

DATE: October 4, 2023

TO: City Council

FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Comments for the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 9, 2023

The following are my comments on items appearing on the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

2023 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION

City Council is scheduled to proclaim October 8 -14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week throughout the City, and urges all residents to plan and practice a home fire escape. In addition, all residents are encouraged to participate in the fire safety activities held during the Fire Department's Open House at Fire Station 2 on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MICHIGAN LIBRARY APPRECIATION MONTH PROCLAMATION

City Council is scheduled to proclaim October 2023 as Michigan Library Appreciation Month in the City of Madison Heights and encourages all residents, community organizations, and public officials to join in celebrating the libraries in our state, their dedicated staff, and the countless ways in which libraries enrich our lives and contribute to the betterment of society.

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN MADISON HEIGHTS

City Council is scheduled to declare the second Monday in October, October 9th, as Indigenous People's Day in Madison Heights.

REPORTS:

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR - RESOLUTION TO OPT OUT OF PA 152

Public Act 152, as amended, limits the amount that public employers pay toward employee medical benefit plans, beginning January 1, 2012. City Council is required to make an election for its choice of compliance for the subsequent calendar year.

Given that all of the City's Collective Bargaining Agreements approved by City Council provide for 10% employee premium sharing, Council is requested to opt-out of PA 152 as allowable under that statute.

Staff recommends Council adopt the Resolution to Opt Out of PA 152 as presented.

BID AWARDS/PURCHASE:

FIRE CHIEF – PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE, RESCUE VEHICLE #713.

Consistent with the City's Capital Improvement Plan, Rescue 713 is scheduled for replacement in the adopted 2023-24 fiscal year budget. Funds have been set aside in two phases, beginning with last year's budget totaling \$295,000. The new ambulance will replace a 2015 Freightliner ambulance with 108,758 miles. The new ambulance will mirror the two most recent Ford F550 Road Rescues. The City will utilize its inter-local purchasing contract with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) as we have done with the previous five fire department vehicle purchases.

Two significant cost increases contributed to a higher-than-expected final price than the amount used in the previous budgets. First, Road Rescue no longer has a 2022 Ford chassis and will now use 2023 ½ chassis. Second, there was a severe drop in the Ford GPC discount. However, we secured additional funding over the trade-in price received from Emergency Vehicle Plus by selling the Freightliner to the City of Ferndale.

Should the Council wish to proceed with the purchase of Replacement Vehicle #713, two motions will be necessary. Staff recommends that the Council adopt the following motions:

1. To approve a budget amendment to increase Sales of Fixed Assets, account #101-046-673-0000, by \$47,000.00 and increase the expenditure line-item Vehicles, account # 101-336-985-0000, by \$58,039.70
2. To approve the replacement of rescue vehicle #713 and the purchase of a 2023 Road Rescue from the most qualified bidder under the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program, Emergency Vehicle Plus, in the amount of \$353,039.70.