

**CITY OF LIVONIA – CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD JUNE 28, 2021**

Meeting was called to order in the Auditorium of City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, at 9:02 p.m. by President Kathleen McIntyre. Present: Brandon McCullough; Rob Donovic; Jim Jolly; Laura Toy; Cathy White, and President Kathleen McIntyre. Absent: Scott Bahr.

Councilmember Brandon McCullough 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; Jacob Liberati, Assistant City Assessor; Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works; Jacob Rushlow, Assistant Director of Public Works; Sara Kasproicz, Manager of Council Office; and Casey O'Neil, Director of Information Systems.

Councilmember Donovic moved for a resolution to refer the subject matter of abandoned shopping carts, specifically in the area of Middlebelt and Plymouth Road, to the Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee for its report and recommendation.

President McIntyre wished everyone a very happy and safe 4th of July and to all take a moment to appreciate the independence of this country and everything that we enjoy.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION None heard.

NEW BUSINESS

1) BLOCK PARTY: Maria Diaz, re: to be held Saturday, July 31, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Yale Street, before intersection of Yale and Barbara, with no rain date requested.

The Petitioner not being present, Councilmember Jolly offered an approving resolution for the Regular Agenda.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

REGULAR

2) REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FORTY-FOUR (44) DELL LATITUDE 3520 LAPTOP COMPUTERS THROUGH STATE OF MICHIGAN BID PROCESS: Office of the City Clerk, re: to replace outdated laptops used for electronic poll book software at all Michigan elections at the forty-four (44) polling locations in the total sum of \$28,600.00, from budgeted funds.

Susan Nash, City Clerk, presented this request to Council. She stated this is to replace our definitely outdated, we were on a cycle of replacing a few a year, but because of other costs that we've incurred we were unable to do that. So we have about ten that are in very good condition that we are going to keep for a back-up if we have any kind of problems but this will then get us all brand new start with a clean slate ready for the 2022 elections and this year, too, we will have them prior to the November election.

Councilmember Toy stated this seems to be in order and offered an approving resolution for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

3) REQUEST TO REVISE LANGUAGE CHANGE TO JULY AND DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW: Department of Assessment, re: to revise the poverty exemptions based on State Tax Commission, Bulletin 3 of 2021.

Jacob Liberati, Assistant City Assessor, presented this request to Council. He stated he thinks it was late February, so it was post Council Resolution accepting the March Board of Review. The State Tax Commission put out a new bulletin saying we're no longer allowed to use our old formula for accepting or denying poverty. They are either accepted at 0, 25, 50 or 100% deduction in taxable value. Every time a change is made we have to come in front of Council for approval.

Councilmember White stated having previously served as a member of the Board of Review I'm very familiar with the formulas that they have to use and the restrictions from the State, so I'm happy to offer an approving on Consent if there's no objection.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

4) REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) RAMJET SINGLE ENGINE TRAILER-MOUNTED SEWER CLEANER THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL PURCHASING PROGRAM; Department of Public Works, re: for use by the Roads Department, from budgeted funds.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented this request to Council. He stated this purchase was requested and approved in the Department's 2020 Capital Budget; due to the pandemic the Department was unable to complete the purchase in 2020 and funding was carried forward into 2021. The piece of equipment will be used by the Road Maintenance Section to clean and jet storm sewer lines and driveway culverts on streets. This will allow Roads personnel to do this work themselves rather than request the Sewer Department to bring the much larger vacuor out requiring more people. It gives the Department more flexibility with personnel. The jet trailer purchase is being made through the Sourcwell Purchasing Program which gives reduced pricing to Governmental entities. The Department is requesting Council to approve the purchase for a 2021 Trailer Mounted Ramjet to be used by Road Maintenance in the

amount of \$75,549.00. The purchase will be made from Jack Doheny Company in Northville and they will be the servicing dealer for any major issues.

Councilmember Donovic asked Moore if this is the jetting device that you can stick in a drain of some sort and jet any clogs and Moore replied yes. Donovic then offered an approving resolution for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

CONSENT

5) REQUEST TO AMEND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 55-20: Department of Public Works, re: to award the 2021 Tree Removal Program to Sod Solutions, to complete the work unfulfilled by the original contractor.

Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented this request to Council. He stated at the January 24, 2020 City Council Study Session Meeting, the 2020/2021 Right-of-Way Street Tree Removal Program was discussed and awarded to J-Mac Tree and Debris Removal. The program was bid in late fall of 2019, a prebid meeting was held December of 2019, the Department received two bids; J-Mac's bid for the two-year program was \$552,436.70, the other bidder, Davey Tree Expert Company was over 2 million dollars. This is the Department's removal program for trees that are dead, dying, diseased, storm damaged beyond repair and have severe structural issues. These trees have been assessed and deemed to be significant risks to the health, safety and welfare of the traveling public. As we all know, everything shut down in March 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This issue delayed the contractor insurance and bonds being delivered to the City in a timely manner. When the contractor finally did begin removing trees, issues developed immediately. Tree removal was damaging public and private property because of the way the contractor was removing trees. Stumping depths were and continue to be a significant issue. Responsiveness to calls and emails were spotty at best. Several meetings were held with the contractor in February, May and June of this year to discuss the contract and damage issues. As of this point the Department has approximately 50 trees and stumps to be removed in two sections associated with the 2020 part of the removal program and all of the 2021 list which is approximately 335 trees and stumps. The cost of the 2020 portion of the contract is approximately \$95,000.00; the cost for the 2021 portion of the contract is approximately \$290,000.00. In order to expedite the tree and stump removal program and to make sure that the work is done in the 2021 calendar year, the City's current tree trim contractor, Sod Solutions, has agreed to hold the J-Mac pricing and will complete the removal project for the City. Sod Solutions is a long time City contractor that has done multiple contracts, right-of-way trees, park trees, and several tree trim contracts. Sod Solutions is also the current street tree trim and the emergency response contractor. Their insurance and their bonds are current and in good standing. The Department is asking City Council to allow Sod Solutions to take over the remaining portions of the 2020/2021 ROW Street Tree Removal Contract at the agreed pricing of J-Mac Tree and Debris, so that the program can be completed in 2021. This program is fully funded and funds do remain to complete both the 2020 and 2021 portion of the contract.

Councilmember McCullough asked Moore if he had any concerns with Sod Solutions being able to fulfill the rest of the contract and Moore replied no, he does not. McCullough then asked do we have a performance bond for J-Mac and Moore replied yes, we do. McCullough said I assume you will be leveraging those for any kind of – and Paul is laughing so yes. Bernier stated we've been actively involved with Mr. Moore and with company and Moore said that is something we will be looking into. McCullough stated just for all of our viewers out there, our Legal team is going after the performance bond with the contractor that we've got issues with and said I have no other questions and I'd be happy to offer an approving for Consent.

President McIntyre asked Moore for a quick update on the situation with all the unprecedented rain over the weekend and how is everything. Moore said he'd gladly defer to Mr. Rushlow on that issue.

DIRECTION:

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6) REQUEST TO AMEND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 32-21: Department of Public Works, re: to award the contract for upgrading the electrical work at the City's Fleet Maintenance Garage to Allied Building Service Company of Detroit, Inc. to complete the work unfulfilled by the original contractor.

Jacob Rushlow, Superintendent of Public Works, presented this request to Council. He stated at the February 8, 2021 meeting of the City Council you had moved to approve an award of the contract for this project to the lowest bidder, Decima, LLC. That was under Council Resolution 32-21 and that was in the amount not to exceed \$81,000.00. Since that time we've made many attempts but have been unable to secure the required contract bonds, the insurance documentation, or signed contracts back from Decima. They have been unresponsive and have failed to comply with the award of bid requirements for executing this contract. The Department has been in communication now with the second low bidder, Allied Building Service Company, who has agreed to honor their bid prices from January and is willing to take on this project. As a result the Department is requesting that Council rescind the award to Decima, LLC, and accept the bid of Allied Building Service Company in the amount of \$86,609.00. As the previous award had been for \$81,000.00, appropriated by Council under Council Resolution 32-21, we are requesting an additional appropriation of \$5,609.00 for this project be authorized from budgeted funds.

Councilmember McCullough stated a lot of contractors, and we're seeing it now with this pandemic, they're either too busy to complete the work that they signed up for, you have a lot of places even going under during this time. So, to everybody out there seeing these last two items that are saying, I commend you guys for doing due diligence and to come before Council again, I know Allied Building Service, they're a big company, everything seems in order and it's not that much of an increase and I'd be happy to offer an approving for Consent if there are no objections.

President McIntyre asked Rushlow for an update on the weekend rain.

