

**CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD MAY 10, 2021**

Meeting was called to order via Zoom remote technology at 9:35 p.m. by President Kathleen McIntyre. Present: Laura Toy (Livonia, Michigan); Scott Bahr (Livonia, Michigan); Cathy White (Livonia, Michigan); Brandon McCullough (Livonia, Michigan); Rob Donovic (Deployed); Jim Jolly (Livonia, Michigan); and President Kathleen McIntyre (Livonia, Michigan). Absent: None.

Councilmember Laura Toy led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected and appointed officials present: Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development; Todd Zilincik, City Engineer; Paul Bernier, City Attorney; Susan Nash, City Clerk; LaShawn Thomas, Director of Governmental Affairs; Curtis Caid, Chief of Police; Denise Maier, Director of Human Resources; Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation; Sara Kasproicz, Manager of Council Office; Doug Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works; and Casey O'Neil, Director of Information Systems.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

NEW BUSINESS

1) REQUEST TO BARRICADE CITY STREETS: Jennifer Hewitson, re: from Monday, August 2, 2021 through Friday, August 6, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day on Van Court between 36516 Parkdale and Raleigh, for Vacation Bible School.

The Petitioner not being present, Vice President Bahr stated I believe this is one that comes before us each year, I remember from previous years to my knowledge, there hasn't been any issues with it, it's a positive event, and I offer approving for Consent if there's no objection.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

CONSENT

2) REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARLOTTE MAHONEY TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Office of the Mayor, re: for a six-year term which will expire on June 7, 2027.

LaShawn Thomas, Director of Governmental Affairs, presented this request to Council. She stated I am happy to introduce Charlie Mahoney. Charlie Mahoney is President of 4-M Associates, a community outreach consulting firm here in Livonia. She is a Livonia Civil Service Commissioner and is also the current Chair of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance Workforce Development Board. Ms. Mahoney has spent over thirty years in public service. During her twenty-four year career at DTE Energy, she held

management positions that spanned engineering, customer service, economic development, marketing and governmental affairs. Ms. Mahoney holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government and in Economics from St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. She is on the line and is going to say a few words if she can.

Charlie Mahoney joined the Zoom meeting and stated I listened to the last portion of your meeting at 7:45 p.m. and didn't have a mute button because you don't give them to us, it was a most interesting meeting and I'm happy that you were able to resolve whatever you resolved. But anyway, I know most of you, I think, other than Sara and LaShawn, I really haven't met yet and it's always my pleasure to do something that will take my city forward in any way it can. So it will be a pleasure to work in the economic development role in a city that has lots of promise.

Councilmember Jolly said it would be hard pressed to find somebody that does more for our community or wears more hats than Charlie Mahoney and I'll offer an approving for Consent and thank her for all her service and all her different roles. On a side note, we may want to go Audience Communication at some point just to check the box as well.

Councilmember Toy said I'd like to support Mr. Jolly as well as add to her biography, that's Charlie Mahoney. She's an excellent fundraiser, just excellent. The rumor around town is when you see Charlie coming, run quick, because she does a phenomenal job of collecting dollars from all of us and you can't even feed your dog some weeks, but that's okay, we love Charlie. Also, I just want to add to her resume, she's a phenomenal golfer, so I wanted to add those remarks in because I'd be remiss if I didn't.

Councilmember Donovic said I also wanted to add to Charlie Mahoney's background. When I first started getting involved in our community, so many people were saying you need to meet this person, Charlie Mahoney, you need to meet this person. And I ended up meeting her and she's been amazing and constantly does so much great things for our community and it's really inspiring to see people like her running our community and making a difference. So I'm really excited about tonight and I look forward to the other residents getting involved and engaging in the community like this.

Councilmember White said I just want to add to the accolades to Charlie Mahoney. She is a wonderful person, a person I'm happy to call a colleague, and a friend and she serves on the Civil Service Commission as well and she's just a gem and the City is lucky to have her in our community.

President McIntyre said one more thing, I've always said if there's something good going on in Livonia, the odds are very high that Charlie Mahoney is the driving force behind it and she was recognized, I've now lost count of how many years ago, as Livonia's First Citizen, a very deserving award and I think we're all proud to know her and have her for a friend and appreciate her service in so many capacities to our community.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

CONSENT

3) REAPPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH MCCUE TO THE LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION: Office of the Mayor, re: for a three-year term, which will expire on June 9, 2024.

LaShawn Thomas, Director of Governmental Affairs, presented this request to Council. She stated I am happy to introduce Betsy McCue. Betsy McCue is vice-president, treasury management, sales advisor, at Mercantile Bank of Michigan, a Grand Rapids based bank. Betsy has the diligence to intertwine her career goals with her passion of giving back to her community. She is a former board member of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and the Livonia Zoning Board of Appeals. Currently she acts as Vice Chair of the Plymouth Road Development Authority and is also a board member of the Livonia Community Foundation. Betsy holds a bachelor's degree from Northwood University and a master's degree from Western Michigan University. And I believe Betsy is on the line, too.

