

CITY OF SOUTH LYON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2017

Mayor Galeas called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.  
Mayor Galeas led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Mayor Galeas, Councilmembers: Kivell, Kramer, Kurtzweil, Parisien, Rzyzi and Wedell  
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Ladner, Chief Collins, Chief Kennedy, Attorney Wilhelm and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton  
ABSENT: Department Head Martin

MINUTES- May 22, 2017, May 17, 2017 and May 30, 2017  
May 22, 2017

Councilmember Kivell stated on page 4 the sentence beginning with Councilmember Kivell stated the tax abatement should be removed and add Councilmember Kivell responded to Councilmember Kurtzweil's comments about the abatement given to Michigan Seamless Tube by explaining the tube mill continued to pay their taxes on all property that existed before the abated expansion and that Councilmember Kurtzweil's comments were misleading. He further stated the word taxes should be removed from another sentence and add home before the word values.

CM 6-1-17 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2017 AS AMENDED

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the minutes of May 22, 2017 as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

May 17, 2017

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated on page 4 the word Semcoff is misspelled and it should be Semcog.

CM 6-2-17 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 17, 2017 MINUTES AS AMENDED

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer

Motion to approve minutes of May 17, 2017 as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

May 30, 2017

CM 6-3-17 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 30, 2017 MINUTES AS PRESENTED

Motion by Kivell, supported by Parisien

Motion to approve the May 30, 2017 minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

Councilmember Rzyzi stated we don't have detailed invoices for Johnson Rosati and he will not vote to approve the bills without invoice details, so he will vote no.

Councilmember Kurtzweil asked about the new hire background check that is on the check register. City Manager Ladner stated that is for a background check for the person that took over Joan's position when 6/12/17

she was transferred to the administrative position. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if it was still a part time position. City Manager stated it is.

CM 6-4-17 MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the payment of bills

VOTE: ROLL CALL VOTE

Kivell- Yes

Parisien- Yes

Ryzyi- No

Galeas- Yes

Wedell- Yes

Kramer- Yes

Kurtzweil- No

MOTION CARRIED- 2 OPPOSED

AGENDA

CM 6-5-17 MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Motion by Kivell, supported by Parisien

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Richards of 390 Lenox stated this isn't a very busy time of year, but he has some old news to update. The South Lyon Woods trailer park has completed the sidewalk around the playground and it looks beautiful. He further stated they will be removing more deteriorated trailers and 3 concrete slabs. He further stated they have done a lot of patchwork on the parking lot in their plaza up front, and hope to do more later this year. Mr. Richards stated they painted the caboose at the Historical Depot and it took a lot of work to get the paint to match. He stated there is a new driveway on Ada street and the incline will benefit the trucks and equipment.

Gary Koval of 61350 Heritage Blvd stated he is here asking Council for help regarding the speeding through Colonial Acres. He stated he spoke with the Police Department and they explained they can't enforce the speed limit and it is private property. He is looking for an avenue to help with this problem. The speed limit is 15 and people are speeding and running through stop signs, and there are many people walking through this neighborhood, and it's dangerous and he is afraid someone is going to get hurt. He is hoping some of the people in Colonial Acres will pay attention to this and stop speeding and going through stop signs. Mr. Koval stated it isn't people cutting through, it is mostly the residents that are doing this. Chief Collins stated it is private property and they cannot govern the speed limit, but we can enforce impaired, reckless and drunk driving. He stated it is difficult to catch someone in the act.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider adopting revised 5-year contract with Peoples Express

City Manager Ladner stated this contract has the termination agreement added that Council wished to add. Councilmember Rzyzi stated all of our original questions and concerns have been addressed and this is a valuable service for our seniors.

CM 6-6-17 MOTION TO APPROVE 5 YEAR CONTRACT WITH PEOPLES EXPRESS

Motion by Rzyzi, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to approve 5-year contract with Peoples Express as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider accepting donations to the City/Cultural Arts Commission:

City Manager Ladner stated Josie Kearns has already spoke with Council regarding the anonymous donor for the laminated art, and we have also received a \$100.00 gift card from Busch's for food and other items for the Sustainable Art Show that is currently happening.

