

DATE: September 3, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Comments - Regular Council Meeting of Monday, September 9, 2024

The following are my comments on items appearing on the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024.

PRESENTATIONS:

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2024 AS CONSTITUTION WEEK

On the 237th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution, The Ezra Parker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have requested that the City Council recognize September 17-23, 2024 as Constitution Week in the City of Madison Heights. Amelia Hoffert, a representative from the Chapter will be present to accept the resolution and deliver a brief message of thanks.

DPS DIRECTOR - 2024 SUMMER BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

DPS Director Sean Ballantine is set to present the 2024 Summer Beautification Awards.

DPS DIRECTOR – 2024 SENIOR CENTER MONTH PROCLAMATION

Council is asked to recognize the staff and volunteers of the Active Adult Center by declaring September to be Senior Center Month in the City of Madison Heights.

CONSENT AGENDA:

DPS DIRECTOR - SCHEDULED REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLE #121

The FY 2024-25 Budget includes funding for the scheduled replacement of Vehicle 121, a 2015 Ford Interceptor Utility, funded through the Police Department. Staff recommends that Council approve the purchase of one 2024 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, of Lansing, through the State of Michigan MiDeal Vehicle Purchasing Program in the total amount of \$45,000.

REPORTS:

POLICE CHIEF - HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

With the assistance of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office is in the process of creating a Human Trafficking Task Force. The mission of the Task Force is to apprehend and convict those involved in human trafficking in Oakland County. Because of the success the Madison Heights Special

Investigations Unit (SIU) has had with addressing these issues locally and the partnership SIU has created with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office has approached the Madison Heights Police Department looking for assistance in getting the Human Trafficking Task Force off the ground.

The SIU and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office have shared data showing this is a countywide problem that many local departments are currently facing. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office created the Interlocal Agreement to partner with the Madison Heights Police Department as a host agency to the Task Force. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is responsible for mustering personnel to staff the Task Force and will be responsible for the day-to-day operations. The Madison Heights Police Department will be responsible for providing space and limited office equipment to allow the Task Force to operate in our building. There will be a financial obligation of roughly \$5,000 to supply the Task Force with department equipment. At the onset of the implementation of the Task Force, SIU will train the Task Force with the intent that the Task Force will become independently operational. When this happens, the Madison Heights Police Department will strictly be the host agency, with the hopes of providing staffing to the Task Force in the future. Even absent our current ability to provide staffing to the Task Force, more undercover operations in Madison Heights will help address the local human trafficking problem and will be a readily available resource to our community.

Staff and the Assistant City Attorney have reviewed the Interlocal Agreement and therefore we respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council approve the Human Trafficking Task Force Agreement between the Oakland County Sheriff and the City of Madison Heights and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

CITY CLERK - BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

City Council is scheduled to make the semi-annual appointments and renewals to the Board and Commission seats.

BID AWARDS/PURCHASES:

FIRE CHIEF – TOURNOUT GEAR PURCHASE

Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity has awarded the Fire Department a \$83,206.00 grant to assist in purchasing a second set of turnout gear for eligible firefighters. The grant will support the purchase of 23 sets of turnout gear over the next two fiscal years. The first phase of the grant will provide for 17 sets of turnout gear in the amount of \$54,736.43.

Staff and I recommend the following two motions:

- 1) City Council waive the formal procurement process and accept the lowest quote received from Axes & Irons through Sourcewell for the purchase of 17 sets of turnout gear in the amount of \$54,736.43; and

- 2) City Council approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$54,736.43 to account 101-336-774-0000