

City Council Regular Meeting  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
October 09, 2023

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, October 09, 2023 at 7:30 PM at City Hall - Council Chambers, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

In the absence of Mayor Grafstein and Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, City Manager Marsh called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call.

**PRESENT**

Councilwoman Toya Aaron  
Councilman Sean Fleming  
Councilor Emily Rohrbach  
Councilman David Soltis  
Councilor Quinn Wright

**ABSENT**

Mayor Roslyn Grafstein  
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Bliss

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

Due to the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager Marsh asked Council to make an appointment to Chair tonight's Meeting.

**CM-23-254. Appointment of Chair for Council Meeting.**

Motion to appoint Councilman Soltis as Chair for tonight's City Council meeting due to the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach,  
Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Mayor Grafstein

Motion carried.

**CM-23-255. Excuse Councilmembers.**

Motion to excuse Mayor Grafstein and Mayor Pro Tem Bliss from tonight's City Council meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilman Fleming.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach,  
Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Mayor Grafstein

Motion carried.

The invocation was given by Councilor Rohrbach and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Peter Taylor, resident, spoke regarding an ongoing legal matter regarding himself and his unhappiness with the City staff and public officials.

Vita Palazzolo, resident, reach out to Council and city residents to assist a homeless resident at 11 Mile and John R. She stated her homelessness was due to health issues and losing her job. She is asking that anyone that is interested in helping, please reach out to her.

**CM-23-256. Consent Agenda.**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Motion made by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach,  
Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Mayor Grafstein

Motion carried.

**CM-23-257. 2023 Fire Prevention Week Proclamation.**

Motion to adopt the 2023 Fire Prevention Week Proclamation.

Motion made by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach,  
Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Mayor Grafstein

Motion carried.

**CM-23-258. 2023 Michigan Library Appreciation Month Proclamation.**

Motion to adopt the 2023 Michigan Library Appreciation Month Proclamation.

Motion made by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach,  
Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Mayor Grafstein

Motion carried.

**CM-23-259. 2023 Indigenous People's Day Resolution.**

Motion to adopt the 2023 Indigenous People's Day Resolution.

Motion made by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach,  
Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Mayor Grafstein

Motion carried.

**CM-23-260. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023.**

Motion to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023, as printed.

Motion made by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach,  
Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Mayor Grafstein

Motion carried.

**CM-23-261. Human Resources Director - Resolution to Opt Out of PA 152.**

Motion to adopt the Resolution to Opt out of PA 152, as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO OPT OUT OF PA 152**

WHEREAS, PA 152, passed by the state Legislature, was designed to lessen the burden of employee healthcare costs on public employers;

WHEREAS, Communities are given three options for complying with the requirements of the Bill;

WHEREAS, those three options are as follows:

- 1) Apply the Hard Cap (capped dollar amount each government employer may pay towards an employee's healthcare costs);
- 2) Adopt by majority vote the 80%/20% (employer/employee) cost-sharing model;

- 3) Opt out of the cost-sharing model by a super majority vote of five as set forth in the bill and revisit it prior to the next year.

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights has determined to opt out of the cost-sharing model by a super majority vote of five as set forth in the bill as its choice of compliance under PA 152;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Madison Heights City Council elects to comply with the requirements of the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act by opting out of the cost-sharing model as set forth in PA 152.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Mayor Grafstein

Motion carried.

**CM-23-262. Purchase of Replacement of Ambulance, Rescue Vehicle #713 – Budget Amendment.**

Motion 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.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Mayor Grafstein

Motion carried.

**CM-23-263. Purchase of Replacement of Ambulance, Rescue Vehicle #713.**

Motion 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.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Mayor Grafstein

Motion carried.

### **Council Comments:**

Councilwoman Aaron stated that she was glad that Council passed the ambulance purchase. She noted that she had the pleasure of attending the Fire Ops training this past weekend, and it was a great experience. She appreciates all that firefighters do for us, and we need to appreciate them more. This Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> will be a vendor fair at Wilkinson Middle School, and she invited all to attend.

Councilor Wright stated that he had attended the Fire Ops training last year and it was fantastic. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> is Motorama and Smoke, if you have a classic car, a cool car, or just like cars, come on out. This is happening rain or shine so please stop by. November is Early Childhood Mental Health month, and he stressed how the first 100 days are so critical to a baby's development. Next month let's celebrate babies and those that work in early childhood development.

City Attorney Sherman had no comments this evening.

City Manager Marsh had no comments this evening.

City Clerk Rottmann stated that early voting will begin on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and run through Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The location will be the Royal Oak Community Center located at 3500 Marais Avenue and the hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., every day except for Thursday when the hours will be from 12 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots are also available through the City Clerk's office. The Election is Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at all precinct locations in the City.

Councilor Rohrbach stated that Saturday will be busy with the Motorama and Smoke, Friends of the Library book sale, the Fire Station 2 Open House, and the Wilkinson vendor event all on Saturday; it is a big day in Madison Heights so come out to all the events. In addition, October 28<sup>th</sup> will be the Trunk or Treat at Civic Center Park from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and October 21<sup>st</sup> is the Trail of Treats at Civic Center Park, please come out and join us.

Councilman Fleming referenced the City Charter Amendment questions on the November 7<sup>th</sup> ballot, and he noted that there are videos on the City's Facebook page explaining the proposals, or if you have questions, please call City Clerk's office.

Councilman Soltis thanked everyone for being patient with him as he chaired the meeting tonight.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilman Soltis adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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Mark Bliss, Mayor Pro Tem

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Cheryl E. Rottmann, City Clerk