- a. Picturing America; laminated art from the National Endowment for the Humanities archives- anonymous donor
- b. \$100.00 gift certificate from Busch's for the Sustainable Art and Sound Art reception

CM 6-7-17 MOTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS AS PRESENTED

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the donations of laminated art from the National Endowment for the Humanities archives and a \$100.00 gift certificate from Busch's for the Sustainable Art and Sound Art Reception to the City/Cultural Arts Commission

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Discussion- Budgets

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she has a few issues to discuss. She further stated the budget process the City has is archaic and backwards, and there needs to be a rebuild. She further stated we need to change how we proceed and resolve budget issues. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the process needs to start now. She stated we need a basic understanding of the budget. She spent time preparing for tonight and what happened on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you're not going to approve the budget levy you can't approve the budget. She stated the reason is the City doesn't have a mechanism to deal with an approved budget without a mill levy. She further stated what is important is understanding the difference between the relationship between the mill and the budget. It is basic grade school stuff and she wants to remind Council to look at the budget as an integrated piece of work and all mechanisms need to work which includes the funding. She further stated my second comment deals with the chicken little letter from the City Attorney about the sky is falling if we didn't approve by a certain date. She stated she received a letter from the City Attorney marked Attorney Client Privilege, but there was nothing confidential in it, it dealt with statutes, the Charter and the uniform budgeting acts. She stated the tone of the letter was basically if we didn't pass the budget by a certain date, the City would be in a financial crisis. We already are in a financial crisis. She stated what the letter didn't say is there is a defense to the argument that if you don't pass a budget and a levy you can be in violation of the Charter. She stated her defense is the public policy defense. She doesn't believe there is anything in the public's best interest to approve a budget that doesn't deal with contingent liabilities of the City. She spent a sufficient amount of time discussing her issues with the budget all of which is public policy issues. She further stated she will not

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be intimidated by the tone of the letter that was dated May 24<sup>th</sup>. She stated there was another Councilmember that caused the problem and it wasn't her. She further stated she will never vote to pass a budget that she believes is against public policy or against the good nature of the taxpayers. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the issue was not a Charter deadline, it had to do with the Treasurer filling out the L-4029. Clerk/Treasurer Deaton stated we try to have all mill rates entered into the tax system by the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, then the County will review them to ensure they are all correct and that will give us time to have the tax files sent to Oakland County for printing and mailing by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she spoke with Shannon with Equalization and the deadline is not as much the Charter as it is when the Treasurer must have the form filled out and sent to the County in time for reviewing, printing and mailing of tax bills, and the Attorney didn't realize that. She further stated the form does not include the library or the school district. She stated they have their own L-4029's. She stated they send the Treasurer their L-4029's and then we know what we need to put on the tax bills. We need an understanding of the process. Attorney Wilhelm stated the City Charter provides for a deadline of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in May and that didn't happen this time. He further stated this isn't something we can disregard. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she disagrees and she has strong public policy arguments to defend her actions and she is not buying into the argument. Any provision of our Charter can be challenged in Court. She stated additionally what she did with her research, she googled a search for communities not passing a mill levy, but passing a budget. She stated she spoke with the financial person for Durango Colorado. She stated their Ordinance would have helped us, which states if the Council fails to act in a timely manner to adopt the annual budget, the certified tax levy will be the last fixed levy for the ensuing year and will be in effect until Council takes additional action. She stated they did this in the 1980's. She stated you have to remember Lisa Deaton has to sign this form and can't fill it out until we have an Ordinance or a mill levy. She stated we had a problem and maybe this is the solution. Pass an Ordinance to allow the Treasurer to use the amount last fixed to fill out the L-4029. She stated we have a problem and we need to find a way to solve the problem. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the County looks at the form and her understanding is the City is then locked out of the system so the County can approve the rates then get the tax bills printed and mailed. She stated that is the time table, more than the Charter. She proposes the City pass a similar Ordinance as Durango, Colorado. City Attorney Wilhelm stated Council could make a motion to continue the last year's mill levy. There is a more affirmative obligation on behalf of all Council members to come up with something more acceptable. Councilmember Kivell stated we need to have a deliberate action, not a default. Councilmember Rzyzi stated this budget should not have been passed and it included an increase that we voted on while we were still putting the papers together. He stated he doesn't even know what was passed, we should have gone back to the table and went line by line to stay with the previous mill levy. Councilmember Rzyzi stated we still have not received a revised budget. He further stated he has an issue with the "sky is falling" letter dated May 24<sup>th</sup>. City Attorney suggested Councilmember Rzyzi not to disclose any part of the Attorney Client Privilege letter. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he disagrees and we have received many communications that are not attorney client privilege and they were not privileged. He stated he feels Council was bullied into passing this budget. He stated he didn't vote to pass it. City Manager Ladner stated she will hopefully get the budgets to Council on Tuesday. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he heard the police car was removed from the budget. City Manager Ladner stated the mill levy that was passed did not include a police car. She stated she provided Council a list of things to be cut and the police car was on that list. The Police Department have gotten new cars for the last 3 years. Councilmember Kivell stated we should get specifics of what was approved. Councilmember Rzyzi stated it seems very backwards and we are already at a short fall for next year. City Manager Ladner stated we are looking at a potential deficit for 2018 but that budget hasn't been set yet. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated there is a serious problem when people voted to pass a budget, and they don't know what they passed.

