

City of South Lyon
Regular City Council Meeting
February 10, 2020

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 Dilg, Kennedy, Kivell, Kurtzweil, Richards and Walton
Also, present: City Manager Zelenak, Chief Sovik, Superintendent Varney, Fire Chief Vogel, Attorney Hamameh and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

MINUTES – January 27, 2020

Councilmember Kivell stated on page 9 the word no should be changed to not. He then stated on the last page it should be PBS, not CBS. He then stated in should be changed to is.

CM 2-1-20 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Walton

Motion to approve the minutes as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

Councilmember Kivell stated there is a check for Michigan Cat and his wife works there so he will abstain from the vote.

CM 2-2-20 MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Walton

Motion to approve the bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED- 1 abstained

AGENDA

CM 2-3-20 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Kennedy, supported by

Motion to approve agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

CM 2-4-20 MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resignation of Heather-Marie Montilla from Cultural Arts Commission

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ryan Lare of 716 Grand Court stated he is here on behalf of the Cultural Arts Commission and thanked Heather-Marie for all her work and they would welcome her back at any time.

DISCUSSION- Downtown

Bob Donohue stated they are finalizing the DDA budget. They are having their retreat this Thursday. He stated the DDA Annual Report will be ready for the next Council meeting. He stated the Cool Yule wrap up meeting will be on the 26th meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. They will be meeting with a representative from each of the DDA businesses, the City, the parade people, the Historical Society and the schools for planning in the future. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the City of Novi have not been able to replace their Economic Developer for 2 years so even though some people believe we can replace him quickly, it will take time. Mr. Donohue stated he has reached out to a few people that he knows is interested in his replacement and he feels good about it. Councilmember Dilg asked if there was an update on the Draft Street restaurant. Mr. Donohue stated he doesn't know at this point, but there was a purchase order in place a couple weeks ago.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Vogel gave a brief PowerPoint presentation reviewing the accomplishments of 2019. During the presentation he pointed out the increase in service calls that were made, the training hours that were completed, information on grants that were received and equipment that was replaced and purchased.

Please see the attached South Lyon Fire Department 2019 Annual Report

Councilmember Dilg asked if there was a reason for the increase in service calls. Chief Vogel stated he believes the growth around us and some of the biggest fires were outside of the City, but he cannot say what caused the increase in the City. Councilmember Dilg stated she is impressed with his online presence. She stated a lot of times people will get on Facebook on one of the forums and start things that aren't necessarily accurate and Chief Vogel will then say what really happened and stop the wrong information from continuing. Councilmember Richards asked how long it takes to fully train a firefighter. Chief Vogel stated generally 18 months depending on the speed of the class. He stated they normally begin with EMT classes which can be 4-6 months. After that they attend Fire school in Brighton. This time includes on the job training. Councilmember Kivell stated he also appreciates the public communication they supply for the City is great to keep people informed. He further stated all the interaction the Fire Department has with the community is great too. Chief Vogel stated City Manager Zelenak is trying to have the website updated to make it more user friendly. Councilmember Kennedy asked about the timeline for trying for a grant for another Lukas device. Chief Vogel stated they had to wait 2 years and that will be up in 2 years, he would like to have a second one. He further stated they are working on a few other grants as well. Councilmember Walton asked if he is considering including a mental health first aid program. Chief Vogel stated he has not heard of it, but he will look into it. The CPR training is doing really well. There are many people that need and want to learn CPR. Cindy Conrad has been teaching classes and will continue. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked what has been hard on the employees, overworked or mentally. Chief Vogel stated it takes a toll on you mentally and physically. Sometimes you don't get much sleep and sometimes Firefighters see things no one ever should. He stated he is always looking out for our employee's mental health. He stated the City has an employee assistance program that is free to employees and he makes sure everyone is aware of it and if needed they use it.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Sovik stated the biggest change and difference this year was in personnel. In a Police Department in a community of this size, every member contribution is not only important but vital. He is very proud to be the Chief of this department but he is reminded that titles without actions and relationships are meaningless. He stated his focus of this past year was to bring about a fresh and different style of leadership. He stated his email signature includes the phrase if serving is below you than leadership is beyond you. Chief Sovik stated serving leadership is a leadership philosophy built on the belief that the best leaders strive to serve others rather than to accrue power and take control. He further stated for him being a leader means to build up each person in the team to let them know they are valuable as officers and individuals and while that is a simple task, it was the most neglected. He doesn't consider the SLPD to be his Police Department, it is our Police Department, our Officers, Council and the residents we serve. We are the 5th safest City in Michigan not only because of our Police and Fire Department, but also the people in our community. Chief Sovik stated each member of the agency has contributed to changing our mission statement to reflect what we as our department wants to reflect to each other and the community, we serve, which is why we have grown stronger with our community and our department as a whole has become a close knit group. The mission is to maintain excellence in law enforcement while strengthening the partnership with our community. Chief Sovik then explained with the continuation in change they wanted to continue with a new patch. He stated the new patch is based on several ideas by many people. He further stated with assistance with their followers on Facebook, they decided to go with a design by a high school student named Dominic Albanys. He stated they have received many compliments on the new patch. He said they are now going into new businesses to introduce themselves like a meet and greet and they ask if there are any questions or concerns and they leave their business card. Chief Sovik stated the morale in the department has never been higher and they have never been healthier. Councilmember Kivell stated both the Police and Fire did a great job on their reports. He then stated the narrative about the change in concept and their interaction with their community is great. He further stated the personal contact with people lets them know the Police Department is available and it is genuine. Councilmember Kennedy stated the interaction between the Police and Fire Department at our community events goes a long way. He further stated the conversion rate between the warnings and tickets has been consistent. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the change in the Police Department with Chief Sovik being chief has resulted is a wonderful public relations effort with our community. She stated she is impressed with the new hire. Sometimes people think they should hire local, but we brought someone in from the outside that brought in some very good skill sets. Councilmember Walton stated the fact they have such a high morale and stopping in to check in with businesses and residents and that brings a positive narrative to our City. Councilmember Dilg stated one of the things she is so happy with Chief Sovik and Chief Vogel is that they are good kind men. She appreciates seeing them interacting so much with the community and she appreciates their online presence. Councilmember Richards asked if their computer problems have been fixed. Chief Sovik stated with the new IT company and we are addressing those issues in the current budget as well as next years budget. Mayor Pelchat stated it is a privilege to work with both departments.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tax Abatement Policy

