

DATE: June 20, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Comments - Regular Council Meeting of Monday, June 24, 2024

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The following are my comments on items appearing on the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**CONSENT:**

**MADISON HEIGHTS CHIROPRACTIC 50TH ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION**

City Council is asked to recognize Dr. Allen Kash and Madison Heights Chiropractic on the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of operation.

**REPORTS:**

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES - CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL AGREEMENT**

On June 4, 2024, our current solid waste hauler, GFL Environmental, officially notified the City that they had sold their residential business to Priority Waste, effective June 30. Per the terms of the City's current agreement with GFL Environmental, GFL shall not assign, transfer, or sublet this Contract or any part thereof without the express written consent of the City. Any assignment, transfer, hypothecation, or subletting without the express written consent of the City shall give the City the right to terminate this Contract.

Given the current state of the waste hauling market and the fact that this contract expires June 30, 2025, staff recommends that the Council approve the assignment of the City's Solid Waste, Recyclables, and Compost Contract for Collection, Transport, and Disposal (Contract) to Priority Waste, of Sterling Heights, and authorize the Mayor to sign on the City's behalf.

Representatives from Priority Waste and GFL Environmental will be in attendance at the meeting to address this change in operations and answer any questions.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR - AMENDMENTS TO FY 2023-24 BUDGET AND CARRYFORWARDS TO AMEND THE FY 2024-25 BUDGET**

The State of Michigan's Budget Law requires that any budget amendments be approved by the City Council. The budget amendments are submitted to ensure that the FY 2024 and FY 2025 Budgets comply with state law.

The most significant amendments for the FY 2025 budget are the increase in revenues for interest earned (due to higher interest rates) and the addition of revenue for the Active Adult property sale proceeds resulting in a decreased use of fund balance in the General Fund Fund Balance. As part of the amendments, we also include FY 2025 carryforwards for projects that are budgeted in FY 2024 but will be expended or completed in the upcoming fiscal year. Most significant are the improvements coming to Rosie's Park, the city-wide park lighting project, and building maintenance/improvements at the Police Department. Significant budget amendments for Water and Sewer include \$590,000 of projects that we were able to begin earlier than budgeted for a total of \$590,000.

Staff recommends the Council approve the budget amendments and carryforwards to the FY 2024 and FY 2025 budget and appropriate the necessary funds.

#### DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES - TREE NURSERY AND PLANTING SERVICES

In FY 2020, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for Tree Nursery and Planting Services. The low successful bidder at the time was the Marine City Nursery Company, of China Township. In the four years since, Marine City has proven to be a highly responsive and competent firm, providing excellent nursery stock and timely planting services, resulting in minimal loss or warranty claims for the trees planted under the City's multiple programs.

Although Marine City was able to extend their pricing for one year past the original three-year contract term, Staff was informed that due to rising costs, they would not be able to do so again for the fiscal year upcoming. Staff subsequently prepared and issued an RFP, and two sealed proposals were received by the deadline from Crimboli Nursery and Marine City Nursery.

Upon tabulation of the bids, Marine City Nursery is again the low bidder. Based on this and their excellent performance with our tree programs, Staff recommends that the Council award a three-year contract, with the option to extend year three pricing upon mutual agreement of the parties, for Tree Nursery and Planting Services to the lowest qualified bidder, Marine City Nursery Company, of China Township, for the unit prices specified. Funding is budgeted and available.