



City of Plymouth
City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 4, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.
In-Person at 525 Farmer and Online Webinar

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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, Ed Krol, Kelly O'Donnell, Marques Thomey, and Tony Sebastian

Also present: City Manager Paul Sincock, Attorney Robert Marzano, and various members of the City administration

2) CITIZENS COMMENTS

Eric Nemeth, 140 S. Union, said he thinks new crossing lights and pedestrian markings are needed at the intersection of Main St. and Church St.

3) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Krol offered a motion, seconded by Thomey, to approve the agenda for Monday, January 4, 2021.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Deal, Krol, Moroz, O'Donnell, Thomey, Sebastian, Wolcott

MOTION PASSED 7-0

4) ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of December 21, 2020 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Moroz offered a motion, seconded by Sebastian, to approve the consent agenda.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Deal, Krol, Moroz, O'Donnell, Thomey, Sebastian, Wolcott

MOTION PASSED 7-0

5) COMMISSION COMMENTS

Krol reminded residents to shop local. Thomey described the Plymouth Police Department's vacation check program and encouraged residents to use it. He asked Sincock to address the citizen comment regarding the intersection of Main St. and Church St. Sincock said he expects pedestrian crossing striping to be done this spring or summer, but that crossing lights are costly and they haven't yet been budgeted. Moroz offered a happy new year wish, and Wolcott praised staff and asked them to keep up the good work.

6) PUBLIC HEARING

a. Truck Route Ordinance and Final Reading

Wolcott opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Hearing no public comments, Wolcott closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Krol offered the following motion, which was seconded by Sebastian

RESOLUTION 2021-01

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has an Ordinance to regulate truck traffic in the City; and

WHEREAS It has been many years since this Ordinance has been updated and the City Commission made updating this Ordinance as a one-year task on the City's Strategic Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT the City Commission amends the Truck Route Ordinance, Sections 70-61 through 70 – 67 at its Final Reading.

DIVISION 2. - TRUCK ROUTES

Sec. 70-61. - Intent.

The intent and purpose of this division is to protect the surfacing and pavements of the public streets, highways and alleys in the city and to such end same shall be liberally construed.

The purpose of this Section is to regulate the orderly operation of trucks on the streets of the City. The primary objectives are to facilitate the transfer of goods and services by trucks to businesses and to preserve the quality of life of the neighborhoods. Prime considerations involved with the purpose of this Section are: (1) the safety of our citizens; (2) avoidance of unreasonable or unnecessary disturbance or reduction in property values due to truck noise, vibration, and/or air pollution; (3) protection against the deterioration of those streets not designated for truck traffic, and (4) adequate truck service to businesses and residences in an expeditious manner, having due regard for economical vehicle operation.

Where density of traffic, protection of life and property, construction and condition of the roadway, or any hazardous condition make it advisable, the direction of traffic flow, and routing of buses, trucks and heavy vehicles, may be made by the Proper Authority by duly posted traffic control devices and it shall be unlawful to drive or cause to be driven, any vehicle in violation of such direction and routing.

Sec. 70-62. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Commercial vehicle includes all motor vehicles used for the transportation of passengers for hire, or constructed or used for the transportation of goods, wares or merchandise, and/or motor vehicles designed and used for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry any load thereon either independently or any part of the weight of a vehicle or load so drawn.

Local Streets: All streets not designated herein as Truck Routes or major streets.

Major Streets: Those street segments, other than Truck Routes, contained herein the table below

<u>Major Streets</u>		
<u>Street Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>Amelia St</u>	<u>N Mill St</u>	<u>W Liberty St</u>
<u>Ann Arbor Trail</u>	<u>S Sheldon Rd</u>	<u>General Dr</u>
<u>Arthur Ave</u>	<u>Junction Ave</u>	<u>End (North of Junction Ave)</u>
<u>Cherry St</u>	<u>W Pearl St</u>	<u>Dunn St</u>
<u>Deer St</u>	<u>Wing St</u>	<u>Ann Arbor Trail</u>
<u>Dunn St</u>	<u>Cherry St</u>	<u>Starkweather Ave</u>
<u>E Liberty St</u>	<u>N Holbrook Ave</u>	<u>York St</u>
<u>E Pearl St</u>	<u>N Mill St</u>	<u>York St</u>
<u>E Spring St</u>	<u>N Mill St</u>	<u>N Holbrook Ave</u>
<u>Farmer St</u>	<u>N Harvey St</u>	<u>N Mill St</u>
<u>Forest Ave</u>	<u>Wing St</u>	<u>Ann Arbor Trail</u>

