

DATE: April 23, 2026
TO: City Council
FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager
SUBJECT: Agenda Comments Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 27, 2026

PRESENTATIONS:

2026 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Staff respectfully requests that Council adopt the following proclamation declaring the week of May 17-23, 2026 as National Public Works Week in the City of Madison Heights, and encourage our residents, visitors, and City staff to acquaint themselves with, and pay tribute to our dedicated public works professionals in Madison Heights, and the work that they do for the benefit of the public.

CONSENT AGENDA:

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ELKS USA YOUTH WEEK

Council is asked to proclaim May 4-10, 2026 as Elks USA Youth Week in the City of Madison Heights and encourages our residents to join in commending the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for their dedication to youth and recognizing the exceptional promise and contributions of our young people.

DRINKING WATER WEEK PROCLAMATION

Staff respectfully requests that Council adopt a proclamation declaring the week of May 3-9, 2026 as Drinking Water Week in the City of Madison Heights and join the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and its members in annually celebrating Drinking Water Week, a unique opportunity for the community to join together with its skilled water works professionals in recognizing the vital role that clean, abundant, and potable water plays in their daily lives.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Council Representative to the Historical Commission, Mayor Pro Tem Mier, has requested Council to approve the appointment of Vasiliki Harris as a full member to the Historical Commission with a term expiring 2/28/29.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES - CONSENT TO PRIORITY WASTE CHANGE OF CONTROL

The City has been notified that Priority Waste is undergoing a change of control regarding its equity ownership. The Contract between the City and Priority Waste requires the City to consent to any such change. All terms of the contract will remain the same. This matter has been reviewed by Legal, who have no objection to the proposed.

Staff recommends that Council consent to the Change of Control as presented by Priority Waste, and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES - BALLFIELD LIGHT PROJECT CHANGE ORDER 2

During the Rosie's Park portion of the Ballfield Light Project, unexpected soil conditions and an extremely high water table were encountered, resulting in a change order request as provided for in the contract should such an unforeseen condition arise. Pursuant to the relevant sections of the Purchasing Ordinance (2-249, c, 2, and 2-255), this change order was approved by the City Manager so as not to hold up a project in progress. This change order represents a worst-case scenario (all 12 holes require mitigation), and will be reduced if this is not the case.

Council is asked to Receive and File the Emergency Purchase for the Ballfield Light Project Change Order 2 pursuant to Section 2-255 of the Purchasing Ordinance.

REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER -CONTRACT FOR IT MANAGED SERVICES WITH DEWPOINT

Over the past year, the city has had multiple, on-going issues with the current IT Support Services provider, Skynet, and the city is looking to end our contract. Skynet's contract is expiring at the end of June, and the City is looking to transition to a new IT Support Services Contractor, Dewpoint, at the start of the Fiscal Year, July 1, 2026. The existing contract with Skynet requires a sixty-day formal notification of termination or non-renewal.

Last year, Dewpoint partnered with the Michigan Municipal Services Authority (MMSA) on a cooperative contract designed to streamline IT procurement for local governments across Michigan. This agreement allows municipalities to access Cyber Security Assessments and Managed IT Services without the need for a formal RFP process.

Deputy City Manager Rottmann and I have met extensively with Dewpoint to discuss our city's needs and expectations and reviewed their proposed contract. We believe that this transition will be beneficial to increasing the efficiency of IT support services for staff.

Following an April 15, 2026 review, ITAC formally recommended that City Council approve the Managed IT Services agreement with Dewpoint, which includes ITAC's recommended additions. Dewpoint has accepted these changes, and the City Attorney has approved the contract.

Staff recommends that based on the ability to take advantage of the cooperative agreement through MMSA and ITAC support, City Council approve the three (3) year agreement between the City of Madison Heights and Dewpoint for Managed IT Support Services.

CITY PLANNER - INGRESS/EGRESS EASEMENT - BUBBAS 33 - 601 AND 611 W. 12 MILE ROAD

The Community & Economic Development Department has received a request from the property owner of 611 W. 12 Mile Road (611 Madison Property, LLC) to dedicate and record a non-exclusive ingress/egress easement over an existing public alley intended to serve a proposed restaurant/bar development. The existing alley is seventeen feet (17') wide and currently provides for vehicular access between Dartmouth Street and the property at 611 W. 12 Mile Road. An additional five foot (5') wide private ingress/egress easement is proposed immediately to the north of the alley creating a de-facto twenty-two (22') foot wide drive aisle. The proposed easement agreement includes provisions for reconstructing and maintaining the public alley and other stipulations regarding repairs, snow removal, monetary donations and site improvements.

Staff advises that City Council approve the Non-Exclusive Ingress/Egress Easement over the 17-foot-wide public alley located between 611 W. 12 Mile Road and Dartmouth Street subject to the provisions of the Easement agreement.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CITY PLANNER - STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION REQUEST PEE # 26-01 - GWK/WRC - UNIMPROVED RIGHTS-OF-WAY - SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 26, 2026

The Community & Economic Development Department has received a request to vacate a number of unimproved street rights of way located within the Red Oaks Golf Course on the east side of John R Road, north of Dartmouth Street. Red Oaks Golf Course is operated and maintained by Oakland County Parks, but the underlying property is owned by George W. Kuhn District/Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (WRC). Portions of the following unimproved rights-of-way are proposed to be vacated: Red Run Boulevard, Girard Avenue, Osmun Avenue, Delton Avenue, Woodside Avenue, and Parkdale Avenue.

Staff advises that City Council establish a public hearing date for the May 26th, 2026 City Council meeting, after which final action on the vacation request may take place.

CED DIRECTOR - 28220 JOHN R RD BROWNFIELD PLAN - SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING
ON MAY 11, 2026

The Community & Economic Development Department has received a Brownfield Plan application for 28220 John R LLC, located at 28220 John R Rd., the former McDonald's site. The owner proposes to develop 9,500 square foot professional offices building. Prior to Council consideration, a public hearing must be held therefore, staff recommends that City Council schedule a Public Hearing for the consideration of the Brownfield Plan submitted by 28220 John R LLC at the Regular City Council Meeting of May 11, 2026.