Officers with lateral pay.

Fire Chief Heavener explained that the Fire Department has experienced different challenges. During exit interviews, the employees were going to other Fire Departments with a Defined Benefit Plan. Now that the Defined Benefit Plan is back for the Livonia Fire Department, it has helped, but they are still down by eight (8) employees. Fully staffed should be 82 employees. The applicant pools aren't the same. They are using lateral pay as an initiative for applicants, which offers five (5) steps of pay.

He has a partnership with Schoolcraft College that provides a dual enrollment program. Livonia and Clarenceville students that are 18 years of age can receive 20 (twenty) college credit hours.

Note: This item will remain in committee for further discussions

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of July 26, 2021**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

		
Laura M. Toy Chair	Brandon McCullough Vice Chair	Rob Gjonaj Donovic Member

cc: City Clerk, City Attorney

Attachment - Attendee List

PLEASE RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING

MEETING: PUBLIC SAFETY HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021

TIME: 7:00 PM

NAME

ADDRESS

Michael Shestovkin

Betsy Calhoun

Chas ~~St~~

JOHN GRZEBIL

TOM GOZALSKI

DAVE HEAVNER

CASHAWN THOMAS

city hall



PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021

A Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 virtually via Zoom.

Committee Members Present: Laura M. Toy, Chair
Brandon McCullough, Vice Chair
Rob Gjonaj Donovic

Committee Members Absent: None

City Officials and Others Present: Cathy White, Council Member
LaShawn Thomas, Director of Governmental Affairs
Leo Neville, Assistant City Attorney
Donald Rohraff, Director of Public Works
Jim Baringhaus, Chairman Greenleaf Commission
Michael Shesterkin, Greenleaf Commission Member
John Grzebik, Greenleaf Commission Member
Betsy Calhoun, Greenleaf Commission Member
Sam Caramango, GFL General Manager

See attached attendee report.

The meeting convened at 7:05 p.m.

2. CR 42-20 Subject matter of urban environment concerns to the Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee.

Elizabeth Garver, Environmental Quality Specialist, led the discussion presenting the EGLE Recycling Program, economic and environmental benefits in Michigan and NextCycle, MI.

Local program opportunities were also discussed:

- Expanding the recycling infrastructure to 45% in Michigan could provide 138,000 jobs, \$9 billion in labor income and \$33B in economic output.
- Utilizing 2019-2020 Market Development and Infrastructure Grants to fund recycle projects, which consists of \$1M for the public, \$3M for private with a required 20% match of the project total. The due date of application is August 18, 2021.
- Forming partnerships with other cities to help finance recycling activities.
- Designate a drop-off station.
- Initiate online recycling partnerships.
- Provide online information to educate residents on how, where, and why to recycle.
- Utilize grow markets for recycled materials.
- Host a demonstration session to educate residents on recycling.
- Zerocycle: Look for money to apply towards pathways and trails.
- Recycling Racoons: Program to help Michigan residents learn how to recycle more efficiently

The Committee recommends:

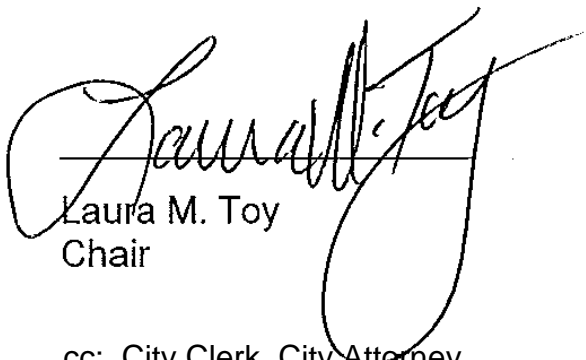
Receiving updates regarding environmental concerns as needed.

Note: This item will remain in committee for further discussions

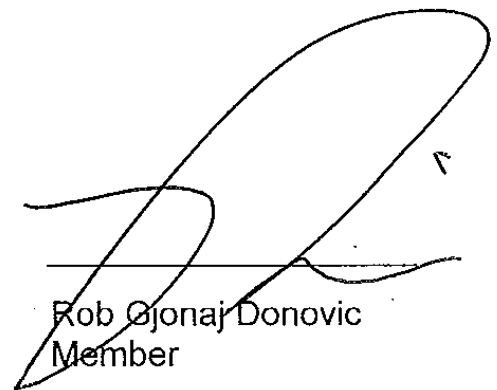
This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of June 28, 2021**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura M. Toy
Chair



Rob Gjonaj Donovic
Member

cc: City Clerk, City Attorney

Attachment - Attendee Report

PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

A Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 virtually via Zoom.

