

MINUTES OF THE ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2021

On June 14, 2021, the above meeting was called to order in the Auditorium of City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive by President Kathleen McIntyre at 7:00 p.m. Vice President Scott Bahr led the meeting in the Invocation.

Roll was called with the following result: Scott Bahr; Cathy White; Brandon McCullough; Rob Donovic; Jim Jolly, Laura Toy, and President Kathleen McIntyre. Absent: None.

Elected and appointed officials present: Mark Taormina, Director of Planning and Economic Development; Todd Zilincik, City Engineer; Paul Bernier, City Attorney; Susan M. Nash, City Clerk; LaShawn Thomas, Director of Governmental Affairs; Connie Kumpula, Chief Accountant; Ted Davis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation; Lynda Scheel, Treasurer; Sara Kasprowicz, Manager of Council Office; Casey O'Neil, Director of Information Systems and Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan.

On a motion by Toy, supported by Jolly, it was:

#181-21 RESOLVED, that the minutes of the 1921st Regular Meeting of the Council held May 24, 2021, are approved as presented.

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

AYES: Bahr, White, McCullough, Donovic, Toy and McIntyre

NAYS: None

PRESENT: Jolly

The President declared the resolution adopted.

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Councilmember McCullough said coming up on June 23rd he'd like to wish a big happy birthday to my 7-year old daughter Harper. She is watching this live either on a cable channel or You Tube right now, so happy birthday Harper in a couple weeks.

Councilmember Toy announced that tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. there will be a meeting in Council Chambers in regard to the environment and there will be some very interesting topics. We have a woman that is coming in from Michigan State to explain some dollars that may be available for us as well as some things on recycling, repurposing and reusing. She invited everyone to attend and welcomed participation in that meeting.

Councilmember Jolly congratulated Captain Ronald Taig for his retirement after serving 33 years, we wish him the best going forward. He then wished his daughter Lexie a happy 10th birthday. And he congratulated Councilmember McCullough on his second place finish in the Livonia Save Our Youth Run. He congratulated Karen Bonanno for her work on the event.

Councilmember Donovic stated he wished he was there, I know it was a big crowd, so hats off to Save Our Youth. Today is June 14th and that is the Army's birthday, 1775, so happy birthday to the Army. And also it is Flag Day and on this day in 1954 President Eisenhower signed into law adding the phrase "under God" to the Pledge of the Allegiance, so happy birthday to the Army and happy birthday to our flag on Flag Day.

President McIntyre welcomed everyone back in person. We've had a few committee meetings and public hearings in person but this is the first time since sometime last July, I believe, that we've been back in person in these chambers. And we owe a debt of gratitude to everyone in the City of Livonia but especially our Information Systems Department headed up by Casey O'Neil, and Livonia TV and everyone else who allowed us to continue to conduct the City's business via Zoom and find ways to ensure we could include the public and have very active and vigorous audience communication. But there is something very, very nice about being able to see other each other and our colleagues from the Administration and residents in person. And believe it or not even if you're residents who are here to protest or express your displeasure with us, we're happy to see you. And it just kind of goes to everything and makes us appreciate things that we didn't know and how much we appreciate it. While some protestors grow very raucous and make it hard for us to do our business, we're always very happy to see people here to express whatever opinion they have, whether it's supportive for things that we've done or whether it's not supportive of things that we've done, so thank you to everyone. It's a little bit easier, I guess, to get on Zoom but I think that the benefit to being able to be in person and see each other outweigh any of the convenience factors. But we have, that experience has informed us regarding technology and I think we'll be looking for

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ways in the future to make the best practice of some of the things we've learned that we can do through technology but it's great to see everyone.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Library Director, Toni LaPorte, a very happy birthday, she celebrated yesterday.

She then announced that a public hearing that will be held on June 21st, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, on the following item:

Petition 2021-04-01-02 submitted by Cross Wind, pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the properties at 37711, 37631 and 37601 Plymouth Road, located on the south side of Plymouth Road between Newburgh Road and Jarvis Avenue in the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, from C-1 (Local Business) to R-C (Condominium Residential).