Betsy McCue joined the Zoom meeting and said it's hard to follow Charlie as well, so I give my kudos to her. But thank you all for my consideration. Obviously, I've been involved in one way or the other throughout the City. I love the City of Livonia, love being involved and I appreciate all of your consideration, so thank you.

Councilmember Toy said as you heard Ms. McCue is very active and had some great accolades and I without any reservation would her nomination on Consent.

DIRECTION:	APPROVING	CONSENT
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4) REAPPOINTMENT OF CAROL SMILEY TO THE LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION: Office of the Mayor, re: for a three-year term, which will expire on June 9, 2024.

LaShawn Thomas, Director of Governmental Affairs, presented this request to Council. She stated Carol Smiley was appointed to the Livonia Planning Commission in 2002. She credits her father for sparking her interest in planning as she would often work in his real estate office during her summer breaks from college. Mrs. Smiley was hired from Livonia Public Schools Community Education back in 2002 at the Jackson Center Early Childhood Program Administrator. She and her husband, Jim, are grandparents to six wonderful grandchildren and they also still have time to be active members of St. Maurice, St. Michael's, and St. Aidan parishes. I believe that Mrs. Smiley is on the line.

Carol Smiley joined the Zoom meeting and said I appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve the City in this capacity.

Vice President Bahr said it's always my pleasure to play a role in the reappointment of some of my former colleagues on Planning Commission, so I'd be happy to offer the approval for Carol for the Consent if there's no objection.

President McIntyre stated I'd like to add an editorial comment about Ms. Smiley. I had the opportunity and privilege of serving with Mrs. Smiley on the Planning Commission and was brand new on the Planning Commission and trying to figure things out and Ms. Smiley really took me under her wing and showed me the ropes and helped me get kind of aligned with the Planning Commission much more quickly than I would have had I had to do it on my own and we had Chairman Lee Morrow at the time and Mrs. Smiley was a big part of the reason that things started off on a very good foot for me on the Planning Commission. She and her husband are very active in the community, and I'd just like to add that we appreciate Mr. Smiley's service as a long time lieutenant and member of the Michigan State Police. And their son, Jim, I'm not sure if he's retired or in the process but served as a Captain for the Michigan State Police. So we certainly appreciate the Smileys' many contributions to our community and our State.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

CONSENT

5) REAPPOINTMENT OF IAN WILSHAW TO THE LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION: Office of the Mayor, re: for a three-year term, which will expire on June 9, 2024.

LaShawn Thomas, Director of Governmental Affairs, presented this request to Council. She stated Ian Wilshaw came from a family who encouraged him to get involved in community service. He clearly accepted this challenge. Aside from Chairing the Planning Commission since 2016, Mr. Wilshaw has served on the Traffic Commission, and volunteered many hours with the Livonia TV and Livonia Spree. Mr. Wilshaw graduated from Stevenson High School and Schoolcraft College. He and his wife Beth have been married for twenty-five years. And Mr. Wilshaw is on the line, I'm not sure if he wants to say a few words.

Ian Wilshaw joined the Zoom meeting and thanked Ms. Thomas for her introduction. He said good evening President McIntyre and Council. I do want to thank Mayor Brosnan for offering my reappointment for your consideration tonight. It's been an absolute honor to serve the community on the Planning Commission and work with such a talented group of individuals both on the Commission and in our Planning Department and I look forward to continuing to serve the community for the next three years on the Commission with your concurrence.

Councilmember Toy said it would be an honor and a privilege to nominate Ian this evening. I've known Ian's family for many years, I can't believe he's been married for twenty-five years, I remember when he first dated Beth, unbelievable. His brother Jeff and Ian were raised as was mentioned by LaShawn to be part of the community. His mother adores him, he's just an absolute stellar person, as is Ron, his dad. Dorothy did many years on the Spree, in fact I did her eulogy back when she passed, it has to be more than twenty-five years ago. So, these guys, as little guys, and people growing up in Livonia, they can't help it if they went to Stevenson but Ian, I'm so proud of you for the person you've become and what you've done. And your mom would just be tickled

decades and we've enjoyed a great relationship with them. And the new owners as I mentioned have accepted those same values and I think it's prudent that we extend this with the Council's approval and then develop specs to put out for bid early in 2022.

Councilmember Jolly said Chief, what you outlined is an appropriate course forward. Are you able to offer any kind of history on the new owners in terms of their experience in the towing industry?

Caid replied not in great detail. I've had, as I mentioned, I've had some discussion, meeting with them. The individual that is currently or the purchaser, she's minority owner, female, that has been involved in the towing business for I believe a number of years. But specific to her prior experience, I can't address that. I think that will be addressed through the bidding process when we put out for bid. So far, they've been very receptive and certainly accept that contract that we have in place with all the fees that are per ordinance. I've had no concerns in extending this contract under the new ownership at all.