Rushlow stated that recently obviously as everyone is aware, we got quite a bit of rain over the weekend, Friday into Saturday. The City fared really, really well for the amount of rain that we had received on the few, very few amount of sewer issues that we had, both in storm drains and on the wastewater side of sanitary sewers. Total number of complaints that we had received as of this afternoon when I left the office were about ten. Most of those were wet basements that were due to perimeter drains or also known as footing drains around the exterior of the basement that had just not been able to take that amount of water beating up against the side of the house and were seeping into the basement through that area of the home. We had I think four that had filed claims or that will likely be filing claims for sewage back-ups, but those were all due to actually what we found to be a grease blockage in the line that we promptly had our sewage crew head out there with the vac truck to clean that out and got that sewer flowing right away. So, all in all compared to what we saw around the region we did very well here in Livonia as far as weathering this storm and coming out with only a few minor issues with sewer back-ups.

President McIntyre commended the DPW team.

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7) REQUEST TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE AND THE CITY OF LIVONIA: Engineering Division, re: for the improvement of Merriman Road from Joy Road to Plymouth Road with the proposed City's participation to be estimated at 9.075%, in the amount of \$98,167 from budgeted funds.

Todd Zilincik, City Engineer, presented this request to Council. He stated as you know Merriman Road probably started back on April 15th, typically we receive the IGA prior to the construction but we received this on June 3rd from Wayne County, and bringing this in front of you in order to provide payment as part of our obligation for this project in the amount of \$98,167.00, and it's 9.075% of the overall contract price as we've done in the past. As you know, I actually drove that road last Friday and it's basically complete except for a few punch list stuff I believe on the south end where they have to put some additional sod down itself but the road is basically then complete, the sod has been placed behind the curb where the older berm has overtaken it and they've helped that issue there. I'd be happy to answer any further questions if you like.

Councilmember Jolly offered an approving resolution for the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Donovic commented that today I was driving down Merriman Road and they actually had the water trucks out there watering all the new sod that they had laid up behind the curbs. The question is are they going north of Plymouth Road or is the project just going to be south of Plymouth Road to Joy?

Zilincik replied as you know last year they did the segment from Plymouth up to Schoolcraft Road, it turned out really nice, and then this year they were supposed to

complete the portion from Joy to Plymouth itself. As you know there's some additional work possibly that needs to be done with the patching, obviously we would like to see additional patching done on that project itself, but I think working with the County we did the best we could with the money that was allocated based on that. But again, hopefully they will allocate additional funding for Merriman Road south of Eight Mile and maybe come back to do some other areas. South of West Chicago was in desperate need of some additional repairs, as you know is probably the worst area northbound on Merriman Road going to West Chicago. We're actually doing some water main work now on Orangelawn as part of the DWSRF Project itself, so you'll see Ciparoni that was the major contractor leave the area and now we have D & D doing the water main along Orangelawn east of Merriman if you see contractors out there, it's not related to the road, it's related now to the water main replacements for the residents.

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8) WAIVER PETITION: Planning Commission, re: Petition 2021-05-02-08 submitted by Community Financial Credit Union, to construct a freestanding credit union with drive-thru facilities within the parking lot of the Mid-5 Shopping Center at 29441 thru 29583 Five Mile Road, located on the south side of Five Mile Road between Middlebelt and Henry Ruff Roads in the Northeast ¼ of Section 23.

Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development, presented this request to Council. He stated this is the Mid-5 Shopping Complex which I think everyone is familiar with at the southwest corner of Five Mile and Middlebelt Roads. It's anchored today with an Ace Hardware as well as the Los Tres Amigos Restaurant at the east end of the complex which is about 86,000 square feet in total size. The proposed credit union would be located as an out lot on the easterly part of the parking lot. You can see it highlighted on this aerial photograph; the area lays just to the north of the restaurant in an area of the parking lot that is not used a whole lot. This rendered site plan shows the area more closely. What you'll notice here is a new driveway being added to Middlebelt Road, this would allow for right in and right out only, no left turns from this location. The building will be one-story in height, about 3,600 square feet in total size. You can see parking is on the north, the east, and the south sides of the building. There would be a drive-up facility located on the west side with access completely around the building, so after somebody uses the automatic option on the west side, they'll have the ability to either loop back around the building and exit out onto Middlebelt Road southbound or could use one of the other drive aisles within the shopping complex to exit out to Middlebelt Road or even to Five Mile Road. Everything with respect to the drive-up service appears to be adequate. One minor issue was the bypass opportunity but that's pretty minor in this case, people will have the option of exiting out to the drive aisle if they choose not to use that service. In terms of parking, the site is about 18 parking spaces --- we compute the parking based on the entire shopping complex and right now there's a surplus of about 18 parking spaces according to the Zoning Ordinance. It will result in a deficiency of 18 after this development but I will note that with the pending adoption of Livonia Vision 21 Zoning Ordinance there would actually be a surplus of parking, so that's good news as long as that ordinance is