Cathy White, as Parliamentarian of Council, reviewed the rules for Audience Communication.

During Audience Communication the following people spoke:

John Grzebik, 11201 Hubbell, on the loss of former Council President Joe Taylor.

Brent Sabo, 14587 Blue Skies, addressed the issue of establishing a tree ordinance.

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan came to the podium and stated it is so nice to see Council back in person this evening. She stated I wanted to step forward this evening because I wanted to spend just a little bit of time talking about Councilmember Joe Taylor this evening. I think it's important that we set aside a moment to recognize his many, many years of service. And we just heard from a resident who truly appreciated Councilman Taylor's role and all of it he brought to the City of Livonia. And I know many of you have also worked and served with him as well and understand the magnitude and the import of the leadership that he brought to our communities. So, I wanted to spend just a moment recognizing Councilman Taylor who passed away on May 28th, just recently, at the age of 90. Joe was dedicated to serving our community in one of the most extraordinary ways and that is giving the greatest gift of all, his time. Joe spent 26 years actually on the Livonia City Council, perhaps will be the longest serving councilperson that we will ever see. He served for eight years on the Zoning Board of Appeals, an additional eight years on the Planning Commission, and for thirty years on our Economic Development Corporation. So that is by far and away an amazing testimony to his true belief and his sincere appreciation for everything that Livonia had to afford and offer its residents. Joe clearly gave his life to leading in the very best way possible. Joe led with his heart. He was a leader that led with compassion and integrity. He was a mentor to many of us, a

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friend, a champion, not only of the City, but of so many young, elected leaders. I was one of those people who benefitted from Councilman Taylor's support and endorsement when I first came on Council, and Joe was the first person to tell me that it was important that every single item on your agenda had a person connected to it. Every single item on the agenda had a piece of property most likely connected to it and it was my job to talk to those people, it was my job to visit those sites. And it was that kind of mentorship that he shared not only with me but others who came after me. And it's because of his guidance, because of his leadership that there is a deep and abiding faith in this City and in the leadership of this City and I know much of that has been instilled in all of you and that we're going to continue that legacy. And I think one of the most important things that I remember hearing Joe talk about was the importance of looking at every single decision that I made as a City Council member on its own merit with an understanding that oftentimes we were setting precedent but oftentimes there were extenuating circumstances and that we had to take those into account. So, Joe Taylor, I think, will be most remembered for that and I know as a City, as a community we tried our best to honor him and naming the Council Chambers in his honor and I know that meant a lot to Joe in November of 2017 when we all gathered for the unveiling of the renaming of the Council Office. And perhaps the greatest testimony of all is that every time you all walk through that door, that you see his name on it and that you take one moment to remember the level of integrity and compassion that he brought to this community. So thank you for the time to share in the memory of Joe Taylor with you all this evening. And if you have not taken a moment of silence, I would ask you to do so now. Thank you all very much.

President McIntyre thanked Mayor Brosnan for the beautiful words for a true hero for our City.

Vice President Bahr thanked the Mayor for sharing that and stated I'll just tack on something, the point, she talked about the encouragement that Joe Taylor was to her and kind of a funny, memorable anecdote for me. When I joined Planning Commission in 2011, I was sitting where Councilman Donovic is right now and Joe Taylor sat where Jim Jolly is, and as a kid that grew up in Livonia, I felt like I was sitting next to Livonia royalty. I was like this is Joe Taylor next to me right here. And everything the Mayor said is true about just his mentorship and then the quiet little nudges and the comments and the answering the questions in those meetings. But the anecdote I want to share is when I first joined Planning Commission, I deliberately kept my mouth shut for several months. It was learning and just wanted to defer to my colleagues until I was confident that I had some sense of what I was talking about. And I'd probably had been there somewhere between four and six months and they asked for a resolution on something. And it was something that was clear what the resolution was going to be and there was a silence and I was waiting and Joe just looked at me and said, "It's about time you give a resolution, time for you to speak up." And maybe he regretted that later but just one little anecdote of many that appreciates Joe Taylor.

