

City of South Lyon
Regular City Council Meeting
May 22, 2023

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

COUNCIL MINUTES May 8, 2023

CM 5-1-23 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Mosier
Motion to approve minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS- None

AGENDA

CM 5-2-23 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Dilg, supported by Kennedy
Motion to approve agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. CDBG Resolution
- 2. Oakland county transit reimbursement program

CM 5-3-23 MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Kennedy
Motion to approve consent agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Pelchat read a Proclamation for Gun Violence Awareness Month see attached

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Anderson of 7800 Richardson Road, West Bloomfield Michigan. She stated she is here to support others here, and to thank Mayor and Council for the Gun Violence Awareness Day proclamation and urging South Lyon residents to wear orange to honor gun violence victims and survivors. She then stated this is a growing problem and it affects everyone one way or another in this area as well as all over the United States.

Sharon, the Executive Director of Active Faith thanked the community for the postal drive. She stated all the neighbors put out food, and the postal drivers delivered them directly to Active Faith. We collected 8,000 pounds of food. She then stated we have had 200 families served either with groceries or another way in April. The total number of people was 550, and 200 of them were children. She stated that is about normal, today we seen 110 families. It is a beautiful thing to watch, and it is the most warm and amazing experience you can see in terms of lifting you up to a better life or situation. She invited Council

and the public to come anytime, especially on Monday's. She then stated they are working very hard to make our physical place reflect what is in our hearts.

Linda Benson of 438 Washington Street stated she lives right by the park and she sits outside a lot and the park is full of people now that's it warmer out. She stated either people can't read, or they don't think they'll hit people because people come down Washington Street, then turn around on the path. The track team from the middle school was doing their run, and they had to stop and wait because of a car turning around on the walking trail. She's very concerned because there was a 2-year-old boy on a toy bike, and his father had to run and grab him because there was someone turning around on the trail. She stated she is very concerned someone is going to get hit. She then thanked Steve Kennedy for being such a great South Lyon resident and for all the information he puts on Facebook.

DISCUSSION- DOWNTOWN

DDA Director Mack stated the Farmers Market had been the best start ever, and the vendors have said the sales were great. He further stated they will have a food truck rally at this week's Farmers Market. He then stated Ladies Night was a great event, and this year they added a DJ and food trucks. He then updated council on the garbage can lids for downtown, and he said we should have them in 16 weeks. He further stated the flowers for downtown are being delivered tomorrow and they will be put up by the weekend. He stated he is compiling the business survey responses, which we received about 30 responses out of 200 that were sent. Councilmember Dilg stated Ladies Night Out was great, and everyone really enjoyed the DJ. Councilmember Hansen spoke about the road construction and street scape going in downtown Brighton and asked Mr. Mack if he has thought about how we can help the businesses when the work is being done Pontiac Trail. DDA Director Mack stated they had a street scape done in Jackson when he worked there, so he has some ideas, and will look into what Brighton is doing. Discussion was held regarding the lights downtown, and possibly hiring a contractor to have the lights put up more professionally.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Thorington stated they have had 527 instances as of today. He then stated the ladder truck made it in 3 days before the Open House. He stated it will be in service after training on June 9th-11th. He then stated the old ladder truck has been sold to a company from Plainview Fire Department in Georgia for \$22,500. He then stated the Police and Fire Open House was a huge success. He then thanked the vendors for all their help. Wonder jump, HadleysTowing, Magic of Johnathon LaChance, Peters True Value, Snowy Owl Shaved Ice, Spun Sugar, and Dayna Johnston for the face painting, Lake Street Cruise in and Motorfest, Brighton Fire Department, Hamburg Fire Department, Kiwanis, and we ran out of hot dogs, and Cory from the Hotel went and bought more for everyone. He then stated our Fire Marshal Brad Moynihan for all the planning he did for the event, and he did an excellent job. He stated he is glad it was a great time and hopes to make a few changes and make it even better next year.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Baaki stated the Open House was a great event. He stated they handed out over 300 goody bags to the kids. Brad did a great job. He then stated they still have no word on the patrol vehicle, and we are now looking at other auto dealers. He stated they conducted situational type training last week at the water plant and it went really well. He further stated he was able to join the Police Citizen Police Academy graduation dinner and if anyone is interested, they should attend the next academy, it is a very valuable program. He also stated they have received their new P25 prep radios, and chargers and accessories. He's hoping they will be out by the end of summer.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pelchat opened the public meeting at 7:47 p.m. No discussion was held.
Mayor Pelchat closed the public meeting at 7:48 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. 2023-2024 Budget approval

CM 5-4-23 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg

Motion to approve the millage rate resolution for FY 2023-2024

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 5-5-23 MOTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Mosier

Motion to approve annual budget resolution for budget year 2023-2024

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Professional services agreement for audit of the FYE June 30, 2023 financial statements
Finance and Benefit Administrator Tiernan stated this agreement is for Plante Moran to perform an audit of Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 financial statements, assist in drafting the financial statements and related notes. The approximate cost of the engagement will be \$70,000 which includes a 3% increase from the previous years contract.

