

City of South Lyon  
Regular City Council Meeting  
May 8, 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 and Councilmembers: Kennedy, Dilg, Kivell, Mosier, Kurtzweil and Hansen

Also present: City Manager Zelenak, Fire Chief Thorington, Sgt. Sederlund, Finance and Benefit Administrator Tiernan and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

MINUTES

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

CM 5-2-23 MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Mosier, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA

CM 5-3-23 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Dilg, supported by Hansen

Motion to approve agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Kensington Valley Civitan Club- Youth Entrepreneur Market
2. Ladies Night Out
3. City Brush Collection/Chipping policy
4. W. Liberty Street closure during Farmers Market

CM 5-4-23 MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Mosier

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Richards of 390 Lenox stated the creek cleanup was tremendous and a great success. It was a good turnout with great results. He then stated there were several councilmembers there as well. He stated last weekends Farmers Market was the largest he has seen, with both parking lots full. He stated the garage sales was mostly a rainout, he hopes people will be allowed more days. He then stated he hopes council approve the budget amendments because it's needed to finish out the last 2 months of the budget year.

### DISCUSSION- Downtown

City Manager Zelenak stated there were 30+ vendors at last week's Farmers Market and that is a great beginning for the summer season. He reminded everyone that Ladies Night is this Friday from 5-9pm and he hopes most of the businesses will be open, and there will be activities and tables placed for people to sit outside. He then congratulated DDA Director Nate Mack and the DDA for receiving a \$500.00 grant for being recognized as a Main Street on the Rise community which has to do with a lot of activities and different things we are doing in the downtown. He stated he will have an update on the EV chargers the end of this week.

### FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Thorington stated they have had 473 instances this year so far. He then stated the ladder truck is moving along, and Lieutenant Noechel is going up on the 12<sup>th</sup> to do the final inspection, on stickering and shelving, and soon after we will drive it down, and it will be here for the open house on May 20<sup>th</sup>. He stated shortly after the vendor will fly in an instructor for training. He then stated Lieutenant Soave just completed Fire Instructor One course, and he will be certified through the state to educate us. Chief Thorington stated we had a fatal vehicle versus pedestrian accident this morning on the border of Salem and we worked well as a mutual call with Salem. The Police did a great job. It was an unfortunate call, but EMS, Fire and Police all worked well together. He then stated he met with Representative Slotkin's assistant and we discussed the departments needs, and she is looking with her contacts in the federal government to help us with any funds available. Councilmember Hansen asked if they will be live streaming the truck on its way down. Chief Thorington stated it is hard to do without a date it will be delivered, it could come in at night. He stated they want to plan something after they get a date of when it will be here.

### POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Lieutenant Sederlund stated they have recently signed up for the Virtual Online Training platform. This training offers hundreds of training classes, such as deescalation, duty to intervene, hazardous materials, stress recognition, implicit biases and many more. This will coincide with our accreditation program. He then stated the Farmers Market was a success and they didn't receive any complaints or concerns. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she went to many garage sales over the weekend, and the police presence in the neighborhoods was very noticeable. Everyone was commenting about the truck, and they liked the visibility. She further stated someone that was patrolling stopped at the house in her sub where there were two little boys selling water, and chatted with them. The parents were taking pictures and that kind of community relations is great and so important to our community. Councilmember Kivell stated he was happy to see Officer Walton stop the truck that was turning downtown. He stated the truck actually made the turn in the roadside.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. MS4 stormwater policy adoption

City Manager Zelenak explained this is for the adoption of Oakland County's Engineering Standards into the City of South Lyon Engineering Standards for developments or projects over 1 acre. He further stated this is required by EGLE for our MS4 permit to adopt the Oakland County Engineering Standards. The change is for developments or projects over 1-acre. He further stated he has supplied Council with the City of South Lyon Standards, even though there are only changes on pages 77-78. Councilmember Kivell stated there was a lot of information in the packet, and in the event, he gleans something he would like to be able to discuss it.

CM 5-5-23 MOTION TO APPROVE ADOPTION OF OAKLAND COUNTY'S ENGINEERING STANDARDS

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Hansen

Motion to approve the adoption of Oakland County's Engineering Standards for developments or projects over 1-acre.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mosier- Yes

Kivell- Yes

Hansen- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Kurtzweil- Yes

Kennedy- Yes

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Budget amendments

Finance and Benefit Administrator Tiernan stated she is presenting fiscal year 2022-2023 budget amendments for the last 2 months of the fiscal year for a total of \$200,000 for general fund revenues and \$138,748 for general fund expenditures. \$170,000 for local streets fund expenditures. Municipal streets fund budget amendment totaling \$8,996,389 for revenues and \$441,798 for expenditures.

