



CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 300 W. 13 MILE RD.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 15, 2024 AT 7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - COUNCILMAN FLEMING

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

1. Additions/Deletions

PRESENTATIONS

2. Certificate of Recognition for Michael Sheppard
3. National Telecommunicators Week Proclamation
4. National Animal Control Officer Week Proclamation
5. City Manager - Presentation of the FY 2025 ~~and FY 2026~~ Proposed Budget

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ITEMS ON AGENDA OF INTEREST TO PARTIES IN THE AUDIENCE

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. Autism Acceptance Month Proclamation
7. City Council Special Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2024, as printed.
8. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2024, as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS:

9. Historical Commission -Proposed Naming of the Soccer Complex, Rosie's Park Pavilion, the City Hall Executive Conference Room, and the Active Adult Billiards Room

ITEMS FOR FUTURE PUBLIC HEARINGS:

BID AWARDS/PURCHASES:

ORDINANCES:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT

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DATE: April 11, 2024
 TO: City Council
 FROM: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager
 SUBJECT: Agenda Comments - Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 15, 2024

The following are my comments on items appearing on the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024.

PRESENTATIONS:

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – MICHAEL SHEPPARD

The City Council is set to present Michael Sheppard, owner of the Madison Heights business Northern Audio Services, a Certificate of Recognition for his support and assistance to the Historical Commission's History of Music event as well as his civic contributions to the City.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION'S WEEK PROCLAMATION

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is held annually during the second week of April to honor public safety telecommunicators for their commitment, service, and sacrifice. City Council is being requested to issue a proclamation declaring the week of April 14 – 20, 2024, to be National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Madison Heights, as a week to celebrate and thank telecommunications personnel who serve our city, citizens, and public safety personnel 24 hours a day seven days a week.

NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S WEEK PROCLAMATION

The Mayor and City Council are asked to issue and present a proclamation to Animal Control Officer Paige Wallace, part-time assistants Jillian Whalin and Angela Benner, acknowledging and thanking them for their services to the City and declaring the week of April 14 through April 20, 2024, as National Animal Control Officers Week in Madison Heights.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

City Manager Marsh and Finance Director Kunath are scheduled to present the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 proposed budget for the Council's consideration.

CONSENT:

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH PROCLAMATION

To foster acceptance of autism and ignite change through improved support and opportunities in education, employment, housing, healthcare and long-term services, Council is asked to declare April as Autism Acceptance Month in the City of Madison Heights and urges all employees,

residents, and members of the business community to celebrate differences during National Autism Acceptance Month.

REPORTS:

PROPOSED NAMING OF THE SOCCER COMPLEX, ROSIE'S PARK PAVILION, THE CITY HALL EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM, AND THE ACTIVE ADULT BILLIARDS ROOM

At their April 10, 2024 meeting, the Madison Heights Historical Commission made a recommendation that City Council name the Soccer Complex as the Swanson Soccer Complex and Fields; the pavilion added to Rosie's Park after Elva Mills; the Executive Conference Room in City Hall be named after Lindell Ross; and the Active Adult Center Billiards Room after Rich Clark.

If City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Historical Commission, a motion would be made to name the Soccer Complex as the Swanson Soccer Complex and Fields for Edward Swanson; the pavilion added to Rosie's Park for Elva Mills; rename the Executive Conference Room in City Hall for Lindell Ross; and name the Active Adult Center Billiards Room after Rich Clark.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, Michael Sheppard purchased Northern Audio Service, formerly known as Northern TV and Northern Radio in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Michael Sheppard relocated Northern Audio Service to Madison Heights in 2012, a company that began in 1940 with its first location in Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Northern Audio Service has a long-storied history, with three owners since 1940. In the 1940's, Northern Radio acquired the largest inventory of televisions and sold them mainly to bars as a novelty for the rare broadcast of the day. As the television business boomed, at one point, Northern TV had five locations; and

WHEREAS, Northern Audio Service continues to expand and grow with the technology changes that happen every day while continuing to step back in time to when Northern TV got its start – servicing antique radios and phonographs; and

WHEREAS, since re-locating to Madison Heights, Michael Sheppard has been civically engaged, serving on the City's Downtown Development and Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities and continues to be an active member of our community; and

WHEREAS, Michael Sheppard was instrumental in the success of the Historical Commission's "History of Music" event, assisting with providing information and sharing his knowledge for the benefit of all;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Madison Heights extend our thanks and appreciation to

MICHAEL SHEPPARD


for his role in preserving the history of the City of Madison Heights and for his contributions to the advancement of our community.




