

DATE: January 21, 2025

TO: City Council

FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Comments - Regular Council Meeting of Monday, January 27, 2025

The following are my comments on items appearing on the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, January 27, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE 2025 LUNAR NEW YEAR

City Council is set to proclaim and recognize the 2025 celebration of the Asian Lunar New Year which will usher in the Year of the Snake, a symbol of wisdom, resilience, and transformation in many Asian cultures. City Council encourages all residents to celebrate the rich diversity, traditions, and cultural significance of the Lunar New Year and celebrate the contributions of Asian Americans to the success and vitality of our city.

PROCLAMATION FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2025

City Council is set to proclaim February 2025 as Black History Month in the City and call upon all residents to reflect upon the rich history and contributions of Black Americans, to participate in local initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion, and to explore opportunities for involvement with committees, boards, and commissions that are essential to shaping the future of our city.

REPORTS:

AMENDMENTS TO FY 2024-25 BUDGET

The State of Michigan's Budget Law requires that any budget amendments be approved by City Council. The budget amendments are submitted to ensure that the FY 2024-25 Budget is in compliance with state law.

The mid-year budget amendments offer adjustments to align our financial plan with current realities. These updates reflect revisions, such as an adjustment of \$727,918 for State Revenue Sharing to better match actual figures and a clarification regarding the OPEB trust, where the transfer is correctly categorized as an expense rather than revenue. Additionally, we've proactively updated funding allocations for several projects. Some initiatives, like the new EMT program, have been reassessed and are no longer moving forward, while others, such as the phase funding for the street sweeper and bandshell project, are being carried forward from

FY 2024 into FY 2025 based on completion date, ensuring that we continue to manage our resources effectively for the long-term success of these important community projects.

Staff recommends that Council approves the budget amendments to the FY 2024-25 Budget and appropriate the necessary funds. Budget Amendments require approval from a super-majority of City Council (5 votes).