



City of Plymouth
City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 16, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
Plymouth City Hall Commission Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Mayor Wolcott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll call
Present: Mayor Oliver Wolcott, Mayor Pro Tem Nick Moroz, Commissioners Suzi Deal, Kelly O' Donnell, Marques Thomey and Tony Sebastian
Absent: Commissioner Ed Krol

Also present: City Manager Paul Sincock, Attorney Robert Marzano, Public Safety Director Al Cox and various City Department Heads

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS

State Representative Matt Koleszar announced that a bill that includes \$250,000 to make the Plymouth Community Center ADA compliant has passed the Michigan House and Senate and is expected to be signed by the governor.

Pete Mundt of 643 N. Harvey expressed gratitude to the elected officials and administration for their service to the City during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Moroz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sebastian to approve the agenda for Monday, March 16, 2020.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

4. ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of March 2, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of February 2020 Bills
- c. Special Event – Our Lady of Good Counsel School Picnic May 21, 2020
- d. Special Event – Lightning Robotics August 16, 2020
- e. Special Event – Art in the Park July 10-12, 2020
- f. Special Event – Plymouth Community Band May 28-July 30, 2020

Commissioner Deal made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sebastian, to move item 4.e off the consent agenda and move it to item 8.d on the regular agenda.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

5. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Thomey said he attended the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce event recognizing businesses in the community and urged residents to support local establishments. He asked whether the City has received positive feedback on the new stop sign at Starkweather and Farmer. He also mentioned the upcoming City's blood drive on March 26 and urged anyone who is able to donate. Sincock stated that the City is working with the American Red Cross to move the drive to a different location because City Hall isn't large enough to practice social distancing at such an event. Municipal Services Director Chris Porman said social media feedback on the stop sign has been

very positive.

Commissioner Sebastian said he appreciated the staff's hard work.

Mayor Pro Tem Moroz expressed gratitude to Representative Koleszar for helping to secure funding for ADA compliance at the Plymouth Cultural Center. He announced that the Small Business Association of America has appropriated \$2 million for small business loans in light of the COVID-19 situation.

Commissioner Deal thanked City Clerk Maureen Brody and her team for their hard work on the March 10 election.

Commissioner O'Donnell commented on the important role that local government will play during these challenging times.

Mayor Wolcott said that the current team of elected officials, administration and staff are responding to the challenges admirably.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Annual Liquor License Review

Mayor Wolcott opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. and hearing no public comment, closed it at 7:25.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Deal and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moroz.

RESOLUTION #2020-24

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has a Liquor Management Ordinance related to the operation of All Class C Type Liquor Licenses in the City; and

WHEREAS On March 16, 2020, the City Administration presented the Liquor License Review Committee and the City Commission with information about the various Liquor licensed establishments in the City; and

WHEREAS The Local Liquor License Review Committee is required to make a recommendation to the City Commission related to the renewal, revocation and non-renewal of all Liquor Licenses in the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby recommend to the State Liquor Control Commission that the following licenses be renewed:

- Buon Vino Winery, LLC
- Compari's/Fiamma/Sardine Room (3 locations one license)
- City of Plymouth Recreation
- Hermanns Olde Town Grill
- Mayflower Meeting House
- Nico & Vali
- Bigalora/Arbor Brewing
- Plymouth ROC – 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road
- Sean O'Callaghan's
- E.G. Nicks
- Aqua
- Greek Islands
- Pizza E Vino
- * Park Place Gastro Pub
- * Barrio – 555 Forest
- * Mayflower – Lt. Gamble Post 6695 VFW
- * Plymouth Knights of Columbus
- * Penn Grill
- * Stella's Trakside (Starkweather)
- * Post Local Bistro
- * Stella Dog Brewery (Fralick)
- * Westborn Market
- * Pakwaan Restaurant
- * The Honey Hole

MOTION PASSED 6-0

There was consensus among Commission members that Sincoc should begin the process of proceeding with the Liquor License Review Committee's recommendation to seek approval for two additional liquor licenses in the DDA.

b. Add Stockholder Stella's Black Dog Tavern

Mayor Wolcott opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m. and, hearing no comment, closed it at 7:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION #2020-25

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has a Liquor Management Ordinance which requires that changes in the ownership be approved locally; and

WHEREAS The ownership of TBD Advisors, Inc. - Stella's Black Dog Tavern is changing the stockholders

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby accept the transfer of stock interest for Stella's Black Dog Tavern as indicated by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

RESOLUTION PASSED 6-0

c. Add Stockholder Stella's Trakside

Mayor Wolcott opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. and, hearing no comment, closed it at 7:31 p.m.