Goldsmith Ave	N Sheldon Rd	Lena Ave
Hamilton St	Ann Arbor Trail	S Union St
Irvin Ave	Junction Ave	End (North of Junction Ave)
Junction Ave	N Sheldon Rd	Karmada St
Karmada St	Farmer St	Junction Ave
N Harvey St	Church St	Junction Ave
N Holbrook Ave	Wilcox Rd	Plymouth Rd
N Industrial Dr	Plymouth Rd	End (South of Plymouth Rd)
N Main St	Church St	N Mill St
Penniman Ave	S Sheldon Rd	S Union St
S Harvey St	Ann Arbor Rd	Church St
S Main St	Ann Arbor Rd	Church St
S Union St	Ann Arbor Trail	Main St
Starkweather Ave	N Main St	N Mill St
W Church St	N Harvey St	S Union St
W Liberty St	Amelia St	Starkweather Ave
W Pearl St	N Mill St	End (West of Cherry St)
Wing St	S Harvey St	Deer St
York St	E Pearl St	W Liberty St

Through commercial vehicle routes or through truck routes are those which must be used by trucks and commercial vehicles not beginning, terminating or delivering to or from any point within the city.

Truck means every motor vehicle designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.

Truck Routes: Those streets specifically designated herein as Truck Routes.

Sec. 70-63. - Enforcement.

The chief of police and other officers of the city shall enforce all weight, size and other vehicle and load limitations imposed by the Motor Vehicle Code, being Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1949 (MCL 257.1 et seq., MSA 9.1801 et seq.), as amended.

It shall be the duty of any person driving or in charge or control of any buses, trucks or heavy vehicles, other than vehicles carrying or designed to carry passengers upon any roadway not a designated Truck Route upon the request of a police officer to stop and answer any questions regarding the weight of the truck, its destination, and its point of origin; and such person shall also present log book, weight slips, delivery slips and other written evidence of destination or point of origin, for the officer's examination.

Sec. 70-64. - Exception; permit.

The restrictions imposed under this division upon the use of certain public streets, highways and alleys in the city shall not apply to any vehicle the weight of which, loaded or unloaded, is 5,000 pounds or less, and shall not prevent the delivery of any person or property to any place within the city or prevent

a vehicle from receiving any person or property within the city, provided that the chief of police, in his discretion, may issue a permit for the operation of any truck to use any street other than herein provided.

Sec. 70-65. - Truck routes.

No person shall operate, or cause to be operated a commercial vehicle or truck on any of the public streets, highways or alleys in the city, except as herein otherwise provided, except upon the following public streets or highways which are hereby designated as through commercial vehicle routes or through truck routes:

- (1) Ann Arbor Road, from east city limits (Mill Street) to west city limits (Sheldon Road),
- (2) Mill Street, from Northville Road to south city limits (Ann Arbor Road),
- (3) Northville Road, from north city limits to Mill Street,
- (4) Plymouth Road, from east city limits to North Mill Street,
- (5) Sheldon Road, from south city limits (Ann Arbor Road) to CSX & O Railroad,

The above list of streets is subject to the weight restrictions of the board of county road commissioners.

Motor vehicles of the restricted class as used herein are defined as all motor vehicles having a weight of ten thousand (10,000) pounds or more including the load therein, except vehicles carrying or designated to carry passengers, all governmentally owned or leased vehicles, public utility vehicles, and vehicles used for private refuse handling.

Travel into or out of the City. Motor vehicles of the restricted class, which do not have a pickup, delivery or service within the City, are required to enter and exit the City of Plymouth on Truck Routes only.

Sec. 70-66. - Local deliveries.

~~The operation of commercial vehicles and trucks upon all public streets, highways or alleys, except as herein otherwise provided, in the city, is hereby prohibited; except, however, none of the restrictions herein imposed shall prevent the delivery or pickup of goods or persons any place within the city as provided in section 70-62; nor shall the restrictions herein imposed be construed to prevent any vehicle from going to and returning to the property where it is stored, maintained or serviced.~~

Travel within the City. Motor vehicles of the restricted class, while in the City of Plymouth, are required to travel on Truck Routes only, except as follows:

- (a) The operation of Authorized Emergency Vehicles may occur on any roadway in the City.
- (b) The operation of recreational vehicles as defined by State law, which are of the restricted class may use any roadway in the City.
- (c) The operation of motor vehicles of the restricted class is permitted on any roadway in the City for pickup, delivery or service where the destination is not on a Truck Route, provided that ingress and egress thereto or therefrom is accomplished in the following manner:
 - (1.) Vehicles of the restricted class must utilize designated Truck Routes to the point closest to delivery, pickup, or service.
 - (2.) Upon leaving or returning to the Truck Route, vehicles of the restricted class must utilize the shortest route available via major streets whenever possible and then utilize local streets only when necessary for the completion of the delivery, pickup or service.

