

City Council Regular Meeting  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
August 28, 2023

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 7:30 PM at City Hall  
- Council Chambers, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Roslyn Grafstein  
Councilwoman Toya Aaron  
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Bliss  
Councilman Sean Fleming  
Councilor Emily Rohrbach  
Councilor Quinn Wright

**ABSENT**

Councilman David Soltis

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Manager Melissa Marsh  
City Attorney Larry Sherman  
City Clerk Cheryl Rottmann

**CM-23-209. Excuse Councilmember.**

Motion to excuse Councilman Soltis from today's meeting.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

Councilor Wright gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**Proclamation - Patriot's Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance.**

City Manager Marsh stated that Council is proclaiming September 11, 2023, and each September 11 thereafter, as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, and calls upon all departments, schools, and businesses in the City to display the flag of the United States at half-staff on Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

**CM-23-210. Special Approval PSP 23-04 - Tommy's Car Wash [Active Adult Center] - 29448 John R Road.**

Mayor Grafstein opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Loren Clift, resident, is opposed to turning the area into a car wash.

William Gershenson, developer, stated that his experience with Madison Heights has been fruitful; he developed Kmart, BJ's Wholesale and the rest of the shopping center and is continuing to develop the shopping experience in the City. His headquarters are in Madison Heights, and the opportunity to do another project is a privilege. This project is complicated; the site sits next to the SOCCRA station and makes development of the property difficult. The soils are contaminated, and this also poses challenges because residential and multi-family developments are not an opportunity at this location. It is currently zoned light industrial. The rear access to adjacent community will be maintained and will remain. He understands that variances are necessary to obtain for continuation of the project, and in terms of trees, we will be replanting trees that they are taking down. He noted that any development would require removal of trees. He stated that he understands the uncomfortableness with the proposed use, but the proposal is a best-in class car wash facility. He stated that it is not uncommon to have several car washes in a community. They are trying to do the best development they can on this property and one fitting into the community. If you have suggestions on how to make the plans better, they are open minded to suggestions.

Steve Gunn, owner of Wash Pointe car wash, asked if a planned unit development was sought after at any point? He noted that the ten-year master plan has this area as a recreational area and the current M-1 zoning doesn't fit a B-3 zoning criteria. He asked if any traffic studies from MDOT have been done at this site. He noted that Tommy's car wash processes up to 2000 cars a day, in addition to the proposed drive-thru restaurant that may increase the number of vehicles by another 500 per day. He stated that there is also a bus stop in front of proposed development. He referenced a memo dated August 16<sup>th</sup> with 7 items to be considered including being zoned light industrial, which is meant to be for other uses with low traffic patterns, possible remediation, and other options including green space and/or recreational use. He stated that the Master Plan deems this area as a park and asked why we need an additional car wash. He concluded by noting there also are other proposed sites for car washes nearby in Troy and Warren. This area is saturated with car washes and asked Council to consider these points.

Martha Covert, resident, asked about the memorial trees that are going to be removed. She asked if families have a say of where their memorial is going to go.

Jessica Tutt, resident, stated that she is a Madison Heights Veteran's Service Officer, and she was hoping to turn the former Active Adult Center into a location where our kids and veterans can go. If we are doing something for community, we can clean it up.

Steve Gunn, Wash Pointe car wash, noted when they located in the City in 2004, there used to be a car wash where the Texas Roadhouse is. Their establishment filled the void and didn't saturate the market; this proposal doesn't work well for anyone. How many car washes do we really need.

Resident 1 (no name given) stated that when you google car washes in the area, we are over saturated. None of them are over utilized. This could be a park, rezoned for small walkable

coffee shop while incorporating wildlife, or many other options that could bring the community together. We are living in an era that people are torn apart, and we could have a use that could bring people together. A car wash that produces a lot of rainwater runoff and emissions would be wasteful and have negative impact on the environment. Consider what kind of place we want to live in the future; something that we can all benefit from. One of the goals of this Council is more beautification, and this would undo a lot of that progress.

Donna Dalling, resident, stated that she has volunteered at AAC for over 30 years, and while she is not against improvements, we need another car wash like we need a hole in our head. She added the trees that are dedicated mean a lot to the people who put them there.

