

City of South Lyon  
City Council Meeting  
November 11, 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 Hamameh and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

MINUTES

CM 11-1-19 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Kivell, supported by Walton  
Motion to approve the minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

CM 11-2-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Kivell  
Motion to approve the bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ATTORNEY BILLS

CM 11-3-19 MOTION TO APPROVE ATTORNEY BILLS

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Walton  
Motion to approve the attorney bills

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councilmember Kivell stated there has been an ongoing concern for the last few months because there have been hours that are not being fulfilled with the retainer. City Manager Zelenak stated he has met with our attorney, and he will be bringing information to Council at the next meeting. Councilmember Kivell stated we normally had a minimum of 80 hours and we have a lot of ordinances that need to be addressed, he would like to see the City being reimbursed for the previous months. City Manager Zelenak stated that is being handled. Attorney Hamameh stated the conclusion they have reached is there was a period of time that Attorney Wilhelm had to do more of the day to day assistance. Since City Manager Zelenak has come aboard that amount of time has not been needed. She further stated we are considering an hourly rate instead of the 80-hour retainer. Further discussion was held regarding the attorney bills.

AGENDA

CM 11-3-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CONSENT AGENDA

1. Charitable gaming license South Lyon Lacrosse Booster Club

CM 11-4-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION- Swearing in of elected officials

Clerk Deaton stated the Board of Canvassers have certified the Election and we have 3 members to be sworn in for Council as well as the Mayor.

Clerk Deaton then swore in Mayor Dan Pelchat for a 2-year term.

Clerk Deaton then swore in Councilmember Kurtzweil, Councilmember Kennedy and new Councilmember Lisa Dilg for 4-year terms.

Councilmember Parisien then left the council table as her term is completed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Hamade of 1189 Horseshoe Drive congratulated Councilmembers Kurtzweil, Kennedy and Dilg for a job well done. He then congratulated Mayor Pelchat as well. He then stated everyone did a great job and he thinks they will all do a good job during the next 4 years. Mr. Hamade stated this Council has a good mix and they will do a great job. He stated he will continue to watch all the council meetings.

Julie Nickoloff of 62361 Arlington Circle stated she is a driver for Peoples Express and she has some concerns with the crosswalk at by the South Lyon Hotel. She stated if you are driving a big vehicle you cannot see pedestrians. She further stated she almost hit someone and it scared her badly. She stated it is unsafe for drivers and pedestrians.

DISCUSSION- Downtown

Mr. Donohue stated Cool Yule will be on the agenda at the next meeting. He stated we need to have a more consistent approach to the event. He stated for budgeting and sponsorship purposes we need to discuss the 3-way process between the City, DDA and the non profit group.

Mr. Donohue reminded everyone of Ladies Night Out November 15<sup>th</sup>. He then reminded everyone of Small Business Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> as well. Mr. Donohue stated they had the first public information meeting about the DDA and it was well attended. The second meeting will be at the regular DDA meeting at 8:00 on Thursday. Mr. Donohue stated the Veterans dedication was attended by approximately 400 people. He stated we are on phase 1 at the moment but things will be added later. Councilmember Dilg asked how many informational meetings and how was it advertised. Clerk Deaton stated it was posted on our website, at city hall and it was mailed to each jurisdiction that is involved. Councilmember Dilg stated there were a few people there, she is interested in trying to get people involved in a 2-way conversation and she is willing to assist Mr. Donohue to try to get more involved. Mr. Donohue stated phase 1 of the monument was paid for by donations, sponsorships and donated services. Councilmember Richards stated he was amazed the way the bricks were put in, that is very technical work. Mr. Donohue stated Munro Landscaping put them in. He further stated the brick

program is a VFW program and there is a few that have faded that they will be replacing. Councilmember Walton asked if they decided where they were going to put the old flag pole. Mr. Donohue stated it is in rough shape and is currently at the DPW yard. Councilmember Walton asked if they thought about re installing it and installing a flag for first responders. Mr. Donohue stated he thinks another flag pole at the monument would clash. Councilmember Walton stated she would like to see the first responders bell updated, that area currently seems a little outdated. Mr. Donohue stated he agrees that area needs to be updated.

FIRE CHIEF- Nothing

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Sovik stated he attended the Veterans Memorial dedication and it is first class, it will be hard to beat that even though it is a work in progress. Everyone involved did a great job.

Chief Sovik stated a snow emergency has been declared to people can remove their cars off the streets to make it easier for the DPW to clean the streets.

Chief Sovik congratulated Councilmembers Kennedy, Kurtzweil, and Dilg. He then congratulated Mayor Pelchat as well.

