

City of South Lyon
Regular City Council Meeting
October 23, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy, Councilmembers: Dilg, Kivell, Kurtzweil, Hansen, and Mosier
Also present: City Manager Zelenak, Fire Chief Thorington, Police Chief Baaki, DDA Director Mack,
and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

ABSENT- Mayor Pelchat

CM 10-1-23 MOTION TO APPROVE ABSENCE

Motion by Hansen, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to approve absence of Mayor Pelchat

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES- October 9, 2023

CM 10-2-23 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Kivell, supported by Mosier

Motion to approve minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS- None

AGENDA

CM 10-3-23 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Dilg, supported by Hansen

Motion to approve agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Housing Commission- Judy Keeling

CM 10-4-23 MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Hansen

Motion to approve consent agenda

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCLAMATION- On behalf of Mayor Pelchat, Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy read the proclamation for Phil Weipert. *See attached proclamation*

Mr. Weipert thanked Mayor Pelchat as well as Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy and all of Council. He stated all the volunteering is easy because we live in such a wonderful community full of wonderful people who really care. The audience tonight is full of great volunteers that really care about this town and they are an inspiration to him. He then stated he accepts the proclamation on behalf of all the people and council that give to the town.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chuck Plater of 59450 Ten Mile stated he is the president of South Lyon Live. He then thanked Mayor and Council for approving their plans for South Lyon Live at Pumpkinfest. He then thanked Chief Baaki,

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Fire Inspector Brad Moynihan, the Police Officers that worked the event, the vendors, all of the board members and volunteers that gave their time, and sponsors that donated funds, sweet cider and donuts. He then stated they worked with 2 Stones Events to put on 3 days of music during Pumpkinfest. He further stated on Saturday night they had just over 2,300 people in attendance. He stated they will be making some logistical adjustments for 2024. The feedback has been very positive and everyone had a great time. The main focus for South Lyon Live is to raise donations for local charitable organizations and they have chosen Active Faith as the charity to support, and they are happy to say the event raised \$10,000 for Active Faith. Active Faith Director Sharon Sower thanked South Lyon Live and all their team and the businesses that made this a success. She then stated their mission statement is to provide long term and temporary assistance to those who have fallen on difficult times in hopes of returning them to the independent pursuit of their life's goals. She stated the support of South Lyon Live ignites their determination to forge ahead with strength and momentum. She said they see lives changed every day for the better. They are profoundly grateful for their role in making this possible and she then thanked them again.

DISCUSSION- Downtown

DDA Director Mack stated the Christmas lights are all up downtown and they will be on throughout the holiday season and we have a maintenance agreement for throughout the year. He stated they will be up for the Downtown Trick or Treating and Pup Parade this Thursday from 6pm-8pm. He then stated another great event coming up is Ladies Night on November 10th from 5pm-9pm and the Social District will be in effect for both events. He also reminded everyone that this Saturday is the last day for the outdoor Farmers Market, but we will begin the indoor Winter Farmers Market again at the VFW and the first one will be November 18th and that will go through March. Councilmember Kennedy stated the new lights look fabulous and he asked if they would be on all the time. He said they look great and Mr. Mack did a great job.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Thorington stated as of today they have had 1,036 incidences. He then said it is Fire Prevention Month and we have been to Sayre and Bartlett Schools and the boy scouts. Captain Conrad is going to the High School tomorrow to talk with high school students. He then stated Michigan Fire Equipment awarded them a \$10,000 grant for Firefighters boots, and we are in the process of putting that out for bid. We had radio training last week when Oakland County came out and did a thorough class and Lake Street Cruise In provided pizzas and they appreciate that. He then stated the new kitchen cabinets for the Fire Hall came in ahead of schedule, but they probably won't be installed soon.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Baaki stated they received just over \$2,600 from state training funds for sponsoring an Officer last year at the Police Academy. He then stated they are having a DEA drug take back this Saturday between 10am and 2pm and he encourages everyone to bring their unwanted pills and narcotics so they can take them to the DEA to be destroyed. They will have their radio training for the new p25 radio system on the 25th and 27th of this week and set to go online on November 13th with Novi dispatch. He then stated Sgt. Schneeman is taking a job at Bloomfield Township which is also closer to his home. Councilmember Dilg stated someone was talking about driving in Colonial Acres and she's wondering if he handled that. Chief Baaki explained they have had complaints about people speeding but when it comes to Colonial Acres, they are private property and they can only enforce certain things on private property and speeding isn't one of them. The speed limit is marked 15 which isn't what the Uniform Traffic Code says it should be in a subdivision. He stated the speed limit would have to be raised to 25, stop signs moved up higher, and the speed bumps removed, and Colonial Acres would have to adopt us to go in and enforce speeding.