Jolly stated with that being said I'll offer an approving for Consent if there are no objections.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

CONSENT

8) PROPOSED ADDITIONAL POSITIONS AND LEVEL 9 WAGE INCREASE: Civil Service Department, re: to approve the addition of several positions to various Parks and Recreation classification levels and the wage increase for Level 9 starting pay.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, presented this request to Council as Denise Maier's audio was not working. He said I'll try not to mess this up for Ms. Maier and the Civil Service Commission. We're asking for some position additions that went through PRC and our Civil Service Department, both got approvals. A lot of these are housekeeping issues that already existed and we pay contractually, they just were not part of Parks and Recreation's positions due to departmental changes that occurred. We are asking for a couple new positions and an increase with Level 9. New positions were the Greenmead Tour Coordinator, a naturalist and pruner position. And just to reflect, obviously changes in our department and changing needs programming wise in the department and the community, it's always been something I've looked at with a naturalist. It's amazing as many nature preserves we have for a well-established suburban community that we don't make better use of these areas. Part-time programmer, this will enable us to add additional programming. And then a Greenmead Tour Coordinator is really something I think we'd all like to see Greenmead get more use and right now we're so reliant on volunteers we think there's an ability to do more with some paid staff. I'd be happy to answer any questions Council might have on these positions.

Denise Maier, Director of Human Resources, entered the Zoom meeting with audio. She said I'm sure Mr. Davis did a good summation of what we're looking for and I just

wanted to let you know that the Civil Service Commission did approve this at its meeting of April 21st, 2021 with the understanding this is, as I'm sure he mentioned, this is going to allow us to expand programming and retain quality staff that we already have. So, it was approved and we're seeking approval now from Council.

Councilmember Jolly stated I have just a quick question. So, with Parks and Recreation in the umbrella that that kind of oversees at this point, you're kind in a unique perspective in terms of City departments because you have a fair amount of employees who are not Civil Service and then you have those who are Civil Service. Is there any noticeable way that these people interact with one another, being from the Civil Service side and the non-Civil Service side?

Davis replied I'm not sure I understand the question because most of our employees –

Jolly said a lot of the employees at the Rec Center are not Civil Service, is that correct?

Davis replied actually as far as I'm aware, even if they are part-time seasonal employees but they are still represented by Civil Service.

Jolly then stated in terms of these positions themselves, I'll offer an approving for the Consent Agenda.

Vice President Bahr stated I'd like to keep this on the Regular for now, please.

Councilmember Toy asked is our hope in the future that as we expand Greenmead and look at nuances, to have it somewhat, I don't want to say self-sustaining but surely there's revenue enhancements there from rentals and the Community Gardens and various things, to help pay these other wages we're going to assume with some other folks to beef it up, if you will, and the church, renting that, and the Blue House, etc., the dollars and cents is that going to be helpful in the future do you think or is that maybe a goal we're having or help me out.

Davis replied Councilwoman Toy, I don't know if self-sustaining is ever going to be a true, achievable goal. Obviously, there is a millage that helps support Greenmead right now and I always seeing that being of a need because of its very nature, it's a historical site, it's not going to be revenue neutral. Now, these positions we certainly are hoping that they will be revenue neutral. That isn't to add large amounts of payroll on and that's why these are seasonal part-time positions. We're not adding full-time positions, we are adding seasonal, part-time positions.

Toy said I ask those questions, too, because people that even watch us on Zoom, they're sitting there thinking oh, okay, you know what I mean? What kind of dollars and cents are we getting into, so thank you for clarifying.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

REGULAR

9) AWARD OF BID: Department of Parks & Recreation, re: to remove and replace the existing playground structures at Country Homes Park, from budgeted funds.

Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, presented this request to Council. He stated we are looking for approval for a playground replacement project at Country Homes Park. If you've seen the attachments, you have seen a proposed playground that we'd like to install there. We had several bidders apply for this, actually I believe four bids were submitted for this. We had a selection committee, representative of DPW, employees, and Parks and Recreation staff, that evaluated the proposals and our recommendation is for Miracle Recreation Equipment receive the bid for this and I'd be happy to answer any questions Council might have.

Councilmember McCullough asked if this is just going to be mulch, this is not that synthetic rubber, correct, and Davis replied correct.

McCullough said it looks cool, you do have, instead of a spinning globe or sphere, you've got like a spinning little evergreen tree, which is kind of fun. I've got to give you guys kudos because it's always innovative, it's always fun when it comes to designing playgrounds and this looks just in par with the innovation that you bring forward. If there are no objections, I'd be happy to put an approving on Consent.

Vice President Bahr said I went out and looked at this playground equipment as I often like to do when you bring these to us, it definitely looks old mainly because of the fading of the colored plastic pieces, but besides the appearance what's driving the need to replace this?

