

City Council Regular Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
July 25, 2022

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 7:30 PM at Fire Station 1 Training Room - 31313 Brush Street

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

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

CM-22-230. Presentation - Bicycle Rodeo Winners.

Chief Haines announced the Bike Rodeo winners Kaydain Stafford and Morgan Kaczor. He presented Morgan Kaczor with a bike from American Cycle purchased by sponsor Michigan Schools & Government Credit Union and thanked American Cycle for helping with the Rodeo. Michigan Schools & Government Credit Union representative Shelia Tuynman gave a brief statement on behalf of MSGCU reiterating their commitment to the community.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Rob Pacquet, resident, asked Council to look into the the new sound barrier that was installed in the I-75 Modernization Project, noting it is half of the height of the barrier they removed. He also requested that the police watch for excessive traffic through the neighborhoods and suggested that engine brakes be prohibited.

CM-22-231. Bruce Conn - Resignation from the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilman Fleming, to accept the resignation of Bruce Conn from the Planning Commission, issue a Certificate of Appreciation and declare the seat vacant.

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

**CM-22-232. DPS Director - 2022-27 Macomb County Road Commission Winter
Maintenance Agreement.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilor Wright, to approve the
2022-27 Macomb County Road Commission Winter Maintenance Agreement and
authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the City.

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

CM-22-233. Tri -Party Cost-Sharing Agreement (Budget Amendment).

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron, to approve
the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$52,471, to Major Roads, account 202-450-
988-0445 for the Tri -Party Cost-Sharing Agreement

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

CM-22-234. Tri -Party Cost-Sharing Agreement.

Motion by Councilor Rohrbach Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron, to approve the Tri-
Party Cost Participation Agreement for RCOC Board Project 55031, the resurfacing of
14 Mile Road from Barrington Street to Dequindre Road, and authorize the Mayor to
sign on behalf of the City.

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

**CM-22-235. Michigan Employees' Retirement System (MERS) - Delegates and
Alternates to Annual Meeting.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilman Fleming, to appoint
Melissa Marsh and Amy Misczak as the Officer Delegate and the Officer Alternate
respectively, and certify the election of Johnnie Browner as Employee Delegate
and John Brackett as Employee Alternate to attend the 76th Annual MERS Meeting on
September 26-27 at the Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, Michigan.

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

CM-22-236. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2022.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilor Wright.to approve the
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2022, as amended:

...to permit an auto wash at 29022 Stephenson Hwy ~~due to an auto wash use
being prohibited in the M-1 zoning district and~~ for the reasons stated above by
Council.

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

CM-22-237. Council Comments.

Councilwoman Aaron noted that she attended a meeting with Oakland County Parks and Recreation about the future of Red Oaks Golf Course and Ambassador Park. There was a lot of discussion on the golf course and potential for future development of this park. There is an online survey regarding future vision for the golf course. These are Madison Heights parks and we have a voice on what is being discussed. The week of August 8th there will be another meeting, please come out and have your voice heard. She noted that it is Minority Mental Health month, but we need to maintain mental health awareness at all times. There is a new number for suicide awareness, 988.

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss noted that the discussion on Red Oaks Golf Course is surprising to some. He provided a brief history of Soccer Complex and how the vision for that property changed over the years. The County is looking to how best invest in this park; what may be a better use of the space. There is an online survey for residents to have a say on what may happen to the space and he encouraged residents to participate. Change is hard, but good things may come from change. He stated that he is glad we are having open discussion and excited to see where it leads; your voices are important.

Councilor Wright stated he too attended the focus group and he appreciates how they want to make the area more accessible/usable for more in the community. Some ideas discussed benefit a broader number in the community. Take an opportunity to take the survey and please give your feedback. Remember to be kind.

City Clerk Rottmann noted that all precincts would be open for the August 2nd Primary Election from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. She reminded voters of Precinct 8 that their new polling location is Page Middle School and parking is off of Edwards. This Saturday, the City Clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. so come in and do your election business.

Councilor Rohrbach expressed thanks to the Recreation staff for the Parks and Rec summer camps, noting the program has been wonderful. Please remember to vote, it is very important and you can check the status of your absentee ballot online.

Councilman Fleming noted that the Gardenia and Lincoln bridges are now open and they look great. Please remember to drive cautiously, there is still construction work taking place on the bridges. The Madison Heights Animal Shelter has an amazon shopping list you can find on their shelter webpage, please consider purchasing these much needed items. The Crime Commission is sponsoring an event on September 6th featuring Attorney General Dana Nessel on fraud and consumer protection.

Councilman Soltis acknowledged fallen Detroit Police Officer Loren Courts and asked that he be kept in everyones prayers. He commented that the Detroit School District has a lot of issues and leadership needs to be in place in order to make improvements.

Mayor Grafstein stated please consider filling out survey regarding the golf course. She noted that due to construction, City emails and phones are down currently and will hopefully be up sometime tomorrow. The next City Council meeting is August 8th.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.