

DATE: May 17, 2023
TO: City Council
FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager
SUBJECT: Agenda Comments for the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, May 22, 2023

The following are my comments on items appearing on the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023.

PRESENTATIONS:

POLICE COMMENDATION AWARDS

Chief of Police Haines has requested time on the Council agenda to present the annual departmental commendations and awards.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS

City Council is being requested to approve a proclamation declaring Friday, June 2, 2023, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day encouraging all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

CONSENT AGENDA:

It is the recommendation that the City Council approve the following items as part of the Consent Agenda:

RESIGNATION FROM THE CRIME COMMISSION

As part of the consent agenda, City Council is being requested to accept the letter of resignation from Colleen Mohahan from the Crime Commission and declare the seat vacant.

REMOVAL OF ARTS BOARD MEMBER

As part of the consent agenda, City Council is being requested by the Arts Board to remove Amy Lewis from the board due to lack of attendance and declare the seat vacant.

2023 WEST NILE VIRUS REIMBURSEMENT

Annually City Council approves a resolution authorizing the City's acceptance of a grant from Oakland County for reimbursement to offset project expenses related to our fight against West Nile Virus. This grant is in the amount of \$3,573.07, the same amount as last year. Staff and request Council approve this resolution as part of the consent agenda.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT RESOLUTION

The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the County to renew its Cooperation Agreement with participating communities every three years. The included resolution is specifically designed to meet HUD requirements. In order to continue in the County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, we must supply Oakland County an original resolution signed, dated, and certified by the City Clerk. Staff recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution to renew the Cooperation Agreement between the City of Madison Heights and Oakland County, signaling the City's participation in the Oakland County CDBG program for the program years 2024-2026.

POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPATCH FLOOR REHABILITATION

The current FY 2023 Budget has funding for carpeting replacement in the Police Department. Staff has determined that the dispatch center is the highest priority for replacement; however, besides the poor condition of the carpet itself, the floating floor system of dispatch is also heaving, resulting in general instability and trip hazards. The time is also right to perform this work, as the dispatch equipment is scheduled for replacement this summer as part of the county-wide CLEMIS radio system upgrades.

As with other such projects, Staff has elected to take advantage of the multitude of skilled trades currently under competitive bid for the Civic Center Campus project and requested that Frank Rewold and Sons investigate the situation and provide a comprehensive quote for repairs.

Staff recommends that Council approve the contract with Frank Rewold and Sons, of Rochester, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed the budget of \$30,000 to include repairs to the floating floor and carpet.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT EXERCISE OF POLICE AUTHORITY AND POWERS IN DESIGNATED GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES IN THE CITY OF ROYAL OAK

In the recent reconstruction of I-75 along with the northbound I-75 service drive has caused a tremendous amount of traffic cutting through the subdivisions north of Lincoln and south of 11 Mile Road. When traffic backs up on the service drive, people use the entry points into the subdivision to exit the service drive and cut through the subdivision to 11 Mile Road or John R. MDOT has placed "No Right Turn" signs at each point of entry to prevent these cut-throughs. The area is completely located in the City of Royal Oak. This agreement will provide Madison Heights with authority to enforce traffic violations on the northbound I-75 service drive between Lincoln and Gardenia, which is the location where the enforcement of the prohibited right turn is necessary.

SERVICE TOWING RATE INCREASE

Service Towing has requested an opportunity to present City Council with a request to increase the fees charged to the public for towing services. Service Towing signed a 10-year contract with the City on March 21, 2026. Since that agreement was signed, there have been no requested increases in their fees. However, the lease payment for the auto pound rental has increased along with fuel, vehicles, wreckers, labor, and other equipment. The new fees requested by Service Towing are in

line with other surrounding cities. This would also only increase the fees they charge for services for those impounded and not be passed along to the City of Madison Heights.

REPORTS:

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2023, ELECTION

The Charter Review Committee proposed four amendments to the city charter:

- (i) Eliminate the provision requiring a council member to resign from office as a condition for running for Mayor;
- (ii) Filling the Mayor position if a vacancy occurs;
- (iii) Appointment of the Mayor Pro- Tem
- (iv) Accepting resignations from Boards and Commissions administratively.

A fifth charter provision to change the City Council meeting requirements was considered, but no changes were recommended to City Council by the Charter Review Committee. Since the direction of the City Council was to amend this language, staff was directed to include a draft Charter Amendment proposal for Section 6.1, Regular Meetings, for Council consideration.

If approved the proposed resolutions would be presented to the electorate on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The Home Rule City Act requires a supermajority of five or more votes of approval of Council to place the measures on the ballot, subject to review and approval of the Attorney General and the Governor.

The City Council can adopt the proposals as presented, amend the language, or turn down the proposals. It should be noted that the foregoing language revisions are currently being examined by the Attorney General and may be subject to change.

Should it be the wish of the Council, a separate motion for each proposal should be considered with the following recommended wording:

Motion to adopt the resolution proposing a Charter Amendment to Section X be placed on the November 7, 2023 ballot for voters to consider

BID AWARD/PURCHASES:

2023 PAVEMENT MARKING

As part of our normal best practices, as we approach the end of the fiscal year, Staff reached out to our current pavement marking vendor, PK Contracting, to determine if they would be interested in once again extending their pricing for the summer 2023 pavement marking season. Unfortunately, due to the significant increases in material and labor costs, they could not do so. It is worth mentioning that PK has consistently extended its unit pricing since 2011.

Staff prepared an invitation to bid for Pavement Marking, which was issued on April 28. The bids include worst-case scenarios, but the actual work performed will be based on need and the budget available. One sealed bid was received by the deadline of May 15, and the sole qualified bidder is PK Contracting.

Staff, therefore, recommends that Council award the bid for the 2023 Pavement Marking to PK Contracting, of Troy, Michigan. Funding is budgeted and available in the upcoming 2023-24 Budget.

PURCHASE OF FOUR POLICE PATROL VEHICLES

The approved FY 2024 Budget includes the scheduled replacement of four standard police patrol vehicles. Since beginning the conversion of the fleet from the Ford Interceptor Utility model to the Dodge Durango Pursuit, the Durango has proven to be a reliable vehicle, and an excellent fit for our Police Department.

Vehicles continue to be extremely difficult to come by, due to lingering effects from the widely publicized supply chain issues and microchip shortages. This situation currently has no end in sight for the foreseeable future, which is rendering our normal process of ordering vehicles and awaiting delivery completely moot. We were informed by our government sales representative with Chrysler that he has taken delivery of a limited number of Dodge Durango pursuit vehicles and has them currently available on the lot. Staff has determined that the best course of action would be to take advantage of these vehicles and purchase the four vehicles now, which are currently funded in the 2024 budget year. This will require a Budget Amendment to provide this funding in the current fiscal year. A budget amendment will require a supermajority of the Council.

Staff, therefore, requests that Council consider three separate motions:

- To approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$131,124 to account 101-301-985-0000.
- To approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$43,708 to account 265-301-985-0039
- To approve the purchase of four Dodge Durango Pursuit vehicles to Galeana's Van Dyke Dodge, of Warren, Michigan, in the total amount of \$174,832, under the Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing bid.