Councilmember Rzyzi stated we need some outside help with our budget. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she is presenting a solution and Council can follow the solution that may solve an impasse when we have a tax issue. The chaos that was created on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup> have not gone unnoticed by other communities and we need to get this budget process under control. She further stated Durango, Colorado works on their budgets 7 months out of the year. Councilmember Kivell stated the only problem he sees is the only thing it answers is what the mill rate will be, but it doesn't contain anything reflecting what activities will be covered as a product of the revenues. He further stated it makes more sense to determine exactly what things need to end up being whether we have to reduce the levy and we have to determine if we are willing to make a raise or make cuts. The idea to have a fallback of using the previous mill levy doesn't solve the problem. Further discussion was held regarding the budget process.

Mayor Galeas stated he understands everyone's side, but he agrees it would be prudent to have budget discussions throughout the year. Councilmember Rzyzi stated this is a real solution, we originally passed the budget but not the mileage and if we had that ordinance in place, we would have been forced to come back to the table to find the cuts. He further stated he is hearing 3 members agree it is a good idea.

Councilmember Kramer stated the biggest problem with the budget was we had 3 meetings and we didn't have the correct information to look at. He stated our budget is very complicated and inept. He further stated he is still not 100% completely positive of what we passed, he has a good idea, but wants to see it on paper. Councilmember Kivell stated it is based on the discussions we had that evening.

Councilmember Kramer stated we can't have productive meetings on the budget when we don't know what is being presented. We have never had this issue in the past, and it can't happen again. He further stated maybe we need to have a budget update each month. Councilmember Kivell asked what the advantage of having a failsafe when we don't answer the question that is causing the ambiguity of the budget. Councilmember Kramer asked what would happen if we didn't have a mill levy by the 15<sup>th</sup>, would we have started mass layoffs. We have to fully understand the consequences of what would happen if we didn't pass a budget. Councilmember Rzyzi stated in the budget it has been rubber stamped, that is why there was so much constraint. He stated it seemed to be a foregone conclusion by some members that there was going to be a tax increase. Councilmember Kivell stated we haven't raised our tax rate since 1999. Councilmember Rzyzi again stated we need outside help regarding our budget either with Plante Moran or the County. Councilmember Wedell stated the County has a different system for budgeting and his point is the original documents we received at the first budget meeting was already obsolete by the time we met, you have to have a bottom line to start the discussions. The preparation and development of the budget needs to be clear and organized and collaborative between all departments in the City. He stated Council should not have to redevelop a budget that should be presented in a manner that should be ready to vote on. He further stated some people will never be happy and will vote no for their own reasons, but most of us that are responsible about what we do, we look at the budget, and ask questions, but you can't start without a solid document, and that is what we did not have this year.

Councilmember Wedell stated we have had budgets that were good budgets presented and we discussed them and passed them, some people that want to say no. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she disagrees. She stated we have responsible people that are voting against the budget for very good reasons, it doesn't mean they aren't responsible it means they have looked at it harder than anyone else. She further stated that is not a proper way to look at this, there will be various reasons, and people will scrutinize it differently. She further stated this budget doesn't take care of any of the long-term issues that she brought up in the past. Councilmember Wedell stated Councilmember Kurtzweil didn't vote because she snuck out of the room before vote was taken. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated don't lie, she stated on the record she would be leaving early for a work engagement. She further stated that would be a lie Mr. Wedell which you have a habit of doing. Mayor Galeas stated it seems we should at least ask the City Manager to look into that ordinance, and we should look at the budget more often. Councilmember