passed then there may not be a need to seek a variance in this case. Underground detention will be provided on the site. The building itself as you can see here fits the prototype for Community Financial, a combination of brick, stone, and some EIFS, peaked asphalt shingled roof that carries over to the canopy for the drive-up service as well. The Planning Commission reviewed this and is recommending approval as submitted. I will say the only changes or you'll note on the approving resolution of the Planning Commission a couple of issues. Resealing and restriping, fixing areas of the parking lot including curbing around the landscape islands and this includes the entire shopping complex. So any curbing that's missing or damaged needs to be replaced, any landscaping that's missing needs to be replaced. They've also recommended banking the parking on the north side of this property so if you look here, this is actually a berm and landscaping today, the design includes this additional parking to try to reduce the impact of the deficiency but the Planning Commission really felt that this parking was not needed and so they're advising that this should be banked or deferred until and unless it's ever needed. And then the only other issue is some additional landscaping around the foundation of the building as well as the frontage along Middlebelt Road are the recommended changes that are within the resolution that is before you.

Councilmember Donovic asked for a point of clarification, the green space in between the gas station, the Mobil, to the north, is that staying and Taormina replied yes, it is staying, it's this area here where it's shown parking on this site plan, but would remain as green space.

Councilmember Toy asked if Michigan National Bank was on the northeast corner over there for a long time, but anyhow the point being are there other financial institutions as we come down? I think we went to an opening recently on what was it Six Mile and Middlebelt there, there's a new one there, Vibe Credit Union. And there's one down the street a bit more, it must be a healthy market for these. I appreciate the new construction and the planning decision, I just wondered do we have a lot of those in those areas? I know that's kind of a crazy question but I don't know, what do you think?

Taormina replied I would say the majority of construction over the last ten years in this area has been with credit unions as opposed to national banks.

Doug Clark, Case Group, developer on the project came to the podium. He stated he also has the architect and the civil engineer and the center owner as well if you have any questions for them. He stated I can give you a little background on the credit union. This is the fifth project we've done for them in Michigan. We work with credit unions all over the state, it's actually the second one they've done in Livonia, they also have a branch on Seven Mile. So, we did a branch for them in Westland and Wixom and one up in Gaylord, very similar to the one you're seeing here. They've been a credit union since 1951, they were formed by the employees of the Daisy Air Rifle Company, they're headquartered in Plymouth. They've got fifteen locations all over the state, a little over a billion in assets as a credit union, which is a pretty large credit union. That's a little bit about them. I don't know if you have any other questions. As far as credit union growth,

they have grown quite a bit over the last --- I've been involved for sixteen years and I worked only with credit unions and it's been a pretty healthy market for the last five or six years for sure, a lot of consolidation.

Councilmember Toy asked what the draw is, why there, why do they want the building there and Clark replied we also do strategic site studies for credit unions so we help them figure out where to locate and we look at a lot of different things like most retailers. We look at traffic counts, we look at retail drivers in the area, so there's a variety of things that we look at. We've been doing this --- my partner has been doing it well over twenty years and they really like that location for the draw and the traffic and all those different areas.

Toy said so you think they'd get folks there, you don't have any customers already then, right? Clark replied yes, we have another branch at Seven Mile and they have customers all over the state. So, typically they'll draw within around a five mile radius, somewhere around there. Toy said it's impressive, like you said the assets of a billion for a credit union, that's great. Clark stated they're what would be considered a pretty large credit union.

Councilmember Jolly said not that we want an abundance of anything in particular in our community but I'm always really satisfied when we have these credit unions come before us because the architecture is usually good, they clean up the site, they seem to spend the money that we want to be spent on new developments. In particular with this shopping center, I know this shopping center better than most. This is my site annually for the Goodfellows Newspaper sale, so I have stood in that parking lot for probably 100 hours in the last maybe eight years or so. I like the idea that maybe this will continue to draw people onto the property and to spend money elsewhere. You have some really great businesses, whoever the owner is back there, you have some really great businesses back there and anything we can do to kind of help them to kind of continue to thrive and especially coming out of this pandemic, this is the kind of thing we want to see. So I'm happy to offer an approving, I would offer that for Consent. The one thing I will say here is let's bank those parking spots up there that Mr. Taormina spoke about as recommended by the Planning Commission. I think the way that that is, I understand the purpose of that, but I think that is --- it looks goofy and if we don't think it's necessary at this time let's just bank it.