Davis said so we look at a couple of things, obviously, I mean appearance isn't really part of the equation. It's the age of the equipment, it's use, location. We try to look at neighborhoods that are skewing younger, that have schools there, that we're getting a lot of feedback on. Also, this I believe is the second oldest playground set we have in the system, Stymelski being the oldest right now. So, again, typically we look at a 20-year replacement cycle; I believe this is entering year twenty-three. This was actually budgeted for last year and we carried this over.

Bahr asked if that 20-year replacement cycle, just out of my own curiosity, has that always been the case for Livonia or is that something we implemented recently?

Davis replied that's pretty much industry standard and that's what we've been doing since I got here, that has been the goal. Obviously, we're behind on this and I don't know if we'll ever fully catch up with a 20-year replacement cycle for everything, but that is the goal.

Bahr said this park definitely seems to get a lot of heavy use, when I was out there this evening prior to this meeting it was literally crawling with kids over that existing equipment.

Davis said one other thing, we're also going to add accessible pathways as well which we don't currently have there, so that will increase accessibility to the site and the equipment.

McCullough asked Davis if he has on staff a certified playground inspector and Davis replied DPW conducts the inspection, that's why we include them when we go through and evaluate proposals, we want their input because they're obviously going to be the ones who inspect it and tell us where we have deficiencies in the system as well.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

CONSENT

10) REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2021 FORD F150 PICKUP TRUCK USING STATE OF MICHIGAN AND MACOMB COUNTY CONSORTIUM BID PRICING: Department of Public Works, re: from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Public Service, presented this request to Council. He stated I have several items in front of you tonight. The first item is an F-150 pickup truck. It was requested and approved in the 2021 Capital Outlay Budget. The truck will be used in Building Maintenance. It's going to be used to move personnel and material and custodians around. It's being purchased through the State Bid from Signature Ford of Owosso in the amount of \$32,732.00. It would be outfitted with a plow, safety light package, spray in bed liner and a toolbox through the MIDEAL from Truck & Trailer Specialties of Howell in the amount of \$13,635.00. there will be a vehicle that will be disposed of through the auction process so the fleet will not increase and we are asking Council to approve the purchase for a total of \$46,367.00 through the two mentioned vendors.

Councilmember White offered an approving resolution for the Consent Agenda.

President McIntyre opened the floor for Audience Communication.

Betsy Calhoun addressed Council saying I would like to personally urge Council to think about the timing of purchasing new Ford 150s with the combustion engine. Ford is coming out with electric ones next year and they are saying now that it will be the lowest cost of ownership for any of their F150 lines. So, over the life of the vehicle it will be the cheapest F150 around. Also, Chevy Silverado is working on something targeted for the end of the year for Ford fleet vehicles. Again, the savings is something to consider just for the savings and cleaner air for our residents. If there were ever any time to defer for a year, this would be a time to do it. If you want to order it, you should probably order it ahead of time because they'll be hot.

Councilmember McCullough said Ms. Calhoun, I absolutely agree, I think this would be a great time to start going for sustainability. I know a pre-budget and I'm sure Mr. Moore would agree that they are probably something of need probably right now to get some of these vehicles. But I am taking notes. I know that obviously from a price point standpoint, it would be a good time. There is another thing with the MIDEAL pricing,

which is a cooperative purchasing agreement, we're getting these vehicles as/is right now at substantial discounts since it's State procured. But that is definitely something we can definitely look into from a budget perspective. I think that ROI with saving energy and lowering our carbon footprint is very imperative and something we should trend in that direction.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

CONSENT

11) REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) CATERPILLAR MINI EXCAVATOR THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL (FORMERLY NJPA) PURCHASING AGREEMENT: Public Works Division, re: for use by the Roads Department, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Public Service, presented this request to Council. He said this was requested and approved in the 2021 Capital Outlay Budget. The piece of equipment would be used by the Roads Section but it is available for all DPW to use. It's a small excavator on tracks, used in backyards, smaller areas and restricted workspaces where larger equipment does fit well or at all. Often these restricted work areas require hand digging, it can be moved on the current trailers that we have in the fleet. We are purchasing it through Sourcwell from Michigan Caterpillar out of New Hudson in the amount of \$22,528.96. This is a new piece of equipment so we are increasing the fleet by this unit.

Councilmember Toy offered an approving resolution for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

CONSENT

12) REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2021 FORD F350 4X4 FLATBED TRUCK THROUGH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND MACOMB COUNTY BID PROCESS: Public Service Division, re: for use by the Roads Department, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Public Service, presented this request to Council. He stated this piece of equipment was requested and approved in the 2021 Capital Budget. This will be assigned to the Roads and Parks Section; it's going to be used for construction related projects. The purchase of the chassis and the cab will be through the State bid process from Signature Ford out of Owosso in the amount of \$30,961.00. The outfitting of the truck which includes toolboxes, snowplow, municipal light packages will be accomplished through the City of Rochester Hills Cooperative Agreement. The servicing dealer for this work will be Truck and Trailer Specialties of Howell in the amount of \$32,579.00. We will dispose of a like vehicle in the auction process. The fleet will not be increased. The total cost is \$63,540.00 for this vehicle.

