

City Council Regular Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
December 09, 2024

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, December 09, 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

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Melissa Marsh
City Attorney Larry Sherman
Deputy City Clerk Phommady A. Boucher

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

CM-24-248. 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 Councilman Mier, 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-24-249. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion to add the following items to tonight's agenda: under Bid Awards/Purchases, Item 11.1 *Skynet IT Contractor - Verkada 2024 Door Access Renewal and Budget Amendment.*

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-24-250. Oakland County Parks - Red Oaks Park (Ambassador Park) Design

Melissa Prowse, Manager of Planning and Resource Development at Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, reviewed the Red Oaks Design Update. She informed City Council that the park redevelopment project budget recently increased from \$3.8 million to \$7.2 million with the passing of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation millage this past November 5th. A bid opening is scheduled for February of 2025, followed by construction in April or May, and the bulk of construction to be completed by the end of December. The park will be closed completely while under construction and a grand opening celebration will likely be in the Spring of 2026. Oakland County is looking into investing in remote locks on the restroom doors and the hours of operation are to be determined. Ms. Prowse confirmed that the late Oakland County Commissioner Gary McGillivray kickstarted the Red Oaks Park Design. Oakland County will collaborate with Madison Heights administration to program the space for the porch pavilion concepts. Ms. Prowse would like to attend an Arts Board meeting to present the Red Oaks Park Design to the committee. The golf course will continue to operate separately from the park but if any golf balls become an issue, the county will address it accordingly.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Denise McCarthy, daughter of former Councilman Richard Leon Clark, thanked City Attorney L. Sherman for sending her the April 8, 2024, Regular Council Meeting recording. Former Councilman Clark loved the City of Madison Heights. Ms. McCarthy wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

CM-24-251. 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-24-252. Director of Public Works - Field Use Agreements with Madison Heights Soccer.

Motion to approve the Field Use Agreements with Madison Heights Soccer and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign on behalf of the City.

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-24-253. Director of Public Services - Purchase of Quick View Sewer Camera.

Motion to approve the purchase of one Envirosight Quick View AirHD camera and equipment as quoted from MacQueen Equipment of Lake Orion, under the MiDeal cooperative bid, in the amount of \$19,075.00.

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-24-254. CDBG Yard Service - 2024 Lawn Service Contract Agreement
Amendment.**

Motion to amend the contract to Capital Landscape for the CDGB 2024 Lawn Service from \$35,589 to \$37,053 the 2024 Lawn Service Contract 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-24-255. City Planner - Resolution to Adopt a Vision Zero Policy to Eliminate
Fatalities and Serious Injuries Resulting from Crashes on Madison
Heights Streets.**

Motion to approve the Resolution to Adopt a Vision Zero Policy to Eliminate Fatalities and Serious Injuries Resulting from Crashes on Madison Heights as follows:

CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS

**Resolution to Adopt a Vision Zero Policy to Eliminate Fatalities and Serious
Injuries from Crashes on Madison Heights Roads**

WHEREAS, The Southeast Oakland communities of Madison Heights, Berkley, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Oak Park and Pleasant Ridge (the “Southeast Oakland Communities”) are collaborating to address road safety issues within our combined borders.

WHEREAS, Between 2019 and 2023 there were 275 crashes which resulted in a serious injury and 41 crashes which resulted in a fatality within the Southeast Oakland Communities. The Madison Heights City Council believes that one roadway death in our community is too many and seeks a data-driven approach to reduce and eliminate fatalities and serious injuries. The Madison Heights City Council also recognizes that vulnerable groups, such as road users outside of vehicles like pedestrians and bicyclists, face a disproportionally high risk of fatalities and serious injuries.

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a public health-based traffic safety strategy to reduce and eventually eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries using a data-driven, multi-disciplinary and safe systems approach that also increases safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all. Vision Zero strategy is a tool to unite stakeholders such as the Southeast Oakland Communities to make our roadways safer for all users.

WHEREAS, The Southeast Oakland Communities were awarded a Safe Streets for All grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to develop a Southeast Oakland County Joint Safety Action Plan which was developed with a broad coalition of stakeholders to identify policies, measures, and projects to improve the safety of roadways in Madison Heights, Berkley, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Oak Park and Pleasant Ridge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison Heights City Council hereby adopts Vision Zero as a comprehensive approach to achieve a goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on Madison Heights roadways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Madison Heights City Council adopts a goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries on Madison Heights roadways by 2045.

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-24-256. City Clerk - 2025 Council Meeting Calendar.

Motion to adopt the 2025 City Council Meeting Calendar as presented.

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-24-257. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2024.

Motion to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2024, as printed.

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.

