

City of South Lyon
Regular City Council Meeting
January 25, 2021

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

Roll Call: Mayor Pelchat joined the meeting from South Lyon MI, Councilmembers: Dilg joined the meeting from South Lyon MI, Kennedy joined the meeting from South Lyon MI, Kivell joined the meeting from South Lyon MI, Kurtzweil joined the meeting from South Lyon MI, Richards joined the meeting from South Lyon MI and Walton joined the meeting from South Lyon MI
Also, present: City Manager Zelenak, Attorney Hamameh, Chief Sovik, Chief Vogel, Finance and Benefit Administrator Tiernan, DDA Director Nate Mack, Superintendent Varney and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

MINUTES

CM 1-1-21 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg
Motion to approve the minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS- None

AGENDA

CM 1-2-21 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Walton, supported by Kennedy
Motion to approve the agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Ryan Lare stated he is resigning from the Cultural Arts Commission for personal reasons and thanked the Mayor and Council for giving him the honor of serving on such a wonderful commission.

DISCUSSION- Downtown

Downtown Development Director Nate Mack stated we have received all the items from Oakland County and we are working on getting them distributed to our restaurants. He then stated he met with the individuals that are hoping to open a winery downtown and they are currently looking at a new location and working with an architect to see if it is feasible. Mr. Mack stated he reached out to more than 60 businesses last week and encouraged them to apply for grants that have become available through the State of Michigan and the National Main Street Center. He then stated Main Street Oakland County reached out to him regarding doing a Patronicity campaign similar to what we did during the summer for the Lyon Theatre. He stated he was selected to participate in the Michigan Downtown Associations Professional Development program and it takes about 2-3 years to complete and it is a good way for him to improve his knowledge and to make downtown South Lyon even better. Councilmember Dilg stated the MDA is having a spring workshop and she thought he would be interested in attending, they will discuss best practices as we transition out of the shut down and discuss how other businesses have adapted. Mr. Mack stated he will be attending that workshop.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Vogel stated we officially took the rescue out of service today for the mechanic to remove the old box and we hope it will go to the vendor next week. Chief Vogel stated they received an update from Oakland County and they have vaccinated over 30,000 and have over 180,000 on the waiting list.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated tonight we are honoring a very incredible individual and she read the following press release.

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Contact: Fire Chief Robert Vogel, (248) 437-2616, firechief@southlyonmi.org

2020 Firefighter of the Year

SOUTH LYON, Monday January 17, 2021 Congratulations to Sergeant Cindy Conrad who has been selected as the South Lyon Fire Department 2020 Firefighter of the Year!

Sergeant Conrad has 7 years of dedicated service with the South Lyon Fire Department. Her passion and commitment as a Company Officer is second to none and may only be superseded by her investment in the EMS Program. She spends countless hours both on and off-duty working towards the improvement, innovation and ownership of this Program. She always goes above and beyond as an EMS Coordinator by maintaining personnel needs, equipment and supplies. She is a key component in the Department's successful relationships with outside agencies and provides Continuing Education for the Emergency Medical Services Program.

Sergeant Conrad achieves all of the above while still preparing her crew for the all-risk challenges that a fire company may face. She is constantly learning new information and skills of the job while holding herself to the highest standards without compromise.

Sergeant Conrad compassion for the public and his crew is unmatched. She constantly ensures the happiness and wellbeing of others before herself. Her integrity is commendable as he sets the bar for excellence in the performance of her duties. Her outstanding leadership is evident as he inspires personnel through his strong work ethic and positive attitude. She exemplifies the Department's shared values of integrity, ownership, compassion, innovation and excellence.

Please join us in congratulating Sergeant Conrad for this honorable recognition as the South Lyon Fire Department 2020 Firefighter of the Year.

Councilmember Kurtzweil congratulated Ms. Conrad and stated she is a role model for every young girl in the City that wants to grow up to be a firefighter. She then thanked her for everything. Ms. Cindy Conrad thanked everyone for the speech and the recognition. All of Council congratulated her and thanked her. Councilmember Kivell stated she is the standard for every firefighter, male or female. Chief Vogel stated Ms. Conrad has been through the thick of things with the COVID and he and Chief Wier can't thank her enough for her commitment. He stated he is thankful for her.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Chief Vogel stated the Fire Department has had over 880 calls for service, 44 fire incidents, 20 of which were building fires which includes mutual aid with the surrounding communities. He stated we had

