



City of Plymouth  
City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
Kiwanis Park – Auburn & Junction

---

City of Plymouth  
201 S. Main St.  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170-1637

[www.plymouthmi.gov](http://www.plymouthmi.gov)  
Phone 734-453-1234  
Fax 734-455-1892

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

b. Roll Call

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

Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Deal

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Filipczak offered a motion, seconded by Maguire, to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023, City Commission meeting.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

O'Donnell offered a motion, seconded by Filipczak, to approve the agenda for the August 21, 2023, meeting.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED

**4. PRESENTATION BY THE CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Bob Marzano gave a presentation on the steps needed for a non-profit organization to become tax exempt.

**5. ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Approval of July 2023 Bills

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED

**6. PRESENTATION OF THE RUTH HUSTON WHIPPLE AWARD**

Mayor Moroz presented the Ruth Huston Whipple Award to Beth Stewart for her work with the Michigan Philharmonic and many other organizations.

**7. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ellen Elliott, 760 Penniman, spoke about the efforts of the Friends of the Penn to achieve tax exempt status for the Penn Theatre.

Karen Sisolak, 939 Penniman, spoke about the recent resident survey and items residents reported were important to them.

Darren Silvester, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Elizabeth Volaric, 216 N. Holbrook, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Lynn Waltsmith, Plymouth Township resident, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Scott of Plymouth suggested the city hire a new assessor.

Deb Stevens, 675 Harding, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Linda Racey, 883 Sutherland, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Edward Szymczak, 333 Sunset, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Bob Hopey, Livonia resident, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Jack Wilson, 1157 Penniman, said the emergency warning sirens are inaudible, water fountains in the parks are not working, and that the path near Tonquish Creek is flooded.

Holly Evans, Westland resident, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Audrey, no address given, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Melanie Elliott, resident of Big Rapids, thanked the Kiwanis Club for their support.

Ron Picard, 1373 Sheridan, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Terry Tubbs, Livonia resident, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Diane Guzcik, Livonia resident, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

John Guzcik, Livonia resident, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Carol Kelly, 825 Deer Ct., spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Kristen Lobron, 200 N. Sheldon, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Bill Paragor, Plymouth Township resident, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Carla Spradlin, 1321 Ross, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Clo Phillipi, Northville Township resident, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Jeff Fedema, 1080 Fairground, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Dave Rucinski, 1392 Maple, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Terri Allen, owner of the former Dearborn Jewelers, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Mark LaPointe, 279 N. Evergreen, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Shannon Adams, 1231 Sheridan, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Jean LaPointe, 1437 Sheridan, spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

## **8. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Kehoe, O'Donell, Filipczak, and Maguire all spoke in support of the Penn Theatre.

Moroz thanked the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth for serving hot dogs at the meeting. He also spoke in support of the Penn Theatre and said that regardless of the tax tribunal's decision, the City will continue to work with the Friends of the Penn to find a solution.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Plymouth Canton Little League – Bingo at Fall Festival

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

### RESOLUTION 2023-78

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth is host to the annual Plymouth Fall Festival which is held in the City's Downtown Area, Kellogg Park and the Gathering Pavilion; and

WHEREAS Bingo Games have been a part of the Festival for many years; and  
WHEREAS The Plymouth Fall Festival is held the weekend after Labor Day each year; and  
WHEREAS The Plymouth Fall Festival Board has indicated that the Plymouth Canton Little League is authorized to run the Bingo Games at the Fall Festival and they have a duly authorized license from the State of Michigan Bureau of the State Lottery to host the Bingo Games.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby authorize the Plymouth Canton Little League to use the Gathering Pavilion for Bingo Games during the 2023 Plymouth Fall Festival.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED

b. Resolution of City Commission – Support Community Center Grant  
The following motion was offered by Filipczak and seconded by Thomey.

RESOLUTION 2023-79

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth operates a community center known as the Plymouth Cultural Center, this facility houses a number of community wide activities and serves as a base for senior citizen activities ranging from card games, exercise classes to even over 60 and over 70 ice hockey; and  
WHEREAS The Plymouth Cultural Center is the location for all of the city’s voting precincts, and the building houses the city’s recreation department, and serves as an emergency operations center, as well as a training facility for police/fire/ems; and  
WHEREAS The building also houses community groups including the Rotary Club of Plymouth, which meets meets at the facility on a weekly basis and brings many community members to the building. The facility also houses the Kiwanis Plymouth Community Hall of Fame; and  
WHEREAS The City Commission has included upgrades to city facilities as a part of their five-year plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby authorize the City Administration to submit a Community Center grant under the State of Michigan, Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) program. The grant application is to replace the roof and replace the windows at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The total grant application is in the amount of \$1,544,237.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does authorize up to \$100,000 for grant match from city funds.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED

c. Extend Outdoor City Commission Meetings  
The following resolution was offered by Maguire and seconded by Filipczak.

RESOLUTION 2023-80

WHEREAS The City Commission has held many of the summer meeting out of doors in all parts of the City for the last twenty (20) years with great success, and  
WHEREAS The City Commission would like to host a “ribbon cutting” event at the new municipal parking lot at Ann Arbor Trail and Deer Street.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby establish that the regular Tuesday, September 5, 2023, meeting of the City Commission will be held out of doors at 7:00 p.m. at the new municipal parking lot at Ann Arbor Trail and Deer Street.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED

## **11. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a. Recreation Millage Update**

Sincock provided an overview of the millage request that will be on the November ballot. Moroz thanked Recreation Director Steve Anderson for his work.

Karen Sisolak, 939 Penniman, said she did not support the millage, stating there was a lack of public participation in the decision to put it on the ballot.

Moroz said putting the millage on the ballot was giving the residents an opportunity to make the decision.

O'Donnell said increasing recreation facilities and activities was named a goal at the strategic planning meeting in January 2023.

Moroz spoke about the benefits of investing in community parks and recreation facilities.

### **b. Liaison Reports**

O'Donnell gave an update on the Planning Commission.

### **c. Appointments**

There were no appointments.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was offered by Thomey and seconded by Filipczak at 8:45 p.m.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED

---

NICK MOROZ  
MAYOR

---

MAUREEN A. BRODIE, CMC, MiPMC  
CITY CLERK