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During Audience Communication Jim Crowley, 16106 Blue Skies Drive, addressed the issue of having a tree ordinance in place for the City and allowing residents to participate in a forum on the subject.

A communication from the Department of Finance, dated May 26, 2021, re: forwarding Retirement System Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2020, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

On a motion by Jolly, supported by Toy, it was:

#182-21 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from Judy Tenaglia, dated May 6, 2021, which requests permission to waive Section 8.32.070 (Noise Control) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, in order to host a backyard gathering with live music at her home located at 15367 Susanna Circle, scheduled for Sunday, July 25, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the Council does hereby determine to waive Section 8.32.070 (Noise Control) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. in connection with this event to be held on Sunday, July 25, 2021, including therein permission to conduct the said affair on Sunday, August 1, 2021, in the event of inclement weather, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

#183-21 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Fire Chief, dated May 10, 2021, which bears the signature of the Finance Director and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby accept the bid of Allie Bros. Uniforms, Inc., 20295 Middlebelt, Livonia, Michigan 48152, for supplying the fire department with uniforms and related uniform items for the unit prices set forth in the attachment to the referenced report and recommendation, for a period of three (3) years commencing June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$168,344.52, the Council having determined to accept such bid for the reason that said bid was the lowest qualified bid received which met all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$168,344.52 from funds already budgeted in Account No. 101-338-768-000 (Uniform Allowance) for this purpose.

#184-21 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated May 5, 2021, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby approve an amendment to the lease agreement between the City of Livonia and

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the Livonia Public School District to allow the City to continue to utilize John Stymelski Veterans' Park and Mies Park for a nominal fee until June 30, 2026, with an option to extend the lease for five (5) additional years with John Stymelski Veterans Park and ten (10) additional years with Mies Park, on the same terms; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Amendment to the Lease Agreement for and on behalf of the City of Livonia and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#185-21 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated May 13, 2021, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, to which is attached a proposed Amendment to the Sublease Agreement between the City of Livonia and the Livonia Civic Arenas, Inc., which changes the term for the Devon-Aire Ice Arena from five (5) years to five (5) 1-year agreements and increases the base ice rate to \$217.00/hour for the 2021/2022 ice season, with annual increases thereafter of 4% or CPI, whichever is greater, the Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute the attached agreement, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law, and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#186-21 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated May 11, 2021, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase and installation of one (1) Poligon Shelter – Ram 24 feet x 34 feet MR Pavillion at Clement Circle Park, to replace the existing pavillion, utilizing the Sourcewell Purchasing Program (formerly NJPA), which was awarded to Miracle Recreation Equipment Company d/b/a Miracle Midwest, P.O. Box 130, Holly, Michigan 48442 (under Contract #010521-LTS), for a total amount not to exceed \$59,045.00; FURTHER, an amount not to exceed \$59,045.00 is hereby authorized to be expended from funds budgeted in Account No. 208-721-976-000 for this purpose; with the proposed project being partially funded by Wayne County Parks funds pursuant to Council Resolution No. 194-20, adopted on July 20, 2020; FURTHER, the Council does hereby determine to authorize this purchase without competitive bidding inasmuch as the same is based upon the low Sourcewell bid price (under Contract #010521-LTS) and such action is taken in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3.04.140.D.4 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

#187-21 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Service, dated May 3, 2021, which bears the signatures of the Director of Public Works and the

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Director of Finance and is approved for submission by the Mayor, regarding additional appropriation and expenditure to enable payment to Lakeshore Global Corporation (LGC) for the emergency Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV-4) replacement at 8 Mile Road and Newburgh Road, in conjunction with the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) wholesale meter replacement, previously authorized in Council Resolution No. 48-21, adopted on February 22, 2021, the Council does hereby appropriate and authorize an additional appropriation and expenditure in the amount of \$19,646.19 payable to Lakeshore Global Corporation, 7310 Woodward Avenue, Suite 500, Detroit, MI 48202, for completing all work required in connection with the emergency Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV-4) replacement at 8 Mile Road and Newburgh Road, in conjunction with the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) wholesale meter replacement; FURTHER, the amount of \$19,646.19 is hereby appropriated and authorized to be expended from the Unexpended Fund balance of the Water and Sewer Fund (592) for this purpose.

