

DATE: August 6, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Comments - Regular Council Meeting of Monday, August 12, 2024

The following are my comments on items appearing on the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, August 12, 2024.

CONSENT:

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES - PURCHASE OF PORTABLE CONSTRUCTION SIGN

The FY 2024-25 Budget includes funding in the Streets division for the purchase of a portable digital construction message board. This purchase has been on the DPS radar for some time due to our aggressive construction program, combined with our ongoing best practice to notify our residents as much as possible about operations that may affect them. This unit will allow us to immediately deploy and customize messages which are relevant to residents in the area.

Staff recommends that the Council unding is budgeted and available for this purchase.

REPORTS:

The 11 Mile Streetscape plan was developed to enhance the pedestrian environment, along 11 Mile Road from Stephenson Hwy Lorenz. In the plan, greater detail was given to the portion of 11 Mile between Groveland and Lorenz called the "focus area". The plan found that a 3-lane configuration of the roadway in the focus area would be significantly less expensive than a 4-lane configuration with landscape median. Further, traffic analysis conducted found that 3-lane configuration throughout the entire downtown area (Stephenson Hwy to Dequindre) would reduce crashes without significant travel delays throughout the corridor. The City was also awarded a placemaking grant of \$313,981.50 for this project and must sign an interlocal agreement with Oakland County to accept this grant.

Staff recommends the following two motions:

1. That City Council approve the three-lane configuration of the 11 Mile Streetscape Project between John R and Lorenz and to authorize the City Manager to sign the included interlocal agreement between the City of Madison Heights and Oakland County accepting the Oakland County Placemaking grant for a total \$313,981.50.
2. That City Council approve a budget amendment to increase the DDA expenditure line item 248-863-987-0006 11 Mile/John R Road Improvements by \$313,981.50 for a total of \$713,981.50 and to increase the DDA revenue line item 248-025-588-1000 County Grant to a total of \$313,981.50.

BID AWARDS/PURCHASES:

FIRE CHIEF – AMOR EXPRESS BODY ARMOR

Funds are allocated in the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year budget to purchase the active shooter response personal protective equipment (PPE). This new PPE is not just a replacement for the department's body armor vest at the end of its service life but a crucial addition that will enhance its active shooter response safety and capabilities by including a ballistic helmet. The bid package was placed on the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN) on June 4, 2024. On July 8th, bids were opened, with three vendors responding. Two of the vendors met all the requirements outlined in the request for proposal, and one submitted a bid with alternative equipment that didn't meet the criteria outlined in the bid package.

Staff recommends that the City Council award the bid to the lowest qualified vendor, On Duty Gear, LLC, for the purchase of Armor Express Body Armor in the amount of \$19,020.00.

FIRE CHIEF - EMS PLUS PROGRAM

In the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), over the next four fiscal years, \$691,000 is budgeted to replace and upgrade numerous Stryker medical devices that assist our paramedics in providing medical services to the community. In addition, annually, the Department budgets \$16,000 for multiple service contracts with Stryker, providing preventive maintenance and repairs. Over the next four fiscal years, the amount allocated to Stryker is planned at \$755,000 through the CIP and the annual yearly budget expenses.

Stryker has introduced two new programs for municipalities to assist planning and budgeting for aging equipment, additional equipment needs, and latest technology, as well as increased costs for their equipment, service, batteries, maintenance, and repairs. Over the last several months, the Department has actively engaged with Stryker representatives. This engagement involved multiple meetings and discussions to learn about and evaluate the new programs and their benefits to the city.

Following a comprehensive evaluation, the Department has determined that Stryker's EMS Plus program offers substantial financial and operational advantages to the city and the Department. The EMS Plus program immediately replaces 26 of the 29 devices used for emergency medical care, providing equipment standardization, updated safety features for injury prevention, technology upgrades, and eliminating multiple service plans. These elements result in significant cost savings, injury prevention, and operational benefits to the Department. The EMS Plus program, a comprehensive four-year plan, begins with an initial down payment in the first year and equal payments for the next three years. The initial payment matches the budgeted funds allocated to Stryker in the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The city will own all the equipment at the end of the four-year contract. What's more, all the equipment will be covered by an additional three years of the Stryker ProCare service plan, which is included in the package at no extra cost. This proactive approach is expected to save a minimum of \$78,000 over four years, demonstrating the program's efficiency and long-term budget benefits.

Based on our thorough evaluation and the significant benefits outlined, staff recommends that the City Council approve the Stryker four-year EMS Plus contract in the amount of \$687,284.26.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES - SCHEDULED REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLE #119

The FY 2024-2025 Budget includes funding carried-forward for the replacement of Vehicle 119, the Animal Control van. The existing animal control van has reached a point of imminent failure, requiring immediate replacement. Given our inability to currently source a new unit, Staff has evaluated a variety of options, and determined that the most logical solution is to replace van 119 with one of the water and sewer service vans, which are in better shape both physically and mechanically. Replacing the water and sewer van, the Water and Sewer coordinator has determined that his department will be better served with a mid-size pickup truck. Staff has been notified by our Ford dealer of the availability of a Maverick, which fits these criteria, and falls within the currently budgeted amount for the animal control van.

Staff requests that Council consider the following three motions:

- (1) To approve the sale of Van 461 from the Water and Sewer fund to the General Fund for its fully depreciated value of \$2,308.09, by transferring this amount from account 101-301-985-0000 to account 592-047-626-6950.
- (2) To approve a budget amendment of \$31,832 to account 592-901-985-0000. This represents the \$30,332 price of the truck, plus \$1,500 for the safety lighting and other equipment.
- (3) To approve the purchase of one Ford Maverick as specified to Lunghamer Ford, of Owosso, in the amount of \$30,332, through the MiDeal vehicle purchasing program

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES - SCHEDULED REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLE #434

The current budget includes funding for the scheduled replacement of vehicle 434, a 2007 Chevy Silverado two wheel drive, funded through the Water and Sewer division. This truck serves as the Motor Pool support vehicle, and is heavily used throughout the year. The existing vehicle has a poor condition analysis score, and warrants immediate replacement.

As the vehicle is slightly over the budgeted amount, Staff recommends that Council consider two motions:

- (1) To approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$886.00 to account 592-901-985-0000.
- (2) To approve the purchase of one Chevrolet Colorado work truck from Berger Chevrolet, of Grand Rapids, in the amount of \$36,886 through the MiDeal Vehicle Purchasing Program.

CITY MANAGER - CONSTRUCTION OF PICKLEBALL COURTS AT ROSIE'S PARK

Utilizing the Oakland County Annual Construction contract for services and rates, staff have worked with Frank Rewold and Sons and NF Engineering on proposal for constructing eight pickleball courts at Rosie's Park for a total project cost of \$379,004. The original budget for this project was \$351,000. The Southeast Michigan Pickleball Association (SMPA) has generously granted Madison Heights \$12,000 to cover the additional costs and ensure the project's completion and staff will request that the Madison Heights Community Foundation fund the tree plantings of \$16,500 to provide environmental benefits as well as court noise and wind reduction. In addition, Oakland County Parks and Recreation has granted \$75,000 toward this project. The City is also working with the SMPA on future programming.

We respectfully request the City Council to approve the construction agreement with Frank Rewold and Sons under the Oakland County Annual Construction contract for the construction of pickleball courts at Rosies' Park for an amount not to exceed \$379,004.