Rachel Isbell, resident, stated that she thinks the City is falling apart, but to take out the trees for a car wash? we do not need another car wash. Why do we need more car washes in our climate?

Brian Wacoal, resident, stated that there are 48 memorialized trees and 28 of them will be in the redevelopment area. The plaque isn't the memorial, the memorial is the tree. He asked if there are any remains on the memorial sites. He read two of the memorial plaques from the site. He concurred with other comments, and stated that some of the trees date back to the 70's. He asked if the donators were given any sort of contracts or are they notified of their rights?

Resident 2 (no name given) agrees with other comments. There should be another use such as for the veterans and or developed for something else. This proposal is not increasing living space, not increasing the number of homes, just increasing traffic.

Seeing no one further wishing to speak, Mayor Grafstein closed the public hearing at 8:06 p.m.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, City Manager Marsh stated that the City is aware of the memorial tree issue at the Active Adult Center, Library and City Hall due to the Civic Center construction project. The City is having a memorial garden designed next to the Library, along with a memorial patio, which will be a peaceful place to reflect. Unfortunately, there are not spots for another 50 trees at the Civic Center complex. She added that the memorial garden monuments are currently being custom built. Mayor Pro Tem Bliss stated that the trees are significant to him as well, and he sympathizes with the audience comments, as he has a memorial tree as well.

City Manager Marsh noted that ashes are not permitted to be buried by the tree; but when a memorial tree is purchased, the legal agreement is that the City can replace tree or remove it should it become necessary. The original point of the memorial tree project was to have more trees in the City and residents could sponsor trees. City Manager Marsh continued that while construction would result in the removal of some trees, the City does have development standards and the developer will have to replace trees; albeit they will not be memorial trees.

Councilor Rohrbach noted that the City has done a ton of planting to populate the tree canopy, and she understands the emotional aspect of the removal. City Council is aggressively working on trees and sustainability in the City, and it would be a real shame to cut them down, but this is not the only factor we have to consider.

Mayor Grafstein commented that if the senior center wasn't falling apart this wouldn't be an issue. If someone wanted to redevelop the Active Adult Center site for another use, most

likely some trees would have to be removed. She continued that when the City initially started our discussion on redevelopment, it was her thought to put some lofts, condos, and coffee shops; however, we can't make a developer come and put in what we want. Mayor Grafstein stated that the development discussion has been ongoing for a year.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, City Manager Marsh gave an overview of the history and process of why the Active Adult Center was sold. City Manager Marsh noted that in 2018, City Council had its first strategic planning session and she asked to do a feasibility study of Active Adult Center, Library and City Hall and compare the cost to building new versus renovating. The cost to fix the existing facilities came back at \$15 million dollars; the Active Adult Center has severe building issues, including the foundation is sinking. The cost to build a new Active Adult Center and renovate City Hall and the Library was estimated to be \$11 million. The cost increased to \$14.2 million due to inflation and the addition of renovating Fire Station 2 being added to the project. The Active Adult Center property sold for \$1.8 million and helped fund part of the Civic Center project. City Manager Marsh further explained how the City utilized phase funding for the project and where the money was obtained from, including several grants. She stated that the Grand Opening is scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup>, and the project is under budget and on time. Without the sale of this property, we would have to come up with \$1.8 million dollars to replace funding that part of the project.

Motion to approve Special Approval PSP 23-04 for Tommy's Car Wash (Active Adult Center) located at 29448 John R Road the proposed use as follows:

1. The applicant requests special use approval for an auto wash use at 29448 John R Road under Section 10.329(4), "Other uses of a similar and no more objectionable character[...]."
2. The subject site is zoned M-1, light Industrial, which is intended to provide areas to accommodate wholesale activities, warehouses, and industrial operations whose external, physical effects are restricted to the area of the district. The proposed auto wash is consistent with the intent of the M-1 zoning district and is compatible with and is no more objectionable than principal uses permitted in the M-1 zoning district.
3. The subject site is in the vicinity of properties improved with light industrial, warehousing, self-storage, and auto repair use, is adjacent to recreational uses, and is across John R Road from retail uses. The proposed auto wash is compatible with adjacent land uses.
4. The proposed use is consistent with the site's "Mixed Use Innovation" future land use designation and is aligned with the goals and objectives stated in the 2021 Madison Heights Master Plan relating to community character, commercial & industrial development, and transportation networks.
5. The applicant has demonstrated a need for the proposed use in the specified area of the city.
6. The proposed use does satisfy the use-specific requirements for auto washes listed in Section 10.326(8). The applicant acknowledges the need to apply to the ZBA for several variances from the specific-use standards of Section 10.326(8).
7. Based on the above findings, the proposed use does generally satisfy/satisfies the special use approval review standards and criteria listed in Section 10.201(4).