Committee Members Present: Laura M. Toy, Chair
Brandon McCullough, Vice Chair
Rob Gjonaj Donovic

Committee Members Absent: None

City Officials and Others Present: Council President Kathleen McIntyre
Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan
City Attorney Paul Bernier
Dir. of Administration Services Dave Varga
Fire Chief Dave Heavener
Police Chief Curt Caid
Planning & Economic Dev. Mark Taormina
Communication & Marketing Kristin Houchins
City Treasurer Lynda Scheel
Chairman Human Relations Commission Sandy Teeter
Chairman Greenleaf Commission Jim Baringhaus
Janet
Brenda Swartz

See attached Attendee Report (Zoom)

The meeting convened at 7:02 p.m.

1. CR 23-21 Subject matter of sustainability in the City at an upcoming Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting.

A brief history and update was provided regarding the environment and various initiatives by the Greenleaf Commission.

- They have worked with Next Door, a free neighborhood network that has grown substantially.
- They have branched into Next Door for Public Agencies, which allows the City to connect directly into Next Door neighborhood network to communicate directly with residents, allowing their voices to be heard by the City.

Discussion took place regarding the environment with a focus on recycling. Different programs are in place in the City:

- Large, curbside orange bins
- Simple Recycling for textiles and small household items to divert textiles away from landfills to be recycled into other materials.
- Tree City Committee identified native Michigan trees and why they are necessary for the ecosystem.
- Bluestem Energy and DTE was consulted to learn how to develop a renewable energy plan, learning about solar farms and the MI-Power Michigan program
- As climate changes in the City became a concern, 12 sustainability goals have been identified to focus on from the Livonia Vision Master Plan.
- QCI, LLC in Ann Arbor was visited to learn about their ideas for future recycling.
- Newsletters and social media provide Commission updates and events and awards.
- Various Greenleaf Awards have been provided to companies in the City for their green efforts.
- Livonia has been recognized by companies outside of the city for their recycling efforts.
- Plans are being made to conduct a Livonia Sustainability Town Hall and a Climate Change Survey with Livonia Residents in April
- Reviewing plans for an Electric Vehicle Event
- Recycling packets are provided to new residents.

Suggestions were made to host an energy efficiency home workshop to include different business to give tips on energy conservation.

Questions were asked if Lawrence Tech might be able to assist with electric vehicles and the idea of e-bikes was suggested.

The Committee recommends:

Receiving updates from Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability as needed.

Note: This item will remain in committee for further discussions

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of March 22, 2021**

2. CR 42-20 Subject matter of urban environment concerns to the Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee.

Discussion took place regarding forestry concerns in the City. Ideas were presented to repurpose wood and to use urban wood waste and mill. This would include assistance from adult residents and students, which could expose them to careers in natural resources and forestry.

Climate change has shifted the use of materials. More wood has been incorporated in to building structures as a substitute for more carbon intensive materials.

Michigan State has a forestry program to involve students in the process of using cross-laminated timber panels and the use sustainable waste.

Discussion on the City's weekly recycle program took place and a suggestion was made to remind and educate residents of what can and cannot be recycled.

An invitation was given to tour the STEM Teaching and Learning Facility at Michigan State University.