(3) If any designated Truck Route or portion thereof shall be under repair or otherwise temporarily out of use, motor vehicles within the restricted class shall use such other temporary Truck Routes as may be designated by the Proper Authority.

(4) In case of emergency, a temporary permit allowing exceptions to this Section may be issued by the City Manager or designee.

Sec. 70-67. - Notice.

Notice of the prohibitions and limitations of this division shall be given by the posting of appropriate and legible signs such as may be seen by an ordinarily observant person upon or at the entrance to such highways or parts thereof affected by the provisions hereof.

Truck route signage. The roadways designated as Truck Routes may be posted with signs at reasonable intervals and at intersections where the truck route turns. Such signs shall consist of the words "Truck Route," below which may be placed an appropriate type arrow indicating the direction of the route.

No Trucks signage. Non-truck Route streets may be posted with signs at reasonable intervals where appropriate. Such signs shall indicate "No Trucks" or "Not a Truck Route."

Secs. 70-68—70-90. - Reserved.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Deal, Krol, Moroz, O'Donnell, Thomey, Sebastian, Wolcott

MOTION PASSED 7-0

7) OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

8) NEW BUSINESS

a. Emergency Purchase of Pump Replacement

Moroz offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Thomey.

RESOLUTION 2021-02

WHEREAS The City maintains a variety of buildings to help with the public health, safety, and welfare and from time to time there is a need to make emergency repairs to systems which operate those buildings; and

WHEREAS The City administration did inform the City Commission of the emergency repair authorization on November 17, 2020 to make repairs to the heating systems at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby confirm the Emergency Purchase/Repair Authorization for repairs to the Plymouth Cultural Center

heating system in the amount of \$10,545.77 and further authorizes payment to Goyette Mechanical for the repairs. Funding for this purchase is authorized from the City Equipment Fund.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Deal, Krol, Moroz, O'Donnell, Thomey, Sebastian, Wolcott

MOTION PASSED 7-0

b. Wayne County Parks Grant

The following resolution was offered by Krol and seconded by Thomey.

RESOLUTION 2021-03

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth and the County of Wayne are two separate governmental units; and

WHEREAS They have chosen to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for improvements to City's Recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS Funding for this project is from the Wayne County Parks Tax Millage and the county is returning a small portion of the tax money generated by City of Plymouth properties to the City for improvements to Parks and Recreation facilities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute the documents titled Agreement between the County of Wayne and the City of Plymouth for Improvements to lighting system at Don Massey Field. This agreement is to have the County provide \$17,749.00 to assist the City with those improvements.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Deal, Krol, Moroz, O'Donnell, Thomey, Sebastian, Wolcott

MOTION PASSED 7-0

c. Authorization for Payment – Fire Academy

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

RESOLUTION 2021-04

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth and the City of Northville participate in a joint fire department that is managed by the City of Northville; and

WHEREAS The department did engage in offering a fire academy which did result in several new members coming on as fire fighters in the fire department paid on call ranks; and

WHEREAS The cost of putting on the fire academy was paid in part by a state grant and student fees; and

WHEREAS Costs over revenues were \$12,786.78 and there is a need for the City Commission to confirm the Plymouth share of these costs in the amount of \$7,416.33, which is based on the cost sharing formula for fire operations between the two cities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby confirm the expense of \$7,416.33 for the Northville Fire Academy and those expenses should be charged to the Fire Department Budget.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Deal, Krol, Moroz, O'Donnell, Thomey, Sebastian, Wolcott

MOTION PASSED 7-0

9) REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Liaison Reports

O'Donnell reported the Plymouth District Library is extending curbside pickup hours and has added more slots for pickup. The Library Board will meet on January 19.

Krol said the Zoning Board of Appeals will hear three petitions on January 7.

Wolcott said the DDA Board will meet on January 11.

b. Appointments

There were no appointments.

10) ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further discussion, Wolcott asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. A motion to adjourn was offered by Thomey and seconded by Moroz.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Deal, Krol, Moroz, O'Donnell, Thomey, Sebastian, Wolcott

MOTION PASSED 7-0

OLIVER WOLCOTT
MAYOR

MAUREEN A. BRODIE, CMC, MiPMC
CITY CLERK