

City of South Lyon
Regular City Council Meeting
August 14, 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, Hansen, and Kennedy

Also present: City Manager Zelenak, Fire Chief Thorington, Police Chief Baaki, Finance and Benefit Administrator Tiernan, DDA Director Mack, and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

Absent- Councilmember Kurtzweil

CM 8-1-23 MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE

Motion by Hansen, supported by Mosier

Motion to excuse absence of Councilmember Kurtzweil

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

CM 8-2-23 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES JULY 24 2023

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

CM 8-3-23 MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Mosier, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA

CM 8-4-23 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Dilg, supported by Hansen

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Dorothy Street block party

2. Social District Permits

CM 8-5-23 MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Dilg, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve consent agenda

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Perry of 875 Westbrooke stated he wanted to recognize a few people that have helped out behind the scenes with the recording of Council Meetings. He stated we have come a long way over the last several years in terms of the product being delivered to the community in terms of the quality of the video. We have a new system in place, and with the old system, you had to be pretty adequate with it to make sure it

played. He wanted to acknowledge Christopher who worked on the old system, and you had to be creative sometimes to ensure the meeting was recorded and back then it was on DVD. He further stated Christopher then passed along to Michael. He then stated he wants to recognize Michael because he's been doing the recordings for the last couple of years, and today is Michael's last meeting because he will be going to college. He then thanked Michael and stated Christopher and Andrew will be taking over the recording of the meetings.

Linda Benson of Washington Manor stated she wanted to thank the city for installing the road closed sign going into McHattie Park off Washington.

DISCUSSION- Downtown

DDA Director Mack thanked Council for approving the social district permits and stated with the 3 that were just approved, we'll have 5 out of 6 businesses that are eligible to be participating in the Social District. We will be ordering the signs that will be placed around town. There will be signage in the downtown showing the rules, the map, the hours, locations and the participating businesses. He then stated it will be a few weeks until everyone receives their permits from the state. Mr. Mack then explained that the social media training was held last Wednesday, and 12 businesses attended and the trainer gave a lot of useful ideas. He then stated he will be submitting 135 E Lake Street, Duo Vino to the Michigan Downtown Association for consideration of one of the best historic renovations over a million dollars in the state. He stated the amount of work they did at least deserves a nomination. He then stated the Social District has been approved by the State. Councilmember Dilg asked when it will start. Mr. Mack stated there are a few things that have to happen, such as the signage has to be installed, the businesses have to have their licenses from the State, once that happens, we want to do a ribbon cutting type event for the Social District. Councilmember Hansen stated he visited the City of Farmington's Social District and their signage was great and he is looking forward to how ours will look. He then asked about an update on the agreement for the EV charging stations. Mr. Mack stated they are still working on the lease agreement, some of the terms weren't the best for us, so we are working on that. Councilmember Hansen said the EV charging stations at Farmington were easy to use by scanning a QR code and then charge your vehicle. Mr. Mack stated he believes it is the same, the GM company takes care of all of that. They are providing all of the equipment, we are just supplying the space, and then we lease the space to them. Councilmember Kennedy asked if the cups for the Social District will be specific to each business. Mr. Mack stated each cup will have the logo of our social district, as well as the business name. Councilmember Kivell stated he is happy about giving Duo Vino a shot at getting the award, what they have done there is clearly a remarkable building

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Thorington stated they are currently at 817 instances, and we assisted Green Oak Township with a residential house fire last week, and Lyon Township, Brighton, Northfield and Hamburg all assisted as well. The house was off the road and it had a good head start on them, but they all worked well together and got it knocked down. He then stated they are having a spray park on August 16th if the weather holds out. He further stated they still have smoke detectors if anyone needs one, they will come out and install them.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Baaki stated their new cadet Emma will be starting on the 16th. He reminded everyone they are looking for a new crossing guard. He then stated they have started the Lieutenant promotional process and they have 2 candidates. They are hoping to have the Tahoe back by the end of the month, they don't

have the man power or the bay to get all equipment installed. He then stated they are interviewing on the 18th of this month for a new Police Officer and they have 3 candidates to interview and possible a 4th. He further stated they have put in for partial reimbursement for the academy training

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Municipal Credit Agreement

City Manager Zelenak stated the City of South Lyon is one of numerous communities that are served by People's Express for transportation services. Oakland County Board of Commissioners has established a program for communities such as ours to receive transit services through Oakland County and People's Express. At this month's Oakland County Commissioners meeting they approved a Public Transportation Agreement between Oakland County and People's Express, which will provide expanded transportation services to the residents in our community. Therefore, our existing contract with People's Express (and future payment to People's Express) will no longer be needed. Additionally, we will allocate our municipal credits that are authorized by Public Act 51 to Oakland County.

