

DATE: October 9, 2025

TO: City Council

FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Comments Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 13, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING:

CITY PLANNER - ALLEY VACATION REQUEST # PEE 25-01 - 17 FT.-WIDE ALLEY BETWEEN 601 W. 12 MILE RD. AND 28767 DARTMOUTH ST.

The Community & Economic Development Department has received a request to vacate a 17-foot-wide improved alley right-of-way located between 601 W. 12 Mile Rd. and 28767 Dartmouth Rd. The alley also provides access to the property at 611 W. 12 Mile Road. All adjacent property owners have signed the petition. The applicant is requesting that the public hearing be postponed to the next City Council meeting on October 27, 2025, due to the applicant having a traffic safety study conducted at the recommendation of the city and the Oakland County Road Commission, and the results being available by this meeting date.

Staff recommends a motion to postpone the alley vacation request #PEE 25-01 for a 17-foot-wide alley between 601 W. 12 Mile Rd and 28767 Dartmouth Street to the October 27, 2025, City Council Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

Council is asked to adopt a resolution that condemns and opposes the following: political violence (or violence of any kind) against our nation's elected and appointed officials, religious leaders, business managers, students and their teachers, or those who exercise just and rightful authority; the demonization and dehumanization of political rivals; political leaders who use aggressive, hateful and extreme language; the weakening of our democratic institutions and norms; social media (or parts thereof) interested in spreading anger, distrust and conspiracy theories and/or promoting violent radicalization and mobilization; the lack and availability of mental health facilities for those in need of treatment; and the widespread availability of high-capacity weapons to those who should not have such weapons. And to further forward the resolution to the City's national, state, and local elected officials.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Council is asked to adopt a resolution recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Madison Heights and proclaim the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of

Madison Heights, and to encourage all residents, schools, organizations, and institutions to honor Indigenous heritage, celebrate Indigenous cultures, and support the contemporary and sovereign rights of Indigenous peoples.

REPORTS:

FIRE CHIEF - SCHEDULED REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE #710

Consistent with the City's Capital Improvement Plan, Rescue 710 is scheduled for replacement in the adopted FY 2026 Budget. The new ambulance will replace a 2011 model with 116,475. The City will utilize its interlocal purchasing contract with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC), as it has done for the last six fire department vehicle purchases. This is a government-to-government cooperative purchasing program that streamlines the procurement process and provides volume discounts. The purchase is \$18,000 below the budget amount, and the anticipated delivery is in April 2026.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the purchase of a Road Rescue ambulance from Emergency Vehicle Plus in the amount of \$361,681.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES - PAVILION C ROOF REPLACEMENT

The FY 2026 Budget includes funding for the replacement of the roof at Pavilion "C" at Civic Center Park. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on September 10, 2025. Only one bid was received by the deadline. The lowest qualified bidder is Sterling Construction and Roofing. Reference checks were positive, and they have previous experience with municipal and government work. Sterling Construction also recently completed the replacement of 2 roofs at park shelter buildings in Rosie's & Civic Center Park, with satisfactory results.

Staff recommends that Council award the bid for the Pavilion C Roof Replacement project to Sterling Construction and Roofing of Livonia, in a project amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$35,000.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES - ROSIE'S BALLFIELD BACKSTOP REPLACEMENT

The FY 2026 Budget includes funding for the replacement of the backstops at the ballfields located in Rosie's Park. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued, with 4 contractors attending the mandatory site visit, and 3 of those submitted bids by the deadline. Staff tabulated bids and determined New Edge LLC. as being the lowest qualified bidder. As this bid exceeds the budgeted amount, Staff recommends that Council consider two motions:

- 1) To approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$7,884 to account 101-752-987-0000.
- 2) To award the bid for the Ballfield Backstop Replacement project to New Edge LLC., of Brighton, in the project amount of \$82,884.

ORDINANCES:

CITY PLANNER - ORDINANCE #2206 - SECOND READING - ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT ZTA #25-01 - NON-CONFORMING RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS

Section 7.03.10.C of the new Madison Heights Zoning Ordinance contains use-specific standards for residential driveways. As a majority of single-family detached houses and their associated driveways in Madison Heights were constructed prior to the adoption of the new Zoning Ordinance, there are many cases of legally non-conforming driveway conditions throughout the city. Recently, staff have had to deny many applications for the replacement of non-conforming driveways; this is due to Article 13 (Nonconformities) of the Zoning Ordinance, which requires non-conforming site elements to be brought up to code when replaced. Permit denials have, understandably, led to frustration for these property owners due to the impracticality of alternate driveway designs or the cost/time factor of going in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for a variance. To avoid an abundance of cases in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals, staff recommends several zoning text amendments that would allow certain non-conforming residential driveways to be replaced in-kind. Staff proposes text amendments to the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance:

- Section 7.03.10: Use-Specific Standards for Detached One-Family Dwellings
- Section 10.02.1: Parking of Motor Vehicles in Residential Districts
- Section 13.01.6: Nonconforming Site Elements

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 19th, 2025, after which they recommended approval of the proposed text amendments as written.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve on second reading Ordinance No. 2206 (ZTA 25-01).

DPS DIRECTOR - ORDINANCE #2207 - SECOND READING - REQUIREMENT FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH CARTS

To improve efficiency, safety, reduce costs, and ensure compliance with regional recycling standards, the City has implemented standardized waste collection practices. As part of this initiative, all residents will now be required to use uniform, City-approved carts for trash and recycling. These carts are compatible with automated collection equipment, which helps reduce worker injury risk and enhances service efficiency.

The revised ordinance amends Ordinance 517, specifically Chapter 14, Sections 14-10, 14-11, and 14-16, to mandate the use of these standardized containers for all residential waste and recycling collection.

During the first reading on September 29, the City Council raised questions about enforcement. Enforcement provisions are already established in Chapter 14, Section 14-18, the ordinance which states:

Any person, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, firm, resident, or occupant who violates Sections 14-10, 14-11, and/or 14-12 shall be responsible for a civil infraction, subject to a fine of up to \$100.00. Each day a violation continues will be treated as a separate offense.

It is recommended that the City Council approve the revised Ordinance No. 2207 requiring the use of City-approved trash and recycling carts on second reading.