Bob Donohue stated our goal is to adopt program and guidelines. He stated we need specific guidelines and criteria in case someone applies in the future. Councilmember Kivell stated if it is a million-dollar improvement, the tax loss to the city during the course of the abatement would be \$17,000 per year. The

chart recommended a project valued between \$500,000 - \$2.5 million should be allowed the tax abatement for 1-2 years or \$34,000 in tax revenue, but if you end up with a jewel that wouldn't have been brought about without the abatement, that changes the complexion of things. Councilmember Kennedy stated each circumstance will be looked at, but it is good to have a policy in place in case someone asks. Councilmember Richards stated this can be useful and if this community is going to get big investors, we have to have something to attract them. He stated he was against it, but now he is good with it. Mr. Donohue thanked Council for all their support and we are in the top tier of cities and he thanked them again.

CM 2-5-20 MOTION TO APPROVE POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to approve the proposed City of South Lyon Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement Program Policy and Guidelines in accordance with Michigan's Commercial Rehabilitation Act, PA 210 of 2005, as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. City Council Rules of Procedure

City Council continued reviewing the rules and procedures from the previous meeting.

J. DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Persons addressing the Council shall make responsible comments and shall refrain from making personal, impertinent, slanderous or profane remarks. The Mayor may call to order any person who is being disorderly by speaking when not recognized by the Chair or otherwise disrupting the proceeding by failing to be germane, by speaking longer than the allotted time, or by speaking vulgarities. Such persons shall thereupon be seated until the chair shall have determined whether the person is in order. If a person so engaged in presentation shall be called out of order, he or she shall not be permitted to speak at the same meeting, except upon special leave by the Council. If the person shall continue to be disorderly and disrupt the meeting, the chair may order the Police Department to remove the person from the meeting. No person shall be removed from a public meeting except for an actual breach of the peace committed at the meeting.

Attorney Hamameh stated Council has approved public comment in a resolution in the past. There is a section in that resolution regarding disorderly conduct with an appeal process and it is very detailed. She stated it is very well done and it will make things smoother. This will come before Council in a final draft form. No further discussion was held.

k. SUSPENSION AND AMENDMENT OF RULES

These rules may be suspended or amended for a specified portion of a meeting by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present except that council actions shall conform to state statues and to the Michigan and United States Constitutions.

