

DATE: August 9, 2023

TO: City Council

FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Comments for the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, August 14, 2023

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The following are my comments on items appearing on the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, August 14, 2023.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**PEE 23-01 – ALLEY VACATION: 601 WEST 12 MILE ROAD AND 28767 DARTMOUTH STREET.**

The Community & Economic Development Department has received a request to vacate a 17 ft.-wide improved alley right-of-way 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.

At the Planning Commission meeting of July 18, 2023, members unanimously approved that the City Council postpone action on the alley vacation at 601 W. 12 Mile Road until the Planning Commission received further information regarding the following:

1. A minimum 15-foot-wide public utility easement shall be dedicated and recorded on the property benefiting the City of Madison Heights and utility companies for underground facilities such as water, sanitary sewer, and natural gas lines.
2. Prior to formal approval of the alley vacation, the applicant shall coordinate with DTE Energy, Comcast, and any other remaining utility companies with facilities in the existing alley regarding necessary easements or facility relocation. Correspondence from such companies shall be provided to the City Planner prior to the alley vacation being recorded at Oakland County.
3. Submittal of a concept plan for the proposed development, including information pertaining to traffic circulation

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

It is the recommendation that the City Council approve the following items as part of the Consent Agenda:

**RESIGNATION OF REETZ FROM THE HUMAN RELATIONS AND EQUITY COMMISSION**

Emily Reetz has submitted her resignation from the Human Relations and Equity Commission. Therefore, the staff and I recommend City Council accept this resignation and declare the seat vacant as part of the consent agenda.

RESIGNATION OF FREEMANN FROM THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Anjela Freeman has submitted her resignation from the Library Advisory Board. Therefore, the staff and I recommend City Council accept this resignation and declare the seat vacant as part of the consent agenda.

SAFE STREETS FOR ALL COST-SHARING AGREEMENT

The cities of Madison Heights, Hazel Park, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Oak Park, Huntington Woods, and Berkley have been awarded a joint planning grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) totaling \$385,000. The grant is through the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program and will be used to develop a multi-jurisdictional safe streets action plan. Ferndale is serving as the lead municipality for the administration of the grant. The total local match for the awarded grant is \$96,250.04, and Madison Heights' portion of the local grant match is \$14,895.84.

Therefore, staff and I recommend approval of the attached multi-jurisdictional cost-sharing agreement for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) action plan grant, including Madison Heights' local grant match of \$14,895.84, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the City as part of the consent agenda.