

Regular City Council Meeting
April 25, 2022

Mayor Pelchat called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Pelchat led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Councilmembers: Dilg, Kurtzweil, Kivell, Kennedy, Mosier, Hansen

Also present: City Manager Zelenak, Fire Chief Thorington, Lieutenant Baaki, Finance and Benefit Administrator Tiernan, Clerk/Treasurer Deaton and Superintendent Varney

Absent: DDA Director Nate Mack

MINUTES- March 28th 2022 and April 6, 2022

CM 4-1-22 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve March 28th, 2022 minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 4-2-22 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg

Motion to approve April 6, 2022 minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

CM 4-3-22 MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA

CM 4-4-22 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Hansen

Motion to approve agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Planning Commission Appointment- Kody Frost
2. DDA Board Appointment- Tracy Smith
3. May 6, 2022 Ladies Night Out
4. Arbor Day Foundation- Tree City USA Proclamation

CM 4-5-22 MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Hansen

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Ledbetter of the Historical Commission stated they just had their 18th annual creek clean up and he thanked Councilmembers Hansen, Kivell and Kennedy for helping along with the other residents that helped. He then stated they had about 30 people this year, and they filled the bin almost ¾ full of trash.

Justin Diesbourg of 645 Mc Munn Street stated his home backs up to the new water tank and he is hoping we will be adding some kind of fence other than barbed wire, or the short fencing that is there now and he also is wondering what kind of trees and landscaping will be added. He further stated he is hoping to have something more private.

Jean Dendel of 321 Hagadorn Street first asked when her street will be fixed, but then discussed the traffic speed on Hagadorn and asked if a stop sign could be added to try and control the speed limit. She then stated she lives across from Bartlett. She stated the speed limit is 25 and people are traveling 50 mph. It is frightening. Other morning, parents were waiting to drop their kids off at school and someone got mad and came up in her yard and hit a tree. She further stated it is ridiculous. She stated she finds animals dead because someone hits them. She stated her and her neighbors are fed up.

Mayor Pelchat stated each Councilmember and the City Manager will be able to speak regarding the public comments that are made during the City Manager's report and Council comments if they choose to, but he can ensure the public speakers that someone will be getting in touch with them.

DISCUSSION – Downtown

City Manager Zelenak stated we have received the letter regarding the \$100,000 grant from the 2022 Park Improvements and Trailways Community Partnership Fund. He stated this money will be used for the design for 390 S Lafayette. He then stated Downtown Businesses and property owners' monthly meetings will resume on May 26th at Corner Social. He then stated Main Street Oakland County is hosting their event on Thursday May 5th if anyone is interested let Nate know. He then reminded everyone of Ladies Night Out on Friday May 6th.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Thorington stated the Fire Department has had 322 runs as of noon today. We are currently in the process of looking at the current software we are using to stay updated on the new technology and equipment. He then stated HVA is having a hard time staffing their ambulances, which is causing delays in transports to hospitals at times, which is pretty common with the healthcare field. Chief Thorington stated he has found out that there are a few personal properties in the City that take care of their own hydrants. He stated they have to pay a company to do the maintenance on them, and that company will then send the certificates of inspection to the Fire Department.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Lieutenant Baaki stated the generator has been installed as well as a sharps container that is mounted in the lobby so people can drop off old/used needles. He stated they are also participating with the DEA takeback so people can drop off their old prescription drugs to be properly disposed of on Saturday April 30th. Lieutenant Baaki stated they are preparing for their mock assessment for the accreditation program. He then stated they have posted for an administrative assistant position as well as a cadet. He then explained they are putting out the speed monitors and they are helpful to show us the averages in speed, as well as the number of cars that pass it. Discussion was held regarding the pick up and drop off times for the children at the schools. Lieutenant Baaki then explained that they have spoken with the administration at the schools trying to find a better way for the drop off and pick up works out. He then stated it normally is bad for 15-20 minutes but then it clears up. He also stated he will speak with the residents on Hagadorn regarding the speed monitor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Approval resolution submitting street improvements bond proposal

City Manager Zelenak explained that the city needs to improve the condition of our roads, therefore the city is proposing to issue bonds to help pay for those improvements. We have a resolution that needs to be approved to submit the bond proposal. The purpose is to submit a bond proposal for consideration and approval by the city voters at the August 2022 Election. If approved, it will allow the city to authorize the issuance of bonds to pay the cost of street improvements. City Manager stated the language will be submitted to the County and the State for the August ballot. He further stated we will now be working with the road committee as well as our engineers to work on a road plan to be approved as well as educating the public on the plan so they understand the millage rates and to discuss all the roads that will be approved.