PUBLIC HEARING- 2020 CDBG application

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. He then stated the total allocation will be \$29,522.00 He stated in the past the City has used the funds for the senior center and Haven.

Mayor Pelchat opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m. No were no comments made.

Mayor Pelchat closed the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem

CM 11-5-19 MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER KIVELL AS MAYOR PRO-TEM

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Walton

Motion to appoint Councilmember Kivell as Mayor Pro-Tem

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kivell- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Richards- No

Kurtzweil- No

Kennedy- Yes

Walton- Yes

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED

- 2. Appointment of SEMCOG representatives

CM 11-6-19 MOTION TO APPOINT SEMCOG REPRESENTATIVES

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Motion by Kivell, supported by Walton

Motion to appoint Steve Kennedy as SEMCOG representative

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kivell- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Kennedy- Yes

Richards- Yes

Walton- Yes

Kurtzweil- Yes

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 11-7-19 MOTION TO APPOINT SEMCOG ALTERNATE

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Kivell

Motion to appoint Councilmember Dilg as the SEMCOG alternate

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kivell- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Kennedy- Yes

Richards- Yes

Walton- Yes

Kurtzweil- Yes

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. First reading of ordinance to amend the South Lyon Code of Ordinances to update the charge of domestic violence to make it consistent with state law

Attorney Hamameh stated Chief Sovik requested her to look into this. She stated when the domestic violence was made a local ordinance it didn't conform with state law. She stated we have to add language that includes a dating relationship.

CM 11-8-19 MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING

Motion by Walton, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance amending Section 58-51 to make it consistent with state law

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. First reading of ordinance to amend the South Lyon Code of Ordinances to update provisions prohibiting the use of marihuana, in accordance with new legislation

Attorney Hamameh stated in November of last year, the voters legalized marihuana. She stated this will bring our ordinance up to date to be consistent with state law.

CM 11-9-19 MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Richards

Motion to approve first reading of the ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 58, Article VI, offenses involving drugs, to make the ordinance consistent with state law

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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5. First reading of ordinance to amend the South Lyon Code of Ordinances to update provisions prohibiting the use of vapor products and alternative nicotine delivery products by minors, in accordance with new legislature

Attorney Hamameh stated this is an ordinance bringing our ordinance to coincide with state law.

CM 11-10-19 MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to approve first reading of the ordinance amending section 58-221 to make it consistent with state law

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated there are rumors that the South Lyon School District will be asking for a bond. She stated she doesn't know how much, but the compromise is we have to support the schools and their bonds, but depending on the amount, that may limit the mills that the City can pass on for our own infrastructure. City Manager Zelenak stated it is currently speculative, he doesn't know when they will make a decision. Discussion was held regarding improvements that need to be done at City Hall by the City and South Lyon Schools.

MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Zelenak stated they are now working on Dixboro near Volunteer Park and to gain access to the park, people will have to enter into the north entrance.

City Manager Zelenak stated the Planning Commission will be meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss Alexanders site plan.

City Manager Zelenak stated Hubbell Roth and Clark will be at the next meeting to go over the water plant capital improvement plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kennedy thanked Councilmember Parisien for her service for the past 4 years on City Council. She worked tirelessly on behalf of the residents of this city, always making the decisions that were in the best interest of the city and its residents. He stated he will miss her professionalism and her perspective on the council and wished her, and her family, the very best for the years to come.

He thanked the residents of the City of South Lyon for returning him to the council. He stated he is honored and humbled to represent the residents once more as we work together to continue moving our great city forward. We have made significant strides over the past couple of years, and I believe even greater accomplishments lie ahead. Councilmember Kennedy congratulated Mayor Pelchat on his election for another 2 years and recognized his accomplishment of receiving more votes than any mayoral candidate from the past six elections and probably well beyond that. He then welcomed Councilmember Lisa Dilg to the City Council and congratulated her for receiving over one thousand votes in the election which is impressive, especially for a new council candidate. He stated as we work together with other

key members of the council and the city, we will continue to build upon the successes that have already been realized. He then thanked the other council candidates, Dayna Johnston, Lori Mosier, Amber King and Jim Hamade, for stepping forward to help this city and he encourages them to stay involved, and to help our city where they can in the years to come. He then thanked that group of candidates, along with Councilmember Dilg, for conducting their campaigns in a professional and civil manner. He stated that together, we had some fun experiences and shared some laughs from time to time during the campaign. He stated he hopes those experiences and relationships continue into the future for years to come. Councilmember Kennedy congratulated Councilmember Kivell for being selected to serve as South Lyon's Mayor Pro Tem. There is no one more qualified, nor dedicated, than Councilmember Kivell to serve in that position. He has tirelessly served on this council for over two decades and he will properly and professionally represent our city in that position should that need arise in the future. He then congratulated Councilmember Dilg for being selected as the city's SEMCOG alternate. As the city's SEMCOG Representative it is comforting to know there is someone willing and able to step in and assist in filling the role and SEMCOG obligation, should the need arise.