And to further approve the following conditions:

1. Resolve site plan deficiencies relating to the chain link fence and outdoor self-service vacuum bays or seek the appropriate variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
2. The Landscape Plan and Building Elevations submitted with the site plan package shall be substantially consistent with the preliminary plans submitted with this special use application, with the exception of any required modifications placed as conditions of approval.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.

Councilwoman Aaron stated that she has been advocating for a youth center since running for Council, however, when you look at contaminated ground, do we want to use a contaminated parcel? The City is updating MacGilvray park to be multigenerational, and she stated that she initially voted against the car wash; however, while it is disturbing to remove trees, when we look at developing the Active Adult Center property, whatever it will be, trees will be removed. We do not want the City to lose \$1.8 million and/or have vacant land. We need to develop the property and allow the City to grow. She stated that she wants to see everything everyone has suggested, and she wants Madison Heights to be a City that is growing. Will building another car wash bring competition? It most certainly will.

City Attorney Sherman noted that the City Manager did an excellent explanation and overview of the project and noted that the City is looking at a bigger picture. The project has created a renovated City Hall, Library, Fire Station, and a new Active Adult Center. The Active Adult Center could not be renovated due to the condition. There is a restaurant being proposed and there are ingress and egress issues at the site as well. This is part of the process of considering the Special Land Use. The property has been under contract for a long time and there are hoops that must be jumped through and hopefully that a bigger goal of the City may be accomplished should the development go forward.

Councilor Rohrbach noted that when looking at the overall site plan, she explained the property proposal includes maintaining the walkway and calls for the removal of existing parking area and reseeded this area. The City can't choose who purchases the land. We don't love the idea of a car wash, we have had discussions on what we would like, but it is private property, and they want to use the property to make money and we have no control over that. There are too many car washes, but we can't control private development only to a certain level. The project ideas brought forth today are great, but a private developer must make those choices.

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss thanked everyone for coming out. He stated that he thinks that this proposal is terrible, and it seems to be the thing that keeps coming to the City. When we first underwent this project, we had detailed discussions at the Planning level, and we wanted to have a mixed-use and businesses. We've had the sale, and the purchasers have done their due diligence and it doesn't necessarily shock him on how bad the reports came back. Not a single person wants to have a car wash, but we are in a tough predicament. He stated that he is not happy about it, but this is the reality of the site and the difficulty of building on it.

Mayor Grafstein stated that she also had grand plans for the redevelopment as well. When she initially heard about the car wash, she said no. This is one of the times you must put your head above your heart. If we don't do this, we will be forced to use tax revenue that we can put towards other projects. If we don't do this, we will have to come up with the \$2 million dollars for the project. This is a hard choice that is best for long-term. She stated that she will be voting yes. because it is best for the City.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

### **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

### **CM-23-211. Martha Kehoe - Resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

Motion to accept the resignation of Martha Kehoe from the Zoning Board of Appeals and declare the seat vacant and send her a certificate of recognition for her service.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

### **CM-23-212. Special City Council Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2023.**

Motion to approve the Special City Council Meeting minutes of August 14, 2023, as printed.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

**CM-23-213. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2023.**

Motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting minutes of August 14, 2023, as printed.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:**

Each board liaison gave a brief review of the activities of the boards they are serving on as Council Representative.

**CM-23-214. Active Adult Center Advisory Board.**

Motion to approve the appointment of Francis Smith to the Active Adult Center Advisory Board for a Regular term to expire 8/31/26.