Roslyn Grafstein
Mayor




Mark Bliss
Mayor Pro Tem



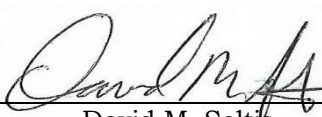
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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 4/15/24

PREPARED BY: Police Chief Brent LeMerise

AGENDA ITEM CONTENT: National Telecommunicators Week Proclamation

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Consent Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT:

FUNDS REQUESTED:

FUND:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (NPSTW) is held annually during the second week of April to honor public safety telecommunicators for their commitment, service, and sacrifice. NPSTW initially started in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in California. In 1994, President Clinton signed Presidential Proclamation 6667, declaring the second week of April as NPSTW. This week is a time to celebrate and thank telecommunications personnel across the nation who serve our communities, citizens, and public safety personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

RECOMMENDATION:

Police Chief Brent LeMerise requests City Council proclaim April 14th - 20th, 2024 as National Telecommunicators week in the City of Madison Heights.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the number 911 is universally recognized as being dedicated to report emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the telecommunicator response to calls for help gives the residents of Madison Heights a quick response to emergency calls for police, fire, or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the safety of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics is dependent upon the actions of the telecommunicator, and the quality and accuracy of the information obtained from citizens who contact 911; and

WHEREAS, the telecommunicator serves as the first, first responder and the voice of the help, providing direction and comfort for those in crisis to rely on when they call 911; and

WHEREAS, 911 telecommunicators play a critical role with their public safety partners, above and beyond the normal call of duty; and

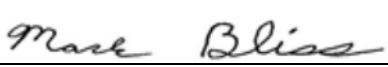
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Madison Heights declares the week of:

**April 14 - 20, 2024
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK**


in Madison Heights, in honor of the men and women whose exceptional dedication and professionalism put forth in contributing to making Madison Heights a safer place to live, work, and visit.



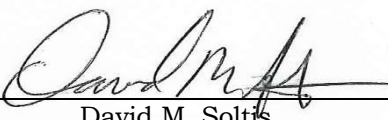
Roslyn Grafstein
Mayor



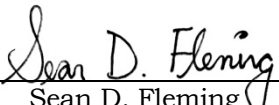
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, when a call for animal control services is requested, the prompt response of the animal control officer is very important for the protection of human life and the welfare of helpless animals and pets that are rescued from injury, disease, harm and inhumane treatment; and,

WHEREAS, our Animal Control Officer provides a number of services to this community including, responding to domestic animal calls and complaints, checking the welfare of pets, inspecting pet stores and other animal facilities, catching and returning loose pets, ensuring pets are properly vaccinated and licensed, investigating complaints and animal bites, responding to calls on wildlife and moving wildlife to other locations for their safety; and,

WHEREAS, our Animal Control Officer is a hard-working member of the Madison Heights Police Department and is dedicated to the service of animal control needs in this community; and,

WHEREAS, this week of appreciation recognizes and honors ACO Paige Wallace and part-time assistants Jillian Whalin and Angela Benner.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Madison Heights declares the week of:

April 14-20, 2024

NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER APPRECIATION


in Madison Heights, in honor of the men and women whose diligence, caring and protections of animals help keep our City, citizens and animals safe.



Roslyn Grafstein
Mayor



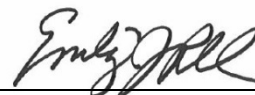
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*PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 2024 AS
AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH IN THE CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS*

WHEREAS, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication and behavioral skill of those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 54 children nationally and over 50,000 individuals in Michigan alone; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and


WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by autism know, acceptance is often one of the biggest barriers to finding and developing a support system; and

WHEREAS, to foster acceptance to ignite change through improved support and opportunities in education, employment, accessible housing, affordable health care and comprehensive long-term services so that individuals and their families are encouraged to live full, quality of lives through connection and acceptance;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and the Council of the City of Madison proclaim

APRIL 2024 AS NATIONAL AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

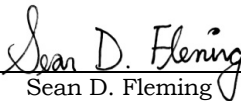
in the City of Madison Heights and urge all employees, residents and members of the business community to bring #Autism2Light and #CelebrateDifferences during National Autism Acceptance Month.




Roslyn Grafstein
Mayor



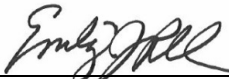
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City Council Special Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
April 08, 2024

A City Council Special Meeting was held on Monday, April 08, 2024 at 7:00 PM at City Hall Executive Conference Room - 300 W. 13 Mile Road

PRESENT

- Mayor Roslyn Grafstein
- Mayor Pro Tem Mark Bliss (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)
- Councilman Sean Fleming
- Councilman William Mier
- Councilor Emily Rohrbach
- Councilman David Soltis
- Councilor Quinn Wright

OTHERS PRESENT

- City Manager Melissa Marsh
- City Attorney Larry Sherman
- Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Cheryl Rottmann
- Police Chief Brent LeMerise
- Special Legal Counsel Tim Ferand (via Teams)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

CM-24-68. Closed Session.

Motion at 7:01 p.m. to enter Closed Session to discuss:

- 1) Labor negotiations which are exempt from disclosure under Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act and
- 2) Litigation: *Jessica Toski v. Thomas Baker and the City of Madison Heights* which is exempt from disclosure under Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion made by Councilman Mier, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss entered the Closed Session at 7:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business, Mayor Grafstein adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

City Council Regular Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
April 08, 2024

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, April 08, 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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

CM-24-69. Additions to the Agenda.

Motion to add to the Agenda under Reports: Agreement Between the a) Madison Heights 43rd District Court and the City of Madison Heights and b) Litigation: Jessica Toski v. Thomas Baker and the City of Madison Heights.

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

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Condolence Resolution - Lila Richards

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Grafstein presented the family of Lila Richards, a long-time resident and active member of the community, with a Condolence Resolution. Lila’s daughter Rochelle Karl was in attendance to accept the resolution.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

CM-24-70. Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

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.

CM-24-71. 2024 Fireworks Display Permit Approval.

Motion to approve the 2024 Fireworks Display Permit for 2024 Festival in the Parks
Fireworks Display on June 30, 2024.

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.

CM-24-72. 2024 Arbor Day Resolution.

Motion to approve the 2024 Arbor Day Resolution, as follows:

2024 Arbor Day Resolution

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights is committed to establishing a strong
tree canopy within the city; and

WHEREAS, trees are proven to improve air quality, cut heating and cooling costs,
moderate the temperature, produce life-giving oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife
and reduce the erosion of topsoil by wind and water; and

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of
Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday is called Arbor Day and in 2024 this holiday is nationally
observed on April 26, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS, AS FOLLOWS:

Recognizing that trees, in addition to all the benefits listed above, increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and,

On April 20, 2024 in honor of Arbor Day, the Environmental Citizens Committee will hold an informational presentation on tree planting and maintenance at the Recreation Division’s Annual *Run for the Health of It* 5K Race; and,

The City Council and Staff remain dedicated to including tree replacements in future budgets including grant matches for any tree grants available; and,

Furthermore, the City of Madison Heights urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees increasing the City tree canopy to promote the well-being of our community.

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.

CM-24-73. Civic Center Basketball Court Paving.