#188-21 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Department of Law, dated May 6, 2021, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance, the City Attorney and the Chief Assistant City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, to which is attached a proposed Lease Agreement for renewal of the lease between the City of Livonia and the Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force for 360 square feet of space in the City Hall Annex's east wing for property located at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154, the Council does hereby approve a renewal of the lease agreement between the City of Livonia and the Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 for a period of three (3) years, beginning August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2024, under the same terms and conditions as set forth in the 2018 lease agreement, at an initial monthly rate of \$403.15, with a 3% annual escalator; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached Lease Agreement, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

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

AYES: Bahr, White, McCullough, Donovic, Jolly, Toy and McIntyre

NAYS: None

The President declared the resolutions adopted.

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Cathy White, as Chair of the Capital Outlay and Infrastructure Committee, reported out on the meeting of May 25, 2021.

- a. Subject matter of an education session regarding water rates, specifically how annual water rates are determined. (CR 277-20)

#189-21 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Capital Outlay and Infrastructure Committee, dated May 25, 2021, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution No. 277-20, regarding the subject matter of an education session regarding water rates, specifically how annual water rates are determined, the Council does hereby determine to take no further action with regard to this matter.

- b. Subject matter of 2014-2019 Capital Improvement Program. (CR 105-14)

#190-21 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Capital Outlay and Infrastructure Committee, dated May 25, 2021, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution No. 105-14, regarding the subject matter of the 2014-2019 Capital Improvement Program, the Council does hereby determine to take no further action with regard to this matter.

- c. Subject matter of 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program. (CR 262-16)

#191-21 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Capital Outlay and Infrastructure Committee, dated May 25, 2021, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution No. 262-16, regarding the subject matter of the 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program, the Council does hereby determine to take no further action with regard to this matter.

Jolly gave first reading to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 040 OF TITLE 13,
CHAPTER 08 (WATER SERVICE RATES AND REVENUES)
OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

The foregoing Ordinance, when adopted, is filed in the Journal of Ordinances in the Office of the City Clerk and is the same as if word for word repeated herein. The above Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at an upcoming Regular meeting.

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Bahr gave first reading to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 050 OF TITLE 13,
CHAPTER 08 (WATER SERVICE RATES AND REVENUES)
OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

The foregoing Ordinance, when adopted, is filed in the Journal of Ordinances in the Office of the City Clerk and is the same as if word for word repeated herein. The above Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at an upcoming Regular meeting.

White gave first reading to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 120 OF TITLE 13,
CHAPTER 20 (LIVONIA SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM) OF
THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

The foregoing Ordinance, when adopted, is filed in the Journal of Ordinances in the Office of the City Clerk and is the same as if word for word repeated herein. The above Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at an upcoming Regular meeting.

Donovic gave first reading to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 130 OF TITLE 13,
CHAPTER 20 (LIVONIA SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM) OF
THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

The foregoing Ordinance, when adopted, is filed in the Journal of Ordinances in the Office of the City Clerk and is the same as if word for word repeated herein. The above Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at an upcoming Regular meeting.

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Bahr gave first reading to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 050 OF TITLE 13,
CHAPTER 28 (INDUSTRIAL WASTE SURCHARGE) OF THE
LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

The foregoing Ordinance, when adopted, is filed in the Journal of Ordinances in the Office of the City Clerk and is the same as if word for word repeated herein.