Councilmember McCullough said the plan is great, I want to give you guys some credit on the limits of construction there's a lot of civil work that's going on with this site, so any time you can have that kind of development to an older shopping center is huge. The one question I do have, the Los Tres Amigos Restaurant, I know that their parking count is the only thing that kind of popped up, I love the plan, I love the idea of this, I think it will spur some new development into the complex, it just kind of seems to limit some of their parking. If they have any issues or concerns, I know, you know if I'm looking there the spots seem to potentially fill up fast, I know they do fairly well, especially on a busy night or a weekend.

Taormina said I will say that what this plan does is it probably shifts the parking for the restaurant a little further to the west. Of course the peak hours of operation between the two will not conflict, so with full parking and access cross easements it shouldn't --- patrons of the restaurant should be allowed or will be allowed to park in the spaces where the bank is, I'm assuming that's correct. That's something that the owner insisted on. So, with that, that will help, I understand what you're saying, once the restaurant gets back to normal operations, I think parking, the number of spaces won't be the issue as much as convenience.

McCullough stated other than that I do completely agree with that extra parking lot element, that's just a waste of a process. The last question I did have, if approved when are you guys looking to break ground, like yesterday?

Clark replied yes, as soon as possible.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

9) REQUEST TO AMEND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 89-20 – BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LIVONIA EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM: Kathleen McIntyre, President, re: to replace Councilmember Jim Jolly with Councilmember Laura Toy as the Council Representative.

Councilmember Jolly presented this request to Council. He stated I appreciate the opportunity to learn further and participate in regard to the function of our retirement system in the City of Livonia. I at this point believe it is appropriate to give this opportunity to Councilwoman Toy so that she could learn about the numbers and the percentages and all that kind of stuff. I think she's fully capable and honestly, it's a professional organization, it's run well, and I have every confidence that Laura will be able to provide doing that and I will be happy that I will not be doing it any longer.

Councilmember White offered an approving resolution for the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTION: APPROVING CONSENT

10) APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT MORGAN TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Cathy K. White, Councilmember, for a three-year term which will expire on July 12, 2024.

Councilmember White presented this request to Council. She stated I think all of you know Scott based on his 25-years of experience as a Livonia Police Officer, of which ten of that he served as the President of the Livonia Police Officers Association. And he distinguished himself as an officer through the City, many commendations and awards, including Officer of the Year in 2017. He received his degree from Madonna University, he's got lots of involvement in community organizations including the Livonia Save Our Youth Organization and Livonia Kids and Families. Since retiring from the Police Department he served as the building foreman and construction safety manager, so he's familiar with building codes, construction regulations, building plans, blueprints, and that

sort of thing. So I think based on his skills and background, he'd be a valuable member of the ZBA.

Scott Morgan came to the podium. He stated all of the information is correct and that he appreciates the recommendation for this appointment. I have a lot of knowledge with the City ordinances, I've spent 25 years driving around the City and finding violations and so on and so forth, so I have a lot of experience with this and I would look forward to serving the City as much as I can now and in the future.

Councilmember Donovan offered an approving resolution for the Regular Agenda.

President McIntyre and Councilmember Jolly commented on Morgan's qualifications for the appointment.

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11) REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES BARINGHAUS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Laura M. Toy, Councilmember, re: for a three-year term which will expire on July 12, 2024.

Councilmember Toy stated it is my honor to have this appointment and give Mr. Baringhaus kudos for long time Livonia resident. He is retired from Fiat Chrysler Automotive; he is Chairperson currently of the Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability; he's been a member of the Livonia Vision 21 Steering Committee from 2017 to 2019; he was also on that Vision 21 on the Zoning Ordinance technical team from 2019 to 2020 and developed the proposed Livonia Vision 21 Zoning Ordinances. He has a very strong background on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Since he's been on he didn't sit on his hands, he's certainly been there, his attendance is excellent and his views are well spoken and delivered and he's developed different training sessions with the Michigan Association of Planning and covered such topics as Planning and Zoning overview and membership, good meeting practices, maybe we could have him come here. Jim has many talents and the only thing that he falls down on is he's got his master's degree, but other than that he's a good guy and I welcome your support for a good American.

