

City Council Regular Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
June 24, 2024

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, June 24, 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

OTHERS PRESENT

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Cheryl Rottmann
City Attorney Larry Sherman
Deputy City Clerk Phommady A. Boucher

Councilor Wright gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

CM-24-118. Appointment of the Acting City Clerk.

Motion to appoint Deputy City Clerk Boucher as the Acting City Clerk for tonight's City Council Meeting.

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

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

Motion carried.

CM-24-119. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda.

Motion to move from Consent Agenda to Presentation: Madison Heights Chiropractic 50th Anniversary Proclamation.

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.

Motion to add to Consent Agenda as item #2: Accept the resignation of Quinn Wright as Council Representative to Madison Heights Community Coalition and appoint William Mier as Council Representative to Madison Heights Community Coalition to Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Madison Heights Chiropractic 50th Anniversary Proclamation.

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Grafstein presented Dr. Allen Kash with the Madison Heights Chiropractic 50th Anniversary Proclamation.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Resident, no name given, shared a story of her 49 years of experience at the Madison Heights Chiropractic Center with Dr. Allen Kash.

Kevin Wright, resident, shared a story of his 40 years of knowing Dr. Allen Kash. He thanked all the sponsors, Human Relations & Equity Commission (HREC) board members, and the Department of Public Services (DPS) Department for the success of the Juneteenth event.

Martha Covert, resident, thanked all the participants at the Juneteenth event. She spoke about the candidates and campaign initiatives for the County Commissioner 3rd District.

CM-24-120. Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as read.

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.

CM-24-121. Resignation of Quinn Wright as Council Representative to the Madison Heights Community Coalition and appoint William Mier as Council Representative to Madison Heights Community Coalition.

Motion to accept the resignation of Quinn Wright as Council Representative Madison Heights Community Coalition and appoint William Mier as Council Representative to Madison Heights Community Coalition.

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.

CM-24-122. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2024.

Motion to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2024

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.

CM-24-123. Consent to Assignment of Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Agreement.

Motion to approve the Consent to Assignment of Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Agreement for June 30, 2024, and motion is contingent on closing.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, 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-24-124. Amendments to FY 2023-24 Budget and Carryforwards to Amend the FY 2024-25 Budget.

Motion to approve amendments to FY 2023-24 Budget and Carryforwards to Amend the FY 2024-25 Budget

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

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

Motion carried.

CM-24-125. Tree Nursery and Planting Services.

Motion to approve the Tree Nursery and Planting Services.

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

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

Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Mier reminded everyone that June is Men's Mental Health Awareness Month. He asked that Green for Life (GFL) and Priority Waste come to a council meeting to answer questions from residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss requested a moment of silence to remember Oakland County Deputy Bradley Reckling.

Councilor Wright echoed the sentiments of Mayor Pro Tem Bliss and sends his condolences to the Reckling family. He provided an update on the Arts & Pride event on June 23rd, and he wished those that celebrate a “Happy Pride Month.” The Human Relations & Equity Commission (HREC) and Arts Board co-hosted a Picnic in the Park that was well attended. Councilor Wright announced that HREC is hosting “Rev’n in the Heights” on Saturday, September 14th from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. following the Fire Department Open House. The Arts Board is hosting Trail Tunes on Saturday, September 21st at 3 p.m.

City Attorney L. Sherman echoed the sentiments of Mayor Pro Tem Bliss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims of the mass shooting at Rochester Hills splash pad. City Attorney L. Sherman talked about his late friend and colleague Special Environmental Counsel Hugh Thomas who passed away on May 31st.

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Rottmann informed voters about the August 6th State Primary Election and noted that ballots will be sent out on Friday, June 28th. She reminded voters for the State Primary Election you are only allowed to vote for one party. Voters may contact the Clerk’s Office, come into the City Hall, or go online to the Secretary of State website for an absentee ballot application.

Deputy City Clerk Boucher had no comments this evening.

Councilor Rohrbach congratulated all the participants and volunteers who worked very hard on the Juneteenth celebration. She recognized and thanked everyone who helped with the Arts & Pride event. Councilor Rohrbach reminded everyone about the Festival in the Park on Sunday, June 30th at 6 p.m. She announced that Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council (MiSILC) is hosting an Americans with Disabilities Act Pride on Saturday, July 13th at Civic Center Park. Councilor Rohrbach is excited to see the growth in all the trees planted along 12 Mile Road and John R Road.

Councilman Fleming had no comments this evening.

Councilman Soltis would like to reconsider going to the Michigan Municipal League (MML) conference. He talked about waste management companies Rizzo Environmental Services, GFL, and Priority Waste.

Mayor Grafstein echoed the sentiments of Mayor Pro Tem Bliss and she stated, “hold the people that you care close to you.”

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Grafstein adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Roslyn Grafstein, Mayor

Phommady A. Boucher, Deputy City Clerk