The above Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at an upcoming Regular meeting.

On a motion by Bahr, supported by Donovic, it was:

#192-21 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Margaret Alvarado of Julius Barbershop, dated April 30, 2021, requesting permission to close at the corner of Cavour Street and Five Mile Road to the beginning of the alley, on Saturday, July 24, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., for the purpose of hosting a 75th Anniversary Party for Julius Barbershop and a memorial for former owner, Alex Alvarado, with a band and D.J., the Council does hereby grant permission as requested, including therein permission to conduct the said affair on Sunday, July 25, 2021, in the event of inclement weather, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

Christian Alvarado was present to answer questions on this item. He stated they are looking to have a party to celebrate the life of Alex Alvarado, barber, and all of the good stuff he did in the community. But the barbershop itself is 76 years old, that's older than the City of Livonia itself, so we are celebrating the 75th Anniversary, we were going to do this last year but because of obvious reasons we're moving it to this year. We are looking to block off some of the areas just so that we can put some tables and some chairs. The party will be from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., but want to keep the blockade up until 6:00 p.m. so they can tear everything down and put everything away.

Following discussion by Council, a roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolution with the following result:

AYES: Bahr, White, McCullough, Donovic, Jolly, Toy and McIntyre

NAYS: None

The President declared the resolution adopted.

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On a motion by Jolly, supported by Toy, it was:

#193-21 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Treasurer, dated June 1, 2021 ("Treasurer's Letter"), regarding the replacement of sidewalks in the City of Livonia on the following parcels (parcels of property and assessments, as outlined in the Treasurer's Letter, are included herein by reference), which work was done pursuant to Council Resolution Nos. 50-21, 36-21, and 123-20 and in accordance with the provisions of Section 12.04.340 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, and the City Treasurer having thereafter sent a statement of charges by first class mail to the owners of property to be assessed wherein notice of the meeting by the City Council of this date was given and at least 30 days having expired since the giving of such notice with such charges remaining unpaid, the Council does hereby, pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.08.150 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, Title 3, Chapter 8, adopt this resolution wherein a special assessment is placed upon such property for said charges; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize installment payments in the number of three (3) installments at 6% interest where assessments exceed \$400 and the property owner has requested such installments; FURTHER, the Council does hereby request that the City Treasurer shall give notice of the amounts herein determined to the persons chargeable therewith, such notice to be sent by first class mail to the last known address of such persons as shown on the most current assessment roll of the City, and where payments herein authorized are not made within the specified time this fact shall be reported by the City Treasurer to the City Assessor who shall charge such amount together with a penalty of 10% of such amounts against the persons or real property chargeable therewith on the next general tax roll; and the City Clerk and City Treasurer are hereby requested to do all things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

Lynda Scheel, Treasurer, was present to discuss this agenda item.

Following discussion by Council, a roll call vote was taken on the above resolution with the following result:

AYES: Bahr, White, McCullough, Donovic, Jolly, Toy and McIntyre

NAYS: None

The President declared the resolution adopted.

On a motion by Jolly, supported by Toy, it was:

#194-21 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated May 5, 2021, which transmits its

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resolution 04-13-2021, adopted on April 13, 2021, with regard to Petition 2021-03-01-01, submitted by Fadie Kadaf, requesting to rezone the property at 28200 Seven Mile Road, located on the north side of Seven Mile Road between Inkster Road and Brentwood Avenue in the Southeast ¼ of Section 1, from OS (Office Services) to R-7 (Multiple Family Residential), and the Council having conducted a public hearing with regard to this matter on Tuesday, June 2, 2021, the Council does hereby concur in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission and Petition 2021-03-01-01 is hereby denied for the following reasons:

1. That the petitioner has failed to affirmatively show that the proposed change of zoning and the intended use of the property as a multiple family residential apartment complex would be compatible to and in harmony with the surrounding residential neighborhoods;
2. That the proposed change of zoning is inconsistent with the established pattern of the surrounding development and would adversely alter the character of the area;
3. That maintaining an office land use is more consistent with the established pattern of development and character of the area; and
4. That the proposed zoning and use is contrary to the purposes, goals and objectives of the Zoning Ordinance, which seek to ensure compatibility and appropriateness of uses so as to enhance property values and to create and promote a more favorable environment for neighborhood use and enjoyment.