Councilmember Richards stated he hopes everyone will visit the Veterans Monument. He stated he attended the dedication ceremony and he is guessing there were 200 people there. He stated it was a great turnout and it is beautiful. He stated the only problem was it was hard to hear at times.

Councilmember Richards stated Mo's garage is vacated and he is moving his business to Belleville, but he plans on coming back. He has bought a house here and he wishes him luck.

Councilmember Richards stated 113 Lafayette is beautiful and the underground work that was done was phenomenal. He stated that building is over 100-year-old and the new owner is very dedicated.

Councilmember Walton thanked the DPW workers for all their hard work. Councilmember Walton congratulated all the new councilmembers as well Councilmember Kurtzweil. She stated there are a lot of smart people on Council and a lot of knowledge and we will continue to get through things as we go along. She stated she is happy to be on Council with Mayor Pelchat for another couple of years as well.

Councilmember Dilg thanked everyone for their enthusiasm around the Election. She stated the residents want a council that can disagree professionally, behave civilly and no personal vendettas. She then thanked all the candidates that ran, it was a good positive campaign. She thanked all her friends that came to see her get sworn in tonight.

Councilmember Dilg stated she attended the veteran's memorial dedication and it was beautiful. She then thanked Dayna Johnston for all her hard work on the memorial dedication. She is a tireless community supporter.

Councilmember Dilg stated Haley Stevens attended the memorial dedication and she spoke with her regarding some grant opportunities that she would like to work with us on.

Councilmember Dilg stated she is looking forward to Ladies Night Out. She then reminded everyone that Colonial Acres is having a silent auction on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Kurtzweil congratulated Steve and Lisa on their Election to City Council along with Dan. Councilmember Kurtzweil thanked all the residents that returned her to City Council and she thanked the people that worked on her campaign and she thanked them for their principals of honesty, truthfulness in governing, fiscal responsibility, free speech and open and transparent government. She further stated she had a good time on her campaign. The message was smart and driven. She stated it was an easy campaign. She further stated she will not disclose her campaign strategy but she has an excellent connection with people that share core values. She is extremely proud that no one on her campaign

participated in any trash talk on social media. She stated she made it clear that is not acceptable. She stated it is especially interesting to political insiders because they are asking how someone can win an Election without any social media presence. She stated some people said she was lucky and she disagrees. She won because she ran a very smart campaign. She did what she needed to do to get reelected, not just elected. She was extremely smart for selecting certain individuals that worked on her campaign. She then thanked them. She then thanked the outgoing Councilwoman and Glenn Kivell for guaranteeing her on November 2<sup>nd</sup> that no matter what the weather was her base would come out and vote for her. She stated she has the most loyal and dedicated base, to God, Country, midwest family values, respect for law enforcement and compassion for those in need.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she wants to thank families that have lost loved ones in the service to our country. She thanked all those that lost their lives defending our country and the freedoms we enjoy. She stated God bless our country and our veterans.

Councilmember Kivell thanked Mary Parisien for her time on Council. He stated she had fresh eyes on things that needed attention. He is grateful to have had her on Council. He then congratulated her on her new family and wished her luck.

Councilmember Kivell congratulated everyone that won office and we will end up making some good decisions.

Councilmember Kivell stated he hopes everyone was able to get to the veteran's memorial. It is a wonderful facility. He stated the new location is a real celebration of our veterans.

Mayor Pelchat stated he is proud to have been part of the veteran's memorial dedication. He stated it will be on the cable channel as well as on the YouTube channel for the cable commission. Mayor Pelchat stated he attended the traditional ceremony this morning. There were a few dozen people there.

Mayor Pelchat thanked Dayna Johnston for all her help with the veteran's memorial.

Mayor Pelchat thanked Councilmember Parisien for her time on Council. He then stated Mary is a strong young lady and it was a pleasure serving on Council with her. Mayor Pelchat stated he never had to question if she had the city's best interest in mind.

#### ADJOURNMENT

#### CM 11-11-19 MOTION TO ADJOURN

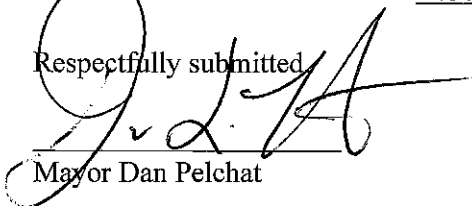
Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted



Mayor Dan Pelchat



Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Deaton