

City Council Regular Meeting  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
September 23, 2024

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 7:30 PM at City Hall - Council Chambers, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Roslyn Grafstein  
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Bliss  
Councilman Sean Fleming  
Councilman William Mier  
Councilor Emily Rohrbach  
Councilman David Soltis  
Councilor Quinn Wright

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Cheryl Rottmann  
Assistant City Attorney Tim Burns  
Deputy City Clerk Phommady A. Boucher

Councilman Soltis gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**CM-24-191. Appointment of Acting City Clerk.**

Motion to appoint Deputy City Clerk Boucher as the Acting City Clerk for tonight's City Council meeting.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

**CM-24-192. Addition to the Agenda – Amendment to City Manager's contract and Arts Board appointments of alternate members with a expiration date of 8/31/2027.**

Motion to add the following items to tonight's agenda: under Reports, *Amendment to City Manager's contract* and under Consent Agenda, *Arts Board appointments of alternate members with an expiration date of 8/31/2027.*

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilman Fleming.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Deputy City Clerk Boucher read an email from Cory Holland Sr. with a complaint pertaining to the Police Department.

**CM-24-193. Consent Agenda.**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as read.

Motion made by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilman Mier.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

**CM-24-194. Director of Public Services - 2024-25 RCOC Winter Maintenance Agreement**

Motion made by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilman Mier.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

**CM-24-195. Library Director - Institute of Museum and Library Services - Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Improving Access to Information Grant**

Motion made by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilman Mier.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

**CM-24-196. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2024**

Motion made by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilman Mier.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

**CM-24-197. Arts Board appointments of Regina Juska-Svoba and Susanna King as alternate members with an expiration date of August 31, 2027**

Motion made by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilman Mier.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman  
Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

**CM-24-198. Amendment to City Manager's contract.**

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman  
Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

**CM-24-199. Director of Public Services - DPS Pavement Repairs**

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Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman  
Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

**CM-24-200. Director of Public Services - Replacement of Totaled Police Patrol  
Vehicle #104, a budget amendment of \$17,500 to account 101-044-675-6710.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilman Fleming.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman  
Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

**CM-24-201. Director of Public Services - Replacement of Totaled Police Patrol  
Vehicle #104, a budget amendment of \$44,425 to account 101-301-985-0000.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilor Wright.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman  
Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

**CM-24-202. Director of Public Services - Replacement of Totaled Police Patrol  
Vehicle #104, approve the purchase of one 2024 Dodge Durango Pursuit from  
Galeana's VanDyke Dodge in the amount of \$44,425.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman  
Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Mier commented that the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Annual Conference and Convention was fantastic. He heard the Rev'n in the Heights was a huge success and the Fire Department Open House was well attended. Councilman Meir thanked the Arts Board on a job well done with Trail Tunes.

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss talked about the changes to the Civic Center Park with the new basketball court and the Bandshell. He thanked Harley Mordarski, the Arts Board, Adam Owczarzak, and Melissa Marsh for the impressive changes to Civic Center Park and the success of Trail Tunes.

Councilor Wright commented that Trail Tunes was a fantastic event and the MML Annual Conference was a great enrichment opportunity. He recognized the Human Relations and Equity Commission and talked about the resounding success of Rev'n in the Heights. Councilor Wright asked everyone to save the date for Rev'n in the Heights for Saturday, September 13, 2025.

Assistant City Attorney Burns stated to protect our parks in the community the City has been vigilantly addressing vandalism. Our Police Department has been dedicated to patrol our parks in the evenings and issue tickets for the past month. The City recommends that everyone follows the rules posted at the parks for their safety.

Deputy City Manager/ City Clerk Rottmann reminded everyone that the absentee voter ballots are being sent out at the end of the week and voters can expect to receive their ballots sometime next week. If a voter would like to request for an absentee ballot they can do so online through the Secretary of State website, in person at the Clerk's Office, or call the Clerk's Office so we can send you an application. Early Voting starts on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Royal Oak Senior Center, 3500 Marais Avenue with the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily except for Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Deputy City Manager/ City Clerk Rottmann and the Clerk's Office sends its condolences to the family of Jeff Lopinski, he was one of the best chairperson and we will miss him greatly.

Deputy City Clerk Boucher had no comments this evening.

Councilor Rohrbach congratulated the Arts Board for Trail Tunes and is a great opportunity for our community to come together. She thanked the Human Relations and Equity Commission and Councilor Wright for all their hard work with Rev'n in the Heights. Councilor Rohrbach spoke about the Institute of Museum and Library Services - Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Improving Access to Information Grant. She recognized Library Director Vanessa Verdun-Morris, library staff and the Friends of the Library members for their participation with the special events at the library.

Councilman Fleming had no comments this evening.

Councilman Soltis had no comments this evening.

Mayor Grafstein mentioned Rev'n in the Heights and Trail Tunes; she informed everyone about a cycle cross event at Civic Center Park this Saturday hosted by Crank Cross from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. She briefly spoke about the MML Conference and Convention and the importance of Mutual Aid for the City of Warren. The next City Council meeting is October 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Mayor Grafstein adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.