No discussion was held.

i. ENFORCMENT OF RULES

These rules are subject to enforcement by the City Council as it determines appropriate under applicable provisions of State law, the City Charter, and Roberts' Rules of Order (which have been adopted above to the extent reasonably practicable), and any penalty for violation hereof shall be in accordance with said provisions.

No discussion was held.

VI. ATTENDANCE

A Council member who cannot attend a meeting bears the responsibility of notifying the Clerk of his or her anticipated absence. The Council may excuse absences for cause. If a Council member has failed to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings of City Council without providing prior notification, the member may be removed from office, in accordance with the City Charter and applicable state law.

Attorney Hamameh stated by telling someone you can't attend should be considered an excused absence. Councilmember Kivell stated just because you tell someone you won't be there, you shouldn't automatically be excused. Mayor Pelchat stated what has happened in the past is if someone is going to be absent, they normally contact him, and at meetings in the past someone has always made a motion to excuse the absence. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated sometimes people can't make meetings, life happens. Councilmember Kennedy stated this problem has happened in the past. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated if you're not the favorite of the majority you won't get excused. Councilmember Richards stated in the past we have approved absences in the past for vacations and if they make an effort to let us know ahead of time, they should be excused. Mayor Pelchat stated this has been written like this for a long time. He thinks we should continue to excuse people for their absence. Attorney Hamameh stated we will add or Mayor or City Manager to the language regarding notice of absence.

VII. VACANCY ON COUNCIL

If a vacancy occurs in any elective office, it shall be filled within thirty (30) days by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of Council. Such appointee shall hold office until the next regular City election taking place more than sixty (60) days after such vacancy occurs, at which election a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term of the member in whose office the vacancy occurs.

Councilmember Kivell stated he would like it to be 45 days because of the timing of where we are in the month determines how many meetings we have. He would also like it to be open to the public for 21 days for contenders. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the 30 days to fill a vacancy is in our Charter. Discussion was held regarding what process would be used if there was a tie vote. Councilmember Kennedy stated there are 3 communities reference the Election Law that stated the Election will be determined by allotment. Attorney Hamameh stated she is ok with referencing the Election Law if that is what Council chooses to do.

VIII. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Council members will be governed by the City's Code of Ethics, as adopted and amended by Chapter 2, Article III of the City's Code of Ordinances, and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Councilmember Richards asked who determines this. Attorney Hamameh stated the City has an Ethics Ordinance and there is state law as well. Everyone is responsible for themselves and if anyone has a concern, it can be brought to the Mayor or City Manager. No further discussion was held.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER RELATIONSHIPS

a. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PUBLIC

Members of Council should refrain from argument with a member of the public or staff at Council meetings since these arguments seldom resolve concerns and many times inflame feelings at a public meeting. Any concerns by a member of Council over the behavior or work of a City employee during a Council meeting should be directed to the City Manager to ensure the concern is addressed.

Councilmember Richards asked if this applies to an open public forum meeting differently than our Council meeting with an agenda. City Manager Zelenak stated it applies to Council meetings. Councilmember Richards asked what happens if there is an issue and the meeting is packed and everyone wants to speak. City Manager Zelenak stated it is to set the tone it is not a good idea to argue with people in public.

b. RELATIONSHIP WITH CITY STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

1. There shall be mutual respect from both staff and Council members of their respective roles and responsibilities when and if expressing criticism in public session.
2. Requests for information or questions by the City Council shall be directed to the City Manager. All non-routine requests should be submitted to the City Manager's office. All complaints should be submitted to the City Manager.
3. All written information material requested by individual Council members shall be submitted by staff and consultants to the City Manager who will transmit them to all Council members with the notation indicating which Council member requested the information.
4. Council shall not contact consultants or attempt to correct or influence staff or consultant in the selection of employees, recommendations for the awarding of contracts, the selection of consultants, the processing of development applications or the granting of City licenses or permits.
5. Incoming mail clearly marked as personal shall not be opened when addressed to individual Council members or staff unless requested.
6. A Council member shall not direct staff or a consultant to initiate any action or prepare any report that is significant in nature or initiate any project or study without the approval of a majority of the City Council. All such requests will be first directed to the City Manager.

