

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

In the City's 2024 Community Development Block Grant Program Year (PY) application, \$64,817 was approved for Public Facilities Improvements for pedestrian amenities along 11 Mile Road. These amenities were purchased for a total of \$13,919.92 leaving a remaining balance of \$50,897.08. Staff is proposing that unspent funds from Public Facilities & Improvements Program Year 2024 be reprogrammed to be used for improvements to Rosie's Park including the installation of a new drinking fountain and benches, and the Minor Home Repair program for qualifying projects.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Community Development Block Grant Reprogramming resolution authorizing funds to be reallocated as follows:

- \$17,000 from Public Facilities & Improvements Program Year 2024 to Public Facilities & Improvements Program Year 2024; and
- \$33,897.08 from Public Facilities & Improvements Program 2024 to the Minor Home Repair account.

And to further authorize the filing of the reprogramming with Oakland County.

**REPORTS:**

**ACCELERATED TAX FORECLOSURE RESOLUTION, 2025-2026**

The "Certification of Abandoned Property for Accelerated Forfeiture Act" (MCL 211.961) allows for property, with delinquent taxes and is certified abandoned by the local governing body, to enter an accelerated foreclosure process in which the County Treasurer's Office can foreclose on the property 1-year earlier than the regular 3-year foreclosure process. This annual election of accelerating the tax foreclosure process can be a useful tool to expedite removal of abandoned property and to reduce blight.

Staff recommends that Council approve the Resolution for Certification of Abandoned Property for Accelerated Forfeiture Act as presented.

### 241 E 11 MILE RD ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT

The encroachment agreement between the City of Madison Heights and the property owner of 241 E 11 Mile Rd has been proposed to help mitigate the impact on the private property owners' parking lot circulation and the number of parking spaces. It allows parked vehicles to encroach on the city ROW along 11 Mile Rd by 5.5ft. This arrangement both provides an adequate drive aisle for parking circulation on the private lot and still allows the inclusion of the 10ft multi-use path and on-street parking as a part of the 11 Mile Streetscape project.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the encroachment agreement with 241 E 11 Mile Road and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the city, pending final legal approval.

### 515 E. 11 MILE DELTON APPROACH EASEMENT AGREEMENT

This approach easement between the City of Madison Heights and the property owner of 515 E 11 Mile Rd has been proposed to help mitigate the impact on the private property owners' parking spaces and circulation created by the 11 Mile Streetscape project. It allows the private property owner access to their parking lot through a city alleyway, opposed to through a newly created approach on Delton that would eliminate two parking spaces.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the approach easement agreement with 515 E 11 Mile Road and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the city, pending final legal approval.

### **BID AWARDS/PURCHASES:**

#### SCHEDULED REPLACEMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT UTILITY TRUCK

The approved FY 2025-26 Budget includes funding for the scheduled replacement of a utility truck for Fire Station 2. This vehicle is a 2016 Ford Interceptor Utility formerly used by the Fire Marshal. With 125,000 miles, it has a condition analysis score of 30, warranting priority replacement.

Staff recommends that Council approve the purchase of one 2026 Dodge Ram 1500 as quoted from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, of Lansing, through the MiDeal Cooperative Vehicle Purchasing Program, in a total amount of \$41,000, including delivery mileage.

## PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE PATROL CARS

The approved FY 2025-26 Budget includes funding for the scheduled replacement of two police patrol vehicles from the general fund. Motor Pool has been working with the police department to determine the best options for replacement. While the department is in the process of making the transition to the Chevrolet Tahoe as a frontline patrol vehicle, the consensus is to take advantage of the availability of two Durango Pursuit vehicles.

Staff recommends that Council approve the purchase of two 2026 Durango Pursuit AWD Patrol Vehicles as quoted from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, of Lansing, through the MiDeal Cooperative Vehicle Purchasing Program in the total amount of \$93,000.

## **ORDINANCES:**

### ORDINANCE 2203 - AMENDMENT TO PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP, SECOND READING

Councilman Fleming with the support of Mayor Grafstein have asked staff to revise the appointment process for those boards and commissions whose members are appointed by the mayor with the consent of Council and amend them to have membership appointed by the Council as a whole.

The First Reading of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board ordinance amendment was held at the July 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

Should the Council concur, the appropriate motion would be to adopt Ordinance No. 2203, Amendment to Parks and Recreation Board Membership, on Second Reading.

### ORDINANCE 2204 - AMENDMENT TO COMPENSATION COMMISSION - APPOINTMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERS, SECOND READING

The First Reading of the Compensation Commission ordinance amendment was held at the July 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. As requested, staff made a change to the Compensation Commission proposed ordinance amendment to include a staff recommendation for the membership appointment for the Second Reading.

Should the Council concur, the appropriate motion would be to adopt Ordinance No. 2204, Amendment to Compensation Commission Appointments and Confirmation of Members, on Second Reading.