The Committee recommends:

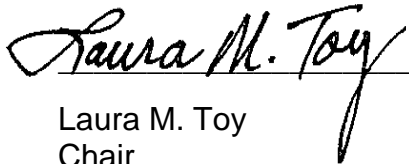
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Note: This item will remain in committee for further discussions

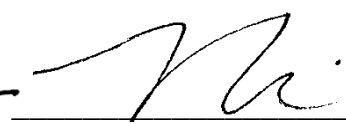
This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of March 22, 2021**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Laura M. Toy
Chair


Brandon McCullough
Vice Chair


Rob Gjonaj Donovic
Member

cc: City Clerk, City Attorney

Attachment - Attendee Report (Zoom)

Public Safety Health and Environment Committee Meeting of 02/24/2021

Panelist Attendee

Kathleen McIntyre, Council President
Paul Bernier
Jim Baringhaus
Maureen Miller Brosnan
Laura Toy, Councilperson
Brandon McCullough, Councilperson
Chris
Richard K Kobe
Rob Donovic, Councilperson

Audience Attendee

Trisha Gabriel
Betsy Calhoun
John Grzebik
Maureen Miller Brosnan
Lynda L. Scheel
Charity Barnes
Mike Shesterkin
Tom Matheson
R. Hughes
LaShawn Thomas
Terry Cullum
Mrs. Mullett
Chris Last
Doug Moore
Richard K Kobe
Sam Caramagno
Nicole Mehelich
Jacob Rushlow

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2020

#42-20 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Laura Toy, seconded by Council Vice President Scott Bahr, at the Regular Meeting held February 10, 2020, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of urban environment concerns to the Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee for its report and recommendation.

REGULAR MEETING OF February 10, 2020

Councilmembers Present: Donovic, Jolly, Toy, Bahr, White, McCullough, McIntyre

Councilmember(s) Absent: None



LETTER TO THE LIVONIA CITY COUNCIL

2.

Council Office
March 18, 2026

MEETING DATE

SCFE052026/R060126

PRESENTED BY

Eileen McDonnell Chair
Carrie Budzinski Vice Chair
Patrick Brockway Member

AGENDA ITEM

The subject matter of senior citizen needs and construction of the new Newburgh Senior Housing. (CR 38-25)

BACKGROUND DETAILS

At the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2025:

Councilmember Budzinski reported on the subject matter of senior citizen needs and construction of the new Newburgh Senior Housing as discussed at the Senior Citizens, Families and Environment Committee Meeting of March 3, 2025, and indicated the matter will remain in committee. (CR 38-25)

A Senior Citizens, Families and Environment Committee Meeting was held on March 3, 2025, to discuss the subject matter as presented.

At the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2025:

On a motion by Councilmember Toy, supported by Councilmember Donovic, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#38-25 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Laura Toy, supported by Councilmember Rob Donovic, at the Regular Meeting held February 10, 2025, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of senior citizen needs and construction of the new Newburgh Senior Housing to the Senior Citizens, Families and Environment Committee for its report and recommendation.

PREFERRED COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION (Please complete this field. Attachments are not to be used in lieu of the recommendation)

To discuss the subject matter as presented.

ATTACHMENTS

1. SCF030325 Min
2. SCFE030325 LTC Newurgh Village construction
3. R021025 Senior citizen needs and construction of Newburgh Senior Housing to SCFE CR 38-25

APPROVED BY

**SENIOR CITIZENS, FAMILIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025**

A Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 3, 2025, in the City Hall Council Chambers on the 2nd floor.

Committee Members Present: Laura M. Toy, Chair
Carrie Budzinski, Vice Chair

Committee Members Absent: Scott Morgan, Member

**City Officials and
Others Present:** Rob Donovic, Councilmember
Lynda L. Scheel, Councilmember
Carter Fisher, City Attorney
Robb Drzewicki, Director of Government Affairs
Madison Bjertness, Housing Director
Jim Inglis, Housing Consultant
Ted Davis, Superintendent Parks and Recreation
Nancy Bosen, Community Transit
Dennis McKinney, Community Transit

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: See attached list

TIME MEETING CONVENED: 7:03pm

1. Subject matter of transportation issues for seniors, families, and other community residents (CR 34-23).

A discussion regarding the subject matter was led by Committee Chair Laura Toy and shall remain in committee for further discussion.

New Liv&Go manager Dennis McKinney presented on the status of Liv&Go, Livonia's transit program. There is currently an office manager, two dispatchers, 17 drivers (2 trainers) and 19 vehicles (although they often have maintenance needs that are outsourced due to the fact there is no in-house mechanic).

Liv&Go offers services to individuals in Livonia from 7am to 6:30pm, Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made through the app (booking up to 2 weeks in advance) or by calling Liv&Go. The app gives real-time updates on rides and offers a payment system.