CM 8-6-23 MOTION TO APPROVE MUNICIPAL CREDIT AGREEMENT

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg

Motion to approve the attached Municipal Credit Agreement between Oakland County and the City of South Lyon and to accept the termination letter from People's Express

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Opioid Settlement Resolution

City Manager Zelenak stated after several years of negotiation, nationwide settlements relating to the distribution and sale of opioids, another agreement has been reached with Walgreens. The settlements require companies to pay up to \$16.5 billions dollars over 13 years. The City of South Lyon is eligible to participate in the settlements.

CM 8-7-23 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION

Motion by Hansen, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the resolution opt-in to the National Opioid Litigation Settlement with Walgreens

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dilg- Yes
Hansen- Yes
Kennedy- Yes
Mosier- Yes
Kivell- 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 Hagadorn Sanitary sewer and road work is continuing. They continue to remove and install a new sanitary sewer on Crest Lane and South Ridge. Rebuilding work will continue later in August after the completion of the sewer work. He then updated everyone on the trail/sidewalk construction from Volunteer Park to Princeton. He stated it is complete except for some restoration work along 9 Mile and Princeton where they need to add the grass seed along where the latest concrete was installed. He then stated we were notified by Oakland County that we did not receive the grant for Columbia Park for the sound deadening mats for the pickle ball courts. We were waiting to order the equipment so we could have used the grant money. Even though we didn't get the grant, we still plan on purchasing the sound deadening equipment and installing it. He stated he has had some meetings with some residents from that area and there has been some additional parking and there will be more screening added to make the park more enjoyable for individuals that use the park and the individuals that border the park. He then stated the current barricades on Washington Street to McHattie Park are temporary and we will be supplying more aesthetically pleasing barricades and hopefully people will stop turning around in driveways. City Manager Zelenak stated he has had meetings with our engineers regarding the 2024 road/sanitary sewer improvements, looking at different locations and we are getting ready to go out for bid for the crack sealing that will be done this year. He further stated we will be announcing the other locations that will be done this fall for next years project. He then stated we will be going out for bid for the Volunteer Park and Lafayette Park work. We went out for bids last year, but he bids came in more than twice what we estimated and we hope to get more favorable bids this year. He then stated the pre-construction meeting for the CSX sanitary sewer is next week. He the stated he has been discussing with the public health department if the funds from the opioid litigation will be used for training or certain medical equipment. Councilmember Kennedy asked if the crossing signal is in place at the trail at 9 Mile. City Manager Zelenak stated it is in place and working. Councilmember Kivell stated his family visits that area often, and people were actually being assertive and stopping when they saw people were gathering to cross. He further stated that because that is a real change in behavior than what has happened in the past. Mayor Pelchat stated he has noticed if you can be the first car to stop, you can usually guilt the car driving the opposite way to stop as well.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Dilg stated Pumpkinfest is September 29th – October 1st and they need volunteers, this time in the past, we have had more volunteers signed up. If your going to go, please sign up. We also need a lot of help for the parade, we need to make sure we have people signed up for crowd control to make sure the parade is safe. It is easy and fun, everyone should sign up for a shift. She then thanked the City Manager for getting the barrier up and she appreciates Linda for bringing it up.

Councilmember Hansen stated this coming Saturday is the Fury for a Feast event at the Witches Hat. It is an all day event that benefits Active Faith and Blessings in a Backpack. It is the 11th year and they have raised over \$107,000 and it is a cash only cover for \$13.00 cover or \$10.00 with 3 non perishable food items. Live music and the event will go on weather its rain or shine. They have a great event planned with Sponge playing later in the evening. They'll have food, a silent auction and specialty beer releases and it's going to a great cause.

Councilmember Kennedy reminded everyone about Friday's Concert in the Park. It starts at 7pm and this week we'll be featuring the band, Gemini, as they return to South Lyon for this year. So, make a point to

come out and enjoy some old-time family entertainment. He then reminded everyone that in addition, Friday will be Movie in the Park night as well and Back to the Future will be the movie showing on the big screen, so bring the family and enjoy it. The movie starts at dusk. Next, he reminded everyone that the South Lyon Fire Department has smoke detectors available and they will install them for you. Your smoke detector should be replaced every 10 years, so, if you need one, please contact the SLFD at 248.437.2616 and they'll take care of you. He then reminded everyone of South Lyon Fire Department they are planning to hold another spray park event on Wednesday, August 16th from 1pm until 2pm, so grab the kids and head over to the Whipple Street parking lot for a great time

Councilmember Mosier stated we still need volunteers for Pumpkinfest, the parade and Pumpkinfest Live.

Mayor Pelchat thanked Deb and Doug Cook, Mary at Lake Street Tavern and her team for all their work with Motorfest. It was an incredible turnout as well as the Christmas in July event. He then stated the Mayor's Choice Winner was a 1950 Mercury two door coup. He then thanked Lynette Williamson and Mike Richards Sr. for their help with a community issue a few weeks back.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mayor Dan Pelchat


City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Deaton