

City of South Lyon  
Regular City Council Meeting  
January 9, 2023

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 Pro Tem Kennedy and Councilmembers: Dilg, Kivell, Mosier and Hansen

Also present: City Manager Zelenak, Fire Chief Thorington, Chief Baaki, and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

Absent: Councilmember Kurtzweil

CM 1-1-23 MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Kurtzweil

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES- 12/12/22

CM 1-2-23 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

CM 1-3-23 MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Mosier, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA

CM 1-4-23 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Mosier

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

1. 2023 City Council meeting schedule

2. Designated Assessor

3. Board of Review appointment- Frank Fogarty

CM 1-5-23 MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Katie Wolchowski of 7827 Spring Tree, Brighton stated she is here on behalf of Elissa Slotkin. She stated she is beginning her 3<sup>rd</sup> term, but only the first term here since the redistricting. She stated she is extending a hello and reminded Council to learn more of the opportunities for the City of South Lyon and the constituent services and they are looking forward to working with South Lyon.

Jeff Heinanen of 350 S Lafayette thanked the Fire Department, the Police Department and the DPW for all their work at the New Years Eve event. He stated they couldn't have the events without them.

#### DISCUSSION- Downtown

Downtown and Economic Director Nate Mack stated this Saturday is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Winter Farmers Market. He then stated the DDA will be meeting this Thursday and will be discussing the 2 vacant positions and a social district for downtown, as well as the event calendar. He stated there will be a new tenant in the old KV Sports building. He stated he is meeting with the RRC planner shortly and then we will get a base line report which will be sent to Council. He further stated the South Lyon Herald had a nice article on the DuaVino restaurant. Mr. Mack stated there has been a delay with the EV charging stations. There were some changes to the contract that had to be made due to us being a local government. He was notified the car wash on Pontiac Trail has been sold. Councilmember Hansen asked if they will be contacting sponsors for the Farmers Market. Mr. Mack stated they will be reaching out to past sponsors, then they will reach out to new sponsors. Councilmember Kennedy stated the report from the Ordinance Officer showed 9 out of 10 complaints about snow not being removed was about downtown businesses. He asked if Mr. Mack could discuss this with the business owners at their meeting. They should be cleaning in front of their stores for their customers. Mr. Mack stated he would speak with them at their next business owner meeting. Councilmember Kivell stated some of the sidewalks are very old, and some are lower than the grade on their yards. He stated he is hoping maybe some can take advantage of the 50/50 sidewalk program to help with that.

#### FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Thorington stated they have had 1,079 incidents, and 2022 was the busiest year yet. Someone had asked at a previous meeting if it is due to the mutual aid with other communities. He stated that is not the case. In 2020 we had 56 mutual aid runs, 2021 58, and in 2022 we had 30. He then stated we still have smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors available for residents. Chief Thorington stated we still don't have any offers on the old fire truck, but we are expecting our new ladder truck middle of January.

#### POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Baaki stated he has been working with Synergy in regards to outfitting the new truck. He stated we are waiting for some of the new equipment, and then we will be seeing what we can use from the old vehicle. He stated we have 2 vehicles right now that are beginning to break down and come to the end of their service life.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS- N/A

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Oakland County local government investment policy  
City Manager Zelenak stated in 2021 the city approved an amendment to the investment policy to allow for investments into Oakland County Investment Pool. He stated we are asking Council to adopt a resolution to allow those investments. Councilmember Kivell stated he imagines this was initiated by Brooks, and since there is a new County Executive he is wondering if there will be a change in direction for policies. Finance and Benefit Administrator Patricia Tiernan stated it doesn't appear any changes will be made, although they recently updated their investment policy overall. It is a good strong program and the other communities that are involved seem happy with it. We get very low returns on the money we have in the bank. We get .02% from Huntington, .05% from Comerica and .02% from PNC. She stated it is always good to diversify and Plante Moran has mentioned that as well. Councilmember Kivell stated

he wonders if the local banks will try to do better for us when we pull some of the money out of their bank.

CM 1-6-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Mosier

Motion to approve the resolution to approve the agreement between Oakland County and the City of South Lyon in accordance with the local government investment pool

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Kivell- Yes
- Mosier- Yes
- Kennedy- Yes
- Hansen- Yes
- Dilg- Yes
- Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Award bid for demolition of 464 S Lafayette

City Manager Zelenak stated as part of our efforts to improve McHattie Park, we have solicited bids to remove asbestos and demolish the abandoned building at 464 S Lafayette. The low bid was the Adams Group of Rochester Hills with a bid of \$35,080.

CM 1-7-23 MOTION TO ACCEPT BID TO DEMOLISH 464 S LAFAYETTE

Motion by Kivell, supported by Dilg

Motion to approve the award of the bid to demolish the buildings at 464 S Lafayette to the Adams Group of Rochester Hills at an amount not to exceed \$35,080 from account #101-690-801

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Dilg- Yes
- Hansen- Yes
- Kennedy- Yes
- Mosier- Yes
- Kivell- Yes
- Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET- No discussion was held

PUBLIC COMMENT- No public comment was made

MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Zelenak stated at an upcoming meeting we will be discussing the Nyhart study and discuss potential uses of the ARPA funds. We will also have budget amendments and Police Department promotion announcements and their introductions. He then reminded Council to give him suggestions for the upcoming budget. City Manager Zelenak explained our bond sale is scheduled for this Wednesday. As part of the process, we have been preparing extensive financial information for S&P Global, Bond Counsel, and MFCT for their review. He then thanked Patricia for her efforts in this endeavor. Because of our work and City Council, our bond rating has moved from AA to AA+ which will allow us to get a better interest rate on our bonds and save the city thousands of dollars on our borrowing costs. He then stated the building at 110 Detroit Street was demolished on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. City Manager Zelenak stated the City-Wide Garage Sale for 2023 will be the first weekend of May. He then reminded everyone that City Hall will be closed on January 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Dilg thanked Jeff Heinenen for the New Years Eve event and for partnering with the city. She then thanked the Police, Fire and DPW for all their help with the events as well.

Councilmember Hansen wished everyone a Happy New Year. He then stated he wants to give a shout out to Active Faith and Blessings in a Backpack which assisted some underprivileged people in our community to have nice holidays.

Councilmember Kennedy reminded everyone to take advantage of the free smoke detectors and their installation from the South Lyon Fire Department. These devices have the potential to save lives. So, please contact the South Lyon Fire Department at 248.437.2616 and request to have one installed if you don't have one in your home.

Councilmember Mosier thanked Jeff Heinenen for the 3 great events he put on this year.

Councilmember Kivell stated he is looking forward to finding out what the owners of 110 Detroit Street have planned for the property. He hopes it will be something that will enhance the downtown.

Mayor Pelchat stated he hopes everyone had a great holiday season. He thanked all of Council and everyone at the city. He stated we are on our 150<sup>th</sup> year as a city and we are looking at different ideas to celebrate that. He then thanked Frank Fogarty and stated he is an asset to our community. He then thanked Jeff Heinenen for the events he and his family put on this year.

ADJOURNMENTCM 1-8-23 MOTION TO ADJOURN


Motion by Kurtzweil

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Mayor Dan Pelchat

  
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City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Deaton