Motion to approve the quote from Italia Construction for the Civic Center Basketball Court Paving in an amount not to exceed \$27,556.

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.

CM-24-74. 2024 Drinking Water Week Proclamation.

Motion to adopt the 2024 Drinking Water Week Proclamation as follows:

2024 Drinking Water Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, water is our most valuable natural resource; and

WHEREAS, drinking water serves a vital role in daily life, serving an essential purpose to health, hydration and hygiene needs for the quality of life our citizens enjoy; and

WHEREAS, tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the hard work performed by the entire water sector, designing capital projects, operators ensuring the safety and quality of drinking water or a member

of a pipe crew maintaining the infrastructure communities rely on to transport high quality drinking water from its source to consumers’ taps; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has shone a light on the importance of drinking water for health, hydration and hygiene needs; and

WHEREAS, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which current and future generations depend; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our city are called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, practice water conservation and get involved with their water by familiarizing themselves with it;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Madison Heights hereby proclaims May 5-11, 2024, as Drinking Water Week in the City of Madison Heights.

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.

CM-24-75. 2024 West Nile Virus Reimbursement Resolution.

Motion to approve the 2024 West Nile Virus Reimbursement Resolution, as follows:

2024 West Nile Virus Reimbursement Resolution

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Oakland County Executive, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners has established a West Nile Virus Fund Program to assist Oakland County cities, villages, and townships in addressing mosquito control activities; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County’s West Nile Virus Fund Program authorizes Oakland County cities, villages, and townships to apply for reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred in connection with personal mosquito protection measures/activity, mosquito habitat eradication, mosquito larviciding or focused adult mosquito insecticide spraying in designated community green areas; and

WHEREAS, The City of Madison Heights of Oakland County, Michigan has incurred expenses in connection with mosquito control activities believed to be eligible for reimbursement under Oakland County’s West Nile Virus Fund Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Mayor and City Council of Madison Heights authorizes and directs its Public Works Supervisor, Chris Woodward, as agent for the City of Madison Heights, in the manner and to the extent provided under Oakland County Board of Commissioners 2024 Mosquito Smarts Program

to request reimbursement of eligible mosquito control activity under Oakland County’s West Nile Virus Fund Program.

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.

CM-24-76. Resolution Annually Designating April as Arab Heritage Month.

Motion to adopt the Resolution Annually Designating April as Arab Heritage Month, as follows:

Resolution Of The City Of Madison Heights
Designating April Annually As Arab American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, The National Arab American Heritage Month initiative, launched in 2017 by Arab America and the Arab America Foundation, has gained significant momentum. Last year, this grassroots initiative comprised of over 250 Arab American volunteers in 26 states, secured 144 proclamations from states, counties, municipalities, and local school districts; and

WHEREAS, throughout April, National Arab American Heritage Month acknowledges and celebrates the accomplishments of Arab Americans and

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture.

WHEREAS, since immigrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants.

WHEREAS, Arab Americans brought resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy. Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes the nation prosperous and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Arab American ancestry and cultural heritage educates fellow Americans and counters misconceptions, harmful stereotyping, and prejudices. Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe, and.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the city of Madison Heights hereby designates the month of April, annually, as Arab American Heritage Month in the city of Madison Heights in recognition of and appreciation for the rich legacy and significant contributions made by the Arab American community.

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.

CM-24-77. Resolution Annually Designating April as Chaldean Heritage Month.

Motion to adopt the Resolution Annually Designating April as Chaldean Heritage Month,
as follows:

Resolution Of The City Of Madison Heights
Designating April Annually As Chaldean-American Month

WHEREAS, Chaldeans/Assyrians, a Semitic people who also identify themselves
as Syriacs, are the indigenous people of Mesopotamia who have lived in the Middle
East since ancient times, including in what is today Iraq, Syria, Turkey, and Iran.
Collectively, there are nearly half a million Chaldeans / Assyrians / Syriacs in the
United States, including about 160,000 in Michigan, the largest concentration in the
country.