Councilmember Jolly said I think Mr. Baringhaus has done wonderful work for our community in many different regards, if I'm going to be quite honest, I think he would, when the time comes to need another Jim on the City Council that's not me, he would be a great choice. He has added so much value to our community. He's done a great job, honestly, you are a really true community asset and I'll offer an approving for Consent.

Councilmember White said I'd like to echo some of the comments from Councilmember Jolly. Based on my experience with Jim Baringhaus, he always does his homework, always follows up, he's a very, very conscientious person and just an all around good member for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilmember McCullough stated I obviously have known Mr. Baringhaus for a short period of time, just to share, echo the sentiments of my colleagues, you're an asset to the community, Livonia is grateful to have you and thank you for all your help and hard work on pretty much everything that Councilwoman Toy listed, it's incredible, so thank you very much.

President McIntyre commented on Baringhaus and his contributions to the community.

Baringhaus thanked Council for their warm, positive comments, and specifically Laura Toy for the reappointment nomination, he truly appreciates it. He said it's always been an honor to work with both Livonia residents and Livonia businesses on their zoning concerns and getting them to a good resolution for them as well. In terms of the community, as Councilmember Toy mentioned, training is important, I think it's good for developing our zoning knowledge, it benefits our community and its growth as well. It's very important to teach new Zoning Board members that a zoning decision is not a yes or no decision; it has to be fair to the Petitioner, to the neighbors, to the community. It has to be fair in terms of the spirit of the City Ordinances. The gentleman earlier made an excellent point about zoning. Zoning defends the identity of Livonia, it defends what we are, and that's a key point for any member of the Zoning Commission today. Working on the Technical Committee for the Livonia Vision 21 Ordinances has been an amazing experience with Mr. Taormina. Those ordinances are going to be critical for the implementation of the Livonia Vision 21 Master Plan. Other than that I would like to thank all of you for this opportunity. Thank you again for your very warm, generous comments and thank you for your support.

DIRECTION:

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CONSENT

12) REAPPOINTMENT OF GREGORY G. COPPOLA TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Rob Gjonaj Donovic, Councilmember, re: for a three-year term which will expire on July 12, 2024.

Councilmember Rob Donovic presented this request to Council. He stated it is my honor to offer this up for the reappointment of Mr. Greg Coppola. Greg has been a resident of Livonia for 22 years, he has four adult children, I believe he is the longest standing board member and currently the Chair of the ZBA. Some of his community involvement has been a board member and treasurer of the Livonia Community Foundation which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, right, and Coppola replied we're a little over 2.5 million right now. Donovic said as you can see they've done a lot of great work for the community and businesses and Greg has been a critical part in that organization. He's a local business owner and he's just been involved and many people in the community that are active in the community and seeing Greg's face and his involvement in the community, so to renominate him for this position is an honor and I'm looking forward to seeing you continue your work on the ZBA.

Councilmember White offered an approving resolution on Consent if there's no objection.

McCullough asked that it be put on the Regular Agenda and went on to say that Mr. Coppola does a phenomenal job as the Chair and I appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to the City.

Councilmember Toy stated I just want to say hi to Greg and what a super job he has done in the past and I know you'll do well in the future and you know a lot of people have nothing but good things to say about the way you've conducted the meetings and proceeded with some of the things on the Zoning Board, so thank you, Greg, for all the hard work you've done, appreciate it.

DIRECTION:

APPROVING

REGULAR

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION None heard

Councilmember Jolly stated he would like to give a shout out to his mother who is recently home from the hospital. She has had quite a week, spending some time on a ventilator of all things and I can say a lot of things about this woman but she has religiously attended all of my events from when I was 5-years old and she continues to do it today. I think this is also her favorite television show. So the thought of her earlier in the week of her not watching this was kind of one of the things that got me a little bit more than others. But anyways, I'm glad that you're at home watching and I thank you all for your support during this time.

President McIntyre stated we all like to keep each other's privacy and respect everyone's privacy, especially when there are medical situations but I hope you know that we've all been praying for your mom and I hope she knows, I'm sure she does, she couldn't have a better son and daughter-in-law and grandkids, but anyway, we continue to pray for her good health and recovery.

As there were no further questions or comments, President McIntyre adjourned the Study Session at 9:56 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2021.

For the 1,924th Regular Meeting of July 12, 2021

DATED: June 30, 2021

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK