

City Council Regular Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
September 26, 2022

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 7:30 PM at Fire Station 1 Training Room - 31313 Brush Street

PRESENT

Councilwoman Toya Aaron
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Bliss
Councilor Emily Rohrbach
Councilman David Soltis

ABSENT

Mayor Roslyn Grafstein
Councilman Sean Fleming
Councilor Quinn Wright

OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Melissa Marsh
Assistant City Attorney Tim Burns
City Clerk Cheryl Rottmann

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Aaron and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

CM-22-278. Excuse Councilmembers.

Motion made by Councilman Soltis, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron to excuse Mayor Grafstein and Councilman Fleming from tonight's meeting.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis
Motion carried.

CM-22-279. Excuse Councilmember.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron, to excuse Councilor Wright from tonight's meeting.

Discussion followed on what should be considered an excused absence.

Voting Yea: Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis
Voting Nay: Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilwoman Aaron
Motion failed 2-2.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No one was present wishing to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron to remove Item #2, Proclamation of October 2022 as Michigan Library Appreciation Month from the Consent Agenda and approve the amended Consent Agenda.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilor Rohrbach,
Councilman Soltis
Motion carried.

CM-22-280. Kelly Ording - Resignation from the Historical Commission.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron to accept the resignation from Kelly Ording from the Historical Commission and declare her seat vacant.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilor Rohrbach,
Councilman Soltis
Motion carried.

CM-22-281. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of 09-12-22.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2022, as printed.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilor Rohrbach,
Councilman Soltis
Motion carried.

CM-22-282. Government Finance Officer's Association Budget Award FY 2022-23.

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss presented the Distinguished Budget Award to Finance Director Linda Kunath.

CM-22-283. Proclamation Declaring October 2022 as Michigan Library Appreciation Month.

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss presented Library Director Vanessa Verdun-Morris with the Proclamation declaring October 2022 as Michigan Library Appreciation Month in Madison Heights.

CM-22-284. Scheduled Replacement of Loader #409.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron to approve the purchase of one Volvo L-70H Front-End Loader, with identified options from Alta Equipment of New Hudson, Michigan, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract #032119-VCE for a total equipped cost of \$241,851.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilor Rohrbach,
Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

CM-22-285. Phased Replacement of DPS Concrete.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron to award the 2022 DPS Concrete Replacement Project to Cipparrone Contracting, at their established unit prices, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilor Rohrbach,
Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Aaron wished a Happy Rosh Hashana to our Jewish community. May your New Year be wonderful. She expressed thanks for all of the birthday wishes she received. She stated that the fundraiser for the Trail Tunes was a really nice event.

Assistant City Attorney Burns had no comments this evening.

City Manager Marsh had no comments this evening.

City Clerk Rottmann noted that absentee ballots are being prepared to be mailed by the end of the week. Please contact the Clerk's office if you are interested in obtaining an absentee ballot. Applications are available on the City's website, by mail, or in-person.

Councilor Rohrbach wished all shanah tovah and Happy New Year, may it be sweet. She thanked the Friends of the Library for their work on their fundraising event. She stated that she is excited for the Library renovations. She expressed congratulations to the Womens' Club on their 45th Anniversary, noting that they do so much work on behalf of our residents and groups in our community. Thank you to the members for your years of service.

Councilman Soltis please check out the NASA DART rocket into an asteroid in the world's first full-scale mission to test technology for defending Earth against potential asteroid or comet hazards. He stated that he is teaching and on the federal level, they are thinking about banning cell phones.

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss wished a Happy Rosh Hashana to all of our colleagues celebrating tonight and who couldn't be here with us tonight. He shared that he is using the old Jaycee gavel and the

history behind it. He noted that the Trail Tunes Off the Trail raised more than a \$1,000 for the event. There were Trail Tune musicians playing, baskets for raffles, and a prize of a Motown Museum Tour. He stated that he appreciates Council's support for the event. Trail Tunes is this Sunday, there are a dozen musicians returning and I encourage you all to come out on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. They will also be selling t-shirts to support the event so be sure to pick one up. He noted that he left his wife's birthday celebration to attend this meeting and he wished his wife Ally Bliss a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Roslyn Grafstein
Mayor

Cheryl E. Rottmann
City Clerk