

DATE: September 23, 2026

TO: City Council

FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Comments Regular Council Meeting of Monday, September 28, 2026

PRESENTATIONS:

Director of Public Services – 2026 Summer Beautification Awards

DPS Director Ballantine will be showing a slide show of this year's nominees and presenting this year's first and second place winners with the summer beautification awards. This year's winners are 28727 Dartmouth and 30725 Hales.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Director of Public Services – Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) Winter Maintenance Agreement

The City is being asked to approve the 2026-27 Winter Maintenance Agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC). Under the agreement, the City will continue to provide winter maintenance services on designated County roads within Madison Heights, including portions of 14 Mile Road, John R Road, and 12 Mile Road. The agreement provides reimbursement to the City based on lane mileage, with a total anticipated revenue of \$49,391.98, representing a 4% increase from the prior year.

Staff recommends approval of the agreement and authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement. RCOC has requested the signed agreement and Council resolution by the end of November.

Fire Chief – 2026 Fire Prevention Proclamation

The City Council will consider a proclamation recognizing October 4–10, 2026, as Fire Prevention Week in Madison Heights. This year's theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower," highlights the growing fire risks associated with lithium-ion batteries in everyday devices and the importance of safe charging practices. The proclamation encourages residents to use approved chargers, charge devices safely, and recognize warning signs such as overheating or swelling batteries. Residents are also encouraged to attend the Fire Department's open house at Fire Station 1 on October 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BID AWARDS AND PURCHASES:

Director of Public Services – DPS Pavement Repairs

The Department of Public Services is proposing the next phase of pavement repairs at the DPS facility, focused on the deteriorated pavement surrounding the approach to the salt dome. The project will address significant drainage issues and improve the efficiency of salt loading and cleanup during winter operations. The work will also support the City's stormwater permit and general site housekeeping.

Staff recommends awarding the work to DiLisio Contracting using its existing unit bid pricing from the City's current road projects, which provides cost savings compared with separately bidding the concrete work. The project includes replacement of approximately 1,215 square yards of 9-inch concrete and adjustment of three structures, for a total cost of \$91,725. Funding is budgeted and available.

Director of Public Services – Fire Station 1 Pavement Repairs

The FY 2026-27 budget includes funding to rehabilitate the rear parking and staging area at Fire Station 1. The existing concrete is original to the station and has experienced significant deterioration, including widespread joint spalling that creates potential trip hazards. The area is used for fire apparatus staging and movement, employee parking, and training activities, making replacement a priority capital project.

The proposed project includes removal and replacement of approximately 1,800 square yards of concrete, sidewalk improvements, drainage structure work, and related site restoration. Staff recommends awarding the project to DiLisio Contracting for \$184,772, using its existing unit pricing, with funding already budgeted and available.

Director of Public Services – Police and Fire Station 1 Carpet Replacement

The City's current budget includes funding to replace the aging carpet and flooring at the Police Department and Fire Station 1. The existing carpet is more than 20 years old and is in poor condition, with several areas sufficiently worn to create potential trip hazards.

Staff combined the two projects to achieve economies of scale and obtained pricing through the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program. Conventional Carpet was selected as the local vendor, with the Police Department work totaling \$112,541.15 and Fire Station 1 totaling \$26,536.66. The combined project cost is \$139,077.81, with funding budgeted and available.

Staff recommends awarding the project to Conventional Carpet of Sterling Heights through the Sourcewell purchasing cooperative.

ORDINANCE

Assistant City Attorney – Ordinance 2213 Amendment to Water and Sewer Rental Ordinance – Second Reading

This ordinance amendment updates the City's existing ordinance related to water and sewer for eligible rental homes to clarify the obligations of property owners/lessors participating in the City's water and sewer billing program.

The amendment is intended to ensure the City's ordinance is consistent with applicable state law and provides clear direction regarding the collection of delinquent water and sewer charges. Specifically, the amendment clarifies that when a property owner/lessor has complied with the requirements of the City's water and sewer program, the City may disconnect water and sewer service for non-payment.

The amendment also clarifies that the City may apply any required deposit toward delinquent charges and, if the delinquency is not resolved, may pursue a lien against the property if the property is not in compliance.

This amendment is primarily a clarification of the City's existing requirements and collection procedures and is intended to provide greater clarity to property owners/lessors and the City regarding enforcement of unpaid water and sewer charges including ability to disconnect service.

Staff recommend City Council approve this ordinance on second and final reading.

Assistant City Attorney - Kratom Prohibition Ordinance 2214 - Second Reading

The proposed Kratom Prohibition Ordinance would amend Chapter 17 of the City Code to prohibit the possession, sale, manufacture, creation, delivery, and certain other activities involving kratom and kratom derivatives within the City of Madison Heights. The ordinance is intended to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and establishes criminal penalties and potential business license sanctions for violations.

This item is presented to City Council for first reading on September 14, 2026. If approved, the ordinance will return to Council for a second reading and consideration for adoption on September 28, 2026.

Staff recommends approval of the Kratom Prohibition Ordinance on second and final reading.

City Planner – Rezoning request PRZN 26-02 – 27431 Hales Street from R-3 to N-P

At its September 22, 2026, meeting, the Planning Commission considered the proposed rezoning of 27431 Hales Street from R-3, One-Family Residential, to N-P, Natural Preservation and Recreation. The property is approximately 1.74 acres and is surrounded by Rosie's Park, which is already owned by the City. The proposed rezoning would allow the property to be purchased and incorporated into the park and preserved for public recreational and natural-resource purposes.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the rezoning to City Council. The recommendation is consistent with the City's intent to acquire the property and combine it with Rosie's Park, creating a larger contiguous area for preservation and recreation.

For the Council agenda, I would phrase the comments:

"At its September 22 meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed rezoning of 27431 Hales Street from R-3, One-Family Residential, to N-P, Natural Preservation and Recreation. The property is adjacent to Rosie's Park and the proposed rezoning would facilitate its incorporation into the park for preservation and recreational purposes. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the rezoning to City Council."