WHEREAS, April is an important month to the Chaldean / Assyrian / Syriac
community for several reasons:

The Assyrian / Babylonian New Year, Akitu, is a celebration of spring, rebirth and
renewal which often culminates in a celebration on April 1.

The Chaldean Catholic Church, a descendant from the Church of the East,
commemorates All Martyrs & Confessors Day during the month of April, in
remembrance of the Church’s devoted priests, nuns and laypeople.

WHEREAS, the Chaldean / Assyrian / Syriac people are a community of rich
tradition and culture who enrich Michigan’s cultural tapestry and prosperity through
their success in the arts, business, law, politics, education, medicine, architecture,
and engineering. Nearly 60% of Chaldean households own one business, which
contributes to a vibrant local economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council for the city of
Madison Heights hereby designates the month of April, annually, as Chaldean-
American Month in the city of Madison Heights in recognition of the positive and
significant contributions that Chaldean Americans have made within the
community.

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.

CM-24-78. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2024.

Motion to adopt the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2024, as printed.

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.

CM-24-79. Agreement Between the 43rd District Court and the City of Madison Heights.

Motion to approve the agreement between the 43rd District Court and the City of Madison Heights.

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-24-80. Litigation: Jessica Toski v. Thomas Baker and the City of Madison Heights.

Motion to approve the recommendation of Special Legal Counsel made in the Closed Special Meeting in the matter of Jessica Toski v Thomas Baker and the City of Madison Heights.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilman Soltis.

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

Motion carried.

CM-24-81. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Administrative Agreement.

Motion to approve an agreement with Wilson & Wilson P.C. for MIDC administrative services for up to a five-year term and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement, subject to legal review.

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-24-82. Professional Auditing Services Contract.

Motion to approve a five-year contract with Rehmann Robson LLC (Rehmann) for professional auditing services and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract, subject to legal review.

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.

CM-24-83. Ordinance 2198 - New Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, First Reading.

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2198 and schedule the second and final reading and a public hearing for the May 13th, 2024, City Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss stated this Zoning Ordinance revision has been several years in the making and many meetings have been held. While zoning may not be exciting, it helps with the future planning of a City and encourages the types of developments we may want in the areas of the City we desire and fixes issues that are currently in the existing Zoning Ordinance.

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.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Mier noted that there was a lot of good stuff covered in our Consent Agenda. He noted his support for the basketball courts, fireworks, heritage months and drinking water resolutions. Volunteers are the heart of our community and Rich Clark has been involved in Little League Baseball for many years. He thanked Justin Kowalski and crew for their work on the fields. He invited Council to Little League Opening Day and commented that Councilor Wright, Councilman Fleming, and City Attorney Sherman have been long-term sponsors of teams. He stated that he attended the State of Oakland County event last week and it was very informative. He learned today that 1% of the sun is still very light. He thanked staff and Council

for work on Zoning Ordinance. He noted that April is Autism Awareness Month so please understand that people are different than you, remember to be kind.

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss remembered Rich Clark and noted that you can always have an impression on how someone handles a disagreement. He recalled how he interacted with him over ITAC, with Rich ultimately voting for ITAC and supporting the concept. He noted that two years later, Rich called him and thanked him for proving him wrong. Rich Clark was a true leader. Being able to serve with Rich Clark has helped make us better Council members and he expressed condolences to his family in this difficult time. You can disagree and move forward and stay friends and neighbors and he hopes there will be more Rich Clarks in the world. The History of Music in Madison Heights and Beyond will be presented before the next City Council meeting on April 15th. Michael Sheppard from Northern Audio will be talking on the subject, and it will be a great presentation. He added that it is his hope to be able to preview our Heritage Rooms as well. Save the date - the Arts Board second Annual Gala will be on November 8th and have a disco, 70's theme. All money raised will be reinvested into Arts Board projects. Tickets will be on sale shortly

Councilor Wright stated remember to be kind and noted that there are a lot of people in the world that are struggling.

City Attorney Sherman reminded the audience that Madison Heights Police Department put out a press release pertaining to spoofing of the Police Department. If you get a call like that, hang up and report it to the Police Department. He stated that he is very saddened to hear of the passing of Rich Clark and agrees with Mayor Pro Tem Bliss' comments regarding him. Rich Clark was a delightful person and always had the citizens' interests in mind. He was always willing to listen to anyone's viewpoint and he expressed his condolences to Rich's family. Rich Clark is fixture in Madison Heights and will be sorely missed. He stated that he would also say the same thing about Lila Richards. He became friends with both Jim and Lila Richards, and they were both very civic minded and participated in everything. These are the types of people that make the City a great place.

City Manager Marsh stated that the next regular Council meeting is next Monday, April 15th and the budget presentation will be held as well. She thanked City Planner Matt Lonnerstater for his work on the Zoning Ordinance rewrite and noted that he did a great job.

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Rottmann expressed her condolences to Rich Clark's family.

Councilor Rohrbach stated the Arbor Day celebration will be at the City's 5K on April 20th. There is still time to sign up for the 5K, so please do so. The State of the County was last week, and she noted that the Madison Heights business Design to Shine was featured. She thanked the City Manager and staff for the Energy Futures Grant work, noting there were only 40 nationwide awards and only 2 in Michigan which are designed to advance innovative clean energy programs that will enhance energy affordability, access, and opportunities for our community. She stated that Senator Peters recognized our staff for their ability to access grants and communicate the needs of the community. She stated that the Environmental Citizens Committee met last week, and the final draft of Master Sustainability Plan was presented. She noted that today we received a text saying our students were in lockdown and, fortunately, the school was able to deal with the situation. As a parent, at any school and at any age, it is easy for them to lose site of the seriousness of a situation. Please hold conversations with your kids about taking these things seriously and not as a joke.

Councilman Fleming gave condolences to Rich Clark's family and commented that Rich gave a lot as a veteran and to his community. He appreciated that today we made proclamations on Arab and Chaldean Heritage month. He noted that the United States Census has a new classification of northern african/middle eastern and asked City forms to be updated. He announced that the City-Wide Garage sale will be sometime in June.

Councilman Soltis expressed condolences to Lila Richard's family and noted that he met her at the Women's Club Teas. He stated he was very fond of Rich Clark and worked together with him on senior home repairs and considered him a mentor. May 1st is the senior trip to Lansing. It will be a fantastic trip and if you are interested in participating, please contact him or the City Manager's office.

Mayor Grafstein stated she met Rich Clark before she was on Council regarding Neighborhood Watch. He left his imprint on the City and he will be missed as will Lila Richards. She stated that she is happy about the Energy Futures Grant and grants really helped budget wise. She recognized Brenda from Design to Shine. Mayor Grafstein thanked City Planner Lonnerstater for all his work on the Zoning Amendments and commented that he was great to work with, despite the tedious work. Today was the solar eclipse and she was at Lessinger School for the fun event. Thank you to those that organized the event. The next City Council meeting is April 15th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business, Mayor Grafstein adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 4/15/24

PREPARED BY: Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Cheryl Rottmann

AGENDA ITEM CONTENT: Proposed Renaming of City Facilities

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Reports

BUDGETED AMOUNT:

FUNDS REQUESTED:

FUND:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At their April 10, 2024 meeting, the Madison Heights Historical Commission made a recommendation that City Council name the Soccer Complex as the Swanson Soccer Complex and Fields; the pavilion added to Rosie's Park after Elva Mills; the Executive Conference Room in City Hall be named after Lindell Ross; and the Active Adult Center Billiards Room after Rich Clark.

RECOMMENDATION:

If City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Historical Commission, a motion would be made to name the Soccer Complex as the Swanson Soccer Complex and Fields for Edward Swanson; the pavilion added to Rosie's Park for Elva Mills; rename the Executive Conference Room in City Hall for Lindell Ross; and name the Active Adult Center Billiards Room after Rich Clark.