CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD MAY 18, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 8:17 p.m. by President Reid. Present: Robin Persiconi, Martha Ptashnik, Vice President Brockway, Eileen McDonnell, and President Reid. Absent: Carrie Budzinski and Brandon McCullough.

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

Councilmember Ptashnik led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

During Audience Communication, the following residents spoke: Denise Mika, Steve King, Jim Biga, Christopher Martin, and John Pastor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BLOCK PARTY: Nicholas Scott, to be held Saturday, July 4, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., on Ohio Street, between California Boulevard and Colorado Street, with a rain date of Sunday, July 5, 2026.

   Nicholas Scott, Ohio Street, stated it is the fifteenth year doing the block party, and as the number of children has grown it has become necessary to shut down the street.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

2. BLOCK PARTY: Brittany Matties, to be held Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on Ladywood Street between Sussex and Williams Streets, with a rain date of Sunday, July 26, 2026.

   Brittany Matties, Ladywood Street, requested block party approval as it would be nice for the children to be able to play safely during their event.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

3. BLOCK PARTY: Carol Dobos, to be held Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on Cranston Street between Scone and Perth Streets, with a rain date of Sunday, August 23, 2026.

Otto Dobos, Cranston Street, stated it is the third year of the block party and requested approval.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

4. REQUEST TO AMEND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 402-25: Brandon Grysko on behalf of Mannik & Smith Group and Six Mile, LLC, in connection with Petition 2025-07-02-15, removing a condition from the land-use approval requiring access to Fox Drive.

Brandon Grysko, Mannik & Smith Group, stated there were numerous conditions regarding approval including the addition of a traffic light and access to Fox Drive, the commissioner does not directly control the right of way, requested modification to the conditions as they require working with neighboring facilities.

Jeff Horka, Masco Corporation, emphasized the importance of the traffic light with concerns over traffic accidents and a problem with a landowner being unresponsive regarding a strip of land that is holding up the project.

John Wright, Schoolcraft College, stated the importance of the traffic light regarding safety concerns.

The following residents spoke regarding Item 4: Jim Biga, Jerry Karasinski, and Denise Mika.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING&DENYING REGULAR

5. VACATING PETITION 2026-03-03-01: submitted by Seven Mile/Farmington Venture LP, to determine whether or not to vacate the existing water main and scenic easements at 33500 Seven Mile Road, located on the northwest corner of Farmington Road and Seven Mile Road in the Southeast ¼ of Section 4.

Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director, stated the water lines have all been removed, the easements that still exist are an encumbrance on the property and need to be removed, and the scenic easement no longer functions as originally intended.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

6. REAPPOINTMENT OF SAM CARAMAGNO TO THE LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION: for a three-year term, which will expire on June 9, 2029.

Sam Caramagno, Merriman Rd., requested approval for reappointment stating his happiness to continue working for the City of Livonia.

The following residents spoke regarding Item 6: Christopher Martin, Jerry Karasinski, and 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. REAPPOINTMENT OF PETER VENTURA TO THE LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION: for a three-year term, which will expire on June 9, 2029.

Peter Ventura, Mayfield St., requested approval for reappointment stating his enjoyment contributing to the City of Livonia.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

8. REAPPOINTMENT OF GLEN LONG TO THE LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION: for a three-year term, which will expire on June 9, 2029.

Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director, stated Glen Long has been a long standing member of the Planning Commission and he would like to continue his role.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

9. REQUEST TO EXTEND CONTRACT WITH BOUND TREE MEDICAL: for emergency medical supplies and equipment, not to exceed $130,000.00 annually, from budgeted funds.

Robert Jennison, Fire Chief, requested extension of contract, the contract expired in January, and the contract would be for the next two years with the potential for four, one-year extensions.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

10. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE SEALED BID PROCESS AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) MARKED AND FIVE (5) UNMARKED POLICE VEHICLES UTILIZING THE STATE OF MICHIGAN COOPERATIVE BID PRICING: as part of the annual vehicle replacement program, from budgeted funds.

William Tyree, Police Captain, requested waiver of the sealed bid process as it is part of the annual vehicle replacement program and from budgeted funds.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

11. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND CONTINUE MEMBERSHIP WITH COURTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CLEMIS) AUTHORITY: for the continuity of existing services under the new governance structure.

William Tyree, Police Captain, stated the Police Department has been part of CLEMIS for about thirty years, a new agreement is required, and would like to continue the relationship with CLEMIS.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

12. REQUEST TO RENEW SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER: with ESRI, Inc., for the City’s Geographic Information System (GIS) for a period of one year, from budgeted funds.

Casey O’Neil, Information Systems Director, stated the GIS platform allows for critical mapping and special analysis capabilities with twenty additional users this year.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

13. REQUEST TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR CARETAKING SERVICES IN THE HISTORICAL VILLAGE AT GREENMEAD: with independent contractor, Jeffrey Ronayne, for the period December 1, 2026, through November 30, 2028, with an option to renew for two

(2) additional two-year terms.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, requested approval for the contract as Jeffrey has held the position since 2019 and has done a wonderful job.

The following residents spoke regarding Item 13: Christopher Martin.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

14. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION: from Michiganense Natives to be used for the purpose as designated by the donor.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated the Greenleaf Commission helps sponsor a native plant sale with Michiganense Nursery, in return a donation was made, and requests approval for acceptance of the donation.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

15. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION: from the Michigan Recycling Coalition, to educate and provide outreach to Livonia residents on the City's recycling program.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated the Greenleaf Commission was instrumental in receiving the grant, he stated they are trying to improve their recycling approach, and requests acceptance of the donation.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

16. AWARD OF BID: Ford Field Backstop and Dugout Bench Replacements for Diamond #7, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated due to a good previous pricing in diamond replacement the department is looking to replace the last one left with leftover budgeted funds.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

17. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ROCK SALT FOR ICE CONTROL: utilizing a cooperative bidding process, for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 seasons, with four additional one-year extensions at the approved five percent (5%) per year increase, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated the low bidder became unresponsive, so recommendation was made to stick with Detroit Salt, and the City is upping the allotment this year due to harsh winters.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING REGULAR

18. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE THE SEALED BID PROCESS AND PURCHASE FROM SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER: for the purchase of stormwater, water main and sanitary manhole-related items in an amount not to exceed $200,000.00 annually, for the period of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, from budgeted funds.

Zach Haapala, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated the item is an annual process, the department has worked with the company for a long period of time, and would like to continue their working relationship.

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

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

19. REQUEST TO ADJUST WATER AND SEWER CONSUMPTION RATES, INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL CHARGE: to become effective on July 1, 2026.

Zach Haapala, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated the goal is to set fair water and sewer rates, Great Lakes Water Authority sends the water rate, Wayne County sends the sewer rate, the rate changes are effective July 1st, Finance and DPW collaborate and propose the rates to Council, and gave an extensive breakdown of costs and variables.

The following residents spoke regarding Item 19: Jerry Karasinski and Cindy Fleming.

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

DIRECTION:	APPROVING	REGULAR

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

During Audience Communication, the following residents spoke: James Crowley.

ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm.

For June 1, 2026, Regular Meeting.