

DATE: December 3, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager

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

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

PRESENTATIONS:

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS - RED OAKS PARK (AMBASSADOR PARK) DESIGN

Oakland County Parks representatives will be making a presentation regarding the final design of Red Oaks Park (Ambassador Park).

CONSENT:

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES - FIELD USE AGREEMENTS WITH MADISON HEIGHTS SOCCER

Presented for Council's consideration is a new four-year field and Soccer Complex use agreement with the Madison Heights Youth Soccer Association. The four-year time period will align this agreement with the five-year periods recently approved for baseball, football, and the Stay and Play Social Club.

Staff recommends that Council approve the field use agreements under the consent agenda authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign on the City's behalf.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES - PURCHASE OF QUICK VIEW SEWER CAMERA

The FY 2025 Budget includes funding for a quick-view sewer camera; a rugged digital camera and a transmitter used to quickly and accurately inspect gatewells, storm drains, manholes, and sewer pipework within manholes.

Staff recommends that the Council approve the purchase of one EnviroSight QuickView AirHD camera and equipment as quoted from MacQueen Equipment of Lake Orion, under the MiDeal cooperative bid, in the amount of \$19,075.00 under the consent agenda.

CDBG YARD SERVICE- 2024 LAWN SERVICE CONTRACT AMENDMENT

On March 11, 2024, City Council approved the CDBG Lawn Service contract for the 2024 season, awarding the contract to Capital Landscape at a unit price of \$23.00 per lot; to not to

exceed \$35,589. This contact amount was to cover the costs of 55 residences at 28 weeks at \$23.00. However, although cuts varied per week we ended the season providing services for 29 weeks and often 56 residences. This has resulted in a total cost of service of \$37,053, or \$1,464 over the City Council approved limit approved in March 2024.

CDBG funding is available to cover this overage. Therefore, staff requests that City Council amend the contract to Capital Landscape for the CDBG 2024 Lawn Service from \$35,589 to \$37,053 through approval in the consent agenda.

CITY PLANNER - RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A VISION ZERO POLICY TO ELIMINATE FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES RESULTING FROM CRASHES ON MADISON HEIGHTS STREETS

As part of the Joint Safety Action Plan and Safe Streets for All grant requirements, the partnering communities must formally adopt Vision Zero as a comprehensive approach. Vision Zero is a public health-based safety strategy to reduce and eventually eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries by a specific year, using a multi-disciplinary approach. This resolution, which will be adopted by all seven southeast Oakland County communities, adopts a Vision Zero policy within Madison Heights, proposing to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on our streets by the year 2045.

Staff recommends that City Council approve the resolution adopting a Vision Zero policy to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries resulting from crashes on Madison Heights streets by the year 2045 as part of the consent agenda.

CITY CLERK - 2025 COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR

Council is requested to adopt the 2025 City Council Meeting Calendar. Date changes take place in observance of Passover, Memorial Day, and Rosh Hashanah.

COMMUNICATIONS:

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES - PRIORITY WASTE UPDATE

A representative from Priority Waste is scheduled to attend the Council meeting to provide an update on their progress with the acquisition of the City's solid waste contract over the last six months.

BID AWARDS/PURCHASES:

POLICE CHIEF – PURCHASE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS, IN-CAR CAMERAS, SOFTWARE AND STORAGE.

Our current contract with Axon for in-car and body-worn cameras with software and storage will expire in FY26. As part of this contract, MHPD also co-termed a separate agreement for cloud storage, which has proven to be a key solution for storing and sharing digital evidence,

including materials for prosecutors and FOIA requests. Axon now offers an upgraded camera system with enhanced features, including live-stream monitoring, license plate reading technology, redaction, and sharing capabilities, and auto-tagging for better record-keeping. Axon has proposed a 5-year contract starting in March 2025, which will lock in the 2024 price schedule. The total cost for the 5-year contract is \$690,000.

Although the original contract was negotiated at \$707,310.41 by staff, a review by the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) led to further price negotiations, bringing the cost down to \$690,000, pending approval by the City Council at the December 9th meeting. An updated quote will be available Monday night. Based on this revised information, ITAC and Staff recommend that the City Council approve the 5-year contract with Axon Enterprise, not to exceed \$690,000.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES - SCHEDULED REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLE #525

The FY 2025 Budget includes the second phase of funding to replace vehicle 525, a 2004 GMC chipper truck, funded through the solid waste division. The existing truck has a very poor condition score of 43, warranting priority replacement.

Staff recommends that the Council approve the purchase of one forestry truck and equipment as quoted to Altec Industries, of Waterford, in the amount of \$223,902.75, through the MiDeal Cooperative Purchasing program.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2201 - REZONING PRZN 24-01 - 32275 STEPHENSON HWY. [M-1 TO MUI-1], SECOND READING

The applicant, Ahmad Nassar d/b/a Detroit 75 Kitchen, on behalf of the property owner, Raghunath Singh, requests to rezone one (1) parcel of land located at 32275 Stephenson Highway (TM# 44-25-02-101-036) from M-1, Light Industrial district, to MUI-1, Mixed-Use Innovation 1 district. The subject parcel is approximately 1 acre in size and is improved with a 3,300 square foot commercial building (currently operating as a restaurant and bar) and an associated parking lot. The property is located on the west side of Stephenson Hwy. just north of Whitcomb Ave.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Ordinance #2201 (PRZN 24-01) upon second reading.