

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Subject: Recommendations for the Rescheduled Council Meeting of April 13, 2026

- Item 1 CALL TO ORDER
Prerogative of the Mayor to call this meeting to order.
- Item 2 ROLL CALL
Prerogative of the Mayor to request a Roll Call from the City Clerk.
- Item 3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Prerogative of the Mayor to lead the City Council, Administration, and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Item 4 RECOGNITION OF COMMISSION MEMBERS
Prerogative of the Mayor to request Commission Members in attendance at tonight's meeting to approach the podium and introduce themselves and the Commission on which they serve.
- Item 5 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
Prerogative of the City Council that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.
- Item 6 CONSENT AGENDA
All items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine by the Council and will be enacted by one motion and a second. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion of an item is required, it will be removed from the consent agenda and considered. One member may request that an item be removed and no second is required.
- Prerogative of the City Council to approve all items (6A-6G) listed under the consent agenda as presented.

A. Appointment(s)

1. Beautification Advisory Commission (Mayor)
 - a) Biographical Sketch - Christina Dubiel (Bouquenoy) - Term to Expire:
12/31/27

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Council 03/16/26
2. Zoning Board of Appeals 03/16/26

C. Items Received and Placed on File

1. Beautification Advisory Commission Minutes 02/11/26 with Recommendations*
**Recommendation to approve 2026 BAC budget in the amount of \$3,200.*
**Recommendation to approve a budget not to exceed \$35,000 for the 2026 Flower Sale.*
2. Citizens' Recreation Commission Minutes 02/10/26 with Recommendations*
**Recommendation to approve funding in the amount of \$2,000 for Spring Fest.*
**Recommendation to approve funding in the amount of \$500 for Spring Bike Ride.*
3. Historical Commission Minutes 02/12/26 with Recommendations*
**These recommendations were addressed at the 03/16/26 Council Meeting.*
4. Tree Commission Minutes 02/04/26
5. Planning Commission Minutes 02/24/26 with Recommendation*
**This recommendation will be addressed in a Public Hearing at the 04/20/26 Council meeting.*

D. Bids/Proposals/Contracts

1. Bark Mulch for City Landscape Beds and Installation of Playground Mulch
 - a) Memo 03/25/26 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - b) Bid Documents
2. Update to Michigan Municipal League's 2026 CapCon
 - a) Memo 03/18/26 - City Manager Como
3. Credit Card Limit Threshold Increase
 - a) Memo 04/13/26 - Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
 - b) Proposed GPW Credit Card Policy
4. Adult Active Commission (AAC) Request to Amend Insurance Requirements
 - a) Memo 04/10/26 – City Manager Como
 - b) Draft Letter 04/10/26 – To Local Cities
 - c) Interlocal Agreement for Joint Senior Services

E. Proclamation(s)

1. The Holocaust: Days of Remembrance (April 12 - 19)
2. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (April 12 - 18)

F. Resolution(s)

1. Water Meter Reader Opt-Out
 - a) Memo 03/16/26 - Director of Public Services Kowalski

- b) Proposed Resolution
 - c) Section 44-24 thru 44-26 and Section 86-1 thru 86-61 of the Ordinance
 - d) Proposed Water Meter and Opt-Out Rule
2. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Requests for Proposals
 - a) Memo 03/17/26 - City Manager Como
 - b) Proposed Resolution

G. Claims and Accounts

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers
 - a) 2025 Sewer Rehab Program - Invoice No. 164073 - Proj. No. 0160-0495 - 03/16/26 - \$1,507.30.
 - b) Vernier Rd. & Mack Ave. Intersection Improvement - Invoice No. 164176 - Proj. No. 0160-0455 - 03/17/26 - \$5,020.06.
 - c) Wedgewood Resurface (Vernier-Hawthorne) - Invoice No. 164177 - Proj. No. 0160-0496 - 03/17/26 - \$4,459.81.
 - d) 2025-2026 General Engineering - Invoice No. 164254 - Proj. No. 0160-0498 - 03/18/26 - \$4,445.60.
 - e) Torrey Road Pump Station Generator - Proj. No. 0160-0473 - Payment Application 8 - Rauhorn Electric, Inc. - 03/24/26 - \$174,476.21.
2. McKenna - Building/Planning Services
 - a) Invoice No. 21849-119 - Building Services - February 2026 - 03/18/26 - \$45,622.70.
 - b) Invoice No. 22-064-51 - Planning Services - February 2026 - 03/17/26 - \$4,338.75.
 - c) Invoice No. 25-030-10 - GPW MSHDA Zoning Ordinance Update - February 2026 - 03/17/26 - \$1,400.00.
3. State of Michigan - MDOT 00183
 - a) Program # 218128CON - 03/10/26 - \$3,853.94.
 - b) Program # 219533CON - 03/10/26 - \$27,129.88.
4. Tomlinson & McGrail, PLLC - Legal Billing - Invoice No. 389 - March 2026 - 04/01/26 - \$2,914.00.
5. WCA Assessing - Assessing Services - Invoice No. 031826 - April 2026 - 03/18/26 - \$7,911.08.

Item 7 PRESENTATION

Item 7A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 10 REPRESENTATIVE VERONICA PAIZ


Prerogative of the Mayor to ask the presenter to begin the presentation.

Item 8 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (PUBLIC HEARING)

Recess as a City Council and convene as a Zoning Board of Appeals. Upon conclusion of the public hearing, adjourn as a Zoning Board of Appeals and reconvene as a City Council.

- Item 8A VARIANCE REQUEST: 20195 MACK AVENUE (LOLA’S TACO BAR) – WALK-UP WINDOW FOR EMPLOYEE SERVICE
(See ZBA Agenda 03/16/26)
- Item 9 COMMUNICATIONS
- Item 9A FY 2026/2027 GENERAL LIABILITY & PROPERTY INSURANCE
Prerogative of the City Council to approve and authorize Nickel and Saph Inc. to continue to be the city’s general liability and property insurances agent and approve the renewal proposal as presented in an amount not to exceed \$408,148.27; and to approve a budget amendment from prior year reserves in the amount of \$24,115.27, as reflected in the total amount taken from the accounts listed on the City Manager’s memo dated April 13, 2026.
- Item 9B RESIGNATION – SENIOR CITIZENS’ COMMISSION – HEIDI UHLIG-JOHNSTONE
Prerogative of the Mayor to accept the resignation of Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone from the Senior Citizens’ Commission with regret, and direct that appropriate thanks and recognition be sent to Ms. Uhlig-Johnstone.
- Item 10 NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT
Prerogative of the Mayor to ask if there is any New Business to come before the City Council from the City Council or Administration; and then, to ask members of the audience if there is any Public Comment to come before the City Council.
*Reiterate the 3-minute time limit and Public Comment Sign-up Sheet.
- Item 11 CLOSED SESSION (Requires Motion with Roll Call Vote)
- Item 11A CLOSED SESSION
Consideration of a Closed Session, Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing.
*Once out of the Closed Session, prerogative of the City Council as to action taken.
- Item 12 ADJOURNMENT
Upon the conclusion of New Business/Public Comment with no further business to be conducted by the City Council, prerogative of the City Council to motion for adjournment of tonight’s meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Como
City Manager