Kivell stated most of this is being assigned to a particular person and do you want to redirect their efforts to investigate this ordinance instead of all the other work this person has to do. He further stated if there is a majority of this body to pursue that, but just a proclamation to say do it is not the same thing. He further stated the department heads turned in their budgets the end of January, we need to find where the problem lies, not covering it up. Mayor Galeas stated there is a lot of missing information and he agrees we need more dialogue earlier. Further discussion was held regarding the budget and budget process. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she had the opportunity to spend some time reading the general property tax act MCL2.11.24 e subsection 3 and the importance of reading this statute. She wants to know if we are complying in terms of giving public notice in regards to raising taxes. City Attorney stated he read the truth in taxation and he does believe we are complying but he will follow up as well. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked if the original notice had the suggested mill rate proposed. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated last year she noticed the mill being collected wasn't appropriate for the bond to be paid. She further stated it is important for the City to find a second stream of revenue. She stated the revenue from taxes are leveling off. She stated grants are a substantial source for additional revenue. She stated the City of Westland received grants for Police and Fire. She stated they also contributed over \$300,000 to their pension fund and they didn't raise taxes. She further stated they have been able to accomplish everything we should be able to do. She further stated Green Oak just received a continuing grant program for trails and another grant for Fire Dept. Chief Kennedy stated they have applied for that every year he has been here, we did receive it in the past, but he doesn't know if we have this year or not. He further stated the grant Westland received for the Fire Department is for full time staffing, and when you hear most of the communities getting those grants it is for full time staffing with the understanding after that the City picks up the legacy costs. Councilmember Kurtzweil maybe we can have a meeting regarding grants because the ones coming into the Police and Fire are substantial. Chief Kennedy stated he spends a lot of time and energy applying for grants. He further stated we are up to date and in compliance. He further stated some communities have come to depend too much on grants, and when the grant didn't get renewed, they lost half of their staff. He further stated the same thing happened in Waterford. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated his grant writing is very good and the City has benefitted from it. Chief Collins stated the same is true on his side, we have taken advantage of grants 2 times when we added staff, and it is true with those grants also, it is either full or partial grant, and they all have strings attached. You are locking yourself in to greater expenses in the end. City Manager Ladner stated we will be seeking grants for Volunteer Park and street scaping downtown. She stated we received a streetscape grant years ago, and therefore we aren't eligible to apply at this time. Councilmember Kivell stated we spent a lot of money on the software to look for grants. Councilmember Ladner stated she researches the website every week. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated we need a second source of revenue whether we bottle our water, open a go to fund me page or grants. She stated Lyon Township has gotten millions of dollars from grants. Councilmember Rzyzi stated that is why he wanted one of the goals to be grants. He thinks the dollar amount brought in should match their salary to justify their job. Councilmember Kurtzweil would like the Budget on the next agenda as well, we need to start a time table. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he did not vote to pass the budget, it should be on the website and the proposed budget should be on there as well. He doesn't even know if the PD is getting a police car or not. Chief Collins stated he is not sure if he is getting a car or not. Councilmember Kivell stated having the budget online for people to read with ample time to project what we want to do, makes sense and then we can modify it as we need to.

### 3. Discussion- Open Meetings Act

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she watches the OMA court cases. She stated this opinion from Macomb County is educational. She stated what was interesting was there was an unauthorized discussion that occurred in a closed meeting, it dealt with hiring a general attorney for their Counsel. She stated there were also violations in the complaint regarding the closed meeting which was noticed in the City's closed session in 2013 where there was no roll call vote made. She stated they didn't recognize that but they could have. She further stated another issue is the discussion by one of the Councilmembers that dealt with the Police Department and that raised concerns by some Lyon Township residents regarding merging Police Departments. She stated you have to be careful in saying that entity is on board or agrees because some of the citizens were concerned about it. She further stated she has had no discussions with anyone in the township regarding police coverage.

