



## CITY OF PLYMOUTH MEETING MINUTES

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201 S. MAIN STREET, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

### CALL TO ORDER:

### PRESENT:

Mayor Daniel Dwyer, Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott, Commissioners Colleen Pobur, Mike Wright, Suzie Deal, Joe Valenti

ABSENT: Commissioner Daniel Dalton

Also present was City Manager Paul Sincock, City Attorney Robert Marzano and various City Department Heads.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS:

David Rucinski, 1392 Maple, Plymouth, spoke about the last meeting he appeared at and that he had requested four informational items concerning the fountain and park improvements. He thanked the commission for information he received for three of the items but is still waiting for response for the fourth item. He thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Wolcott, Commissioner Mike Wright and Russell Designs for all their hard work and meeting with himself and his wife and answering their questions. He asked the City Commission to keep the tradition alive when they are designing the fountain and the park. He presented a copy of the petition that is being going around by individuals in the community and the volunteers are so enthusiastic. They have 650 or more signatures within a seven day period of time.

Lee Jasinski, 1380 Maple, Plymouth, stated he is a helper with getting the petition around the community for signatures and stated he has spoken to Canton and Plymouth Township residents about this project as well. He indicated they all have concerns with the City cutting down trees and changing the look of the park.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

3. A motion was made by Commissioner Colleen Pobur and seconded by Commissioner Mike Wright for approval of the agenda for Monday, October 3, 2016.

MOTION PASSED 7 – 0

### ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

4a. Approval of September 19, 2016 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

4b. Special Event: Acro-Balance Workshop, 10/16/16

4c. Special Event: Lion's Club Candy Cane Fundraiser, 11/11/16 – 11/12/16

4d. Special Event: Walk of Trees, 11/18/16 – 1/2/17

4e. Special Event: Compassionate Friends World Wide Candle Lighting, 12/11/16

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott and seconded by Commissioner for approval of the Consent Agenda for Monday, October 3, 2016.

MOTION PASSED 7 – 0

### COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Joe Valenti reminded the City Commission for feedback for the upcoming audit presentation and asked Commissioner Mike Wright for an update on the presentation concerning the Kellogg Park project at the Cultural Center.

Commissioner Mike Wright stated they had decided to open the meeting on the 10th at the Cultural Center to the public. They felt it made sense to have the design person there as well because of underlying issues based on feedback and this will be discussed and cleared up. He stated the meeting with Mr. Rucinski and his wife went well and everyone wants to have a plan in place that will be acceptable for everyone. He feels the meeting will be worthwhile and interesting.

Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott asked everyone to please come to the meeting and provide feedback on the 10th at 6:30 at the Cultural Center and looks forward to seeing everyone.

Mayor Daniel Dwyer spoke about the last Plymouth Township board meeting and they voted to sue the City of Plymouth on a 4-3 vote. He stated he feels very upset and disappointed and the City residents have the right to know the truth. There is false information out in the community because of things said at the Township Trustees recent board meeting. He does not feel right to sit by and let this go by and not speak about what really transpired. He explained this is concerning pension and health care costs for the Plymouth Community Fire Department. The Fire Department served both communities from 1995 to 2011, with the City leaving that arrangement in 2012 to partner with Northville in an effort to cut costs. The two communities reached a settlement in July that the Township incurred from 2012 through 2015. Payments for pensions and retiree health care going forward have not been agreed on. Mayor Dwyer stated that he was on that committee working with the Township and was constantly unable to get information to settle and he and the City's team were able to get with Supervisor Shannon Price and his team and together have made some progress. He thanked the City Administration for their involvement and pursuant to the agreement the City paid the Township \$330,508.20 that went through the end of 2015 and the agreement was signed by both entities. The City delivered the check in August and has fulfilled their obligation. Going forward the Township asked the City to have payments put into their MERS account and this was not recommended. City Attorney Robert Marzano has had several conversations with the Township's Attorney Mike Cox with no response from the Township since that time. Mayor Dwyer indicated that he was told that the Township wanted to wait until the new board came on board for further action and then this appeared on their agenda to sue the City. The City has worked with the Township in good faith and has been cooperative in every way and he would truly like to work this out and move forward. He feels confident that with the new board being elected they will be able to resolve this issue and have better working relations.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

7a. Zoning Ordinance Amendment Grading, Foundation Heights, Drainage – 1st Reading – RES. #2016-90

WHEREAS, The City of Plymouth has a set of Zoning Ordinances in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, From time to time those Ordinances need to be updated and the City Planning Commission did review Section 78-21 related to Foundation Walls, grading and building grades; and WHEREAS, After consideration the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance related to these issues and further that the Planning Commission did recommend changes to the Plymouth City Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the City of Plymouth City Commission does hereby adopt changes to the Zoning Ordinances at the First Reading:

Section 78-21 - Modify Section on Definitions

Section 78-218 - Add Section

Section 78-219 - Add Section

Section 78-260 - Modify Article XXI Accessory Buildings and Uses Section 3

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk shall include these changes as a part of the official Meeting Minutes of this meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott and seconded by Commissioner Colleen Pobur for approval of the resolution.

MOTION PASSED 7 – 0

Mayor Dwyer asked the Community Development Director to have further clarification for the Commission at the next meeting before adoption of the second reading of the ordinance.

7b. City Support for Grant Application by County to State –

RES. #2016-91

WHEREAS, The State of Michigan, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is accepting applications for grants through the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) (Category A); and

WHEREAS, Fuyao Automotive North America (FANA) is making improvements to the facility located at 909 Sheldon Rd.; and

WHEREAS, FANA has indicated that they anticipate bringing approximately 959 newly created jobs to this facility over the next three years; and

WHEREAS, A traffic signal warrant study was completed and it was found that a traffic signal will be warranted at this location to accommodate the traffic demand from FANA occupying the currently vacant industrial building; and

WHEREAS, Sheldon Road is a Right-of-Way of Wayne County and as such due to FANA's investment of approximately \$70 million Wayne County is eligible to apply for a TEDF Grant; and

WHEREAS, The City of Plymouth and Wayne County have worked closely together on this project, and MDOT has requested a resolution of support from the City of Plymouth, for Wayne County's grant application as part of the application materials.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Plymouth City Commission does hereby support Wayne County's application for TEDF Category a funding through the Michigan Department of Transportation.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Plymouth City Commission does hereby authorize the City's Community Development Director John Buzuvis, to be designated as the authorized agent for the City of Plymouth for administering or assistance and support associated with supporting Wayne County securing and accepting any TEDF funding for this project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Colleen Pobur and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott for approval of the resolution.

MOTION PASSED 7 – 0

8. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further comments, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott and seconded by Commissioner Colleen Pobur for adjournment of the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION PASSED 7 – 0