Councilmember Kivell stated this is perfectly legit, his concern was having our staff or vendors overshot by people reaching out to them. He stated he thinks we should be able to schedule an appointment if you wanted to have a discussion with someone. Councilmember Dilg stated she thinks this could get out of hand. We have to act like we are the board of directors and they report to the City Manager. She stated we could admit that people have stepped around the City Manager and she thinks it should go through the City Manager. Councilmember Kennedy thinks it has

worked out well. He had questions for Doug, so he sent an email to the City Manager and the Water Superintendent. The City Manager couldn't answer it, so he directed Doug to answer him. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she doesn't understand why people aren't going through the City Manager. She stated if someone is interfering with an employee's daily job, they could file a grievance against that person for interfering with their job. Councilmember Kurtzweil questioned #4. City Manager Zelenak stated in selection of consultants he doesn't know why a particular Councilmember would contact them before they are selected it could influence that decision. He stated anytime Councilmembers contact our consultants the clock starts and we are charged for that time. Attorney Hamameh stated it also protects Council from any claim of acceptance of any gifts for a vote. Councilmember Richards stated when he was an activist before he was elected to Council, there was a previous City Manager that insisted I give her everything before I give it to the business. He further stated as a Councilmember he can't step over that line. City Manager Zelenak stated he doesn't want to prohibit the relationships between Council and employees. He wants to maintain those relationships. Employees contacted him regarding this and he needs to be able to assist them. He stated we don't want Councilmembers contacting employees regarding collective bargaining and negotiations because Council may not know what is going on with negotiations. He further stated when it comes to someone directing an employee to do something, it must go through him. Councilmember Kennedy stated it is not the function of an employee to go pick someone up and drive them somewhere. City Manager Zelenak stated our staff wants to provide Council with information, but if someone contacts the staff member for a tour or something, they may not be aware of the time constraints the employee is under. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if that include asking Department Heads to do reports for them. City Manager Zelenak stated that should go through him. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated if she is speaking with someone and its clear she isn't representing the Council or City; can she direct them to contact the City Manager. City Manager Zelenak stated if they are aware you aren't representing the City, yes. Attorney Hamameh stated this is the intention of this is if someone has a bid coming or something that is already coming to Council and a Councilmember reaches out to them.

c. RELATIONSHIP WITH BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

1. Members of the City Council should not attempt to influence boards, commission or committee recommendations, or to influence or lobby individual board, commission or committee members on any item under their consideration. It is important for boards, commissions and committees to be able to make objective recommendations to the City Council on items before them. Members of Council that attempt to influence board, commission or committee positions on an item may prejudice or hinder their role in reviewing the recommendations as a member of the City Council.
2. It is suggested that City Council Members refrain from attending other public meetings. If they do attend, they should be cautioned about becoming involved in the meetings' discussions.

If a member of the City Council represents the City before another governmental agency or organization, the Council member should first indicate the majority position as an opinion of the Council. Personal opinions and comments may be expressed only if the Council member clarifies that these statements do not represent the position of the City Council.

Attorney Hamameh stated she needs to point out that Council appoints Planning Commissioners. She stated so basically you are their boss. She stated if Council attends a commission and makes a statement, a gesture or a look, could seem as influencers. She stated there is also an issue if you are expressing your opinion at a commission meeting as a resident, should you then vote on the issue at the Council Meeting as a councilmember. There is no law that says you cannot go to planning commission meetings, but there are risks. If you choose to go, you need to make sure there are no verbal or non-verbal clues because you are their boss. She stated you are talking an OMA violation. Councilmember Richards stated the hot potato has been the Planning Commission. He further stated it is clear to him that if he has been working on something, he is able to give his information to them before the meeting. Attorney Hamameh stated that is the same as attending the meeting and giving your opinion. Councilmember Kivell stated he has attended Planning Commission meetings and he sits in the back of the room. He stated the skeletal minutes we get is hard to get the sense of the dynamics that took place at that meeting. He further stated he thinks it is a disservice to not know how the Planning Commission comes to their conclusion on the project. Attorney Hamameh stated Council could ask for meaty minutes, or possibly some kind of a recording. Councilmember Kivell stated he would be fine with recording of the Planning Commission meetings. Mayor Pelchat stated the Cable Commission has been getting quotes for updating this room and he thinks the issue with recording the meeting right now is you have to pay someone to record it. He further stated he is hoping if the equipment gets updated, we won't have to pay someone and it will auto record. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated there is no case law that says an elected official can't attend another board or commission meeting. It is an open meeting and if she wants to go to a meeting she can because she likes to hear the debate. She further stated she is confident she isn't crossing a line because she doesn't discuss anything beforehand with any of the commissioners. Further discussion was held regarding Council attending other board and commission meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Schedule 2020-2021 budget workshop meetings

Discussion was held regarding setting a date for pension liability meeting and a budget workshop meeting. It was the consensus of Council to schedule the pension liability meeting for March 2nd which Plante Moran will attend and possibly our representative from MERS at 6:00 p.m. It was also the consensus of Council to schedule the budget workshop for April 7th at 6:00 p.m.