Councilmember Parisien stated she did speak with Sean O'Neil from Lyon Township. It was a discussion she had regarding the possibility of joint coverage along with the research she did. She further stated she received pushback on that but that is what we are here for, to propose ideas and not bringing anything to the table is not right. Residents were saying they wanted to hear some bold ideas which is what she did. She sees the townships prospective and the City's prospective and she respects both sides. She stated this was an idea and a suggestion for a topic of discussion. We are moving on and she respects Councilmember Kurtzweil's advice. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he wants to compliment Council regarding closed sessions because in the past there were meetings in 2015 and over half were in closed sessions and they shouldn't have been in closed sessions and he thinks there was a violation there. He stated we have had a few for collective bargaining which are permitted according to the Open Meetings Act.

#### 4. Consider budget amendments

City Manager Ladner stated there were some changes which cover the allowance of the payout of accumulated vacation time, and to reallocate general fund monies to cover expenditures. Councilmember Rzyzi asked if we can vote on this tonight with the questions we still have on the budget. City Manager Ladner stated the budget amendments are for the current year budget. City Manager Ladner read thru the following amendments:

101-200.000-702 Wages & Salaries from \$410,000 to	\$ 313,495
101-276.000-702 Wages & Salaries from \$58,000 to	\$ 66,100
101-276.000-715 Fringe Benefits from \$10,400 to	\$ 11,752
101-300.000-702 Wages & Salaries from \$1,439,948 to	\$1,469,948
101-335.000-702 Wages & Salaries from \$238,376 to	\$ 256,477
101-690.000-702 Wages & Salaries from \$59,500 to	\$ 80,623

Councilmember Rzyzi asked if the vacation payout is included in the budget amendments, and his opinion is the budget amendments should have been after the vacation payouts. City Manager Ladner stated she has been directed by Council to have budget amendments before expenditures. Councilmember Kramer stated if we don't approve the vacation buyout, won't that affect the budget amendments. City Manager Ladner stated no, the budget amendments can stand on their own, the other amendments other than the Police and DPW need to be made anyway. Councilmember Rzyzi stated he is not opposed to paying Chief and Bob what they are owed, he is concerned with the way we do the buyouts, because they are going to be paid out at their current rate of salary but when they were banking the hours, they were not making as much money. There should be an analysis of what hours were banked each year and using that year's salary rate to pay them. City Manager Ladner stated accrued vacation is paid out at the current rate of pay, there is nothing specifying so many days per year at a certain rate of pay.

Councilmember Rzyzi stated he is uncomfortable with this and because it isn't clearly written in the handbook. He wants this changed in the handbook. He further stated why do we have to pay them out tonight, why didn't we do this 5 years ago, why does it have to be now. City Manager Ladner stated we have the money in the current budget for the buyouts and we didn't in the previous years.

#### CM 6-8-17 MOTION TO APPROVED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion by Kramer, supported by Wedell

Motion to approve the presented budget amendments limited to 101-200-702, 101-276-702 101-276715, and 101-335-702

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Purchase of vacation
  - a. Chief Collins
  - b. Superintendent Bob Martin

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she is not in favor of approving any vacation buyback time until there is an amendment to the handbook stopping this practice. She stated we should use a policy of use it or lose it, and she isn't opposed to making it effective January 1, 2018. She further stated she is about solving the problem and this is a contingent liability and it isn't budgeted for. She stated most communities have moved toward use it or lose it. She further stated we need to amend the handbook and then she will vote for it, but not until the problem is solved.

Councilmember Kivell stated he also likes the idea of changing this rule, but we need to make sure no one loses anything they have earned. This is industry practice now.

Councilmember Rzyzi stated he will not approve the buyouts until the problem is fixed as well. He stated what is owed is owed, but he wants to see the systematic problems fixed. Councilmember Kivell stated he wants to make sure the accurate numbers are in the next packet, without amendments.

#### CM 6-9-17 MOTION TO POSTPONE VACATION TIME BUYOUTS

Motion by Kramer, supported by Rzyzi

Motion to postpone vacation buyouts until the next meeting

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Consider authorization for City Manager to attend and present at Michigan Municipal Executives summer work shop

City Manager Ladner stated the workshop is in Muskegon at the end of July. She has been asked to present for ethics for Managers. She stated the other sessions include how to prepare for a headache free audit, community revitalization, community engagement and OPEB in the spotlight. She further stated the cost of the workshop and included meals are \$169.00 and lodging is \$129.00 for a total cost of \$429.57 Councilmember Rzyzi stated this qualifies as your professional development that is in your contract.