Councilmember McCullough stated everything is in line, paperwork looks good, and it's through cooperative purchasing, so I'll offer an approving for Consent.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

CONSENT

13) REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE TWO (2) DUMP TRUCKS THROUGH THE ROCHESTER HILLS CO-OP AWARD AGREEMENT: Public Service Division, re: for use by the Roads Department, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Public Service, presented this request to Council. He stated the trucks were requested and approved in the 2021 Capital Budget. These will be assigned to the Roads Maintenance Section. They'll be front line trucks for snow and ice control, leaf pick-up program, the bulk brush pick-up program. The trucks are 2021 Freightliners, the supplying dealer is Wolverine Freightliner out of Mt. Clemens. The trucks will cost \$176,560.00. Upfitting will be done by Truck & Trailer Specialties of Howell. The total cost for that work will be \$202,140.00. That will include the computerized system CompuSpread which controls the salt application process, all equipment needed for salt applications, brine tanks for spreading brine on the roads, front snowplows and specialty lights for the trucks working on the roads. The total cost to purchase and upfit the two trucks is \$378,700.00 and we will be disposing of two older trucks in the auction process.

Vice President Bahr offered an approving resolution for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

CONSENT

14) REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FOUR (4) 2021 FORD F250 PICKUP TRUCKS THROUGH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND MACOMB COUNTY BID PROCESS: Public Service Division, re: for use by the Water Department, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Public Service, presented this request to Council. He stated these pick-ups were requested and approved in the 2021 Capital Budget. They will be used in the Water and Sewer Section. Each truck costs \$28,937.00 for a total of \$115,748.00 for the four trucks. Outfitting of the trucks will be done through the Rochester Hills Co-Op Agreement and that will be done by Truck and Trailer Specialties of Howell in the amount of \$31,625.00 for a total of \$126,500.00 for the four trucks. That includes plows, light packages, air compressors, sprayed in bedliners and the safety lighting. The total amount of the purchase will be \$242,248.00 and we will be getting rid of four vehicles in the auction process.

Councilmember White offered an approving resolution for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

CONSENT

15) REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE TWO (2) 2021 FORD F150 PICKUP TRUCKS THROUGH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND MACOMB COUNTY BID PROCESS: Public Service Division, re: for use by the Water Department, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Public Service, presented this request to Council. He stated these were requested and approved in the 2021 Capital Budget. The trucks will be used in the Water and Sewer Section. Purchase price is \$32,732.00 for one truck for a total of \$65,464.00 for both. The outfitting of the trucks will be done through Truck & Trailer Specialties of Howell in the amount of \$13,635.00 for one truck for a total of \$27,270.00. The total purchase price from the two vendors is \$92,734.00 and we will be getting rid of two vehicles in the auction process, the fleet will not be increased.

Councilmember Jolly offered an approving for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

16) REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) FREIGHTLINER TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK THROUGH THE ROCHESTER HILLS CO-OP BID PROCESS: Public Service Division, re: for use by the Water Department, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Public Service, presented this request to Council. He stated this truck was requested and approved in the 2021 Capital Budget. It's going to be used in the Water Section for water breaks. Materials will be hauled out of the hole and new materials will be brought back. The truck will replace an older tandem axle dump truck, I believe the truck was brought online in 2011. The maintenance costs for that vehicle is exceeding its value and that will be disposed of through the auction process. The purchase price of the truck is \$100,532.00. The upfitting of the truck which means the box being added, the safety lights and some of the ancillary items will be done by Truck & Trailer Specialties of Howell in the amount of \$40,425.00. The total purchase price is \$140,957.00.

Councilmember Donovic asked Moore when the older trucks go to the auction, what happens to the proceeds from the vehicles that are sold at these auctions?

Moore replied they receive the check and send it to the Finance Department; I believe they go into a revenue account. The funds get turned over to the Finance Department and used as needed.

Donovic then offered an approving resolution for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

17) WAIVER PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2021-03-02-04 submitted by EJB Enterprises L.L.C. requesting to operate a full-service restaurant with drive-up window facilities (Biggby Coffee) located on the east side of Ann Arbor Road between West Chicago Boulevard and Ann Arbor Trail (38047 Ann Arbor Road) in the Northeast ¼ of Section 31.

Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development, presented this request to Council. He stated this is a request for Biggby Coffee at the Sunny Village Shopping Center, which is on Ann Arbor Road, just west of the intersection with Ann Arbor Trail. The zoning of the property is C-1, Local Business. The layout for the Biggby shows a total of 34 seats for the restaurant; typically we restrict seating in the C-1 Districts to 30, in this case the Petitioner is asking for four additional seats and this is something Council can do by way of a separate resolution and has been done in instances in the past. So, as you can see from the diagram Sunny Village is a three building, multi-tenant retail complex. The Biggby Coffee would be located here at the north end of the shopping center. If you see that little projection right there, that's actually the overhang of what used to be an old bank. So what the Petitioner wants to do is take advantage of the fact that this building already has a drive-up and it would be situated here, the north end cap of that building. This shows how the stacking would work behind the building. There's some parking spaces back here currently, those would be eliminated and relocated on the site. There's ample parking available. The loading zone would be preserved for stacking as I mentioned as well as the by-pass lane. The canopy over here where the pick-up is already located for this unit. The Planning Commission reviewed this item and thought that it was a good use for this corner. This is actually a relocation, Biggby is currently located at Ann Arbor and Newburgh, about a third of a mile from this location with no drive-up facilities. So, this would replace that restaurant and offer the drive-up opportunity.

Councilmember Toy said anything we can do to help these businesses in these strip centers, I'm pretty familiar because there's a McDonald's building here on the left if I'm not mistaken. Whatever we can do, drive-thru, that is like gold right now, so I'm going to ask for approving and it's up to Council if they it Regular or Consent since I'm jumping out early.

Councilmember McCullough said the Petitioner is the one that put forward the other Biggby development at Middlebelt and Plymouth and just what I'm seeing at the present, he's been doing an incredible job with showing innovative development to some of our older strip malls around the City. So, from that I think this is a great development, again, echoing what Councilmember Toy said, this is the new way of commerce and business is to try to keep that drive-thru rolling from the public pandemic. So, I think this is a great thing, I'm excited for it, and wish you the best.

Councilmember Donovic stated I think my question has already been answered, I wasn't 100% certain if the Petitioner was the Petitioner from the previous location or the location at Newburgh and Ann Arbor Road right there. I guess out of curiosity, that Family Video corner, would be vacant, right, they'd be moving the Biggby down the street is that correct and Taormina answered in the affirmative.

President McIntyre stated I agree with what Councilmember McCullough said, you're willingness to invest in existing properties in Livonia and add some economic activity and vitality, it's great. Does Biggby offer an app like the national chains do, where you

can order ahead of time and pull up and your drink is ready or are all the drive-thru orders processed as you drive through? Because I used to go to Biggby's a lot, when there were locations that were convenient on my commute in the ways about town, unfortunately a number of those closed, so I'm not as familiar with Biggby as I used to be.

Ed Buisson, 37403 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, thanked Council for burning the night oil here with us and doing what you can. So, yes, a few months ago Councilman McCullough did speak correctly that I did petition for that site on Plymouth and Middlebelt, so that is our second location. And as Mr. Taormina pointed out, this would be a relocation of our current site. So, we've been in Livonia there for seven years. We were lucky enough that our lease ending on the Family Video site and that we were able to find a suitable location to add a drive-thru facility within the same area really. You know if you remember my story, I grew up in Livonia, go blue and white, so you know I love being here and I want to do what I can for the community and help these buildings and businesses and what not stay afloat. To answer your question, Madam President, we are developing an app for mobile ordering ahead. Our site is actually one of the test sites for that, so you can go online, place an order, and we'll have it ready for you when you are ready to pick it up.

President McIntyre said my question didn't go to whether or not I thought this was a good project, but a way to compete with the national chains as I'm sure you know because you know your competition well. I think that seems to be a key attribute or benefit that Starbucks has, is that you can order very easily. And I will say this, they one of the better online ordering apps of all the chains I'm familiar with. So, I'm delighted that Biggby is going to be getting one and I think it's wonderful that you're going to be a test site. And we're just delighted that you're staying in Livonia and finding existing spaces to put your great businesses.

Councilmember Toy offered an approving resolution for the Consent Agenda.

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18) WAIVER PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2021-03-02-05 submitted by MNB Dining Inc. requesting to expand the existing food service operation and Class C Liquor License of the existing restaurant (Thomas's Family Dining) to include an outdoor dining patio located on the south side of Plymouth Road between Farmington and Stark Roads (33971 Plymouth Road) in the Northeast ¼ of Section 33.

Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development, presented this request to Council. He stated this is a Petition about Thomas' Restaurant, I think everyone is familiar with the location on Plymouth Road. This is the Zoning Map I wanted to show you, showing the split zoning where the restaurant and all the parking is located is zoned C-2, Commercial. And then the southerly portion of the site is zoned Parking and that part of the property currently is undeveloped. But the patio would go here in the front part of the building, between the building and Plymouth Road and now the

setback is about 60 feet for the building; the patio would extend roughly 23 feet, so between the building and the front edge of the monument sign is where the patio would be constructed. This highlights the area on where it would go but this is the illustration showing what the patio would actually look like. Seating for the patio would be, I believe, about twenty or twenty-two spaces. This will increase the parking requirement resulting in a parking deficiency, so the Petitioner has the option of going before the Zoning Board of Appeals for that parking deficiency or alternatively land banking the parking. As I showed you originally, and then that Parking District, while he would not be required to build the parking spaces at this time, he could show them on the plan and if ever in the future he was required to build those, that area would be available. But this would avoid the need to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals. That again is a second option. This does involve the operation of a Class C Liquor License, the two other Class C Licenses within the 1,000 feet of this so it will require a waiver of that requirement. They currently operate a Class C License at Thomas' but because this is an expansion of that use, it will require the same approval that was required originally, that is the separation requirements of the other two businesses which by the way is Plymouth Roadhouse Bar & Grill and Woodland Lanes. This is the detailed landscape plan; the Planning Commission loved it and is recommending approval. I failed to mention, and I apologize, the patio will be completely fenced, there will be access between the restaurant into the patio so that's restricted, something that we look for with the serving of alcohol in this area, and there would be a secondary egress gate provided that would go directly to the sidewalk in the parking lot.

President McIntyre asked the Petitioner if he would like to make any comments before going to Council and the Petitioner replied he is present to answer any questions.

Councilmember Toy said I had an opportunity to eat in your restaurant a few days ago, the food is always, always excellent, the service is outstanding. I'm so glad that you decided to go outside a little bit here and do the kinds of things you're doing. He's already invested a lot of money in there and kudos to you. And once again, Madam Chair, I'm going to jump out early and ask for an approving on this. He does an outstanding job, he's a great businessman, he's a great owner down there, he's a Plymouth Road neighbor, and he deserves the very best. So thank you for doing your business in Livonia and being on top of it.

Vice President Bahr said I'll go a step further and offer it for Consent.

Councilmember McCullough said I don't see any issues with it, I love this, I think he's checked all the boxes and more outdoor dining along Plymouth Road is a good thing.

Councilmember Donovic said I just briefly wanted to add that with the hospitality industry, the local family run restaurants like Thomas', it's extremely difficult with Covid and to find efforts to operate to compete against the large chain restaurants with millions in their bank accounts. I really look forward to this and beautiful job.

President McIntyre thanked the Petitioner for investing and reinvesting in his restaurant and thank you for continuing to invest in your restaurant in our City and I also want to say thank you for everything that you do for our community. You run a great business and you're very generous and a very much appreciated member of the community, so thank you for all that.

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19) WAIVER PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2021-03-02-07 submitted by Sheldon Center, L.L.C., to expand the existing commercial shopping center, Sheldon Park Village (33111 thru 33251 Plymouth Road), to include the construction and operation of a freestanding full-service restaurant with drive-thru facilities (Dairy Queen), and the construction of a second freestanding building in preparation of operating a limited-service restaurant with drive-thru facilities, located at the southeast corner of Plymouth and Farmington Roads in the Northwest ¼ of Section 34.

Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development, presented this request to Council. He stated this Petition involves the construction of two new commercial out lots that they'll add to Sheldon Park Village, which as you know is at the southeast corner of Plymouth and Farmington Roads. Both of the out lots are for restaurants that will have drive-up operations; one, as you mentioned is for a Dairy Queen and the other is for a restaurant that has yet to be identified. Sheldon Park Village as you can see here in the aerial photograph is a large site, just under 11 acres in size, over 600 feet of frontage on both Farmington Road and Plymouth Road. The main building is about 80,000 square feet is anchored by the Rite-Aid at one end, there's a Michigan Lottery, Dollar General, Larry's Foodland, and Chris' Furniture, just to mention a few other tenants there. And then a smaller building located with frontage on Farmington Road; that building is about 9,000 square feet. So both of the out lot buildings, and I'm showing you the plans that you approved in 2016 and that project approved the Jimmy John's Restaurant which is located here, as well as two future out lot buildings. So, the site plan that was approved showed these two out lot buildings. The one in the middle is where the Dairy Queen would go, and the one on the left hand side here is the other restaurant with drive-up operations. This is the detailed site plan today showing both of the new restaurant pads and buildings. The Dairy Queen, as I said, would occupy the middle out lot. The drive-up operations as you would expect would be on the east side of the building, the traffic lane serving the drive-up would commence on the west side of the building, wrap around the back and then to the east side where the pick-up window would be located. There would be outdoor dining available at the restaurant. The building is one-story in height, roughly 2,600 square feet in total size. Inside the building would be 48 customer seats, the patio would provide an additional 18 seats, so seating is roughly 66 altogether. The stacking lane, the opportunities for a bypass, once you get past this point, there's just a small portion of an area behind the building where a bypass opportunity would not be available but as you can see here, the bypass would be available for most of the west side of the building as well as the east side once you get past this point in the queue. One way circulation would be provided around the building. The other restaurant as you can see would