CM 5-6-23 MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Mosier

Motion to approve the professional service agreement with Plante & Moran to perform audit services for the City of South Lyon for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. McHattie park playground equipment

City Manager Zelenak stated the Parks and Recreation Commission is recommending the purchase of the following musical playground equipment. Both pieces of equipment are interactive musical instruments, (drum and chimes). Several other playground equipment company catalogs were reviewed (Grounds for Play, School Outfitters, Outdoor Workout Supply, Playground Boss, Game Time, etc.) and compared for price and comparison. There are similar pieces of equipment, but each company has their own unique look, size, color and product.

CM 5-7-23 MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Motion by Dilg, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the purchase of musical playground equipment from Burke Inc. for McHattie, not to exceed \$14,318.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. CSX encroachment agreement

City Manager Zelenak stated the City of South Lyon is constructing improvements to its sanitary sewer system, which improvements include an extension of its sanitary sewer main and improvements to portions of the existing sanitary sewer manhole and sewer lines, including an area through the property commonly known as 415 N Lafayette Street, and 606 Lakewood Drive.

CM 5-8-23 MOTION TO APPROVE ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Mosier

Motion to approve facility encroachment agreement between CSX Transportation, INC and the City of South Lyon

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Purchase of garage building for cemetery

City Manager Zelenak stated the DPW is requesting the purchase of a 12x20 garage for the South Lyon Cemetery. The building will be replacing the building the DPW demoed earlier this year. It is a budgeted item for the current FY and is available in 4-6 weeks from Jim’s Amish Structures. The funds for this purchase will be coming out of the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.

CM 5-9-23 MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE

Motion by Dilg, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the purchase of the garage storage building and mule use from Jim's Amish Structures for the cost of \$12,789 from GL account 209-000-972.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kennedy- Yes

Hansen- Yes

Kivell- Yes

Kurtzweil- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Mosier- Yes

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET- No discussion was held

PUBLIC COMMENT- No public comment was made

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Zelenak stated the utility contractors will be out doing some preliminary work within the next couple of weeks on the Hagadorn project and major construction will begin mid-June. He further stated we had a public informational meeting last week with 20 plus residents there. A letter was sent out to the residents of that subdivision last week with a flyer indicating contact information for the project. The work will take place Monday-Saturday from 7am to 7pm. He then reminded Council that at an upcoming meeting, the agenda will have the Christmas in July event as well as the Pumpkinfest event. City Manager Zelenak then stated they held the pre-construction meeting on the trail improvement from Volunteer Park to Princeton and the project is scheduled to begin the end of next week and weather permitting will be done by July 1st. He further stated we are working with Lyon Township and Milford Township on obtaining a \$50,000 future planning grant from SEMCOG for our combined Huron Valley Trail system. He stated preliminary discussions with the township include placing a RRFB crosswalk signal at the trail crosswalk at 11 Mile Road. Councilmember Dilg asked if there was a fear of the bridge along 11 Mile sliding into the water and if there will be a fence put up. City Manager Zelenak stated there will be a fence added. Councilmember Dilg then asked if some of the boards on the bridge along 11 Mile could be replaced. Councilmember Kivell stated the landing on that path is precipitous, it isn't a good transition from surface to surface. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated in relation to Linda's concern about people turning around on the trail, she asked if we could add cement bumpers that could be removed if you needed to get in there. City Manager Zelenak stated he will be talking with Chief Baaki about that because if we add any kind of barriers, we have to add signage.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Dilg stated she is excited for South Lyon. There are so many things and events going on and she appreciates everyone that helped plan them. It is exciting to see so many people out in South Lyon. With the Ladies Night, the Farmers Market and the open house, and the car shows coming. She appreciates the businesses that are doing things to try to get more people moving around downtown. She then thanked Sharon for giving us updates on Active Faith, she looks forward to that and it is great for people to hear how much they are doing. She further stated she had the opportunity to judge scholarship essays for our seniors and we have some amazing students and reading the essays are uplifting and it makes her very hopeful for our future.