Councilmember Kivell asked how many meetings they have a month. City Manager Ladner stated they have 2 in a year. Councilmember Kivell further asked how many functions she attends throughout the year and how much you are out of the building, you're on MMRMA, RRRASOC, and there are many things that take you out of the office. City Manager Ladner stated she is probably out of the office less than 10 working days a year. Councilmember Rzyzi stated this is part of her contract and he has no problem with this. Councilmember Kivell stated that isn't his concern, there have been a lot of loose ends, and the level of unproductivity is displayed in the packets we have been receiving. The budgets

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were a disaster. There doesn't seem to be a lot of communication between the City Manager and the department heads. He further stated we need to try to do what we can to help make these things less than a problem than they are now, and if this contributes to the problems, he was trying to identify if it was in the best interest of the City or not.

CM 6-10-17 MOTION TO APPROVE CITY MANGER TO ATTEND MME WORKSHOP

Motion by Ryzyi supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to approve the City Manager to attend the MME summer workshop

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Consider authorization for City Manager to attend Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority Annual Meeting

Councilmember Ryzyi stated it is important to manage your time and prioritize, but if you have issues that you need to take care of per your contract, he has no issues with this.

CM 6-11-17 MOTION TO APPROVE CITY MANAGER TO ATTEND MMRMA ANNUAL MEETING

Motion by Ryzyi, supported by Kurtzweil

Motion to approve the City Manager to attend the MMRMA annual meeting

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION- Downtown

Councilmember Parisien asked if the list of historic buildings will just be commercial. Mr. Donohue stated the list will contain all the historic buildings in the DDA district. Councilmember Parisien asked if he knows when the Mediterranean Restaurant will open. Mr. Donohue stated the building department said they are getting close to opening. Councilmember Ryzyi stated he is happy the Sushi restaurant opened and those types of restaurants bring in value and more people. He further stated Dominoes and the Sushi stores both opened in storefronts that were empty for a while. He stated it is great that we are filling the dustbowl, but if they are only filling businesses that have left, we still have a systematic problem. Mr. Donohue stated he will work with any tenant and as long as they meet the zoning, we cannot decide which businesses come into town. He stated what some may classify as a disappointment, but the discussions for the kitchen and flooring store is now vacant. They were in negotiations with a restaurant from Brighton, and the building owner decided to sign a 3-year lease with Paddiwacs. He stated he remained courteous, but he was surprised. He stated the owner signed without a face to face meeting. He did tell the owner we expect quality window displays and a top-notch sign. Mr. Donohue stated some of this is confidential, but there may be a store opening in the Busch's plaza or the Salvation Army plaza. Mayor Galeas stated he has heard the Farmers Market is getting bigger and better. He further stated people are beginning to realize there is a cross walk there and abiding by it. He then asked about the trucks turning in town. Mr. Donohue stated he is trying to set up a time to meet with everyone, there was a communication problem between the TIA because they were sending their information to another Chief Collins from another jurisdiction.

Councilmember Kivell stated he is hoping we will be pleasantly surprised with Paddiwacks. He stated the nature of the beast is some businesses will make it and some won't, there is a lot of moving parts with people being successful downtown. He further stated he is delighted that when something does open up, it doesn't take very long for the space to be filled. Councilmember Kivell stated there are new crosswalk signs by Whipple across S Lafayette. He further stated it is remarkable how many people don't see the no

turn on red signs, is it possible to maybe put it across the street. Mr. Donohue stated Chuck Keller is in charge of signs and they will be meeting soon. Councilmember Parisien asked for an update on the Hotel. Mr. Donohue stated they are expecting to open in August. Mr. Donohue stated Superb Fabrication has a by-product that have been turned into gates, or artwork and there is one design they are considering for the Hotel railings.

### MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Ladner stated as suggested during the budget workshop, it was suggested to look into a 4-day work week. She spoke with other communities that have done so, and the general consensus was there is a minimal effect on cost savings. City Manager Ladner stated Megan Blaha has been offered full time employment therefore she has turned in her resignation. She stated she has a meeting scheduled with Safebuilt and Carmine to look at our options without hiring a new employee.