Following discussion by Council and audience members, a roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolution with the following result:

AYES: White, McCullough, Donovic, Jolly, Toy and McIntyre

NAYS: Bahr

The President declared the resolution adopted.

On a motion by Jolly, supported by Bahr, it was:

#195-21 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from Courtney C. Moore, Owner of The Music Firm, received by the Office of the City Clerk on May 21, 2021, which requests permission to waive Section 8.32.070 (Noise Control) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, in order to host a grand opening event with live music, food truck and ice cream truck at The Music Firm, located at 16376 Middlebelt, scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Council does hereby determine to waive Section 8.32.070 (Noise Control)

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of the Livonia Code of Ordinances between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in connection with this event to be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

Courtney C. Moore, 16376 Middlebelt, new owner of The Music Firm, was present to discuss this agenda item. She stated she is asking permission to have their Grand Opening. She stated I took a leap of faith in February, I lost my mom, and we took a leap of faith, her and I, during the pandemic, to expand my business from just being a travel from home to home, music type of teaching thing, into getting a building and to transition into audio sales, because I had a lot of customers, a lot of clients, a lot of students that I would have to send them elsewhere to get what they would need. So, my mom knew all along, I do believe, that she was going to pass, because she did the work, the leg work to see this to be possible. And she told me not to worry about finances or anything, so this was a dream, this was definitely a leap of faith. It took us, I want to say, from August of 2020 up until to go ahead and open up due to her health challenges and just due to us taking time. So, granted we have been paying rent in a facility that we hadn't even opened. My mom passed and then I got her insurance policy and everything that she left, there was instructions for The Music Firm there. So, she knew all along and it would just be a complete joy and blessing if I could just have this Grand Opening in a grand way for her sake. And we would like to submit and/or ask if we can have live music at the Grand Opening, there will be a band and three other performers if we are granted permission to do so. We would also like to offer free refreshments to the City, to the people of the community, nothing will cost other than having to come in if they want to purchase something in our store, they can, but as far as refreshments, we're going to just be passing out, you know, we're going to pay for the food trucks and everything out of our own pocket. We just want to say hey, City of Livonia, we're here. So, with that being said, I have nothing else to say.

Vice President Bahr, I wasn't expecting that, that was moving on a number of levels. I don't have any issue with it. We often do this kind of thing anyway, but particularly in this case you're not close to residential, I don't see an issue with you having live music. The main thing, the reason I wanted the floor was just to give you a chance to plug your business a little bit. I've driven by it several times, I've noticed it. I drive by it on the way to church so I see it at least twice a week and I've noticed it, but not been clear what it was. I'm looking at you on Google Maps right now, it says audio sales, studio time and lessons; what do you teach?

Moore replied I teach piano but I have a community of teachers from the Metro Detroit Area where everyone stands behind me so we offer saxophone lessons, basic guitar lessons, and we even went down the street to Cameron's and said hey, you know, we're here, we want to be a community. So, we give the same lessons and then we do have a rehearsal space and a studio where people of the community can come in and record and which we have gotten a lot of people

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that have said, hey, when you open up, let us know, we want to come in and record, so just giving a different flair to the City.

Bahr said welcome to the City, it was a pleasure meeting you tonight, and I wish you the best of luck.

Councilmember Toy said I'd just like to congratulate you; do you also have vocal and Moore replied we do. Toy stated so we can look forward to seeing someone from your business appearing on TV on one of these wonderful reality shows. Thank you.