He then stated they have deployed their speed monitor which tracks the speed of vehicles and the number of vehicles. They had one last week but can't upload the data, but they are hoping the manufacturer will be able to. They plan on putting another one out this week. Councilmember Dilg stated she drove down Hagadorn the other day and it was so exciting it was difficult to stay at 25. It is a long stretch of road and it seems like there should be a stop sign put in place. Chief Baaki stated they have a call into TIA to keep us look at the issues. He and the City Manager have been talking about where to place a stop sign and there is some concern about parking next to the entrance to Bartlett. He further stated they have a speed monitor there to track the traffic and the speeds. They are still exploring the options. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she has gotten calls for years, but she thinks they may not understand the issue with the speed bumps. Chief Baaki stated if they started enforcing the speed limit, it would have to be 25 mph, the stop signs are too low and they would have to be raised 8-9 feet, speed bumps would have to be removed and it would be like a normal every day subdivision road and after those things were done, Colonial Acres would have to allow their roads to be public roads. He stated they still drive through there to enforce drunk driving and reckless driving. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated an issue could be that there are 5 separate phases and you would have to get all of their permission. Some may want to change that, but some may not. People tend to forget about that. Chief Baaki stated some people have complained about people cutting through to miss the school traffic. He further stated years ago there was a locked gate, but they have removed it. That was a suggestion to help people from driving through there. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she remembers that was a break away gate but the problem goes both ways. She stated many people that live there couldn't use that as an exit when Pontiac Trail was backed up. Councilmember Kivell stated he has read about some concerns Oakland County is having with the radios and making sure everything works right. Chief Baaki stated some communities are already online, and he was assured everything is set up and there will not be any issues. He further stated the radios we have now are not being serviced anymore so they aren't working as they should be.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Call for public hearing- 2024 CDBG Allocation

City Manager Zelenak stated each year the U S Department of Housing and Urban Development provides funds to jurisdictions throughout the country for projects that meet their national objectives. Here in South Lyon we receive funds from HUD via Oakland County. This year our tentative allocation will be \$28,356. Last year CDBG application deadline for receiving CDBG funds for the upcoming year is Friday December 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Tonight, we are requesting to schedule our CDBG public hearing for November 13th at 7:30pm. This will be published in the newspaper which gives the opportunity for hearing public comments relating to allocating those funds in South Lyon.

CM 10-5-23 MOTION TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CDBG

Motion by Kivell, supported by Mosier

Motion to schedule or not schedule the 2024 CDBG public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on Monday November 13, 2023

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kivell- Yes

Mosier- Yes

Hansen- Yes

Kurtzweil- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Kennedy- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Pickleball court noise barrier

City Manager Zelenak stated the DPW is requesting the purchase of B-10 R reinforced noise barrier. The barrier will be used to reduce the increased noise that is created when playing pickleball at Columbia Park. The sound barriers will be delivered in about 6 weeks from DDS Acoustical Specialties and will be installed in the spring. The funds for this purchase will be coming out of the General Fund Parks and Recreation Capital Improvements GL account 101-751-978. Councilmember Kivell asked where they will be stored for the winter. Superintendent Archey stated they will be stored inside.

CM 10-6-23 MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE

Motion by Hansen, supported by Dilg

Motion to approve purchase of B-10 R reinforced noise barrier from DDS Acoustical Specialties for the cost of \$38,660.00 from GL account 101-751-978

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dilg- Yes

Hansen- Yes

Kurtzweil- Yes

Mosier- Yes

Kivell- Yes

Kennedy- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Attorney fees

City Manager Zelenak stated the current agreement for City Attorney services with Rosati Schultz Joppich & Amtsbuechler was approved by City Council in 2019. The agreement provides the fees charged for general municipal services and tax tribunal services at the hourly rate of \$150, prosecution services at the hourly rate of \$130, and personnel and employment services are the hourly rate of \$165. The firm is requesting an increase of \$15.00 per hour, as follows: general municipal services and tax tribunal services to be provided at the hourly rate of \$165, prosecution services to be provided at the hourly rate of \$145, and personnel and employment services to be provided at the hourly rate of \$180.

CM 10-7-23 MMOTION TO APPROVE LEGAL FEES

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Mosier

Motion to approve the attached city legal fees as outlined above

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kurtzweil- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Mosier- Yes

Hansen- Yes

Kivell- Yes

Kennedy- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET- No discussion was held

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thad Bogert of 1033 Paddock stated on behalf of South Lyon Live, he wanted to acknowledge the following sponsors that helped make our event possible, Witches Hat Brewing Company, Blakes Hard Cider, Whole Hearted Winery, South Lyon Hotel, Quicksilver Marketing Solutions, Varsity Lincoln, Gentle Family Dentistry, Community Choice Credit Union, Szot Chrysler Jeep, Gerdon Realty Investment, Venue South Lyon, DE McNabb Flooring, Dream Maker Bath and Kitchen, Martins Do It Best, Earthwise Pet Supply, Alta Equipment Group, Great Lakes Ace, E Nail Salon and Spa, and Ashley Neely Design.

Kimberly from Brookwood Farms stated she wanted to take the time to thank Louise Mizera of Changing Image Salon for providing exceptional services to our community over the last 18 years. She stated she gave her daughter her first haircut and she took her time and spent over 2 hours with her, and she does exceptional work. She further stated she wishes her well in her endeavors in Brighton. She then thanked her for bringing her the opportunity to open her business next door and for being an outstanding neighbor with great Christian values and her beautiful heart and she is grateful to her.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Zelenak stated on a future agenda there will be the grading of Volunteer Park and Lafayette Park. He then updated Council on the Sewer/Hagadorn project and stated they have just finished laying the first layer of asphalt for 95% of the paving area. He then stated they have begun removal of the asphalt along Warren and McHattie Park today. He then stated they are continuing to work on the boring at CSX railroad for the installation of the sanitary sewer line. He stated the contractor is continuing work on the DPW improvements from the damage of the earlier wind damage. City Manager Zelenak stated the Westlake Development will be rescheduled at a future Council meeting. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she already spoke with him about the concerns of residents living on Whipple that are concerned that there was damage from all the construction trucks, and he said he will take a look at it. She then stated she has had some concerns from residents on Gibson Street due to damage from the construction trucks as well. Councilmember Dilg asked for an update on bike racks downtown. City Manager Zelenak stated he will be working with the DDA for locations to add them. Councilmember Dilg then asked about more signage for the crossings. People are going through them and other communities have signs with arrows and the state law. It is happening at 9 Mile as well. She then stated the entrance from the Knolls onto the bike trail is dangerous and you can't see. City Manger Zelenak stated they are going to look at cutting that back. The Knolls planted some trees and that seems to be right on the edge of the street. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated there isn't a homeowner's association yet. City Manager Zelenak stated he is hoping to work with the homeowner's association. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated it is now still under the developer, why isn't he responsible. City Manager Zelenak stated he would rather wait to see where the homeowner's association want it moved to. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated right now the developer is the HOA and a constituted HOA would not have the money to move it. At least the constituted HOA wouldn't bear the cost because they don't walk in with a lot of money. She is trying to save money for the homeowners.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kivell stated he heard Mr. Mancini of Mancini's Pizza has passed and his daughters are trying to figure how to keep things going. He was always a benefactor of our events and to the Fire Department and he is sorry to hear that.

Councilmember Mosier stated way to go to South Lyon Live and for their first year it was amazing and congratulations to Active Faith to be the beneficiary of their hard endeavor.