City Manager Ladner stated the Cultural Arts Commission is having their sustainable art show and they will be having a couple receptions and she encourages everyone to come out and if anyone is interested in purchasing the art, shouldn't wait until the reception, because pieces are already being sold. She then reminded everyone of the Farmers Market, which runs from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. City Manager Ladner then reminded everyone that the first concert in the park is this Friday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Parisien asked Chief Kennedy about the fire at the tube mill. Chief Kennedy stated the main blast furnace comes out and they call that a breaker, and a lift cylinder had a catastrophic failure. He further stated the fire was relatively contained, but their loss is about \$100,000. He further stated part of the site was back up and running in about 90 minutes. Councilmember Parisien thanked Chief Kennedy and the other firefighters involved.

Councilmember Parisien stated it is frustrating that we cannot do more about the speeding in Colonial Acres. She is disappointed we cannot help Mr. Koval with this. She thanked Mr. Koval for coming. Chief Kennedy stated he has pleaded with Colonial Acres to not add additional speed bumps, he gets speeding is an issue, but it is rough on our EMT vehicles as well as the patient in the back of the vehicle. Councilmember Parisien congratulated all of the South Lyon graduates.

Councilmember Kramer thanked Council for the crossing guard at 9 Mile for Millennium and Centennial, he appreciates it.

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated when GFL is coming through collecting garbage and recycling, they don't seem to be shutting the door all the way because she has gotten calls from residents that there are milk jugs and garbage all over 9 Mile. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she has gotten calls from her neighbors about the crosswalk across 9 Mile, and if that is a mandatory stop. Chief Collins stated if someone is physically in the sidewalk you have to stop, but if no one is in the crosswalk they do not according to state law. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she normally stops, because if a parent is there with a few kids, they may be used to using crosswalks and she doesn't want a kid running out in front of her. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated Active Faith is having a golf outing on July 17<sup>th</sup> at Salem Hills Country Club and it is a great event and it is well attended, if you can't go during the day, you can buy a ticket for the dinner that night. She further stated she wanted to disclose she served on the Board of Directors of Active Faith and they are one of the finest run organizations in the area. Please support Active Faith. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the sustainable art show is happening now in the atrium gallery here at City Hall. It is a great show and some incredible artists are involved and the Cultural Arts Commissioners are doing a great job and they are very hard working. They will have another event in

July. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she would also like to wish her Father a Happy Father's Day and thank him for the wonderful life she had growing up, and she remembers days with her Dad just laughing and she misses him dearly. She also thanked him for giving her what she needed, not always what she wanted. She wished all the dads a Happy Father's Day.

Councilmember Kivell stated he was pleased the Oakland County Prosecutor's office has decided not to press charges. He stated he was disappointed his word was not taken, and the squandering of \$38,000 and he can't imagine anyone on Council would have guessed what the cost would be. He had nothing to do with the contracts, and nothing to gain. He stated he does have one question, what office does he go to get his reputation back. Councilmember Kivell stated last weekend was a great weekend in town, the shops in town were busy, there were people walking and running, there was a lot of activity and it was great to see. He is hoping the next car show will have great weather.

Councilmember Rzyzi stated he knows it is difficult but isn't there a possible solution for us to have an officer sitting outside of Colonial Acres and catch the speeders as they leave. Chief Collins stated we do patrol inside Colonial Acres, but their speed limit is unenforceable, we can and do patrol 11 Mile and Pontiac Trail and if they are speeding on those roads we will enforce the speed limit. He further stated we can reinstate the speed monitor on Heritage Blvd, but that will have a limited effect. He further stated at that time, the officers are doing school checks. Councilmember Rzyzi stated there has been a lot of good and the City is making a lot of progress in general, as mentioned before we have limited our closed sessions. We are now having more effective meetings and the downtown is now a standing agenda item, and he is happy we will be having the budget as a standing item agenda. He further stated the chicken little letter that we would have a government shut down and he felt bullied into voting for a tax increase. He stated his message is we are going to do our due diligence on the budget and we won't rubber stamp anything. He further stated this should be a standing agenda item. He further stated he attended the Blessings in a Backpack a few weeks ago at Tanglewood. Blessings in a Backpack is a great service to help underprivileged children. He further stated he ran into Joyce Clohosey at the backpack event and he looks forward to seeing what she has to say.

Mayor Galeas stated after his mom passed, he and his father have grown a lot closer and everyone should let their parents know how much you love them. He further stated we have a lot of people coming to our downtown and some things happening have been phenomenal, but we do still have some work to do and we are getting there.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer

Motion to adjourn at 10:18 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted.

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Mayor John Galeas

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Clerk Lisa Deaton