Ridership continues to grow with Liv&Go and functioning to meet the needs of those who have depended on the service.

Jacob Uhazie presented a mobility study that offered a road map for a phased transit approach to be implemented as needed and when funding is available. *

1. Institute of VIA app - complete
2. Plymouth Road micro transit system to serve approximately 17k with a 3-minivan service
3. Citywide micro transit like Farmington Hills to serve approximately 30k riders
4. Deviated fixed routes
5. Adding a regional connection

Recommendations also included capital investment for maintenance and right sizing the fleet), marking and branding, service improvements to optimize routes, increase in staffing and funding.

*This study was done prior to state changes that would open Livonia up to a regional transit program through a Wayne County millage. This is expected to be a future ballot initiative and could cost Livonia \$5-5.5M. The Administration has been told it will have a seat at the table when Wayne County goes through this process. It has also reached out to Wayne County Executive's office and Regional Transit Authority to demonstrate transit lessons/successes in Livonia through Liv&Go. The Administration also hopes to demonstrate that transit includes bike/walkability and would like funding generated through a millage used in Livonia to fund Bike/Walk Livonia and capital needs of Liv&Go.

The Committee recommends:

- For this item to remain in committee.

NOTE: This item will remain in the Committee for further discussion.

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of March 31, 2025**

2. Subject matter of Parks and Rec offering classes to children with challenges. (CR 267-23)

The discussion of the subject matter was led by Committee Chair Laura Toy.

Parks and Recreation Director, Ted Davis spoke to the services currently offered by P&R for those with special needs. Livonia AIR hosts 3 to 4 social events per season and Livonia is in partnership with Canton through Wayne County for a program called RISE that offers physical classes.

The Recreation Center is also used as a pick-up site for the Living and Learning Center in Northville and the new Senior Center will have a partnership with Mi Work Matters to operate a coffee shop.

These programs are costly, and Parks and Rec is at capacity for services but continues to make park improvements that accommodate those of all needs.

The Committee recommends:

- For this item to remain in committee.

NOTE: This item will remain in the Committee for further discussion.

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of March 31, 2025**

3. Subject matter of senior citizen needs and construction of the new Newburgh Senior Housing. (CR 38-25)

Madison Bjertness gave an introduction as the new Housing Director.

Newburgh Village 2 (tentatively called that but will have a new name) is a 9.5-acre property the city secured years ago and will now develop into affordable 2-bedroom ranch style units. The project is in the early stages and a bond request is in the notice of intent stage.

The utilities for this project are on the correct side of the road and Newburgh is a city road, thus minimizing future challenges. The Fire Department owns a portion of adjacent property that it is willing to work with the Housing Commission for in exchange for a pole barn facility for storage.

This new property will operate the same as Silver and Newburgh Village. It will be self-funded and not a liability to the city.

The Committee recommends:

- For this item to remain in committee.

NOTE: This item will remain in the Committee for further discussion.

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of March 31, 2025**

The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Laura M. Toy, Chair

SENIOR CITIZENS, FAMILIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 7:00PM

NAME

DEPT OR CONTACT INFO FOR NOTIFICATIONS*

*PERTAINING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS MEETING

Ted Daw

P&R

Nancy Bozen

LIV & GO

Dennis McKinley Transit

Jacki Graham

Jacob Uharoe

Planning



LETTER TO THE LIVONIA CITY COUNCIL

3.

Council Office
February 18, 2025

MEETING DATE

SCFE030325/R033125

PRESENTED BY

AGENDA ITEM

The subject matter of senior citizen needs and construction of the new Newburgh Senior Housing.
(CR 38-25)

BACKGROUND DETAILS

At the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2025:

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PREFERRED COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION (Please complete this field. Attachments are not to be used in lieu of the recommendation)

To discuss the subject matter as presented.

ATTACHMENTS

1. R021025 Seior citizen needs and construction of Newburgh Senior Housing to SCFE CR 38-25

APPROVED BY

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2025

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RESOLUTION REQUESTED BY COUNCIL (Regular Meeting of February 10, 2025)

Motion: Toy
Second: Donovic
Ayes: Morgan, Toy, Donovic, Ptashnik, Budzinski, Scheel and McCullough
Nays: None
Absent: None