Motion made by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilman Fleming.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

**CM-23-215. Arts Board.**

Motion to appoint the following to the Arts Board:

Michael Covert, Regular term, expires 8/31/26

Sue Popp, Alternate term, expires 8/31/26

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilman Fleming.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

**CM-23-216. Construction Board of Appeals.**

Motion to appoint Del Loranger to the Construction Board of Appeals for a Regular term to expire 8/31/25.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

**CM-23-217. Crime Commission.**

Motion to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the Crime Commission, as follows:

Beth Scott, Regular term, expires 8/31/26

Alexandra Iaquinto, Regular term, expires 8/31/26

Peg Marentette, Regular term, expires 8/31/26

Jeffrey Hilliard, Alternate term, expires 8/31/26

Motion made by Councilman Fleming, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

**CM-23-218. Elected Officials Compensation Commission.**

Motion to appoint Salisa Fortune-Heiligh to the Election Officials Compensation Commission to a Regular term to expire 8/31/30.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilman Fleming.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

**CM-23-219. Historical Commission.**

Motion to appoint the following to the Historical Commission:

Martha Covert, Regular term, expires 2/28/26

Jason Kowalski, Regular term, expires 2/28/26



Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilman Fleming.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

**CM-23-220. Human Relations and Equity Commission.**

Motion to appoint the following to the Human Relations and Equity Commission:

Nicole Fox, Regular term, expires 8/31/25

Sydney Larry, Regular term, expires 8/31/25

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

Discussion followed on the need to be cognizant of all denominational holidays when scheduling special events or meetings.

**CM-23-221. Information Technology Advisory Committee.**

Motion to appoint the Paul Timmins to the Information Technology Advisory Committee for a Regular term expiring 2/28/26.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilman Fleming.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

**CM-23-222. Library Advisory Board.**

Motion to appoint the following to the Library Advisory Board:

Amanda May, Regular term, expiring 8/31/25

Jeffrey Scott, Regular term, expiring 8/31/25

Jennifer Nagle, Regular term, expiring 8/31/25

Rebecca Hill, Regular term, expiring 8/31/25

Nicholas Cobb, Alternate term, expiring 8/31/25

Motion made by Councilwoman Aaron, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

**CM-23-223. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.**

Motion to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board,  
as follows:

Lisa Wright, Regular term, expiring 2/28/25

Anthony Klepacki, Regular term, expiring 2/28/25

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilman Fleming

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

**CM-23-224. Planning Commission.**

Motion to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the Planning Commission, as follows:

Eric Graettinger, Regular term, expiring 8/31/26

Grant Sylvester, Regular term, expiring 8/31/26

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilman Fleming.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

**CM-23-225. Zoning Board of Appeals.**

Motion to appoint Cassandra Barragan to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Regular term  
to expire 2/28/24.

Motion made by Councilwoman Aaron, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

**CM-23-226. Ordinance 2195, Prohibit Retail Pet Store Sales, First Reading.**

Motion to approve Ordinance 2195, Prohibit Retail Pet Store Sales, on First Reading and schedule a Second Reading for September 11, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.

Tim Burns noted there are a couple different versions of this ordinance being used in surrounding communities for the Council to consider.

In response to Councilor Rohrbach's question, Assistant City Attorney Burns stated the City does have one business that may be affected by this ordinance, but they do not sell the type of animals in this ordinance.

In response to Councilor Wright's question, Assistant City Attorney Burns confirmed that the ordinance would not affect the Human Society's operations.

In response to Councilman Fleming's question, Assistant City Attorney Burns answered that enforcement of the certificate of transfer would come down to receiving a complaint and Code Enforcement follow up. The ordinance does not permit off-site retail sales and transferring in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss stated that in the past, he has recommended that we adopt a task force to examine these type of animal issues and study possible consequences. He stated that he would like to see third party input such as from the Animal Welfare Society and Oakland County Animal Control prior to considering voting on this ordinance.

City Attorney Sherman noted that this type of ordinance was originated with the Washtenaw County Human Society input. He continued that while State law is currently being considered, the legislation hasn't progressed to Senate, and it contains a sunset provision.

