

City Council Regular Meeting  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
July 22, 2024

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, July 22, 2024 at 7:30 PM at City Hall - Council Chambers, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

**PRESENT**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

The invocation was given by Councilman Fleming and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Jim Capizzo, resident, stated that yard waste was not picked up again.

**CM-24-143. Consent Agenda.**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as read.

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

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

Motion carried.

**CM-24-144. Resolution 2024 Emergency Operations Support Plan.**

Motion to approve the 2024 Emergency Operations Support Plan Resolution, as follows:

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE  
2024 CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS  
SUPPORT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Madison Heights elected to be incorporated into the Oakland County Emergency Management Program and that by becoming part of the Oakland County Emergency Management Program, the City of Madison Heights, and Oakland County have certain responsibilities to each other.

**WHEREAS**, this Emergency Operations Support Plan has been developed to identify the responsibilities between the City of Madison Heights and Oakland County in regard to emergency management activities.

**WHEREAS**, the plan provides a framework for the City to use in performing emergency functions before, during, and after a natural disaster, hostile attack, technological incident or other emergency.

**WHEREAS**, this support plan is to be used in concurrence with Oakland County's Emergency Operations Plan as it is a supporting document.

**WHEREAS**, the support plan will be maintained in accordance with the current standards of the Oakland County Emergency Operations Plan. Review of this plan shall be accomplished every four years.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Madison Heights Council hereby adopts this Support Emergency Operations Plan, in support of the Oakland County Emergency Operations Plan.

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

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

Motion carried.

**CM-24-145. Resolution to adopt the 2023 Oakland County Multi-Jurisdictional  
Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

Motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the 2023 Oakland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as follows:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE OAKLAND  
COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Oakland County and the participating jurisdiction of City of Madison Heights include the charge to protect the health, safety, and the general welfare of the people of the County and municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland County, Michigan, is subject to flooding, tornadoes, winter storms, and other natural, technological, and human-caused hazards; and **WHEREAS**, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before and after a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre- and postdisaster hazard mitigation programs; and

**WHEREAS** to remain eligible to receive mitigation monies, Oakland County prepared a Hazard Mitigation Plan (the “PLAN”) for the County and all communities in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland County and the City of Madison Heights have participated in and completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that City of Madison Heights:

- 1.) Adopts in its entirety the 2023 Oakland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan)
- 2.) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
- 3.) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
- 4.) Will continue its support of the Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee and continue to participate in the planning partnership as described by the Plan.
- 5.) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all planning partners

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

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

Motion carried.

**CM-24-146. Scheduled Replacement of Vehicle #485.**

Motion to approve the purchase of one 2024 Jeep Gladiator Sport from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, of Lansing, through the State of Michigan MiDeal Vehicle Purchasing Program in the total amount of \$44,284.00

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

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

Motion carried.

**CM-24-147. Master Sustainability Plan.**

Motion to approve the Master Sustainability Plan as presented.

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

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

Motion carried.

**CM-24-148. Michigan Employees' Retirement System (MERS) - Delegates and Alternates to Annual Meeting.**

Motion to appoint Tracee Miller as the Officer Delegate and certify the election of Mariusz Gawry as Employee Delegate and Ryan Hessen as Employee Alternate to attend the 78th Annual MERS Meeting on October 10-11 at the Amway Grand, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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

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

Motion carried.

**CM-24-149. City Council Special Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2024.**

Motion to approve the City Council Special Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2024, as printed.

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

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

Motion carried.

**CM-24-150. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2024.**

Motion to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2024, as printed.

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

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

Motion carried.

**CM-24-151. Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention Delegate and Alternate.**

Motion to approve Councilor Rohrbach as Delegate and Councilor Wright as Alternate to the 2024 Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention.

Motion made by Councilman Mier, Seconded by Councilman Fleming.

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

Motion carried.

**CM-24-152. Request to Transfer Funds from the Community Advisory Board to the Madison Heights Community Foundation.**

Motion to approve the balance transfer from the Community Advisory Board escrow account to the Madison Heights Community Foundation.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilman Mier.