CM 2-6-20 MOTION TO APPROVE MEETINGS

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg

Motion to approve the pension liability workshop on March 2nd at 6:00 p.m. and the budget workshop on Tuesday April 7th at 6:00 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated at last years budget meeting we discussed giving more hours to an employee to work on getting grants and has she done so? City Manager Zelenak stated she has assisted with the Fire Chief and Police Chief with their grants and she attended a training session for it. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she attended Michigan Recreation and Park meeting. She stated she went through the trade show and spoke with a lot of people. She stated landscaping architects is a highly specialized field. They are very skilled with grant writing. There was one firm was very informative.

She stated maybe we need to get a landscaping architect in here for a presentation. She further stated his success rate for grants is 85%. She thinks we are missing because we aren't getting the right people in the right place with the right skills. We need to take a look at how we handle the management of our parks. Councilmember Dilg stated she attended that meeting and a workshop as well. She stated she was speaking with someone from Novi and they have a grant committee that helps figure out what kind of grants we can do. Councilmember Kivell stated you also have to remember to even get your foot in the door, you have to have funds to match. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she also spoke with Novi, but the difference is they have years of grant experience. City Manager Zelenak stated we have someone that we work with our parks. The first step in this process is to develop a plan. The Parks and Recreation Commission has taken a step toward this. We are currently working with Marc Russell and he has applied for grants and he has spoken at numerous meetings. He further stated there are grants out there, but you need to have the funds to match and make the plan to further the parks.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Zelenak stated we received a purchase agreement for a property that the City owns, but it is currently not for sale. He stated he will be bringing information to the budget sessions regarding different properties that are owned by the City to discuss what Council would like to do with them. City Manager Zelenak then stated that there was a rumor going around that he was leaving and he wants everyone to know it is not true. Councilmember Walton stated people have asked her when the Lyon Cantina will be cleaned up. City Manager Zelenak stated that will probably be based on their insurance company.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Keeling of 62180 Arlington Circle stated Colonial Acres is up for review for taxes, but at the last meeting they were told it was pushed back. It is very important, especially for the people that recently bought in Colonial Acres because their taxes went really high compared to the previous owners and a lot of the people are on fixed incomes. She just wanted to make sure the City know this is really important to Colonial Acre.

Megan McAllister of 42109 Roscommon Street stated she is here to introduce herself as a State Representative candidate for the 38th district. She is running because we need new and different friends in Lansing now more than ever. She isn't a career politician, or a lawyer but she is a Michigander that stayed through the recession. She stated it is important to have new and different faces in Lansing. She further stated she had a long career in business and she was in her master's program for counseling, but then she wrestled with the fact of going into a broken healthcare system. She then chose to go into politics. She stated we need a voice in Lansing that will be speaking from people and that will advocate for people and get things done. She has been a manager for over 10 years, she knows how to get things done and work across the table with many different opinions. She stated it is important that we as a City and County and State have our people represented by someone who is a regular person that sends her kids to school, and her Dad lives in South Lyon. Someone that knows first hand how important it is our water is clean, our public education is funded, we have affordable health care, that we care for our seniors and child care for people with small children. She stated it is important to take the steps now for us to move forward and she would like to be that person. She then asked everyone to look at McAlisterformichigan.com and she hopes to speak with everyone to see how she can earn your vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she wanted to thank John Dolan, the Supervisor for Lyon Township for his comments in the Oakland Press for speaking in opposition of the new house bill 5229 which is the new regional authority tax which will uncap taxes. She stated if people are worried about taxes, the seniors need to get behind the opposition of this bill. It is a devastating bill and it will never benefit the residents of the City of South Lyon. So many residents approached her and asked her to thank him for his leadership and speaking against this bill. She then thanked John Dolan on her behalf as well as other residents. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated Blessings in a Backpack will be having their 5th annual golf outing at Lyon Oaks on May 30th. She stated this organization does so much for the youth in our community. She further stated Katie and her team do a great job for all they do for our community. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she wants to remind everyone it is still flu season, wash your hands frequently, eat well and take care of yourselves. She then stated if you are not feeling well stay home, don't go to work and associate with a lot of people.