have a similar type of circulation pattern one way in this case on the east side of the building; there would be a two-way aisle on the west side. And all of the parking and circulation is really a continuation of the parking lot and the drive aisle that are currently in place. As you drive by the site currently this area is fenced off but all of the parking that is shown here in the lighter shade of grey is existing. It's only the area of impact is really the darker area here, including the two buildings. There would be a common dumpster located here, landscaping around each of the buildings. The Dairy Queen design includes a combination of brick as well as metal panels, a fairly small amount of EIFS, which is really in the form of the signs on the west side of the building. These would have to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals, in fact, the whole signage package exceeds what the ordinance allows. So, that's something that the ZBA would have to act on. I don't have all of the signage details at this time but the Planning Commission is recommending that that issue be reviewed and resolved to the satisfaction of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The other building is really designed to mimic the design of the other, the main buildings, and a complete facelift then for the shopping center buildings. And for the smaller restaurant, is really in tune with what was done with the other out buildings. Parking is adequate for the site, in fact, there's a slight overage in parking. No new curb cuts would be added for the restaurant. And as I mentioned signage is something that still has to be reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilmember McCullough said I don't know who is more happy, myself or my six-year old daughter, Harper, when we found out a Dairy Queen was potentially coming to that corner. That spot, I mean out of all seriousness, that spot has been almost a vacant eyesore for years and years and years. And for this have the development finally come in is a win for the City, we can finally get our Blizzards in Livonia, we don't have to go to Farmington Hills, and then obviously adding that second drive-thru restaurant is going to be a huge plus, too. So, I applaud everyone. I'll offer an approving for Consent if there's no objections and thank everybody for bringing Dairy Queen in. And I just wanted to let ZBA know, at least my recommendation, is please approve that cool spoon that faces on the west side of the building.

Councilmember Donovic asked Taormina to bring back the aerial view. I have a question about the dumpster enclosure. I don't have my packet accessible; I apologize. Is that really the best location? I feel like that dumpster enclosure is just right there when you enter, I guess just personal preference, take that for what it's worth, it's usually in the corner. That seems to be right when you walk into the front door of either establishment, it's just right there in front of your face. And typically speaking, dumpster enclosures are tucked away in a corner somewhere so they're not necessarily in front view.

Taormina replied yes, and the Planning Commission did struggle with that a little bit, in fact the original plans showed one of the dumpsters in a different position back here behind this restaurant. And they felt that if they were consolidated and there was a landscape island provided around it, there could be some shrubs planted that would help conceal the dumpsters. I will say that the entranceway to the – well, the main entrance to the Dairy Queen is located here, the main entrance, I believe the entrance

to the second restaurant is located here. The dumpsters would kind of sit right in the middle between the two restaurants on the back side. There would be some opportunity for screening. Is it ideal? No. Ideal is usually when they can conceal it in the corner of the property, they don't have that opportunity here. Or they can tuck it inside the building itself somewhere, the service area directly behind the building. With the compact design here, it makes doing that awfully difficult. So, I think that's why the Planning Commission struggled with the placement of the dumpsters and landed with this as being a good second option, given the constraints posed by the others.

Councilmember Toy said I know the hour is late but I just want to give a plug for Handi-Dip here on Five Mile, too.

Councilmember White said I have a quick question for Mark, and I'm sorry if you already answered this. But is there going to be any outside tables around the Dairy Queen and/or is there space with this other proposed restaurant site?

Taormina replied the Dairy Queen are showing outdoor dining opportunities on the west side of the building. That is not the case for the other smaller restaurant. If that's something that's possible in the future, we'll have to wait for the details to come out. There might be very limited opportunity for outdoor dining there, but it wouldn't be the same as the DQ.

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President McIntyre asked Vice President Bahr to introduce the next item.

20) SITE PLAN PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2021-04-08-03 submitted by Shaw Construction, to construct an addition to the existing building located on the east side of Farmington Road between Schoolcraft Road and Lyndon Avenue (13980 Farmington Road) in the Southwest ¼ of Section 22. Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development, presented this request to Council. He said Shaw Construction Company is proposing a small addition, I'll jump right to the site plan so you can get a little familiar with this location. So, Farmington Road, the east side, just north of Schoolcraft Road, the gas station is located here, there's a residential property directly to the north. Shaw Construction has been here for many years. The single story building as it exists today is about 2,800 square feet. The property is split zoned, so what you have is the north portion is zoned Parking, the southern portion is zoned C-2 Commercial. The addition they want to build, and here's a photograph of the building, I think everyone is probably familiar with the building as you drive by it all the time. What they would like to do is construct a small addition here on the north side of the building. That addition would be about 933 square feet in total area, bringing the building up to a square footage of about 3,750 square feet. They need it for additional office space. It's pretty straightforward, the building addition completely complies with the setback requirements. Even though the existing building is nonconforming, the addition would be conforming. There is a wall that separates the properties from the residential. A portion here is a fence, but that's something that the Petitioner can have