RESOLUTION #2020-26

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has a Liquor Management Ordinance which requires that changes in the ownership be approved locally; and

WHEREAS The ownership of Stella's Trakside is changing the stockholders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby accept the transfer of stock interest for Stella's Trakside at 885 Starkweather as indicated by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

RESOLUTION PASSED 6-0

7. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Authorization to Hire – DMS

RESOLUTION #2020-27

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Thomey and seconded by Commissioner Sebastian.

WHEREAS The City Commission did enact an Employment Ordinance on August 7, 2000, which Requires that the City Administration seek prior and express approval of any Hiring of a full-time position in the City; and

WHEREAS There is a budgeted full time opening in the Department of Municipal Services and the critical needs of the Department require a replacement for this position; and

WHEREAS The City Administration has requested prior and express approval of a hiring of a Department of Municipal Services employee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission does hereby authorize the prior and express approval of the hiring of one full time Maintenance employee for the Department of Municipal Services to replace a position that is currently vacated.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

b. Annual Review of MRTMA

Mayor Pro Tem Moroz offered a motion for discussion, which was supported by Commissioner Sebastian.

Mayor Wolcott said he is comfortable with he recommendation to maintain the status quo of opting out of allowing marijuana businesses to open in the City. Mayor Pro Tem Moroz said he believes the issue should be further discussed when COVID-19 is no longer an issue. Commissioner O'Donnell said she would be uncomfortable authorizing anything that is not in compliance with federal law. Commissioner Deal added that she is concerned that the state hasn't clearly defined processes, therefore she is unwilling to put the City at risk. Commissioner Thomey clarified that there is no action required on this agenda item, just discussion. Commissioner Sebastian said the City should attend to the matters at hand before considering this issue further.

c. Authorization for Dewey Street Improvement and Update on 2020 Road Designs

The following resolution was offered Mayor Pro Tem Moroz by and seconded by Commissioner Thomey.

RESOLUTION #2020-28

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has an infrastructure improvement plan for our local roads; and

WHEREAS Dewey Street between Byron and Ross Streets was scheduled for 2019, but the project was delayed until 2020; and

WHEREAS The City Engineer has received bids for this project and has recommended that the City Commission authorize the work in the spring of 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby authorize a change order in the amount of \$495,599.00 for Pro-Line Asphalt to their 2019 Contract for work on Dewey Street this year. Further, that the City Commission authorizes \$42,500.00 for an Engineering Allowance on this project.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The City Commission does hereby authorize a Construction Contingency for the Dewey Street Project in the amount of \$50,000.000.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all work will be completed in accordance with the City Engineer's plans for the project.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The City Commission then directed City Administration to work with the engineers to explore options for crosswalk upgrades at both the Main/Hartsough vicinity as well as at the Main St./Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey/Penniman intersections.

d. Art in the Park

Commissioner Deal asked the police and municipal services departments to be diligent about enforcing no parking signs during event setup. Public Safety Director Cox said that his department would be towing cars in no parking areas after a courtesy call is made to the owner.

MOTION TO APPROVE EVENT PASSED 6-0

9. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Public Act 33 of 2020 – no action required
Sincock explained that the Act provides residents with delinquent taxes to stay in their home after filing for poverty exemption. He said the City of Plymouth generally has one poverty exemption request per year.
- b. Liaison Reports
Commissioner Deal said she attended the last DDA board meeting and that members expressed some concerns about the road diet, back-in parking, bike lanes and woonerf that were suggested in the master plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Moroz said he attended the last Planning Commission meeting, where a PUD for the Starkweather School site was denied. He said the Planning Commission has working with the new owners of the Saxton's project to develop plans. He asked whether the Commission should consider meeting another time this month due to uncertainties related to COVID-19. Sincock said that the Kellogg Fountain project and the Wilcox Foundation agreement may need to be discussed at a special meeting.

Mayor Wolcott reiterated that residents, elected officials and City administration needed to continue to work together during these challenging times.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Wolcott asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Thomey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moroz for adjournment of the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

MOTION PASSED 6 – 0

OLIVER WOLCOTT
MAYOR

MAUREEN A. BRODIE, CMC, CMMC
CITY CLERK