Councilmember Hansen stated he won't steal Councilmember Kennedy's thunder about the car show, but he does want to remind everyone the Salem/South Lyon Library will be hosting a "Touch a Truck" event on June 14th at 11:00 am and he hopes our ladder truck can be there. He then reminded everyone of the Fury for the Feast event on August 19th and it benefits Active Faith and Blessings in a Backpack, and it is the 11th year and they have donated more than \$107,000 and gathered more than 12,000 pounds of food.

Councilmember Kurtzweil congratulated all the young adults that were awarded certificates this morning at the South Lyon Area Assistance program. It was a great opportunity to see the young students and the global contributions they give to our community. They were awarded for their incredible community work and a lot of them are active with their churches. She then thanked St. Joes Church for hosting the event, it was wonderful for them to provide the facilities. She further stated she will be talking about the sponsors for the car shows that begin this Wednesday at 6:00. It is one of her favorite events. She hopes everyone comes out to see the incredible cars. She then welcomed Jodea Bella Home to our downtown South Lyon. She then stated any money she made at her garage sale will be spent there. She then thanked her for coming to South Lyon, and she knows it's been a lot of work and stress moving 3 times in the last year. She then wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day and she hopes everyone realizes what Memorial weekend is about, it is about our young men and women and veterans that have served our country and they did a great job defending it.

Councilmember Kennedy reminded everyone that the first Lake Street Cruise-in of the season will take place on Wednesday at 6:30pm in downtown South Lyon. So, make plans to head downtown for something to eat and drink, enjoy the music and see some great cars. He then reminded everyone on Tuesday night, Brad Heist from Comerica Bank, will provide notary services at the Salem-South Lyon District Library. So, if you need something notarized, bring a photo id and stop by to see him. No appointment is required.

Councilmember Mosier stated we have a lot of great events coming this summer such as the Lake Street Cruise In and don't forget about the Farmers Market.

Councilmember Kivell stated he and his wife were walking around town and their kids and grand kids now live in town now and it is very special having everyone so close. He then stated we live in a lovely community and the more you walk around and understand how well we live here. You don't have to be rich to be here, we are rich in assets you can take advantage of as a resident. It is ridiculously cool to live here and things are getting better. There are a lot of communities having trouble making ends meet, and we are not rich, but we are very responsible and making things happen in a reasonable way to keep our facilities up and running and to have that quality of life. The Memorial Day Parade will be very cool and he hopes the ladder truck will have the flag on it.

Mayor Pelchat stated that is a good reminder and he encourages everyone to explore our downtown. He stated he sat in on mock interviews last week and they are all incredible. One young lady is considering going into politics or become a lawyer and a young man he interviewed is going into aviation. They were very impressive. He will be doing the same this week. He really enjoyed listening to what they intend on doing with their life. He then reminded everyone the American Legion will be having their annual golf outing will be on Saturday July 15th at the Rolling Meadows Golf Course, and if anyone is interested, they can contact him or Danny at the local American Legion. He then stated the Memorial Day parade is great and those involved with the planning have been working hard and people need to be proud of it, it seems to be a dying event in some communities. He hopes everyone will attend, and you need to remember the reason for the holiday.



CITY OF SOUTH LYON

PROCLAMATION

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Mayor

Daniel L. Pelchat

Council Members

Glenn Kivell

Margaret J. Kurtzweil

Lisa Dilg

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This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in South Lyon, Michigan to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we, as a country, must do more to reduce gun violence.

WHEREAS, every day, 100+ Americans are killed by gun violence and on average, there are nearly 13,000-gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, protecting safety in the communities they serve is mayors' highest responsibility; and

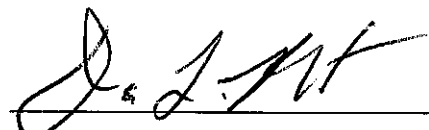
WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 2, 2023, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Daniel L. Pelchat, Mayor of South Lyon, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 2, 2023 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of South Lyon. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.




Daniel L. Pelchat, Mayor

5/22/23
Date

ADJOURNMENT

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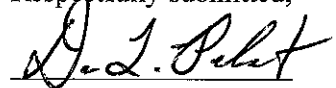
CM 5-10-23 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kurtzweil at 8:12 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Dan Pelchat


City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Deaton