CM 5-6-23 MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Mosier

Motion to approve proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 budget amendments

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kivell- Yes

Mosier- Yes

Kennedy- Yes

Kurtzweil- Yes

Hansen- Yes

Dilg- 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 they had the pre-construction meeting for the Hagadorn sanitary sewer and road paving project on May 4<sup>th</sup>, and the utility contractors will be out doing some preliminary work on the project within the next few weeks with the major construction beginning the middle of June. We have scheduled a public informational meeting for May 18 between 4-7 pm at City Hall. Letters were mailed to the residents in that neighborhood last Friday. He further stated the next agenda will have new playground equipment purchases for McHattie Park and the purchase of the new cemetery building. He stated our city attorney received the agreement with CSX and that will be given to Council later this week for review and will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The budget has been updated and Council will receive an entirely updated budget for adoption at the next Council meeting. He then stated they will have a pre-construction meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the trail improvement plan for Volunteer Park to Princeton. After, we will be posting so residents will know when that part of the trail will be worked on. City Manager Zelenak stated there was an excellent turn out for the ribbon

cutting at Pup Town, and several councilmembers, staff and public attended. He then reminded everyone of Ladies Night Out this Friday between 5-9pm. He further stated we are now accepting bids for the removal and construction of the failed bridge in Andover Park and they are due May 25<sup>th</sup>. He then stated he, our economic director and planner will be meeting with a local real estate resource in regards to marketing for 318 W Lake, the old SLARA building. Councilmember Dilg asked what kind of playground equipment will be installed. City Manager Zelenak stated it is different musical instruments. Councilmember Kennedy asked if we will be ready to begin the work on the Andover Park Bridge as of July 1. City Manager Zelenak stated after the bids come in, we will disburse some funds to the contractor to order the bridge and move the project along. Councilmember Hansen asked about the brush pick up schedule and if we can have additional days for instead of just twice a month on Mondays. City Manager Zelenak stated it is beginning on the first of the month, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month because they were being directed from one side of the city to another, then the same the next day. We are trying to get people on a regular schedule and this will be much more efficient.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kivell stated we really have legs in the Farmers Market, its well participated with and we have great vendors. We had wonderful weather and he is happy we are starting to draw in a much broader footprint than what our boundary is.

Councilmember Mosier stated the Farmers Market was fantastic. She further stated we have our regulars that come every week, and she noticed there were a lot of new people and a lot of people that just moved to the area. She reminded everyone it is every Saturday and she hopes to see everyone out there. She stated she is looking forward to Ladies Night Out this Friday as well.

Councilmember Kennedy reminded everyone that the Salem-South Lyon District Library will be partnering with the City of South Lyon to host a community document shredding event on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 1pm in the library parking lot. So, gather up all of those old files and documents you no longer need and have them shredded. And while you're headed to the library remember they are still looking for donations of books and DVDs for their book room. He then wished all the Moms out there a Happy Mother's Day.

Councilmember Kurtzweil thanked all the students for their artwork for the A&E art exhibit that is in the atrium, and to all the teachers for encouraging them to engage in the arts. It is important since COVID that students are provided the opportunity to express themselves through the arts and the art work is out in the atrium and she hopes everyone stops by. She further stated we have a very talented group of students. She then thanked Jeff Robinson for hosting the poetry reading for the Cultural Arts Commission for their event in April for Poetry reading month. She then thanked our local poets, Patty Dombecki, Joe Matussek, and Josie Kearns for their poetry readings. It was very inspirational and we have a very talented community. She then thanked Phil Munro for landscaping he has done at Paul Baker Park, and the Veterans Memorial looks great.

Councilmember Hansen stated in about 10 days there will be an Issue and Ale by Michigan Radio NPR is going to be having a discussion showcasing 50 years after the clean water act and having some great guest speakers at the Brewery Becker on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and it is a free event, but they do suggest you register. Another event coming up in August on the 19<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 11pm is the Fury for the Feast event, presented by Witches Hat Brewing Company. They are great sponsors and will have live music from Sponge. This will be the 11<sup>th</sup> year for this event and it has been a great food drive for the

community, and over the last 10 years they have donated about \$107,000 and gathered more than 12,000 pounds of food. The event will benefit Active Faith as well as Blessings in a Backpack. It's a great event and he hopes it will be the best year yet. They will have beer and food as well.

Councilmember Dilg stated everyone loves the Farmers Market, but people are complaining about parking and she wants to remind everyone that there is an underused parking lot across from the Fire Station on Whipple which is only about 3 blocks away and in any other city that would be considered super close parking. She doesn't want anyone to avoid the market because they don't think there is parking. She then thanked our Market Manager for doing an amazing job for packing that place with so many people. She further stated she is looking forward to Ladies Night. She then thanked the South Lyon Area Democrats, and the Kensington Valley Civitan Club for the adopt a road they do in our area and cleaning up and getting lots of garbage off the roads. She stated in the consent agenda the Civitan Club is having their young entrepreneur market event again and it is really a great idea and a great place to go and to let the kids see what its like to sell their wares. She hopes people attend, it is in Biggby parking lot.

Mayor Pelchat stated he wants everyone to know that is not running for Mayor in November 2023 and we'll have some new leadership and he is going to move on to be the best Dad he can be.

ADJOURNMENT

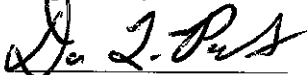
CM 5-7-23 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kurtzweil at 7:58 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Dan Pelchat



City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Deaton