Director of Public Services - Priority Waste Update

Dan Venet, Vice President of Municipal Sales for Priority Waste, gave an update that 240 trucks have been permanently fixed to no longer leak fluids and garbage from the bottom. There will be a three to five years process to paint the trucks and add the branding stickers. All the trucks have six cameras and a GPS tracking system on them so the logistics driver coordinator can watch the service as it occurs. DPS staff will be trained on the portal to see and track complaints as they come into their office. In the past 6 weeks, Priority Waste call volume has significantly decreased to five to ten calls per week and the parks are being serviced on the operation days instead of Saturdays. They are updating communication on curb tags to give more detail and implementing three of four phases of the new phone system to route calls faster. Response to a ticket is within 24 hours or the next business day and there has been an increase in response time by 40% with the portal. The portal can extract data by date range and incidents. Sixteen out of seventy-three communities renewed their contracts with Priority Waste in the first six months. Madison Heights residents may contact Priority Waste at (586) 228-1200 or (855) waste-65, and/or prioritywaste.com. Residents are advised to place their garbage cans off the street, on the curb, and the handles facing home. Priority Waste is open to looking at alternatives for food compost because it is a growing request from a lot of communities.

Director of Public Services Ballantine noted that Department of Public Services (DPS) will chip Christmas trees from Christmas week through the second week of January.

CM-24-258. Police Chief - Purchase of body-worn cameras, in-car cameras, and cloud storage for digital evidence.

Motion to approve the 5-year contract with Axon Enterprise, for body-worn cameras, in-car cameras, and cloud storage not to exceed \$690,000.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, 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-24-259. Director of Public Services - Scheduled Replacement of Vehicle #525.

Motion to approve the purchase of one forestry truck and equipment as quoted to Altec Industries, of Waterford, in the amount of \$223,902.75, through the MiDeal Cooperative Purchasing program.

Motion made by Councilman Mier, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.

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

Motion carried.

CM-24-260. Skynet IT Contractor - Verkada 2024 Door Access Renewal - Budget Amendment.

Motion to amend account number 101-228-818-3000 in the amount of \$16,983.00 for the Verkada 2024 Door Access Renewal.

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

Motion carried.

CM-24-261. Skynet IT Contractor - Verkada 2024 Door Access Renewal.

Motion to approve the contract renewal with Allcomm, Inc. for a 5-year Verkada Door Access Renewal in the amount of \$16,983.00.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, 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-24-262. CED Director - Ordinance 2201 - Rezoning PRZN 24-01 - 32275 Stephenson Hwy. [M-1 to MUI-1], Second Reading.

Move to waive the holding of a public hearing as permitted by Section 15.07.2.D of the Zoning Ordinance and adopt Ordinance #2201, Rezoning # 24-01, on second reading, as follows. Approval is based upon Council finding that the approved rezoning is consistent with the Council's goals of supporting economic development opportunities along the Stephenson Highway industrial/commercial corridor; is consistent with the objectives of the City's Master Plan, is compatible with surrounding uses and zoning; and does not negatively impact aesthetics, infrastructure, traffic or surrounding land use. It is found that approval meets the criteria for amending the zoning map as established by Section 15.03.B.1-9 of the Zoning Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2201

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2198, BEING AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING AND ADOPTING A NEW ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP CONTAINED WITHIN APPENDIX A.

THE CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Madison Heights shall be amended so that the zoning on the following described property, to-wit:

T1N, R11E, SEC 2, MALLYS INDUSTRIAL SUB NO 2, LOT 66

PIN 44-25-02-101-036. 32275 STEPHENSON HIGHWAY

Shall be changed from M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, to MUI-1, MIXED-USE INNOVATION 1.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its adoption and upon publication.

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.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Meir wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Quanza, or Christmas. He wished everyone a Safe New Year.

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season and the next Regular Council Meeting is in January. Feel free to email the City Council with any concerns and Priority Waste with any garbage questions.

Councilor Wright encouraged everyone to check on their neighbors, friends, and families they haven't seen in a while during the holiday season. He is thankful for the Co-responder Program between the Madison Heights Police Department and Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN). Councilor Wright asks everyone to be kind and give people grace.

City Attorney L. Sherman wished everyone Happy Holidays.

City Manager Marsh wished everyone Happy Holidays and the next community conversation virtual meeting to elaborate on the Ambassador Park Plan will be in February.

Deputy City Clerk Boucher wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilor Rohrbach wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Fleming wished everyone Happy Holidays and have a Good New Year.

Councilman Soltis wished everyone Happy Holidays and he inquired about Meals on Wheels taking care of our seniors this holiday season.

Mayor Grafstein wished everyone a Safe and Healthy Holiday Season. The next Regular Council Meeting is Monday, January 13, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business, Mayor Grafstein adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.