\$632,000 in fire loss, and the majority of that was the Brookfield fire, Colonial Acres and the McHattie fire. He stated the average response time is 5 minutes and 3 seconds which he is very proud of. Chief Vogel stated part of that is due to the Friday, Saturday and Sunday night shifts that were added. He stated we received \$124,054 in grants. He further stated we were able to complete 4,327 hours in training, which most were virtual. He said they also installed over 200 smoke detectors. Chief Vogel stated the fire at Wendy's was on March 3rd, 151 E McHattie Street was on April 13th, then ended the year with the shooting at Liberty Street. He further stated the year was like no other. He is proud of his staff and he is grateful for the support they received from City Hall, Police Department and Council. Councilmember Kivell asked if there is value with the zoom meetings, it seems the hands-on aspect is compromised. Chief Vogel stated we had to adapt for Zoom. For some classes it works, but for the EMS students, they are struggling. The classes for Firefighters level 1 & 2 are struggling as well. He further stated they are strong students, but when it comes to final testing there was some struggles. The fine technical classes need to be in person. We currently have a few classes going, and we try to have one on one time but we got through it. Further discussion was held regarding the Zoom classes versus in person classes. Councilmember Dilg stated the I.S.O classification is great that we are in the top 12% of the fire departments in Michigan, and she asked if there is anything Council can do to assist with. Chief Vogel stated there is probably only 1 department that is lower than a classification 3. He stated he is proud we are at that classification. Councilmember Richards asked if the burn building has electric powered yet, and will other departments join with demonstrations. Chief Vogel stated he doesn't have any intention of adding power. The ultimate goal is to have the first burn by the fall of this year. He has spoken with Green Oak Township FD and it is going to be a joint effort for the training. Mayor Pelchat congratulated our Fire Department and Sargent Conrad.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Sovik congratulated Sargent Conrad and stated he works with her daily, and she is truly a professional and has a great work ethic, and is a true professional. He stated it has been a pleasure working with her and if she represents the South Lyon Fire Department as she does, the City is in good shape.

Chief Sovik stated the CAT6 lines for the new phones have been installed and we are now waiting for the hardware. He stated we were fortunate enough to get 7 people vaccinated on Saturday in Novi and there were hundreds of people flowing through and it was very well organized and structured. Councilmember Kivell asked if the whole department will be vaccinated. Chief Sovik stated the two people that have had the virus are waiting for at least 90 days. He stated all 7 that had the vaccine didn't have any side effects. Councilmember Kennedy asked of there is a new target date for the phone installation. Chief Sovik stated there is not, but we are hoping for sometime in February. Councilmember Kennedy then asked about the pedestrian accident in front of Hungry Howie's. Chief Sovik stated the pedestrian had no injuries, and we learned there could have been some mental health issues and he received the proper care he needed. Councilmember Richards stated he spoke with DTE at his location, and they said they have not had good results with Comcast. He stated he had to tape up a shroud that is blowing across the sidewalk. He then asked about the communication with Comcast. Chief Sovik stated he was hoping the scheduling would have gone smoother, but things have been improving and he thinks things will be better along with the service.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Oakland County Cares Act Agreement

City Manager Zelenak stated last year the City adopted a resolution to approve the CARES Act Agreement with Oakland County for CARES Act distribution between Oakland County and the City of

South Lyon, to receive funds directly related to activities and expenses pertaining to Covid-19. We are now asking Council to approve the amended agreement with Oakland County.

CM 1-3-21 MOTION TO APPROVE

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Walton

Motion to approve the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Distribution between Oakland County and the City of South Lyon

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kurtzweil- Yes

Kennedy- Yes

Walton- Yes

Kivell- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Richards- Yes

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bartlett Robo-Bear Presentation

City Manager Zelenak stated a local elementary school robotics team, the Bartlett RoboBears have approached the City to initiate a challenge called RePlay to find ways to help people become more active. The plan is to encourage people to get out to community places and be active. The team will place small signs with QR codes that will link to a challenge at various locations in McHattie Park, and future potential locations along the trails or at other locations throughout the City.

Andrea O'Keefe introduced herself as the assistant Coach to the robotics team and then she stated there are also two members joining the meeting, Clark O'Keefe and Justin Zischke. Ms. O'Keefe stated the presentation is pre-recorded. *Anyone interested in watching the presentation along with the Council meeting, may watch on YouTube, or the City's website* The Robo Bears have 6 team members and are the first lego robotics team, and in 2020 they came in 3rd place out of all teams in the state. The presentation explained they understand that people aren't active enough. Partly because of the pandemic and being on technology more. They decided to design a web app game using fun activities in safe spaces, such as parks, libraries and walking trails. It is a friendly competition where players can set their own goals to achieve, be active and have fun. The motivation is to earn points and badges and the game will show a leaderboard. The game encourages healthful, safe activity by being outdoors in all seasons. Players get exercise by going to the different locations in the community and we offer a fun activity at every location where they can earn points and badges. If interested, go to robotbearsumble.com and scan a QR code and login, then follow the instructions. Councilmember Dilg thanked them for coming and stated that was a great presentation and asked if there will be things in Lyon Township, and will it be one games, or will the City and the Township be separate. Clark O'Keefe stated it will all be part of one game. Councilmember Dilg asked how they will know if the game is successful. Mr. O'Keefe stated they will know by how many people join the game. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated they are already a success just by doing something for the community and giving up your time for your community. She then stated you placed 3rd place out of 64 teams, that is a great job. Mayor Pelchat said he is very proud and if there is anything he can do to help, he will be happy to.