Councilmember Donovic said, first of all, condolences to your mom, God Bless her. Your story really resonates in me because like you and your mother, my father and I started something and were growing something and he built this dream and I get to work with him and he's my hero. And hearing you speak, it's like hearing myself speak and it's so amazing the entrepreneur spirit that you are bringing to our community and taking a chance on something and here you are bringing business to our City that we need and offering a service to the residents and I really just hope it grows and it becomes a large business and I hope that you have to come back before Council and ask for another Grand Opening at another location. It's so exciting to hear your story and what you're doing, I'm really excited, I'm going to be coming to your Grand Opening, I cannot sing, but I will be there. Good luck to you.

Councilmember Jolly stated you said everything correct in terms of getting us excited as a community. We all know mothers have a special way of looking out for us and looking over us and making sure that we are one way or another doing what they want us to do. So, I wish you the best of luck, I give my condolences and our love to your family, we're happy to have you here and on top of all that you say food trucks, so you got us at every level. So, thank you, welcome, we're happy to have you.

President McIntyre asked where can we hear you play the piano and Seymour replied we'll have live music so I may get on and play a little something. Honestly, I haven't done much, it's been a little bit difficult to get back into the swing of things, honestly. So, you know, all of this has just been like, come on, Courtney, you've got to do it. So, I haven't been doing much playing but I'm going to try at the Grand Opening.

President McIntyre said we're going to look forward to hearing about your gigs, and I'll give one other plug, if you haven't checked out the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, check them out. They're a great organization for businesses existing and getting started in the City.

Following discussion by Council, a roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolution with the following result:

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AYES: Bahr, White, McCullough, Donovic, Jolly, Toy and McIntyre

NAYS: None

The President declared the resolution adopted.

On a motion by Toy, supported by McCullough, it was:

#196-21 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from Michael Hudzik, dated May 18, 2021, which requests permission to waive Section 8.32.070 (Noise Control) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, in order to host a 50th birthday party with live music at his home located at 32974 Grennada Street, scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., the Council does hereby determine to waive Section 8.32.070 (Noise Control) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. in connection with this event to be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

The Petitioner not being present, Vice President Bahr stated we approve these all of the time, I can't remember a time that we've had an issue, he's only going until 10:00, I wish he was here, I assume he's talked with his neighbors but maybe Councilmember Toy or someone can reach out to him and just make sure he's talked to his neighbors. I don't mind supporting this based on our history of not having an issue with this.

Councilmember Toy stated I was 50 once, so I'll go over and talk to him and I appreciate that. Since it is pretty quick and it's from 6:00 to 10:00, hopefully they won't play any rock and roll or Stairway to Heaven or one of those that are really loud.

Councilmember Jolly said I don't intend to be a scrooge with this but and I wish the gentleman a happy 50th birthday, but just for all the residents in the audience, we generally like to have somebody who appears on behalf of themselves on the issues that come before us so that we can put a face with the request so that we can know who to hold accountable if they do something wrong. But it's more out of respect to the neighbors really, to know that they've talked to the neighbors and the neighbors aren't getting something that they are not expecting. So, I agree with all my colleagues up here as well.

President McIntyre said one thing I'd like to add is people sometimes wonder what goes on in the Council Office, one of the many jobs that Ms. Kasproicz has is to be in touch with petitioners and make sure that they're aware of meetings and that they know when they're supposed to be here, so anyway. But when you are a petitioner, you do get a lot of notice and communication and you can ask all the questions you want at the Council Office. So we don't just expect

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people to get something in the mail and then know exactly when they're supposed to show up.

Following discussion by Council, a roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolution with the following result:

AYES: Bahr, White, McCullough, Donovic, Jolly, Toy and McIntyre

NAYS: None

The President declared the resolution adopted.

During Audience Communication a resident stated that residents would like to submit input on the future of the Noble Library.

Councilmember Jolly replied by saying your comments are well taken and are on our radar.

On a motion by Toy, supported by Jolly, and unanimously adopted, this 1,922nd Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on June 14, 2021.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk