



**City of Plymouth**  
**City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Plymouth City Hall 201 S. Main St. Plymouth, MI**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Moroz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Moroz, Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Deal, Commissioners Linda Filipczak, Jennifer Kehoe, Alanna Maguire and Kelly O'Donnell, and Marques Thomey

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

**2. CITIZENS ACADEMY GRADUATION**

Moroz recognized residents who completed the Citizens Academy program and thanked them for their interest in their community.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

O'Donnell offered a motion, seconded by Maguire, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2022, meeting.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Filipczak offered a motion, seconded by Kehoe, to approve the agenda for Monday, November 7, 2022.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

**5. ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Filipczak offered a motion, seconded by Kehoe, to approve the consent agenda for Monday, November 7, 2022.

- a. Special Event: Santa's Plymouth Parade, Friday, November 25, 2022
- b. Special Event: Holiday Greens Market, Saturday, November 26, 2022
- c. Special Event: Plymouth Goodfellows Annual Paper Sale, Saturday, December 3, 2022
- d. Special Event: Wreaths Across America, Saturday, December 17, 2022

MOTION PASSED 7-0

**6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ellen Elliott, 404 Irvin, thanked those who participated in the citizens academy and the WSDP pledge drive. She also reminded the group about the Plymouth Canton Community Schools mental health presentations at the Penn Theatre.

**7. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Maguire noted that she, Filipczak and Kehoe had served on the City Commission for one year this month, and that Moroz had served as mayor for one year as well. She reminded everyone to research

the candidates and proposals on the ballot and to vote. She also said that there was a hotline for anyone experiencing voter intimidation.

Kehoe thanked staff who had been working on the election and reminded the group to research candidates for non-partisan positions.

Deal invited all to attend the Police Department awards ceremony on November 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

O'Donnell encouraged public participation in the annual strategic planning session in January and the master plan review in 2023.

Filipczak said she looked forward to working at the polls on November 8.

Thomey thanked those who attended the citizens academy and suggested that they consider volunteering on a board or commission. He also thanked the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce for their auction event.

Moroz thanked everyone who worked on the election and the Department of Municipal Services for the new retaining wall on Ann Arbor Rd. He congratulated the Plymouth High School men's cross-country team for finishing sixth in the state, and the women's team for finishing 27<sup>th</sup> in the state.

## **8. PUBLIC HEARING**

a. Expansion of Liquor License Cap in the City  
Moroz opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

### ***Public Comment***

Don Soenen, 46040 W. Ann Arbor Trail, said increasing the number of liquor licenses could lead to an increase in parking problems and to the demise of retail downtown.

Robert Mengel, 1293 S. Harvey, mentioned multiple businesses on single licenses and raised a concern that adding parking for liquor serving establishments would make it easier for people to drive under the influence of alcohol.

Scott Lorenz, 1310 Maple, said he believed adding liquor licenses was reactionary and decisions related to this should be visionary instead.

Frank Yaquinto, owner of Comparis, Fiamma, and Sardine Room said he was concerned that changing the ordinance that requires establishments to serve 70% food and 30% liquor would lead to more requests for alcohol-only establishments in the future. He also spoke about changes made by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Aurelia Piotrowski, 1433 Palmer, said she recently sold her business and used a local broker because she cares about the downtown.

Robyn, 932 Penniman, said she thinks a few more restaurants would be great for the downtown.

Ellen Elliott, 404 Irvin, said the City Commission should decide what they want the downtown to look like before it decides on a change to the ordinance.

Hearing no further comment, Moroz closed the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

The following motion was offered by O'Donnell and seconded by Kehoe

### **RESOLUTION 2022-77**

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has a Liquor Management Ordinance to help protect the public health, safety, and welfare. This Ordinance limits the amount of state liquor licenses that are allowed in the City; and

WHEREAS The City Commission on October 17, 2022, did determine that they wanted to expand the number of liquor licenses allowed in the B-2 Zoning District by two; and

WHEREAS The City administration did post a public hearing notice in accordance with the Liquor Management Ordinance; and

WHEREAS The Local Liquor License Review Committee did review the proposed changes and has recommended to the City Commission that they adopt the following changes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the city commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby direct that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, Section 6-33 is to be amended as follows at the first reading of the proposed changes.

**6-33, subsection b – shall add two additional licenses and shall read as follows:**

(b) Within the B-2, central business district, as indicated on the city zoning map, the city shall have a cap or total of not more than 18 ~~(16)~~ state standalone liquor licenses of any type of on-premises retail licenses that would allow for the service of any alcohol (beer wine spirits) by the glass or for consumption on premises of any establishment. This section would not apply to non-stand-alone state licenses.

**6-33, subsection d – shall add two additional licenses and shall read as follows:**

(d) The city commission shall not recommend to the state liquor control commission the approval of any on-premises retail liquor license in excess of 18 ~~(16)~~ within the B-2 district as outlined here.

**6-33, subsection f – shall add two additional licenses and shall read as follows:**

(f) The city shall conduct an annual review of all 30 ~~(28)~~ premises retail liquor licenses within the B-1, B-2, B-3, and ARC zoning districts in accordance with the liquor management ordinance. This review shall be conducted by the local liquor license review committee and a recommendation shall be forwarded to the City Commission.

***Commissioner Comment***

Commission members discussed their opinions on increasing the cap, noting that the Liquor License Review Committee (LLRC) voted unanimously to recommend two additional licenses. The relationship of new licenses and the need for parking was mentioned, as was the ordinance requiring food to be served at liquor-serving establishments. Moving slowly on this subject and the desire to have enough retail to support the restaurants were also discussed. Moroz summarized his position by stating he was in favor of following the recommendations of the DDA and the LLRC, and emphasized that the City cannot choose between applicants – the first two who receive state approval would receive the licenses.

YES: Deal, Kehoe, Maguire, O'Donnell, Thomey, Moroz

NO: Filipczak

MOTION PASSED 6-1

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

a. 2022 Bulk Leaf and Materials Hauling Bid Award

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

RESOLUTION 2022-78

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has a need to provide for the bulk hauling and disposal of leaves and other "spoils" materials; and

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth developed bid specification for the hauling of approximately 7,000 cubic yards of leaves and approximately 8,000 cubic yards of other materials including materials from water main breaks and other public improvements; and

WHEREAS The City had two bidders on this project and the City Administration has recommended the bid from Ellsworth Industries, Inc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby authorize the acceptance of the bid from Ellsworth Industries for Bulk Leaf and Materials Handling. Ellsworth Industries, Inc bid is authorized for a period of one year with the authority to administratively approve up to two, one-year renewals, for a period not to exceed three total years. Funding for this service is authorized in a number of funds including the Solid Waste and Recycling Fund, Water Fund, Major Street Fund, Local Street Fund, and General Fund.

#### MOTION PASSED 7-0

b. Direction of Paid Parking

The following resolution was offered by Filipczak and seconded by O'Donnell.

#### RESOLUTION 2022-79

WHEREAS The City Commission of the City of Plymouth has reviewed the history of parking in the City and has taken public comment on the concept of paid parking in downtown; and

WHEREAS The City Commission of the City of Plymouth has listed on their five-year strategic plan an one-year task of deciding on a direction for paid parking in the downtown; and

WHEREAS The City Commission of the City of Plymouth reviewed estimates of equipment and installation costs as well as revenue projections for several potential paid parking programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby choose option two and directs the administration to develop a paid parking implementation plan for all municipally controlled parking in downtown with the exception of the Wing and Harvey parking lot.

#### ***Public Comment***

Debra Kuptz, 997 Carol, said residents need an opportunity to weigh in on the subject, and that she has not seen a definition of what the problem is. She said residents should receive a waiver on any paid parking program. Later in the meeting, she offered to volunteer for a citizen's committee.

Scott Lorenz, 1310 Maple, said offering free parking downtown results in a competitive advantage, and that paid parking would lead visitors to park in the neighborhoods. He urged a no vote.

Robert Mengle, 1293 S. Harvey, said the City should reduce the number of surface lots and charge only for high-value spaces.

Pete Mundt, 643 N. Harvey, said he hadn't heard anyone support paid parking.

Tracey Osann, 51280 Plymouth Ridge, said she owns a private lot that would be in high demand if the City charged for parking in its lots.

Ellen Elliott, 404 Irvin, she would be in favor of funding parking maintenance through a millage.

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commission members expressed varied opinions. Several said they didn't have a clear idea of why parking meter revenue was necessary, what capital improvements were needed, and how much maintenance costs. It was noted that the goal of increasing revenue could be to maintain, improve, and expand parking. DDA Director Sam Plymale said the annual DDA budget is \$25,000 for the parking deck, but major repairs costing in the neighborhood of \$500,000 were needed every 3-5 years. Equity issues, such as charging museum volunteers to the museum or library patrons to park were brought up.

Filipczak offered a motion to table the discussion, Thomey seconded the motion.

YES: Deal, Filipczak, Kehoe, Maguire, Thomey,

NO: O'Donnell, Moroz

### **MOTION PASSED 5-2**

#### **c. Final Payment to Gaglio Construction 2022 Sidewalk Program**

The following resolution was offered by Thomey and seconded by O'Donnell

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-80**

WHEREAS The City completed 2022 sidewalk repair & utility patch program; and

WHEREAS The project has been completed by Gaglio Construction and they are requesting first and final payment on the project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby authorize final payment to Gaglio Construction Corporation in the amount \$74,336.28. Further, funding for this project is to be authorized from the Water and Sewer Fund, Street Funds and Sidewalk Improvement Funds.

### **MOTION PASSED 7-0**

## **11. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **a. Liaison Reports**

O'Donnell said the Planning Commission was scheduled to meet on November 9.

Deal said the Historic District Commission approved the concept plan for the Saxton's lot and a sign for the new jewelers.

Kehoe said the ZBA heard a request for a variance for fence height on a corner lot in November. She added that the Planning Commission was looking at revising the ordinance due to the number of variance requests for this. She also announced that P-CCS Superintendent Monica Merritt was named Michigan Superintendent of the year.

Maguire said there were five candidates for four library board positions on the ballot.

Moroz said he attended the Michigan Municipal League Convention and felt that the City of Plymouth was at the top of the class. He also attended a 35<sup>th</sup> District Court meeting and that their budget indicated a deficit of \$600,000. He congratulated the following staff members for their work anniversaries: Shontae Williams – one year; Nicholas Tefend – one year; David Isom - three years; David Cowell – seven years; Dawn Shipe – 12 years; Justin Bulmer – 15 years.

#### **b. Appointments – if needed**

There were no appointments.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was offered by Thomey and seconded by O'Donnell at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

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NICK MOROZ  
MAYOR

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MAUREEN A. BRODIE, CMC, MiPMC  
CITY CLERK