



City of Plymouth
City Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moroz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Chris Porman, City Attorney Robert Marzano, City Clerk Maureen Brodie, and various City Department Heads.

Mayor Moroz also acknowledged the presence of Judge Michael Gerou, who will be swearing in the new (re-elected) City Commissioners.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

O'Donnell offered a motion, seconded by Maguire, to approve the agenda for Monday, November 13, 2023.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ELECTION RESULTS

Porman announced the results of the November 7, 2023 election.

Moroz thanked those who worked on the election and congratulated those who were elected. He expressed his disappointment in the failure by 66 votes of the parks and recreation millage, but said he was encouraged that so many residents supported it.

5. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING COMMISSION MEMBER

Moroz thanked Marques Thomey for coming out of retirement and providing leadership, particularly on the Northville Plymouth Fire Advisory Board. He also congratulated him for being named to the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents.

Thomey thanked those present for their support and commented on the professionalism of the staff and the collaboration between the staff, business community, volunteers, and elected officials. He encouraged residents to get involved in the community.

6. CITIZENS COMMENTS

The following community members spoke in appreciation of Mayor Moroz and their disappointment that the parks and recreation millage did not pass: Brian Turnbull of Northville; Don Soenen of Plymouth Township; Patty McCain, 520 Marie; Katie Rossi, 985 Harding; Wes Graff of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce; Debra Kuptz, 997 Carol; Steven Prinz, 485 Amelia; Marie McCormick, 1035 N. Holbrook; Lori 383 W. Harvey; Non-Resident Jake; Wayne County Commissioner Melissa Daub; Kerri Pollard, 444 S. Main St., and chair of the DDA.

7. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS - JUDGE MICHAEL GEROU:

- a. 35th District Judge Michael Gerou administered the oath of office to elected Commissioners:

Suzi Deal	(2-year term)	Linda Filipczak	(4-year term)
Brock Minton	(4-year term)	Kelly O'Donnell	(4- year term)

City Clerk Brodie took a seat with the City Commission and chaired the next agenda item.

b. Election of Mayor

City Clerk Brodie opened nominations for the Office of Mayor for the City of Plymouth.

As directed by the City Charter, the first nomination for Mayor goes to the sitting Mayor Pro Tem, Commissioner Suzi Deal. Commissioner Deal accepted the nomination.

Brodie asked for a roll call vote from the Commissioners regarding the nomination of Deal for the office of Mayor.

YES: Filipczak, Kehoe, Maguire, Minton, Moroz, O'Donnell, Deal

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou administered the Oath of Office for Mayor Suzi Deal.

Mayor Deal was seated. She thanked Moroz for his leadership, said she looked forward to continuing to work with him, and invited him to speak.

Moroz spoke about the accomplishments of the City during his tenure as mayor and his hope for the future.

Deal spoke about the future and her desire to look at what was done in the past, learn from mistakes, and continue to move forward for the benefit of the city.

c. Election of Mayor Pro Tem:

As directed by the City Charter, the first nomination for Mayor Pro Tem goes to the person receiving the highest number of votes, Commissioner O'Donnell.

Commissioner O'Donnell accepted the nomination.

Mayor Deal asked for a roll call vote from the Commissioners regarding the nomination of Commissioner O'Donnell for the office of Mayor Pro Tem.

YES: Filipczak, Kehoe, Maguire, Minton, Moroz, O'Donnell, Deal

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou administered the Oath of Office for Mayor Pro-Tem O'Donnell.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Donnell thanked the group and spoke about her priorities.

8. ADOPTION OF RULES & ORDER OF BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2023-96

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

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 5.7(f) and 5.7(d) of the City Charter, the City Commission does hereby establish its rules to be (1) the applicable provisions of the City Charter; (2) to the extent not in conflict with (1), the Ethics Code of the City of Plymouth; and (3) to the extent not in conflict with either (1) or (2), Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that pursuant to Section 5.7(f) of the City Charter, the City Commission does hereby establish its order of business for regular meetings to be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Enactment of the Consent Agenda
5. Citizens Comments
6. Commission Comments
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Reports and Correspondence
10. Adjournment

With the items on the Consent Agenda to be approved as one motion; and

RESOLVED, that pursuant to City Charter Section 5.7(f), the seating arrangement at the City Commission table, from the perspective of facing the audience, shall be as follows:

Mayor - in the center seat

City Manager -seat to the left of the Mayor

Mayor Pro-Tem -seat to the left of the City Manager

City Attorney- seat to the right of the Mayor

Immediate Past Mayor (if a Commissioner) -seat to the right of the City Attorney

Four (or five) remaining Commissioners-as assigned by the Mayor; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that pursuant to Section 5.7(f) of the City Charter, the attendance policy for the City Commission shall be as follows:

Each City Commissioner shall attend every regular and special meeting of the City Commission, unless unable to do so for one of the following reasons:

1. An emergency or a confining illness of the Commissioner, or of a member of the Commissioner's family, which requires the Commissioner's personal care;
2. Attendance at another function by a Commissioner as the official representative of the City, as authorized by the City Commission; or
3. Absence from the City of Plymouth on personal business at a location from which it is not practical to return for the Commission meeting.

As soon as a Commissioner anticipates that he or she will miss any regular or special City Commission meeting, or will arrive late to such meeting, the Commissioner shall advise the Mayor or the City Manager of such anticipated absence or late arrival, including the reason for it.

If a Commissioner anticipates having to leave a regular or special City Commission meeting, the Commissioner shall advise the Mayor prior to the start of the meeting as to the reason. At the appropriate meeting's roll call, the Mayor or Clerk shall advise the Commission of any absent Commissioner's reason for such absence, if known; and any Commissioner's anticipated early departure from the meeting. The Mayor shall then state that without objection, the Commissioner shall be recorded as "Absent-excused, reason for absence" or "Absent unexcused", or if it an early departure, then "Absent as of _p.m. - excused, reason for absence" or "Absent as of _p.m. - unexcused". If there is an objection, then the Mayor shall call for a vote of the Commission on the proposed recording of the absence.

If a Commissioner is unable to notify the Mayor or Clerk prior to the meeting from which the Commissioner is absent, then the Commissioner shall submit a written explanation of such absence to the Mayor or Clerk prior to the meeting at which the applicable minutes are approved. The City Commission shall then consider such explanation and determine whether to make a correction to the minutes regarding that meeting's attendance record. No further change in the attendance record for any meeting shall be made after the applicable minutes have been approved.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ADOPTION OF REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE:

The following resolution was offered by Moroz and seconded by Minton.

RESOLUTION 2023-97

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Plymouth City Commission shall hold regular City Commission Meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month, and also on the second Monday of each November following a regular City Commission Election, in the City Commission Chambers at the Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street or other designated locations; and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that should the meeting date fall on a holiday, then the meeting shall be held on the Tuesday immediately following said holiday unless otherwise determined, at the above specified time and place; and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that for the purposes of establishing the regular meeting schedule pursuant to City Charter Section 5.7, the term "holidays" shall mean those days designated as holidays by the State of Michigan in its current statute (*Regulation 5.08. Public Act 124 of 1865*), or as amended in the future; and that if any of these holidays falls on a Sunday, then the next Monday will be considered to be the public holidays for purposes of this schedule.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Deal again thanked and congratulated everyone, then, Kehoe offered a motion, seconded by Filipczak to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

SUZI DEAL
MAYOR

MAUREEN A. BRODIE, CMC, MiPMC
CITY CLERK