Mayor Grafstein stated that she is voting no because this is something that the State is looking into and she supports Mayor Pro Bliss' idea to reach out to other partners for input.

Voting Yea: Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Voting Nay: Mayor Grafstein, Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss,  
Councilman Fleming

Absent: Councilman Soltis

Motion failed 2-4.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilwoman Aaron stated that she is praying all the kids, students and staff have a safe and secure school year. She wished a Happy Anniversary to Martha and Michael Covert on their 30th Anniversary.

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss stated that he did a wedding today and the whole Council chamber was fuller than he has ever seen it before for a wedding. He wished a Happy Anniversary to the Coverts; thirty years takes a lot of work! We appreciate all the time that you both donate to the City. He stated that he is happy to be back and healthy after being out sick. He noted that he is thankful to those who put a lot of time and effort into the Off the Trail fundraiser and hopes that everyone comes out to the Trail Tunes on September 9th; more details are available on the Arts Board Facebook page. It is back to school time, and he is happy to see some of the changes that are happening, including putting an officer in the school. He noted that referring the proposed vacation of an easement back to the Planning Commission was the right thing for Council to do at the last meeting and it was appreciated. He stated that if Council can get input from partners on the puppy mill ordinance, then he could possibly be a yes vote. He asked that a resolution to our representative in Lansing on road funding beyond the I-75 project and expressing the need for additional construction due to the increase of wear and tear on local roads from increased traffic from the I-75 project.

Councilor Wright commented that Council had a good discussion on the Madison Motor and Smoke event, and he apologized for the date conflict, noting the HREC board need to be more considerate when choosing event dates. He continued that he believes there are a few bad actors on Council who are always opposed to whatever the HREC has proposed. He and the HREC want to work together and be inclusive; we can do better to work together. He concurred that getting more input on the puppy mill ordinance would be useful.

City Attorney Sherman announced that he has been blessed with two new granddaughters. Everyone is doing well, and he is feeling very blessed. He commented that with Martha Kehoe, you never have to guess what her position is on an issue. He wished her the best, a stated that she is truly a Madison Heights treasurer. Congratulations to the Coverts on their anniversary.

City Manager Marsh announced the grand opening of the Civic Center complex on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

City Clerk Rottmann had no comments this evening.

Councilor Rohrbach wished everyone a happy first day of school to all those that celebrate, and happy birthday to her mom, Deborah Sheppard.

Councilman Fleming thanked Council for support for the Patriot's Day Proclamation. He stated that it means a lot as veteran, as a supporter of first responders, and to those that serve, have served, or will serve in the future. Thank you for all those that donated to the Trail Tunes fundraiser. He thanked Amori's Market for the basket that he won at the auction. He noted that the flashing light to stop for pedestrians at Barrington and 13 Mile has been changed by the Traffic Safety Committee to be active until 10 p.m. The Crime Commission and Police Department are holding the Harco and Friends Canine Demonstration on September 9th. He thanked the Jewish Historical Society for hosting the lecture and bus tour and for being great docents. The Oakland County Veterans and Community Resource event is September 19th from 9 AM to noon at City Hall.

Mayor Grafstein agreed that Marth Kehoe is a City treasure and along with Jean Linville, the McGillivray family, and Sean Fleming, she is one of the big reasons we have the Memorial Day Parade and she thanked her for everything she does for the City. The Madison Heights Community Coalition Back to School event was this past weekend and it was an impressive event. She noted

a lot of young families are moving here for our services and our schools. We recently had a house fire in the community, and this is why we did our millage MH a few years ago. She thanked the community for their support of public safety in the City and of the MH millage. This also helped fund some of the Fire Station No. 2 renovations. She invited the public to attend The Firefighters v. Police baseball game this Friday at Rosie's Park at 5:00 p.m. She stated that tonight's meeting was longer due to the appointments to boards and commissions and work plan reviews. She thanked Mayor Pro Tem Bliss for covering for her for the wedding today and at the upcoming Chinese Cultural Center Healthy Gardening Expo. She stated that she appreciates the diverse community that we have here in Madison Heights and how everyone makes her feel welcome. Please be careful it is Labor Day weekend. Our next City Council meeting is September 11th.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further business, Mayor Grafstein adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.