CM 4-6-22 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION SUBMITTING STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPSAL, AND BALLOT LANGUAGE

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the resolution submitting street improvement bond proposal and ballot language in exhibit A

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dilg- Yes

Hansen- Yes

Mosier- Yes

Kurtzweil- Yes

Kivell- Yes

Kennedy- Yes

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tennis court restoration project at Columbia Park to include addition of pickle ball to all three courts

Superintendent Varney stated the three tennis courts in Columbia Park are in need of renovation and will be crack filled and restoration prior to the re-surfacing. He further stated he has reached out to multiple companies for quotes, but only received two and only one of the companies can complete the project this year. He further stated he also advertised on MITN, but received no bids. Laser Striping has offered to refurbish all three courts and upgrade them to pickle ball courts with the inclusion of nets and posts for \$36,500. He further stated there will be a \$3,000 savings if DPW is able to install concrete and prep for the posts as outlined in the proposal. Some discussion was held regarding the time frame and the process. Councilmember Hansen stated once the renovating is completed, we need to ensure our residents are aware that those courts are there. Mayor Pelchat stated SLARA will be able to get the word out because there is a need for pickle ball courts.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if he could respond to the resident asking about the trees and the fence by the new water plant. Superintendent Varney stated we are looking at different options. There will be some trees replaced, and the fence will be replaced as well. City Manager stated we have to also be concerned about safety and security and EGLE also has certain requirements for water tanks.

CM 4-7-22 MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE AND INSULATION OF SERVICES

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Hansen

Motion to approve the purchase and installation of services by Laser Striping and Sports Surfacing to restore three tennis courts at Columbia Park for \$36,500 under line item 101-690-978

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mosier- Yes

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Hansen- Yes
 Kennedy- Yes
 Dilg- Yes
 Kurtzweil- Yes
 Kivell- Yes
 Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET

Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if we will have the water and sewer tap policy in place before we vote on the budget. City Manager Zelenak stated we will be discussing that policy soon. City Manager Zelenak stated he has been meeting with the City Attorney and we will have the policy soon, but there is no correlation between the budget and the tap in fee policy. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated that does have to do with the budget because it has to do with revenues and until that is resolved, she won't be prepared to vote on the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT- N/A

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Zelenak stated we have been working on the tap in fee policy, the unsolicited material ordinance as well as the SRO agreement with the schools. The Historical Society may be at the next meeting to discuss their plans for the historical village. He then stated we had our 2 2022-2023 budget meetings and the next meeting is scheduled for adoption on may 23rd. City Manager Zelenak stated we will be receiving the written summary with the exhibits sometime in May for the drain study and he will provide that to Council. He then stated we had the pre-construction meeting for the DPW paving project and the first phase was the storm sewer improvements and the paving project will begin mid-May. Councilmember Kivell stated we had the trash bash on Wednesday last week and he requested the City Manager to have the street sweeper to clean the streets downtown. Councilmember Kivell stated the response he received explained that we don't run the sweeper in the winter or when there is salt on the roads due to the potential damage it can cause to the equipment, and they do run it on a regular basis but it is based on department demands. He further stated he doesn't think it would have taken very long to run the street sweeper in the downtown. Councilmember Kivell stated there was literal gravel along the curbs through the downtown. We need to be better at looking forward and getting things prepped so when we have an event, we present ourselves in the best light. When we know we're going to have foot traffic downtown, we need to dress the place up and it only comes by getting mud and garbage out of the curb pan. This is 101 stuff and he hopes we end up improving that. City Manager Zelenak stated he gave more information than what he originally asked. He further stated he spoke with the DPW supervisor and he was answering the general question. We always get asked why it doesn't run in the winter and the reason is because if salt gets inside the equipment, it can do damage by eroding the inside. When there is frozen debris in the curb and gutter, they don't use it. Usually, they will clean the streets when there is water on the streets because it picks it up better. Jeff Archey did add the street cleaning of downtown to their schedule. Councilmember Kivell stated when we had the food truck event, we should have had the Farmers Market cleaned out.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kivell stated the trash bash was a nice event and it cleaned up the downtown. Another thing that was revealed was that 110 Detroit Street has a ton of liquor bottles and trash in the backyard and when you don't walk into the backyard, you don't see the trash that's been idle for that long because

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there were tons of mischief going on there. He then stated we had great weather for the Yerkes Drain Clean up. Last year we worked on the creek by Hungry Howie's to the Cemetery and we probably only got half the trash as we did last year. He thinks it does have some long-time results to get stuff out of there that isn't going to break down. He further stated we cancelled the first meeting of the month and he doesn't understand why. In the event there was a building problem, but for us not to have had the business open to conduct the business of the city isn't right. People lost 2 weeks of missing to see the minutes and the bills that were approved today, the department heads had ability to speak what was happening in their departments if someone had a question they could have asked. It seems like it dismisses how important these meetings here and that is the first time that has happened without something forcing us to cancel the meeting.

