

DATE: May 11, 2026
TO: City Council
FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager
SUBJECT: Agenda Comments Regular Council Meeting of Monday, May 11, 2026

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

28220 JOHN R ROAD BROWNFIELD PLAN

City Council is scheduled to hold the required Public Hearing for consideration of a Brownfield Plan for 28220 John R LLC for the redevelopment of 28220 John R Road. This project proposes demolishing the former McDonalds' restaurant on site for the development of a new 9,500 square foot professional office building. Half of this building will be home to his dental practice, along with up to 15 FTE employees and the other half will be available for another medical or professional office tenants. This project estimates capital investment \$3.7 Million.

Following the required Public Hearing staff recommended that City Council adopt a resolution to the Brownfield Plan for 28820 John R Road as presented and to authorize the Mayor and Acting City Clerk for this meeting to sign the Reimbursement Agreement following the City Attorneys review.

FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET RESOLUTION AND TAX LEVY

The FY 2027 Budget Council Review was held on April 13, 2026 as part of the regular City Council meeting. This public hearing is scheduled to receive public comments on the Proposed Budget, to appropriate funds, to establish the tax levy for the budget appropriations and department fees.

Pursuant to Section 8.4 of the City's Charter, a resolution has been drafted which, if approved, will adopt the FY 2027 Budget, appropriate funds, levy the property tax, and approve several fee adjustments. This budget is proposed with a tax millage decrease of 0.555 of a mill for the City operations at 24.9022. .

Following the public hearing, I recommend that the Council approve the FY 2027 Budget Resolution. City Charter Section 7.6 (b) requires a super majority of five votes to appropriate funds and set the tax rate for the Budget.

CONSENT AGENDA:

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION

City Council is scheduled to proclaim the month of May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month.

2026 NATIONAL POLICE WEEK PROCLAMATION

This proclamation calls upon the citizens of Madison Heights and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe May 10-17, 2026, as Police Week and also requested to proclaim May 15, 2026 as. Police Officers Memorial Day.

2026 OLDER MICHIGANIAN DAY RESOLUTION

In conjunction with Senior Action Week, Council is set to resolve May 13, 2026 as Older Michigianian Day in support of advocacy efforts on behalf of Michigan's older population and their ability to live independently with dignity.

2026 PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERK'S WEEK PROCLAMATION

Council is set to proclaim last week, May 3-9, 2026, 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 the Great Lakes Groovefest, a fundraising event, on June 14, 2026 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:

MAYOR -CITY COUNCIL ETHICS POLICY

A City Council Ethics Policy is being presented for review and consideration.

BID AWARDS/PURCHASES:

CITY MANAGER – VOICE OVER INTERNET PROROCAL (VoIP) PHONE SYSTEM

The City's existing telephone system has exceeded its useful life and no longer meets operational needs. To address this, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on January 27, seeking a cloud-based VoIP

(Voice Over Internet Protocol) phone system and related services. The RFP outlined the City's current system architecture and desired replacement system requirements.

The RFP was downloaded by more than 94 vendors, thirty-seven (37) vendors participated in the mandatory walkthrough, and thirty (30) proposals were submitted by the deadline.

Deputy City Manager Rottmann and Chris Morrisson of Skynet, the City's IT contractor, reviewed all submitted proposals based on operational fit, support services, licensing costs, Fire Department paging and doorbell compatibility, contract terms, and overall cost. Following that review, the proposals were narrowed to six (6) vendors and seven (7) finalist proposals, which were then referred to an ITAC subcommittee for further evaluation and recommendation.

After reviewing the finalist proposals and meeting with UniVoxx representatives, the ITAC subcommittee and staff unanimously recommended UniVoxx as the City's VoIP provider. The recommendation was based on overall value, portability of the system, budgetary considerations, and the ability to meet the City's operational needs. In addition, UniVoxx complies with all applicable CJIS Security Policy requirements.

Although ITAC was unable to obtain a quorum in May, individual ITAC member feedback supported the unanimous recommendation of staff and the subcommittee to award the contract to UniVoxx.

Should Council concur, the recommended motion would be to award the contract to UniVoxx for VoIP Phone System Equipment and Services for a five-year term in an amount not to exceed approximately \$110,164.20. (This includes a one-time implementation and equipment cost of \$3,450 and a monthly service cost of \$1,778.57, totaling approximately \$24,792.84 annually over the five-year term. The City currently pays approximately \$38,000 annually for phone services).

Mr. Warren Frankel of UniVoxx will be present this evening and available to answer any questions Council may have regarding the proposal or services.