

City Council Regular Meeting  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
March 27, 2023

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:30 PM at City Hall  
- Council Chambers, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Bliss

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

Councilman Soltis gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Matthew Savaya, owner of Victoria's Jewels, spoke in favor of his business location being rezoned to permit a pawn shop use. The location is 28731 Dequindre.

Madison Heights Citizens United Board Member Laurie Geraldts stated that they appreciate the support of the City for the Juneteenth celebration. It is a dynamic event that enhances the community and brings a lot of people from the surrounding community to the City.

**CM-23-73. Consent Agenda.**

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright, to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

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

Motion carried.

**CM-23-74. Police Chief - Purchase of Radar Units.**

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright, to approve the purchase of twelve (12) single antenna radar units for \$18,396 and three (3) dual antenna units for \$5,985 for a combined total of \$24,381 from Applied Concepts, who holds the Michigan State Police contract pricing for the State of Michigan.

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

Motion carried.

**CM-23-75. Resolution in Support of the Community Project Funding Grant for City Park Lights - LED Conversion and Post Replacement.**

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright, to approve the Resolution in Support of the Community Funding Grant for City Park Lights - LED Conversion and Post Replacement, as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON  
HEIGHTS SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING GRANT  
FOR CITY PARK LIGHTS – LED CONVERSION AND POST  
REPLACEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Madison Heights has submitted a Community Project Funding Grant to assist with the LED conversion and post replacement of the City park lights, and

**WHEREAS**, the project is a top priority in the City’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the City’s Strategic Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, this project is vital to the health and safety of our residents and park users as the current lights are over 50 years old and post that are not structurally sound.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council hereby approves and strongly supports the grant application submitted for City Park Lights – LED Conversion and Post Replacement; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

1. As included in the City’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan, these light replacements are a need and a top priority at Silverleaf Park, Rosie’s Park, and Huffman Park; and
2. The City of Madison Heights has verified that the conversion to LED lights helps the City achieve energy efficiency and meet one of our city-wide priorities of sustainability, and;
3. The City of Madison Heights certifies that if this project is awarded, the City will have the capability to complete this project within 1-year of receiving funding and appropriate necessary funding for the full project cost of \$685,000.

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

Motion carried.

**CM-23-76. City Council Special Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023.**

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright, to approve the City Council Special meeting minutes of March 13, 2023, as printed.

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

Motion carried.

**CM-23-77. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023.**

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright, to approve the City Council Regular meeting minutes of March 13, 2023, as printed.

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

Motion carried.

**CM-23-78. Director of Public Services - Fee Waiver Request - Madison Heights Citizens United.**

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright, to approve the fee waiver request from Madison Heights Citizens United for their park rental and temporary/seasonal business license for the Juneteenth Celebration on June 17, 2023 at Civic Center Park.

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

Motion carried.

**CM-23-79. Fee Waiver Policy Amendment - Administrative Approval.**

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilman Fleming, to approve the administrative approval for fee waiver requests from non-profit organizations for park rentals and temporary/seasonal business licenses.

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

Motion carried.

**CM-23-80. Director of Public Services - Police Department HVAC Replacement, Phase 1 – BUDGET AMENDMENT.**

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron, to approve a Budget Amendment to account 101-301-987-0000 in the amount of \$46,100.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**CM-23-81. Director of Public Services - Police Department HVAC Replacement, Phase 1.**

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron, to accept the selected parts of the proposal from Denny's Heating and Cooling, to be known as Phase 1 as presented, which includes the two options, as well as the project management and alternate 3, 4, and 5 from the initial bid response, for a total cost of \$496,100 for the Police Department HVAC Replacement, Phase I.

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

Motion carried.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilwoman Aaron wished all a happy International Women's Month. She salutes the women on Council and the women in her family. She sends a prayer to Covenant School in Nashville; another school shooting - as a parent is it our worst nightmare. Something has to be done, but not just gun control, we have to make sure our babies are safe.

Councilor Wright had no comments this evening.

City Manager Marsh had no comments this evening.

City Attorney J. Sherman had no comments this evening.

City Clerk Rottmann had no comments this evening.

Councilor Rohrbach echoed Councilwoman Aaron's comments on the Nashville school shooting. She stated that she has a relative who is a teacher in Nashville and her stomach dropped when she heard the news. We recently had a lock down at some of our schools, and the fear that gripped her is overwhelming. She sends her love to those who are mourning. It is a moral imperative that our country do something about this, it is a national imperative. She stated that she is excited about Juneteenth and other things that are happening in the City. Run for Your Health is April 22nd at the George Suarez Woods, it is a great event. The ECC will hold a give away and celebration of Arbor Day at this event as well as announce the recipient of Native Garden Grant as well. Citizens that want to apply for the grant can obtain the application and submit it online. She is excited to give funding to improve the selection of native plants in our

community. The Native Plant Sale is May 28th; anyone who wants to participate please reach out to her by email.

Councilman Fleming stated that last week he attended PSA Nita's retirement and currently there are dispatch openings in the City. He stated he attended the following events: the SEMCOG meeting, the State of the City and noted he appreciates the work of staff and Chamber, the Memorial Day Parade Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser and he appreciates everyone's' support. The Crime Commission is hosting at the Police Department a discussion on human trafficking on April 27th at 6:30 p.m. Oakland County Community Health Network has a program to help cope with mental health and substance abuse and can be reached at 248-464-6363. He noted that it is important that we connect the resources to the people who need help.

Councilman Soltis spoke in support of the rezoning mentioned at the public comment portion of the meeting.

Mayor Grafstein stated her heart goes out to Nashville; there needs to be change. She thanked all for coming out to the events in the city including the DDA Green Crawl, Parade fundraiser, State of the Cities, and she noted that on April 7th, City offices are closed. The next City Council meeting is April 10. She reminded everyone to please keep an eye out when you are outside as more and more pedestrians will be walking and riding bicycles as the weather warms up.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Mayor Grafstein adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.