

DATE: April 24, 2025
TO: City Council
FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager
SUBJECT: Agenda Comments – Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 28, 2025

PRESENTATIONS:

MADISON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COALITION PRESENTATION

Executive Director of the Madison Heights Community Coalition, Kim Heisler, has requested to update City Council on the activities of the Madison Heights Community Coalition.

CONSENT AGENDA:

2025 OLDER MICHIGANIAN DAY RESOLUTION

In conjunction with Senior Action Week, Council is set to resolve May 7, 2025 as Older Michiganian Day in support of advocacy efforts on behalf of Michigan's older population and their ability to live independently with dignity.

UPDATED PARK/FACILITY NAMING POLICY

The Historical Commission has updated the Park/Facility Naming Policy for Council's review and approval. Changes in the nominee criteria, the maximum number of nominees per year, and language clean-up along with naming criteria have been recommended.

Staff recommends that the Council approve the update to the Park/Facility Naming Policy as recommended by the Historical Commission.

2025 DRINKING WATER WEEK PROCLAMATION

Council is set to proclaim May 4-10, 2025 Drinking Water Week in the City of Madison Heights. A week to recognize the vital role that clean, abundant, and potable water plays in our daily lives.

PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERK'S WEEK PROCLAMATION

Council is set to proclaim May 4-10, 2025, as Municipal Clerk's Week in recognition of the city's professional municipal clerk's staff for their vital services and exemplary dedication they have to the citizens of the City of Madison Heights.

KEVIN'S SONG CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE RESOLUTION

Kevin's Song is a non-profit corporation that has recently relocated to the City of Madison Heights. Their mission is "Saving lives through suicide prevention education and offering hope and healing to survivors." They are holding two fundraising events in 2025 which will require a raffle license to be issued from the State of Michigan. Per the State, they must submit a document titled "Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses" as required by MCL 432.103a(i)(ii). This document must be reviewed by the Madison Heights City Council and resubmitted prior to approval of the license.

Staff recommends approval of the required Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for Kevin's Song.

REPORTS:

RESOLUTION URGING THE OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REJECT THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN EQUALIZATION SERVICE COSTS TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES

This item requests City Council's consideration of a resolution urging the Oakland County Commission to vote no on the proposed increase to equalization (assessing) fees charged to communities. As a disadvantaged community, Madison Heights cannot absorb the indirect costs being passed down by the County, which is a prorated portion of indirect cost such as County Executive Administration, Budget and Finance costs. This increase from the \$237,787 that Madison Heights currently pays annually to \$410,407, and then to \$449,107—is 194.7% increase. This increase is being recommended by the Finance Committee and will be considered by the full Board of Commissioners at their May 1st meeting.