Councilmember Walton stated she wanted to recognize Bret Jackson from South Lyon, he participated in the winter world master games and they are recognized by the international Olympic committee and he was on a curling team and they took the bronze. Councilmember Walton stated she was able to spend some time in Mayberry Park for a winter hike with the Friends of Mayberry Park and it was well organized, well attended and it was a beautiful peaceful walk. They do those walks many times a year.

Councilmember Richards stated many people have noticed at the corner of 10 mile and Dixboro there were many trees taken down. It was done professionally. He stated people should watch the property and see how things go, he doesn't think the trees had to go, but it was legal. Councilmember Richards stated he wanted to give a shoutout to the seniors watching this on Channel 19. He stated we are all under pressure today and being bombarded by media and social media with programs trying to get us to join a healthcare system. He stated they look like social security cards and the bottom says you will be contacted by a salesperson and you can't block the calls. He is working to have someone come to a Council meeting and speak to the seniors about what the truth is about what is going on out there to take some of the stress of worry off the seniors. Councilmember Richards stated there will be a school bond proposal in May. He stated everyone needs to be aware of what is going to happen and the details of it. Councilmember Richards stated the sled hill in McHattie Park is getting a lot of use by kids, which is good, that is what we want. Councilmember Richards stated the Historical Society is having a show about antique cars that are obsolete today, automobiles like the Tucker and the Packard and others that are not around today. Councilmember Richards stated we need to get more people to apply to be on any of our commissions.

Councilmember Kennedy stated as the city's SEMCOG representative he attended a seminar last week to discuss the upcoming census. As part of the 2020 Census, letters will be sent to households next month providing instructions for completing it and for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online and by phone or you can still complete the census by mail. He further stated it is important that the census be completed for everyone living at that address. If people spend the year in different locations, they should complete the census for the location where they spend 51% of the year or more. City Snowbirds who spend 3-4 months in Florida should complete it identifying South Lyon as their residence. Every resident needs to be counted. The census is much more than just a head count. It provides a picture of our nation that helps determine where to build new schools, hospitals and businesses; how federal funding is distributed; and how congressional seats are apportioned. It determines how over \$675 Billion dollars in federal funds is distributed annually and even more in state

funds. He further stated based on the 2010 census this represents about \$1,800 per person/per year or \$18,000 for the next ten years. That is money lost for every person that is not counted in the census. Councilmember Kennedy stated the information you provide is totally confidential and cannot be shared with any other government agency. The Census Bureau will not ask for your Social Security number, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations or anything on behalf of a political party. He further stated please complete the census questionnaire accurately, everyone needs to be counted.

Councilmember Dilg congratulated South Lyon Aubree's for winning restaurant of the year for Michigan. Councilmember Dilg stated Grande Trunk, Lemon Tree and Venue are having a Valentines Day shopping event on Wednesday from 12-7. She then stated on July 25th there will be a South Lyon Pride Event in McHattie Park. She stated she recently met a man recently that grew up here and he felt like he had to move because he was gay. He has served our country and he is now a senior and has moved back. She stated some young people came to her and told her they are having a South Lyon Pride Event and that is a very brave thing to do. They want to celebrate diversity in a fun family centered empowering atmosphere. It will be family friendly with vendors and music. She further stated they want to show people they can be who they are without leaving South Lyon. She stated she hopes everyone will support it and if not, find something else to do.

Councilmember Kivell stated he plans on attending, and he doesn't understand why people feel like they need to impose their view on others. Councilmember Kivell reminded people to join our boards and commissions.

Mayor Pelchat congratulated South Lyon East Boys and Girls as they swept the match and double header at the High School. He stated the boys split on the road. He stated both student sections and the band were great.

ADJOURNMENT

CM 2-7-20 MOTION TO ADJOURN

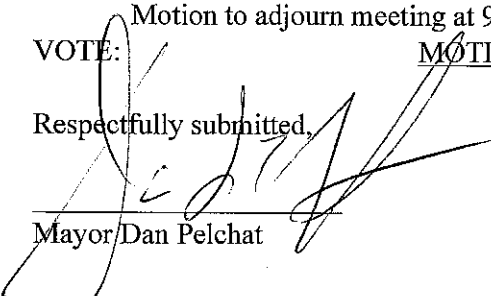
Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Walton

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:50 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Dan Pelchat



Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Deaton