Councilmember Kennedy thanked Emily Gray that organized last week's Downtown Clean-up event and all of the volunteers who turned out to help. Everyone's efforts certainly made a big difference in the downtown area. He then thanked Larry Ledbetter and Suzan Martin for another successful South Lyon Creek Clean-up event on Sunday. He then thanked all of the volunteers who turned out to help with that as well. It looked like we pretty well filled that dumpster by the end of the event. He then reminded everyone about the city-wide garage sale that's taking place Thursday through Sunday this week. So, clean out your closets, garage and basement and let's sell those treasures. He then reminded everyone of Ladies' Night Out Shopping event in Downtown that's scheduled for Friday, May 6th from 5pm-9pm. On Saturday, May 14th, the City of South Lyon and the Salem-South Lyon District Library will be holding a document shredding event in the library parking lot from 10am until 1pm. So, get rid of all those unneeded documents in a secure and environmentally-friendly way. Winter's over and the events are coming back to the City of South Lyon.

Councilmember Kurtzweil thanked the DPW for cleaning up Paul Baker Park just in time for flowers and plants will be coming soon. She then stated the Cultural Arts Commission is having a garden party at 3rd Monk Brewery this Thursday at 8:00. It is going to be a Poetry reading and this is a great event and very well attended. We don't have a lot of opportunity to listen to poetry in our area and meeting the poets, it is a great evening. Everyone should stop in and enjoy some poetry reading. She then stated on May 9th to June 9th, the Cultural Arts Commission will be featuring local artists from South Lyon High School and South Lyon East and they are incredible artist at the high school level and there will be art displays in freestanding frames in our downtown, including Paul Baker Park and she has seen the pictures and they are incredible. Everyone should enjoy the art and give the young artists some fame. She then thanked the Mayor and the City Manager for balance the needs for the need to have a public meeting versus the wear and tear we sometimes put on our employees. She thanked them for cancelling the meeting and it was well received by most people. She stated our City Council meetings are based on people sitting here talking about their council comments, its not about your narrative that is important to the public. It is important to the public that we have a team here in city hall that is managing our city. We sometimes put a lot of pressure on our employees, such as the time and energy everyone spent on that. It was very time concerning, then everyone began working on the bond issue and the budget. In the meetings we are asking our department heads to be here after hours. When you are in management, you have to step aside and trust in the people that make those decisions and she understands why the meeting was cancelled. She then thanked the Mayor and City Manager for thinking of our Department Heads and employees because they are the single most important asset in our community.

Councilmember Hansen stated as a father of two young daughters, which one is about to start at ECC, it is disturbing to hear the public comment made about the traffic situation at Bartlett. He is hoping the Police

Department can work on the dismissing of students improves to make them safer for the kids. He then stated the Creek Clean Up was a great success and we picked up a lot of trash, plastic bags, tires and a safe was even found. They called the PD to pick up the safe. He then reminded everyone about the tree planting on Friday for Arbor Day at Volunteer Park at 1:00.

Councilmember Dilg thanked Kory Frost and Tracey Smith for volunteering for our boards and commissions. It is very important for people to volunteer; the city can't run without them. she then thanked everyone that speaks during public comment and she wants everyone to know we are working on a resolution for those issues. She further stated she wasn't available for the creek clean up, but she will attend next year, and she thanked everyone that volunteered. She then reminded everyone there will be a food truck frenzy for the bank boosters on May 17th. They are hoping for a huge turnout.

Mayor Pelchat stated our law enforcement and the school district need to discuss the traffic issue at Bartlett. He further stated it is a problem with other schools outside of South Lyon as well. he hopes they can come up with a solution. He then stated he is hoping the road issue will be addressed and he will be doing everything he can to inform everyone about the ballot proposal on the August ballot.

CLOSED SESSION: To consult with the city's attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with the City of South Lyon v. Tammie Acosta, Oakland County Circuit Court Case No. 2021-190646-CZ in accordance with MCL 15.268(1)(e)

CM 4-8-22 MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:25

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Kennedy

Motion to enter into closed session to consult with the city's attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with the City of South Lyon v. Tammie Acosta, Oakland County Circuit Court Case No. 2021-190646-CZ in accordance with MCL 15.268(1)(e)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council reconvened the regular Council Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

CM 4-9-22 MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT JUDGEMENT

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve consent judgement as provided by our City Attorney

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

CM 4-10-22 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kurtzweil

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:40 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Dan Pelchat



City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Deaton