Councilmember Kurtzweil thanked South Lyon Live for being such an incredible group of individuals that have pulled together with no other mission than other people. They aren't here to give themselves credit, they're not here asking for their pictures to be in the paper. They are here to deliver goodwill to somebody other than themselves and she can't think of a better mission. She then thanked South Lyon Live and everyone involved. They are a great organization to have in the city. She then stated there is another great fundraiser for Active Faith. There are t shirts and hoodies called "Drink'in the Koolaid" and it has the South Lyon Hotel on it, and the artwork was donated by Kara Leiter. You can pick them up at the hotel and for more information you can go to www.drinkinthekoolaid.com There will be a

fundraiser and the proceeds go to Active Faith. She then thanked all the businesses that participated in the fundraiser for Dayna Johnston. She thanked Grand Trunk and the Corner Social. This Thursday is the Downtown Trick or Treating, and there will be the Pup Parade which she will be a judge.

Councilmember Hansen stated Thursday should be a fun night and he hopes there will be good weather. He then reminded everyone that Halloween is in a week and he hopes it won't be too cold and be safe and driver slowly and watch for the little kids. He then stated in 2 weeks there is an Election and there are several races up for a vote and he wishes everyone luck that is running for office.

Councilmember Dilg stated she is disappointed Mayor Pelchat isn't here tonight because this could be her last council comments. She stated he has done a great job as Mayor and he really took South Lyon on his back more than once and got us out of a little mess. And there was some up-heaval on Council and he came in and took over and when he first started, we didn't have a manager, and he came in as a young guy and righted the ship. She remembers when she first ran for Council and talking with him and he has been a great Mayor and everyone loves him, regardless of political party. She then thanked him and she has enjoyed the last few years on Council. The Election is coming up and the absentee ballot return rate is low, and she hopes people remember that local elections do matter. She then thanked South Lyon Live for doing such an amazing job and being able to raise \$10,000 for Active Faith. She then thanked Judy Keeling for going back on the Housing Commission. She then thanked Phil Weipert. She calls him the hardest working man in South Lyon because he is a true public servant. She then stated she is looking forward to Downtown Trick or Treating and to Ladies Night.

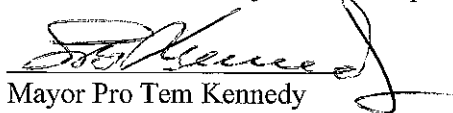
Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy reminded everyone that we have an election taking place on Tuesday, November 7th and you will be asked to elect 3 Council Members and a Mayor. He then encouraged everyone to do your homework and to become informed. Know who it is you are voting for. Do not be misled by buzz words and vague, general statements. Look for the details, look for the specifics and look for the results. Understand the difference between when someone says they supported something versus when someone says they volunteered, participated and were actively involved with an event, an organization, or the community. He stated everyone should become informed, because an informed and educated voter, is the best voter. He then reminded everyone to vote on November 7th or by absentee ballot before then.

ADJOURNMENT

CM 10-8-MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kivell

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.


Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy


Clerk Lisa Deaton



CITY OF SOUTH LYON

Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Mayor

Daniel L. Pelchat

Council Members

Glenn Kivell

Margaret J. Kurtzweil

Lisa Dilg

Lori Mosier

Alex Hansen

Stephen Kennedy

City Manager

Paul Zelenak

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WHEREAS, volunteers are citizens who give tirelessly of their time and energy without desire for personal recognition or personal gain; and

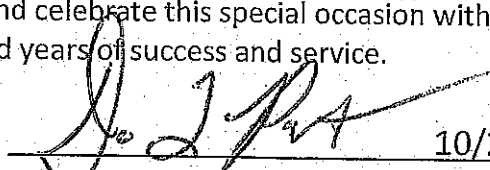
WHEREAS, Phil Weipert has given more than 30 years of continued dedication to, support of, and passion for the City of South Lyon and was honored as Citizen of the Year in 2005 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, Phil is a member of many organizations including the Boy Scouts of America, the South Lyon Center for Active Adults, the Historical Society, the Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, and the Pumpkinfest Committee—to name only a few; and

WHEREAS, Phil currently serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Historical Commission for the city and has been our Oakland County Commissioner for District 13 since 2010; and

WHEREAS, during his lifetime, he has demonstrated in countless ways his dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel L. Pelchat, Mayor of the City of South Lyon on behalf of the City Council and the entire community offer congratulations to Phil Weipert for his commitment to our community and call upon the citizens of South Lyon to recognize and celebrate this special occasion with sincere congratulations for continued years of success and service.


Daniel L. Pelchat, Mayor

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Date

