

DATE: January 18, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Comments - Regular Council Meeting of Monday, January 22, 2024

The following are my comments on items appearing on the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024.

PRESENTATION:

2023 FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Fire Chief Greg Lelito has requested time on the Council agenda to present the 2023 Fire Department Awards.

OAKLAND80 INITIATIVE

Oakland County's Manager of Workforce Development, Jennifer Llewellyn, has requested time on the Council agenda to present on the Oakland80 initiative.

In 2019, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer set a goal to increase Michigan's adult post-secondary education rate to 60% by 2030. In Oakland County, 61% of adults already had a college degree or other post-secondary credential, prompting its leaders and key partners to set a goal of 80% adult post-secondary attainment by 2030. To achieve 80% and ensure attainment reflects progress for all Oakland County residents, County Executive David Coulter launched the Oakland80 initiative. Oakland County has partnered with the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce (CSW) to understand key data on the makeup, needs, and potential barriers facing adult residents without post-secondary education, as well as to develop comprehensive, data-informed strategies the Oakland80 partners and stakeholders could pursue to reach their goal.

REPORTS:

RESOLUTION – SUPPORT STATE'S IMPLEMENTATION OF GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (GEMT)

The Federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) oversees a Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) program. GEMT provides funding and support to eligible healthcare providers through state agencies to ensure that individuals without reliable transport can access emergency medical care. This program improves access to medical services for Medicare recipients. Michigan doesn't currently participate in this program, although we are the nation's 8th highest number of Medicaid enrollees. This means that local agencies that transport, like the City of Madison Heights, aren't fully reimbursed by Medicaid to cover the cost of medical transport for this significant segment of our community (approximately 13%).

Since last February, we have been working to move legislation forward to require the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to implement this program for our state. Our 2021 estimate of available funding for Madison Heights was \$400,000; the numbers have only increased since. This is significant funding that Madison Heights and most other communities in the state can desperately use.

Therefore, the staff recommends that the City Council approve this resolution urging the State Legislature to adopt legislation directing the MDHHS to enroll in the GEMT program. In addition to this resolution, Madison Heights with Sterling Heights has taken the lead role in requesting possible executive action that would force MDHHA to implement this plan sooner.

SUBRECIPIENT CONTACT – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF OAKLAND COUNTY

In Fiscal Year 2023, the City of Madison Heights partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County (HFHOC) to submit a \$850,000 grant application for Community Project Funding (CPF) through HUD. CPF grants provide investment in a wide variety of projects, including home improvements in specific areas.

Through this partnership, City staff worked with HFHOC, to create a multi-faceted program to help Madison Heights homeowners make home upgrades, such as furnaces, hot water heater replacements, roof replacements and repairs, kitchen and bath upgrades, deck and porch replacements, new siding and other home upgrades to address long-term health and safety issues. The project area was designated in the south end of Madison Heights, located South of Lincoln, North of I-696 between Dequindre and Stephenson Highway.

HFHOC will be a sub-recipient of the City and has staff dedicated to homeowner-occupied home restoration and financial counseling. As the sub-recipient, they will oversee all grant activities, including applicants for participants, assessing and approving repairs to be completed, contracting for the work to be completed, verifying that work is completed, payment of vendors, and repayment (if required) from participants in the program. They will also track expenditures and report to the municipality throughout the program.

In order to begin implementing this program this Spring, the City and HFHOC need to enter into a Sub-Recipient grant agreement. Legal Counsel has reviewed this agreement.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached sub-recipient agreement between the City of Madison Heights and Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County to administer the CPF 2023 Grant program for Neighborhood Home Improvements as outlined in the grant application.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The City of Madison Heights and MMD Acquisitions LLC entered into an agreement for the sale of the property located at 29448 John R Rd (former Active Adult Center) on May 10th, 2022. This agreement included a due diligence period, which was extended, and the property was closed in November 2023. A condition of the sale of the property was the approval of a Brownfield Plan that included the reimbursement of eligible activities as defined in the Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act (Public Act 381). This site was formerly used as a landfill for the

Royal Oak dump and as a part of the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority's (SOCCRA) transfer station and incinerator. A Phase II ESA found heavy contamination, qualifying the property as a "facility" as defined by 1994 P.A. 451, Part 201, as amended.

