

City Council Regular Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
March 24, 2025

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 7:30 P.M. at City Hall
- Council Chambers, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

PRESENT

Mayor Roslyn Grafstein
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Bliss
Councilman William Mier
Councilor Emily Rohrbach
Councilman David Soltis
Councilor Quinn Wright

ABSENT

Councilman Sean Fleming

OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Melissa Marsh
City Attorney Larry Sherman
Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Cheryl Rottmann

Mayor Grafstein gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

CM-25-38. Motion to Excuse Councilmember.

Motion to excuse Councilman Fleming from today's meeting.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Mier, Councilor
Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Fleming

Motion carried.

CM-25-39. Amendment to the Agenda.

Motion to move Item 5, *Planning Commission Appointments* and Item 6, *Library Advisory Board Appointment*, to the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilman Mier.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Mier, Councilor
Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Fleming

Motion carried.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Monica Stevens from the Lessenger Elementary Support Team, announced their April 12th Craft Show and noted that there will also be pictures with the Easter Bunny. She invited all to attend and she spoke in favor of the Charitable Gaming License for their event that Council is considering this evening.

CM-25-40. Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as read.

Motion made by Councilman Mier, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Fleming

Motion carried

CM-25-41. City Council Special Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2025.

Motion to approve the City Council Special Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2025, as printed.

Motion made by Councilman Mier, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Fleming

Motion carried.

CM-25-42. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2025.

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2025, as printed.

Motion made by Councilman Mier, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Fleming

Motion carried.

**CM-25-43. Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses -
Lessenger Elementary's PTO.**

Motion to approve the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for Lessenger Elementary's PTO.

Motion made by Councilman Mier, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Fleming

Motion carried.

CM-25-44. Planning Commission Appointments.

Motion to concur with the Mayor's recommendation and appoint the following to the Planning Commission: Ryan Fox, Regular Member, with a term expiring 8/31/25 and Colton Smith, Regular Member, with a term expiring 8/31/25.

Motion made by Councilman Mier, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Fleming

Motion carried.

CM-25-45. Library Advisory Board Appointment

Motion to appoint the following to the Library Advisory Board: Chas Bruske, Regular Member, with a term expiring 8/31/26.

Motion made by Councilman Mier, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Fleming

Motion carried.

CM-25-46. Environmental Tier II Site-Specific Reviews - Habitat for Humanity.

Motion to approve Habitat for Humanity to utilize the services of ASTI Environmental for Tier II Site specific environmental reviews for each address at an estimated cost of \$2,364 per address for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Fleming

Motion carried.

CM-25-47. Director of Public Services - Replacement of Vehicle #704.

Motion to approve the purchase of one 2025 Ram 1500 Crew Cab as quoted in the amount of \$49,087 from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Lansing through the MiDeal Cooperative purchasing agreement.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Fleming

Motion carried.

CM-25-48. 2025 Downtown Streetscape Project- 11 Mile Road (John R to Lorenz).

Motion to concur with the recommendation of our City Engineer and award the bid for the 2025 Downtown Streetscape Project - 11 Mile Road (John R to Lorenz) to the lowest responsible bidder, DiLisio Contracting, Inc., of Clinton Township, in the total project amount of \$888,953.00.

Motion made by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Voting Nay: Mayor Pro Tem Bliss

Absent: Councilman Fleming

Motion carried 5-1.

CM-25-49. Director of Public Services - Scheduled Replacement of Vehicle #424.

Motion to approve the purchase of one 2026 Freightliner 108SD single axle truck chassis as quoted from Wolverine Freightliner of Mt. Clemens in the amount of \$129,671, and the truck build and equipment as quoted from Truck and Trailer Specialties of Howell for \$194,795 through the Rochester Hills cooperative purchasing agreement.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Councilman Fleming

Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Mier wished everyone a Happy Spring, despite the cold weather. There are a lot of fun things happening at the Library this month and the Summer brochure is out, so look for good programming opportunities there. May 17th is Little Baseball Opening Day and next Monday is "Trash Talk" at 6 p.m. - we would love your input.

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss thanked Monica Stevens and the Lessenger PTO for the Craft Show tickets and for providing us this information. He announced he was an uncle for the first time to his niece, Molly.

Councilor Wright thanked Ms. Stevens for coming out to the meeting. He stated that Central Church is doing a Kindness Closet to provide goods for those in need and they are collecting items such as socks, hygiene products, soaps, clothing, shoes etc. Everyone is welcome on March 30th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to receive anything you may need. The HREC is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and the 168 Group for the Lantern Festival on May 31st from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a celebration of culture and food. He wished all a blessed Palm Sunday for those who celebrate.

City Attorney Sherman had no comments this evening.

City Manager Marsh noted that the "Trash Talk" will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 31st, in the Breckenridge Room and all are welcome.

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Rottmann stated that absentee ballots for the May 6th Lamphere Schools Special Election will be going out at the end of this week to all those that have returned an application or are on the Permanent Ballot List. If you would like to request an absentee ballot, you can do so online, in-person, or by contacting the City Clerk's office.

Councilor Rohrbach wished Ramadan Mubarak to everyone who celebrates, noting that this is a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community.

Councilman Soltis had no comments this evening.

Mayor Grafstein thanked Ms. Stevens for representing the Lessenger Elementary PTO. The next Regular Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m. and there will also be a budget meeting prior at 5:30 p.m.; all are welcome to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business, Mayor Grafstein adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Roslyn Grafstein, Mayor

Cheryl E. Rottmann, City Clerk