CM 1-4-21 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROBOBEAR CHALLENGE

Motion by Walton, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the RoboBear Challenge in McHattie Park and other future locations within the City of South Lyon

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Richards- Yes

Dilg- Yes
 Kivell- Yes
 Walton- Yes
 Kennedy- Yes
 Kurtzweil- Yes
 Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Purchase of MSA SCBA and accessories by South Lyon Fire Department

City Manager Zelenak stated the current SLFD SCBA is over 10 years old and NFPA requires replacement of SCBA after 10 years. The current SCBA manufacture Avon ISI informed SLFD they will no longer be manufacturing SCBA and they will no longer service them. This has left us in a desperate situation, we are unable to receive service, parts and additional SCBA masks. The City faces some serious liability if a firefighter is injured using expired SCBA's. Chief Vogel stated he has been working on this for a long time and have been searching for parts. He stated the account number is 100-335-977 and this was approved by Council for \$148,654.66. He further stated we have been looking everywhere.

CM 1-5-21 MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to approve the purchase of seventeen (17) MSA SCBA's and accessories from Apollo for \$148, 654.66

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kivell- Yes
 Kennedy- Yes
 Walton- Yes
 Dilg- Yes
 Richards- Yes
 Kurtzweil- Yes
 Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Purchase and installation of a conventional table top tire changer for the maintenance garage at the clean water plant

City Manager Zelenak stated the tire changer for the maintenance garage has mechanical failures and will need replacement. The current equipment is potentially hazardous with the air leak that is occurring. This has also caused damage to rims while attempting to break the tires from the rim. This is a non-budgeted item that can be purchased with the vehicle maintenance account within the DPW.

CM 1-6-21 MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg

Motion to approve he purchase and installation of a new Hunter Model TCX 56 Table Top Tire Changer for the maintenance garage at the Clean Water Plant for the amount of \$11,186.84 under line item 101-440-863

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kurtzweil- Yes
 Richards- Yes
 Dilg- Yes
 Walton- Yes
 Kennedy- Yes
 Kivell- Yes
 Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Interlocal agreement with Oakland County for the Restaurant Relief Program
Mr. Mack stated this is the draft interlocal agreement authorizing the City to join the program and allow the release of 70% of the funds that we have remaining which is \$23,725.00 to go back to restaurants. City Attorney Hamameh reviewed the agreement and had no issues. Attorney Hamameh stated her only concern is the requirement for the City to return any funds that is not used per agreement. She further stated the County will not bend on these agreements and she sees no impediment for signing this agreement. The only other issue is, she would like the motion to say the Mayor and City Clerk sign the agreement after being reviewed by the City Manager and City Attorney. Councilmember Kivell asked if the City would have the ability to recover that money if it is found that a business used the funds for something other than what was intended. Attorney Hamameh stated we could if we have a separate agreement between the City and that business.

CM 1-7-21 MOTION TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Kivell

Motion to authorize the City Clerk and Mayor to execute the interlocal agreement for the Restaurant Relief Program with Oakland County after being reviewed by the City Manager and City Attorney

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Richards- Yes
Kivell- Yes
Kennedy- Yes
Kurtzweil- Yes
Dilg- Yes
Walton- Yes
Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET- No discussion was held

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Zelenak stated he is compiling the list of Council's goals and objectives for the City for the 2021-2022 budget. He will send that to Council soon. He further stated the CDBG activities have been delayed and he will have more information in February. City Manager Zelenak reminded Council to send him the dates they would be available for the joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting. He then reminded everyone that is interested in attending the Capital Conference to let Clerk Deaton know. Councilmember Kivell asked if there were any further developments with the old SLARA building. City Manager Zelenak stated there have been several meetings with the one group we deemed to be best qualified to move forward, and we are trying to work out details such as building a home that is compatible with the other homes in the area. Councilmember Kivell asked about the price point. City Manager Zelenak stated that is part of the details that is secondary to making sure we have the correct home that is built on site, it is the price and their ability to complete the project on that property.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kennedy stated he wants to complement our residents on their overall recycling efforts for 2020. In reviewing the dashboard metrics provided by RRRASOC, our city recycled about 33% of

the waste it generated. The specific categories that comprise that rate consist of regular recyclables from the tubs and carts; clothing and household goods that are collected for reuse by Simple Recycling; household hazardous waste (HHW) that is collected at the Household Hazardous Waste events and recycled (or used for fuel in the case of flammables); and yard waste, which is composted. Our recycling rate significantly exceeds the overall state recycling rate of just 18%. Your efforts kept almost 2,000 tons of materials from our city ending up in landfills. Councilmember Kennedy then reminded everyone since it looks like we might get a bit of snow over the next 24-36 hours, to help the City's DPW crews, help everyone by removing cars from the streets and parking them in their driveways. Also, since tomorrow is a GFL collection day, please remember to place all trash and recycling containers on the curb and keep them out of the roadway. These actions on your part will allow the DPW crews to quickly and effectively, clear the snow from the roads.