Reimbursement of Tax Increment Financing revenues will be used to reimburse costs of eligible activities as permitted by the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act. The total "not to exceed" cost estimates for eligible activities total \$1.785 million and a 15% contingency of \$255,781. This contingency excludes Baseline Environmental Assessment Activities and preparation and implementation of the Brownfield Plan.

On January 16, 2024, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority reviewed the 29448 John R Rd Brownfield plan and recommended that the City Council approve the plan as presented. Therefore, the Staff recommends that the City Council hold a Public Hearing for the consideration of the Brownfield Plan submitted for 29448 John R Rd, at the Regular City Council Meeting of February 12, 2024.

BID AWARDS AND PURCHASES:

NETWORKING EQUIPMENT UPGRADE PHASE 1

As part of Phase I of the Networking Equipment Upgrade Project, the City is upgrading all of our Cisco 2960/3650X series switches to Cisco Meraki MS350 switches. Our current equipment is considered to be end-of-life and end-of-support, posing a security risk if the equipment is not updated. This is a replacement of 13 separate switches with 48 port MS350-48FP's and will allow us to continue using the Meraki Dashboard that we currently use for Cameras and Access Points. ITAC has been consulted and provided an update on this project through their quarterly review process with Skynet, and labor costs are \$15,525.

Staff recommends approving the purchase of the Cisco Meraki MS350 switches from CDW-G, of Chicago, Illinois, under the Michigan Master Computing MiDEAL, in the amount of \$109,208.00 as well as labor cost of \$15,525 for phase I of the Networking Equipment Upgrade project for a total amount of \$124,733.00 Funding for this project has been authorized in the FY 23/24 Budget, account number 101-228-982-0000.

PURCHASE OF BANDSHELL STRUCTURE MATERIAL

The City of Madison was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Consumer Energy Foundation for the construction of a bandshell in Civic Center Park. The staff has sourced the bandshell structure and is currently working with Frank Rewold and Sons on construction. City Council is being asked to approve the purchase of the bandshell materials from Penchura, who holds a Sourcewell contract in an amount not to exceed \$79,235. Future agenda items will be presented to the City Council for the construction of the bandshell.

Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council approve the purchase of the bandshell materials from Penchura, who holds a Sourcewell contract in an amount not to exceed \$79,235. In addition, a budget amendment will be required to increase revenues for the grant of \$250,000 to Miscellaneous Revenues 101-044-674-0000 and \$250,000 to increase park improvement expense Parks Improvements 101-752-987-0000. This will require a super-majority.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2196 MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES AMENDMENT

If City Council's motions to approve the recommendation of MMRMA special counsel regarding the resolution of litigation in the matters of Artic Fox LLC vs City of Madison Heights and 305 N. Euclid LLC vs. City of Madison Heights, two ordinance amendments are required.

Ordinance 2196 amends Article XVI MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES Section 7-305(d) License Requirements to adjust the number of medical marihuana facility licenses for Grower – Class C, Processor and Provisioning Center from three (3) to five (5). The revision also clarifies that if a license is vacated or revoked, the City is not required to re-issue such license to an alternate party. It would be at the Council's discretion to leave that license open indefinitely or seek applicants for it.

Revisions to the Green Zone Map regarding the allowable locations for marihuana licensees within the City are planned to be addressed after rezoning and lot combinations.

ORDINANCE NO. 2197 MARIHUANA LICENSING AMENDMENT

Ordinance 2197 revises Article XVII MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS Section 7-405(e) License Requirements to adjust the number of adult-use recreational marihuana establishment licenses for Processor and Retailer from three (3) to five (5). Additionally, Class C Grow licenses would be modified from fifteen (15) to twenty-five (25). The previously mentioned clarification language related to the vacating or revoking of licenses is also included for Marihuana establishment licenses in this amendment.