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

Motion carried.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Mier commented that regarding training, he does acknowledge that Mackinac Island is an expensive destination; however, he does believe in education and stated that learning is important. He noted that in the past, he has attended training and attained a Level 4 certification for the School Board which required attending 24, 4-hour classes as well as attended 80 additional hours of training. Now he is getting additional training through the MML. The conference is part of his certification with the MML and he is staying in Mackinaw City at his own expense and paying for his own lodging; if this is not what the taxpayers would like to see from their Council, please reach out. He appreciates the City paying for his registration and he expressed that he would like to keep learning. He stated that baseball season has wrapped up and he provided highlights of the playoff games.

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss commented that he has received several messages on customer service issues for Priority Waste and stated residents have been on hold for 10-20 minutes; this may need to be monitored. He reminded everyone that the election is coming up, please only vote for one party so you don't spoil your ballot. Elections are so vital to our country but there is no place for any violence. This country is founded on the freedom of speech. As we see a barage of historic events, this sometimes gets lost in the shuffle and he encourages everyone to be kind to your neighbors and candidates and it is important that we hold up to the notion of our founding fathers. We should be talking about issues, not people's character. The Trail Tunes event page is officially launched, this will be the event's fifth year. Trail Tunes started during the pandemic, and it is about the

music and connecting with local musicians; it is the same day as the ribbon cutting for the bandshell and will kick off will be the Aspersions, a classic rock band. It is a fun time and he encouraged everyone to come out. The event starts at 2 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m. at Civic Center Park. For more information, please reach out.

Councilor Wright stated that the week prior to Trail Tunes is Revin in the Heights, hosted by the HREC and will be a fantastic event. We have partnered with some neighborhood organizations and the Fire Department will also have their open house that day. There will be some cool cars, a DJ and the Mayor's Choice Award. It is a free event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you would like to participate, please reach out to the HREC's Facebook page. He concurs with Mayor Pro Tem Bliss' statements on civility, please remember to be kind and the human spirit will persevere.

City Attorney Sherman congratulated the winning baseball teams for their great season.

City Manager Marsh stated that on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. there will be a virtual community conversation on the happenings at Rosie's Park. On August 5<sup>th</sup>, is the Design Open House at Ambassador Park from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. On August 6<sup>th</sup>, there is an Education Day at the Lexington Village Club House for all residents of the City to tell people about different educational opportunities that exist. The event is in Partnership with Oakland County and Oakland 80. There will be free food and the hours are from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Rottmann reminded voters that early voting starts this Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and goes through Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, except for Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> when the hours will be 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. The voting location is the Royal Oak Senior Community Center at 3500 Marais Ave, Royal Oak; just east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile Road. Please remember that this is primary election, so you can only vote one party on the ballot. If you'd like to receive an absentee ballot, you can call, submit an application on line or come into our office. Election Day is Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. All polling locations will be open in the City and the hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sample ballots can be viewed on the City's website.

Councilor Rohrbach had no comments this evening.

Councilman Fleming commented that Oakland 80 is a great program for students; there is a liaison for Madison Heights, and they will help with student loans, grants, and job placements. Congratulations to all the little league players, they all did really well, and they could not do it without the support of their parents and program volunteers. Please consider volunteering next year. There will be a Student Cyber Presentation on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Active Adult Center. September 21<sup>st</sup> will be the Canine Demonstration at Rosie's Park and it is a great presentation. Congratulations to the awardee of the Annual Police Department Awards that was held on July 16<sup>th</sup>. He gave thanks to the Police Department for their high level of professionalism and noted that they are appreciated. He noted that the police have increased their presence due to the vandalism that has occurred at Rosie's Park, and please report if you see anything.

Councilman Soltis stated that he went on a ride along with the Police last week to see what the police are experiencing. He appreciates that they allowed him to participate.

Mayor Grafstein stated that the Police Department Commendation Awards was a very nice event. As for the vandalism at Rosie's Park, the staff is addressing the problem and with respect to waste pickup, please let us know so we can follow up. The next City Council meeting is August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Mayor Grafstein adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Roslyn Grafstein, Mayor

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Cheryl E. Rottmann, City Clerk