



City of Plymouth
City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 17, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
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1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Mayor Suzi Deal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #40010 introduced themselves and gave a short presentation after leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Suzi Deal, Commissioners Linda Filipczak, Jennifer Kehoe, Alanna Maguire, Brock Minton, Nick Moroz

Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Pobur

Also present: City Manager Chris Porman, City Attorney Bob Marzano, and various members of the City Administration

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. November 3, 2025 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November 3, 2025 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes made by Minton, supported by Moroz.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda for November 17, 2025 made by Kehoe, supported by Filipczak.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of October 2025 Bills

Motion to approve the consent agenda for November 17, 2025 made by Maguire, supported by Minton.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jim Mulhern 396 Arthur, congratulated all candidates and those elected. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity to connect with residents during his campaign and observed the pride and positivity evident across the City. Jim urged everyone to reject negativity and work together to continue to build a vibrant, welcoming, and forward-looking City.

Ron Picard 1373 Sheridan congratulated the newly elected and acknowledged the clerk's office for their work on the election. He also spoke about his campaign and how his interactions with residents would make him a better candidate and provided his thoughts on the incoming city commission.

Luke Contos 1373 Sheridan agreed with Mulhern's comments and stressed that he is tired of all the negativity and personal attacks being circulated by a small minority of residents. He would like to see a unified, functioning incoming city commission that works together for the good of the City.

David Pierce 1147 W. Ann Arbor Trail shared his thoughts on bullying he felt he had experienced and also provided comments on the incoming city commission.

Scott Lorenz 1310 Maple acknowledged the girl scout group and spoke about the recent election results and provided his thoughts on the incoming city commission.

Mary Gladchun 45585 N Territorial, Plymouth Township spoke about her social media activity and shared her perspective that she, as a non-resident, should have greater influence in City affairs compared to residents who are eligible to vote in the City.

6. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Deal expressed concern regarding recent comments and emails, questioning whether opposition to Colleen Pobur is based on accurate information or misleading materials. It was clarified that the appointment process followed City Charter guidelines after Commissioner O'Donnell stepped down. Pobur's qualifications were highlighted, including her prior community service, unanimous selection as Mayor Pro Tem, and more than seven years of elected and appointed experience. Her commitment, integrity, and strong principles were emphasized, along with her eligibility for consideration as mayor, noting that objections appear to be personal rather than procedural. She addressed concerns about divisive actions and unsolicited mailing lists that residents were included in without consent, and condemned the spread of misinformation and fear-based tactics. Deal acknowledged that business ownership is not relevant in this context and emphasized the importance of all residents' voices. Finally, as someone who was also bullied and never apologized to, she expressed optimism for better practices from all moving forward. Deal congratulated the incoming candidates and looks forward to this Commission coming together and working for the betterment of this community.

Minton expressed concern about the current lack of trust within the community, noting that this issue reflects a broader cultural trend that Plymouth is not immune to, even on a nonpartisan Commission at the local level. He emphasized the need to focus on substantive issues, verify facts, and engage in civil, good-faith debate on topics such as housing, traffic, and city services. He acknowledged that the Commission could improve transparency and responsiveness but stressed that disagreements should not lead to personal attacks. Minton acknowledged Deal and Pobur for enduring challenges and emphasized they did not deserve the criticism faced. He identified both individuals' dedication to the City and community service, describing them as honest and trustworthy. While noting occasional disagreements on decisions or approaches, he affirmed confidence in their good-faith efforts and expressed gratitude for their contributions. Minton went on to urge the community to improve the tenor of conversations and work collaboratively despite differences.

Kehoe expressed gratitude to residents who attended and showed support, acknowledging challenges faced by public servants. She also recognized the city clerk's office for ensuring a flawless Election Day and appreciates everyone involved in the election process. She also thanked the Girl Scouts for their participation in tonight's meeting.

Moroz expressed appreciation to Minton for his comments and thanked Mayor Deal and Mayor Pro Tem Pobur for their many years of service on this board. He also thanked residents for voting, election participants, poll workers, and the City team for organizing a successful election. Moroz highlighted this Commission's key achievements over the past years as a model for the incoming commission, including:

- Increased property values.
- Strategic investments and debt reduction.
- Numerous infrastructure projects.
- Strong responsiveness and accessibility to the public.

He emphasized the Commission's commitment to Plymouth's core values: inclusivity, high standards, teamwork, and community engagement, and encouraged maintaining these principles moving forward.

Filipczak expressed gratitude to attendees and reflected on four years of service on the Commission. She emphasized the importance of collaboration and respect, noting that disagreements are natural but should not lead to divisiveness and singling out someone that we don't agree with. She stressed commitment to making the city better for all residents, including children and the elderly. While reaffirming that consensus is not always possible, the Commission remains dedicated to working together constructively with mutual respect even when decisions differ. She concluded with a pledge to move forward as a united group.

Maguire echoed and supported Minton's comments, emphasizing the need to lower tensions and model positive behavior; we are not a community that attacks each other and we are all neighbors at the end of the day. She urged a commitment to treating each other with respect and kindness.

Deal thanked the DDA for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign kick off Friday night. It was a great evening and a beautiful night with a record-breaking crowd out there. The focus word this year is joy, which is something that we all should remember.

7. OLD BUSINESS – none

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Authorization to Delay Oath of Office

Motion to authorize the following resolution made by Kehoe, supported by Filipczak;

RESOLUTION 2025-99

WHEREAS At its meeting on November 3rd, the City Commission approved an adjustment to the regular meeting schedule and delayed the administration of the oath of office in anticipation that Wayne County would certify the November 4th election results within the 14-day statutory period; and

WHEREAS State law requires the County Clerk to certify election results within fourteen (14) days, and the City had anticipated certification in time for the November 17th meeting; however, on November 14th, the County notified the City that certification would not occur until November 18th, the final permissible day; and

WHEREAS Without certification, elected Commissioners cannot qualify for office and therefore cannot take the oath of office, be seated, or conduct any City business as required under Sections 4.15, 5.2, and 5.5 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS Section 4.15 of the City Charter authorizes the City Commission, by resolution, to extend the time in which an elected official may qualify for office when circumstances—such as delayed county certification—prevent timely administration of the oath; and

WHEREAS After consultation with the City Attorney and confirmation from the County Clerk's Office, it is recommended that the City Commission delay qualification and organizational proceedings until certification is complete to ensure full compliance with state law and Charter requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission hereby extends the time for newly elected officials to qualify for office under Section 4.15 of the City Charter, and that the oath of office, seating of new Commissioners, and conducting of organizational business—including selection of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem under Section 5.5—shall occur at the regular City Commission meeting on December 1, 2025, following certification of election results; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution supersedes City Commission Resolution #2025-98, which established the November 17, 2025 meeting as the regular meeting that the City Commission would have otherwise seated the new members.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Liaison Reports:

Minton: reported on the Planning Commission and their training session.

Kehoe: Hannakuh celebration in Kellogg Park on December 15.

Moroz: Dec 4 meeting with two items on the agenda.

Deal: Reported on the CIA board will hold a community engagement session on Dec 2 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Commission Chambers.

b. Appointments – none.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular City Commission meeting is 7:00 pm on Monday, December 1 at Plymouth City Hall. Motion made by Kehoe, supported by Moroz to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

SUZI DEAL
MAYOR

MAUREEN A. BRODIE, CMC, MiPMC
CITY CLERK