Councilmember Walton congratulated Cindy Conrad for being a great role model for all the young women of the City of South Lyon and it speaks volumes of how you work with all your teams. She then stated TCBY is collecting new socks for Active Faith so feel free to drop some off.

Councilmember Dilg stated she noticed there is a lot of social media talk about the rezoning and proposed development on Dixboro near 10 mile there were some complaints and she asked them to address Council or to email or come to a meeting. She did have a few people do that and she stated she appreciates people taking the proper channels to express their views. She noticed there were some people that were attendees during the meeting tonight and she appreciates that. Councilmember Dilg then stated she has noticed some businesses and residents that do things every day without any fanfare and she appreciates that. She has neighbors that are a retired couple and they walk the trails every day picking up garbage and their name is Mr. and Mrs. Moore. She thanked the post office workers and they get a lot of complaints thrown their way, but she appreciates their patience and kindness. She then stated the road crews in South Lyon are great and she really appreciates that.

Councilmember Richards stated he reached out to Deputy Chief Moynihan and he brought in some defective surge protectors that he had and when he got there, it was a rough day and he was greeted by Ms. Cindy Conrad and she was very helpful. She gave him a chair and a glass of water and he wishes her the best in her future endeavors. He then stated his landlord called the Fire Department about a possibility of carbon monoxide. They came over and the HVA came over and checked his blood pressure and they gave him an EKG and printed it out. It was truly amazing and a great experience and he commends them on their service.

Councilmember Kivell stated Cindy Conrad has been the energizer bunny since she has been on the force and she has a terrific attitude and willing to pitch in on anything. She is always there to help out. We are very lucky to be in surroundings with people like that. He then stated the restaurants will be able to sell food again and he hopes everyone will get out and support our local restaurants. He hopes this will be the turn where things begin to be normal again.

Councilmember Kurtzweil congratulated Sgt. Cindy Conrad, she is a role model for all the young women that are considering a career as a first responder. We don't have a lot of women in our Fire Department and she is a tremendous role model for all women interested in moving forward with a first responder career. She further stated she exemplifies that the City of South Lyon offers some great opportunities. She then reminded everyone to buy Girl Scout Cookies and support them, there is great modeling in leadership. She then reminded everyone to order their paczkis from the South Lyon Bakery, they will

begin taking orders on February 1st. Paczki day is February 16th so hopefully everyone will give the South Lyon Bakery their support. She then thanked all the DPW workers for all their work on the roads plowing and salting, they work outside in the cold weather and they do so much for the City.

Mayor Pelchat stated he received an email from the census bureau, and they are looking for a field representative in Oakland County and he encourages everyone to check it out. He then stated back in 1924 the first winter Olympiads started in France. He then stated to be careful on the roads tomorrow and thank you to the DPW for all their work. He then reminded everyone to go to RoboBearsrumble.com. Mayor Pelchat stated he had a conversation with someone about Active Faith and our local non-profits that are helping people. Maybe some folks may not need their stimulus checks, or maybe looking for something to do to make an immediate impact on our community, and he knows by driving Active Faith, you can make an impact immediately by helping our friends there.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she emailed the City Manager and the City Attorney about a question about the conflict of interest. Attorney Hamameh stated she reviewed the information and there is no monetary interest so she does not see a conflict. Attorney Zalewski stated he has reviewed the information as well, and he does not see any perception of a conflict of interest. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she just wanted to be cautious and have full disclosure.

CLOSED SESSION- Closed session pursuant to Section 8 (e) and (h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss pending litigation in Alexanders vs. City of South Lyon

CM 1-8-21 MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8 (e) and (h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss pending litigation in Alexanders vs. City of South Lyon

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Walton- Yes
 Dilg- Yes
 Kurtzweil- Yes
 Kennedy- Yes
 Kivell- Yes
 Richards- Yes
 Pelchat- Yes

Council reconvened the regular Council Meeting at 9:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

CM 1-9-21 MOTION TO ADJOURN

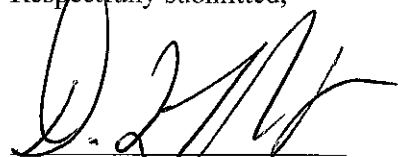
Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:31 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Pelchat, Mayor



Lisa Deaton, City Clerk