

**DATE: January 8, 2026**

**TO: City Council**

**FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager**

**SUBJECT: Agenda Comments Regular Council Meeting of Monday, January 12, 2026**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES – 2025 HOLIDAY LIGHT AWARDS**

On behalf of the Active Adult Center Advisory Board/Beautification Committee, the DPS Director is scheduled to make a brief award presentation and play a short PowerPoint slide show of the winners and nominees outstanding displays. First Place Winner: 813 East Kalama Avenue Second Place Winner: 27784 Townley Street

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION – CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS 70TH ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION**

Historical Commission Council Representative, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Mier, is scheduled to read the Oakland County Board of Commissioner's Proclamation honoring the 70th Anniversary of the City of Madison Heights.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD – UPDATED LIBRARY INTERNET SAFETY POLICY**

The 2025 update modernizes the Internet Safety Policy last updated in 2013 by clarifying language, expanding scope, and adding user responsibilities. It replaces “filtering hardware” with “filtering software” and applies it to all access points, including wireless. The update emphasizes parental responsibility, outlines clearer steps for unblocking sites for minors and disabling filters for adults, and adds an Internet Use Rules section covering copyright, device security, and liability disclaimers. Prohibited activities remain similar but now require parental responsibility for minors using instant messaging. The policy also removes the requirement for minors to use computers only in the Children’s Room and introduces disclaimers for damages and theft. Overall, the revision reflects current technology and provides comprehensive guidelines for safe and responsible use.

The Library Advisory Board recommends Council adopt the updated Library Internet Safety Policy as it modernizes technology requirements, clarifies responsibilities, and adds comprehensive guidelines for safe and lawful internet use.

## FINANCE DIRECTOR - 2026 POVERTY EXEMPTION RESOLUTION AND APPLICATION

The State of Michigan Tax Commission has updated the poverty guidelines. The resolution encompasses changes to the Poverty Exemption Policy, Guidelines, and Application that are in compliance with the Tax Commission.

Staff recommends that City Council adopt the 2026 Poverty Exemption Resolution, guidelines, and application as presented

### **REPORTS:**

## CITY MANAGER – 2026-2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The City's financial policies require that the City develop a multi-year plan for capital improvement purchases and projects costing most than \$5,000, update it annually, and make all capital improvements in accordance with the Plan. The Plan is presented to the City Council each year to allow the Council and the public an opportunity to provide input during the early stages of the Budget preparation process. After the Council has had an opportunity to offer comments and/or questions, I recommend that Council vote to receive and file the Plan. The projects included in the Plan are subject to budget approval by City Council.

After the Council has had an opportunity to offer comments and/or questions, Council is recommended to receive and file the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan.