City of South Lyon  
Regular City Council Meeting  
May 28, 2019

Mayor Pelchat called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.  
Mayor Pelchat led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Pelchat, Councilmembers Kennedy, Kivell, Kurtzweil, Parisien, Richards and Walton  
Also, Present: City Manager Zelenak, Chief Sovik, Attorney Wilhelm, Chief Vogel and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton  

MINUTES- May 13, 2019

CM 5-1-19 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES  
Motion by Kivell, supported by Parisien  
Motion to approve minutes as presented  
VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES- May 22, 2019

CM 5-2-19 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES  
Motion by Kivell, supported by Walton  
Motion to approve minutes as presented  
VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS- None

AGENDA  
Motion by Kivell, supported by Parisien  
Motion to approve the agenda as presented

PROCLAMATIONS  
1. Celebrating 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment

Mayor Pelchat read the resolution celebrating the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote. (See attached resolution)

2. National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Mayor Pelchat read the proclamation for recognizing June 7, 2019 as national gun awareness day. (See attached proclamation)

PUBLIC HEARING- Budget: Annual budget for fiscal year 2019-2020

Mayor Pelchat opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.  
There was no public comment  
Mayor Pelchat closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Gretchen Asher of 6804 Harvest Court stated she attends South Lyon East and she is a co-founder and co-leader the South Lyon Students Demand Action. She stated on behalf of the Moms Demand Action of Macomb County and Oakland County, and Students Demand Action, she thanked the Mayor and Council for their support in declaring June 7th as National Wear Orange Day, in honor of National Gun Violence Awareness Day. She further stated in 2013, fifteen-year-old Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed as an accidental casualty of gang violence. She stated her friends refused to stay silent on her death as well as many others. Her friends started this national holiday to celebrate her life and raise awareness. Ms. Asher stated every day 100 people are killed with guns and guns are the second leading cause of death for American children and teens. She stated since the Columbine shooting in 1999, 26,000 teenagers have been killed by guns. Although highly politicized, this is not a right or left issue, it is a life or death issue. Wear Orange Day is an opportunity to honor all the victims of gun violence and raise awareness and end the gun crisis in America. She then thanked the Mayor and Council again for their support.

Erin Cottongim of 601 South Lafayette stated thanked the group of young people that are here for taking a stand together to show they want a change. She then thanked the City government for listening. She stated people want to make a change to prevent gun violence. People are coming together from around the world with a simple message. There is more we can do. She is asking Council to add an Ordinance to ban guns from the schools as well as open carry unless they are held by a trained Policer Officer. She stated people assume that guns are not allowed in schools, but she found out that is not true. On her last day at Sayre Elementary and she went to pick her up, there was an angry man there with a gun. He was upset parents were parking on his lawn. He had a gun in a holster out in the open. Our summer and summer of friends and families could have been very different. Simply by one mistake. Luckily nothing happened and everyone was fine. Nothing besides intimidation and fear came from his actions. She was shaken to the core knowing there was a man with a gun in her daughters’ school. She stated we have to teach our children to turn the lights off and be quiet. She stated when we were in school, we learned how to stay safe from storms. Ms. Cottongim stated the most shocking part is that the man was within his rights of this state and City because he had a permit to do so. She is asking the City to put an Ordinance in place to prohibit all guns from schools unless a police officer. The City can make a headline for sensible change.

Amber King of 791 Westbrook stated on Sunday June 2nd at 1:00 p.m. they are having a ribbon cutting celebration for the new children’s expansion grand opening the library.

Ryan Cottongim of 601 S Lafayette stated he wanted to applaud the students for doing what they did and asked them to continue to engage with government. He also applauded Council for the proclamation. He stated he would also ask that Council listens to what people have to say. He stated we need to be proactive. Mr. Cottongim stated he cannot believe that after all the concerns Council had at the last meeting that the survey was passed out to businesses. He further stated he doesn’t understand it, it seemed it was a draft for everyone to work on, but then he was told the survey was handed out to the downtown businesses.

DISCUSSION: Downtown

Bob Donohue stated the third panel for the Farmers Market sign will be going up shortly. He stated we have 36 sponsors and we will change it out every few weeks. We will be getting our first over the road 5-28-19
banner and we will have it for Motorfest. He stated they had some issues getting the hardware for the banner, but we found a company where we can buy them. Mr. Donohue stated the new trash cans will be will be exchanged shortly. He further stated the cans on the light posts will be removed. Mr. Donohue stated we had an issue with the flowers during the last few years. He stated we are now going with Donahee Farms as our new supplier. The owner of Donahee Farms will advise the DPW on how often and when they should be watered and fertilized. He further stated the DDA agreed to fund the flower pots that will be on the sidewalks.

Councilmember Richards stated the reason the flowers die is because there isn’t enough dirt in the pots and the air kills the roots. Some aren’t suited for the reflection off the cement. Mr. Donohue stated they think they have found the solution. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the problem is leaching, the nutrients are being washed out and they were the wrong kind of plants. Further discussion was held regarding the flowers in downtown South Lyon.

Councilmember Kennedy asked about where the survey stands. He has given his opinion, but he wants to know the process to ensure they get the information requested by Council. He wants to make sure this isn’t just a DDA initiative. Mr. Donohue stated from day one it was meant for all 350 businesses. The goal is to ensure we are providing adequate service and improve service if possible. Councilmember Kennedy again asked the process for developing the survey. Mr. Donohue stated that was a first draft, and he thought it was a good opportunity to get ideas at the monthly business and property owners meeting. He further stated we don’t want to give a draft to all 350 businesses, we are trying to get input from all Councilmembers as well as business owners. The process is to look at other surveys, and after all the input, by the end of summer or early fall, we will find the best way to design it and to disburse it. Councilmember Kennedy stated that isn’t a plan, that is a hope. He isn’t hearing clear and concise information. He stated so far, he has seen input from the nucleus of the DDA, and he isn’t sure why we are soliciting information from the businesses first. He further stated originally when this was discussed, we said we would have the survey in 2 weeks, now it will be by the end of summer. He stated he wants a quality product and to do that, someone needs to get a clear concise thought on getting it done. Mr. Donohue stated the draft is being shared with Council and he wants comments and input from all Council, not just one or two. Councilmember Kennedy stated when we are looking at a plan, we should have a certain amount of activities that should take place in a certain amount of time, and if those activities don’t take place, we need to know what the corrective action would be. Councilmember Parisien stated she agrees, there should be a deadline for Council input, as well as a deadline for it to be complete. Mr. Donohue stated he will set up a timeline and communicate that to the City Manager. Further discussion was held regarding the survey.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Budget- Consider approval of millage rate resolution

City Manager Zelenak stated we held the public hearing, and now we need to consider the approval of the millage rate resolution. The course of action tonight is to have 2 separate motions to approve the resolutions. He suggests Council approve the resolutions for the budget year 2019-2020. He stated the wages and salaries are included, some are based on the union contracts, as well as non-union employees, which include a 3% raise, and it includes the City Manager. Councilmember Kennedy stated the City Manager and staff did a great job on the budget, and addressed things that have not been addressed in the past. This is a great step in the right direction. Councilmember Kivell agreed the City is moving in the right direction. Councilmember Richards stated he hopes we can hit a home run with this budget. We are definitely moving in a better direction than in previous years.
CM 5-3-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Kennedy, and supported by Kivell
Let it be RESOLVED, that the City Clerk certify to the City Assessor for spreading on
the Assessment Roll of the City of South Lyon for the year 2019-2020, the following
amounts, based on taxable value $377,216,665.

1. At the rate of 11.4938 mills per $1,000 of
valuation for General Fund Operation
2. At the rate of 3.0000 mills per $1,000 of
valuation for Wastewater General Obligation Bonds
for wastewater treatment (2002)
3. At the rate of 1.0000 mills per $1,000 of
valuation for Capital Improvement Fund

RESOLVED FURTHER, that due to the May 2, 1984 election whereby the Library became a free
standing and District Library for all purposes including the levy of 1.4369 and the overall levy for the
City will be 16.9307 mills, of which 15.4938 mills will be used for City operation and debt.
RESOLVED FURTHER, that after spreading on the Assessment Roll, the amounts as required to be
raised by the general ad valorem tax, the Assessor certify and deliver the same to the City Treasurer, and
the City Clerk be authorized to attach her warrant thereto, directing and requiring the City Treasurer to
collect the same as provided by the City Charter.
RESOLVED FURTHER, that all installments reported to the City Treasurer as delinquent on Special
Assessments and other charges, together with interest due thereon, as provided in Section 7.17 of the City
Charter; unpaid charges for water consumption and water tap installation, as provided in Chapter 24 of
the South Lyon City Code be assessed against the properties benefited and included in the 2019 Tax Roll.
RESOLVED FURTHER, that the millage for the entire fiscal year 2019-2020 budget not to exceed
15.4938 mills.

MOTION To approve the 2019-2020 proposed budget

ROLL CALL VOTE:  Kivell- Yes
Parisiens- Yes
Kennedy- Yes
Richards- Yes
Walton- No
Kurtzweil- No
Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED

2. Budget- Consider approval of annual budget resolution for fiscal year 2019-2020

CM 5-4-19 MOTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Kennedy, and supported by Kivell
WHEREAS, in May 2019 the City Manager submitted to City Council a proposed budget for the fiscal
year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and
WHEREAS, the City Council has received the proposed budget contained herein and has discussed and
reviewed same.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council hereby adopts the 2019-2020 fiscal budget
as shown in the budget document on the Summary page, and detailed on the following pages, with
expenditures in the total amount of $6,204,846.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby adopts the following proposed budget or
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estimates for the following operations as set forth below.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to advertise for bids, or authorize at the appropriate time for contractual services, commodity purchases and/or capital expenditures throughout the fiscal year in accordance with the enclosed budget document and all applicable City ordinance policies or procedures in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Account Act, Section 19 (2), the City Manager may make transfers within a fund and activity if the amount to be transferred does not exceed 10% or $25,000, whichever is greater, of the appropriation item for which the transfer is to be made, with prior notification to the City Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**
- Richards- Yes
- Walton- No
- Parisien-Yes
- Kivell- Yes
- Kennedy- Yes
- Kurtzweil- No
- Pelchat- Yes

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution authorizing the request for reimbursement from Oakland County West Nile Virus Fund

City Manager Zelenak stated Oakland County received our West Nile Virus program for the year which we provide insect repellent for residents and apply mosquito larvicide to City catch basins.

**CM 5-5-19 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR REIMBURSEMENT**

Motion by Parisien, supported by Walton

Motion to approve the resolution for reimbursement from the Oakland County West Nile Virus Fund in the amount of $1,546.18

**VOTE:**  **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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2. Purchase of an Ex-Mark Zero Turn LZX801GKA60600 mower

City Manager Zelenak stated that $13,000 has been budgeted for this item. We received 2 quotes. The 3rd supplier didn’t respond to the request for a quote. He further stated the current mower is too heavy and damages turf in our parks and City owned properties. He stated the current mower will be retired to the Water/Sewer Department to be utilized there. City Manager Zelenak stated the money in the equipment fund has not been expended, so the additional amount of $397.00 will be used from that account.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated when you have an expenditure and an explanation on topic, in the future she would like to see the line item it is coming from, because she was trying to figure out where the additional money was going to come from. She further stated it is noted twice that the current mower is too heavy and it damages the turf. She stated someone should be thinking of things like that when making such purchases.

**CM 5-6-19 MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE**

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Parisien

Motion to approve the purchase of Ex-Mark LZX801GKA60600 for $13,397.00

**VOTE:** MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUDGET**

Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if there will be amendments for the current budget. City Manager Zelenak stated there will be in June. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if the amendments are for money we have already spent. City Manager Zelenak stated it is possible if items have not been purchased at the time they were originally allocated. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated Council couldn’t keep up with the budget because the amendments weren’t coming out until the end of the fiscal year. She stated there was a motion that passed requiring the City Manager to bring the amendments quarterly. She further stated she cannot approve amendments for any money that was spent before Council approval. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she was told the vacation pay was budgeted for $30,000 but when you look at the buyout, but she found out the number was much higher, approximately $45,000 or $50,000. Where did the additional money come from, when the current budget only showed $30,000. City Manager Zelenak stated he will look into this; he doesn’t have the information with him. He further stated if it was over for that line item, and it would have come from the police department wages.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Zelenak stated he received a call from Oakland County and the CDBG funds will reflect a 22% reduction. He stated we can proportionally reduce as fairly as possible. We use those funds for Haven and the South Lyon Senior Center.

City Manager Zelenak stated the we are hiring the Ordinance Officer and he should be starting in the next two weeks.

City Manager Zelenak stated the Memorial Day Parade was successful, there were a lot of people in town and the weather was great.

Councilmember Parisien asked what the feasibility is of having an Ordinance in regards to schools. Attorney Wilhelm stated he can look into it, but his understanding is local communities are prohibited from regulating firearms. He will look at the new opinion and pass along the information to the City Manager. Councilmember Parisien stated we should at least take a look for our constituents.

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Councilmember Parisien asked about the damage to Volunteer Park. City Manager Zelenak stated it appears someone drove through the grass, but it is repairable. Councilmember Parisien asked if it will be repaired before the soccer games start. City Manager Zelenak stated the fields will be ready.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she wanted to thank the City Manager and the DPW for their dedication in trying to get Paul Baker park somewhat in good condition before the Memorial Day Parade. She stated Paul Baker Park is very important to the downtown businesses and residents. The residents would like to have that park kept up better in the future. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she would like to speak with the City Manager about complaints she is getting from some contractors. She stated she had complaints about inspections, and we need to make sure we are a priority for our contractors. She stated she heard a complaint on Friday, that there is a problem with getting permits. If they are waiting more than a day or so, we need to ensure the work flow is more friendly to our contractors. She stated she heard from 5 different contractors.

Mayor Pelchat stated the damage at Volunteer Park isn’t affecting the ball fields, it is at the far end of the park.

Councilmember Walton she stated she also heard from a lot of people about how nice Paul Baker Park looked for the parade as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kennedy stated he would like to congratulate the Lake Street Cruise-In for a great kick off to the 2019 Season. The weather was perfect and the attendance was outstanding as were the cars. So, just remember it’s every fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. Come on down, check out the cars, get something to eat and enjoy a great event.

Councilmember Kennedy reminded everyone that the Salem-South Lyon District Library will be hosting a ribbon cutting event on Sunday, June 2nd at 1:00pm for the new Children’s Expansion. The event will run from 1:00pm-4:00pm and will include fun filled activities for the entire family. He then invited everyone to bring the entire family and help the Salem-South Lyon District Library celebrate another major milestone.

Councilmember Kennedy then stated in addition to celebrating the opening of the Children’s Expansion, the event will also celebrate the 80th anniversary of the South Lyon Library that was originally established in March, 1939 in one room of a vacant store and it contained 1,600 books. Over the years it continued to grow and moved from location to location until it moved to its current location in 1998. It currently houses over 85,000 items. He then congratulated the Salem-South Lyon District Library on their growth and expansion and their continued relevance and service to the residents of our community.

Councilmember Kennedy stated he wanted to thank everyone who helped organize, and participated in the Memorial Day Parade. He particularly wants to recognize the efforts of Dayna Johnston and Andrea Phillips and the Phillips Funeral Home for their time and effort in organizing the event and ensuring that the true meaning of the holiday wasn’t lost among the barbeques and preparing for summer. We must always remember those who gave so much so the rest of us can enjoy the freedoms that we do.

Councilmember Richards stated he wasn’t quoted exactly in the last minutes, but so what, if anyone was here, they know what was said. We need to move forward.

Councilmember Richards stated Larry Ledbetter and Dan Noble put up the flags on the light poles. There are over 70 light poles, that was quite an achievement.

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Councilmember Richards stated he wanted to give recognition to the tube mill. They put in a new parking lot and it looks beautiful. We hope that is a commitment to staying in our community, not window dressing for them to sell the company as has happened in the past. He stated he wants our tube mill to stay here.

Councilmember Richards stated the Memorial Day services were wonderful. He was there and it is a truly positive and binding force for our community.

Councilmember Richards stated he wants to make sure everyone knows we have a number of ponds around our parklands. He stated we have a lot of stagnant water in town. There is water flow through our City.

Councilmember Richards commended the Sayre school children for visiting the historical depot. Councilmember Richards stated the pool project seems to be on hold, but he hopes they continue.

Councilmember Richards stated he received a call from the Greater West Bloomfield Township Historical Society. He stated he had been reaching out to them about historical tours of Apple Island. He stated on June 7th there will be an international recognition of Apple Island in Oakland County. The significance of Apple Island has to do with Chief Pontiac before the American Revolution. It will be an historic event and if anyone is interested, they should contact the Greater West Bloomfield Township Historical Society.

Councilmember Parisien stated petitions are available for running for Mayor and Council and she encourages anyone that is 18 years or older with an interest in government, they should try it. We also have many committees and commissions and that is a good way to see how local government works. The petitions are due on July 23rd at 4:00.

Councilmember Walton congratulated Donahee Farms for winning the bid for the flower downtown. Councilmember Walton thanked the students that were here earlier, she is happy they are taking a stand and bringing this before Council.

Councilmember Walton reminded everyone that South Lyon Recreation is filling up their summer programs.

Councilmember Kivell stated he is disappointed there were no votes on the budget and for no explanation. He stated there is plenty of time to have any questions or concerned answered. He further stated people can always call the City Manager as opposed to just spending a lot of Council time regurgitating something that could have been taken care of previously.

Councilmember Kivell stated the car show was a wonderful event, and the parade on Memorial Day was really great as well. He stated after the Memorial Day parade, he and his wife took a bike ride to the Cemetery and they walked the entire area, and to know the founders of our area are there. He further stated the condition of the Cemetery was really nice. He noticed the oldest grave he noticed was 1810. He further stated every year the parade goes by his house, and they stopped by former Councilmember Weddell’s headstone who was always in the parade. He stated he was a veteran and he is missed.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated what is important to see here is an intolerance of diversity, with respect to different opinions. She further stated our democracy speaks to diversity and speaks to people not being penalized or harassed. She stated having a different opinion than someone else. She further stated at the last meeting she expressed her concerns on the budget.

Councilmember Kurtzweil thanked Steve Kennedy and Rose Walton for attending a representative from Jim Runstead office. She stated their issues focused on funds for roads improvement, state revenue sharing and financial assistance for unfunded financial liability. There will be more events to come and it is a great networking opportunity.
Councilmember Kurtzweil thanked some of the sponsors for the 2019 Lake Street Cruise-In Champion Auto Group from Brighton and Howell, Ford Tool and Machine from Wixom, Detroit Hot Rod Sport and Custom from Plymouth, and Detroit Popcorn Company from Redford. She stated South Lyon is so blessed to have so many companies that want to sponsor our events. They bring people to our downtown; she thanked all the sponsors for all our events.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the Lyon Township Kite Fest is this weekend, and it is a great event. Councilmember Kurtzweil thanked the DPW for their assistance in getting Paul Baker Park in good condition.

Chief Sovik stated he just wanted to let everyone the Witches Hat is hosting a disc golf social event at the Witches Hat Brewery on June 7th from noon – 10:00 p.m. They will also be having one in July.

Mayor Pelchat thanked Dayna Johnston for all her hard work on the Memorial Day Parade. It was really a nice event and she has been doing that for 41 years. She is an advocate for the City of South Lyon. Mayor Pelchat reminded everyone of Flag Day this week in Salem Township. Mayor Pelchat congratulated the South Lyon Girls Soccer Team as well as the Softball teams. He stated they are LVC regular season champs and that is a big deal.

ADJOURNMENT

CM 5-8-19 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Dan Pelchat

City Clerk Lisa Deaton

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Resolution

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT OF THE US CONSTITUTION, GIVING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE

WHEREAS women of every race, class, and ethnic background across America have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the United States in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS the women of this nation initiated the most significant women’s movement in history — the need for women’s suffrage; and

WHEREAS despite the strong opposition, the inspiration and determination of women nationwide brought about the extraordinary accomplishment — the right for women to vote; and

WHEREAS on June 10, 1919, Michigan women cast their vote when Michigan voters ratified the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and

WHEREAS the State of Michigan was the second state to ratify the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS on August 26, 1920, voters across the nation secured the right for women to vote when the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified, empowering American women and declaring for the first time that they, like men, deserve all the rights and responsibilities of citizenship stating, "...the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex"; and

WHEREAS August 26, 2020 will mark the 100th anniversary of the passage of the National Suffrage Amendment, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of South Lyon remembers and celebrates the historic women who fought for their right to vote and recognizes the courage and inspiration of these bold women to change the course of history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of South Lyon will fly the 19th Amendment Victory Flag June 10, 2019 through June 14, 2019 to commemorate the State of Michigan ratifying the 19th Amendment and August 24, 2020 through August 28, 2020 to commemorate the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Lisa Deaton
City Clerk

Daniel L. Pelchat
Mayor

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CITY OF SOUTH LYON

PROCLAMATION

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in South Lyon, Michigan to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we, as a country, must do more to reduce gun violence.

WHEREAS, every day, 100+ Americans are killed by gun violence and on average, there are nearly 13,000-gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, protecting safety in the communities they serve is mayors’ highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 7, 2019, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Daniel L. Pelchat, Mayor of South Lyon, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 7, 2019 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of South Lyon. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities’ efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Daniel L. Pelchat, Mayor

Date