



City of Plymouth
City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 16, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Plymouth City Hall 201 S. Main Street

ITEM #2.a

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Mayor Linda Filipczak, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Elliott, Commissioners Latricia Horstman, Jennifer Kehoe, Alanna Maguire, Brock Minton, Karen Sisolak

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the March 2, 2026 City Commission/Planning Commission Joint Special Meeting Minutes as amended (Maguire sp) and the March 2, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes made by Elliott, supported by Kehoe;

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda for March 16, 2026 made by Kehoe, supported by Maguire;

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda for March 16, 2026 made by Kehoe, supported by Minton;

- a. Approval of February 2026 Bills
- b. Special Event: The Call for Independence: America at 250 - Sun, June 7, 2026

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following residents spoke:

Jack Wilson-1157 Penniman, about the 2015 election; Ed Walton- 1465 Palmer, about Coffee with Commissioners and inquired about where to locate City items printed in the Eagle newspaper*.

**The City of Plymouth currently utilizes the Detroit Legal News Wayne County for notices requiring publishing in a newspaper <https://www.legalnews.com/>*

6. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Filipczak acknowledged last week's Temple Israel incident and thanked all first responders including our's from the City of Plymouth.

DDA: Central Parking Deck repairs start March 23; limited space closures through May 2026.

Willcox Lake Project: \$850,000 federal request submitted; support received from regional partners; recent meeting with Wayne County staff was positive. Filipczak visited Isbister School for March Reading Month.

Commissioners echoed Filipczak's comments on Temple Israel. Commissioners also thanked attendees of the recent Coffee with Commissioners and noted strong turnout and productive dialogue.

Commissioners recognized the value of informal community conversations as a complement to formal meetings conducted under Robert's Rules of Order and encouraged residents to continue reaching out with questions or concerns, including via commissioners' City email addresses. The next Coffee with Commissioners event will be held at a later time to better accommodate work schedules.

Commissioners also encouraged residents to use caution during severe winter weather due to hazardous conditions (e.g., falling branches and downed power lines).

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Zoning ordinance Amendments – 3rd Batch, Second Reading

Motion to approve the following resolution made by Minton, supported by Kehoe;

RESOLUTION 2026-22

WHEREAS The Planning Commission of the City of Plymouth reviewed the proposed zoning ordinance amendments which update Sections 78-91, 78-101, and 78-182 of the City's Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission held a public hearing on December 10, 2025 to receive public comment about the zoning ordinance amendments; and

WHEREAS At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission postponed the text amendment to their next meeting; and

WHEREAS At the January 14, 2026 meeting the Planning Commission approved the text amendment and recommended review and approval by the City Commission; and

WHEREAS The City Commission has completed a first and second reading of the proposed language.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby approve the zoning ordinance amendments to Sections 78-91, 78-101, and 78-182.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Commission directs the City Clerk to publish the zoning ordinance amendments to be effective the day after publication.

Full text of amendments available in the 3/16/2026 City Commission Agenda:

<https://www.plymouthmi.gov/common/pages/GetFile.ashx?key=L9FDAZMv>

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution of Support – Congressionally Directed Spending

Motion to approve the following resolution made by Kehoe, supported by Minton;

RESOLUTION 2026-23

- WHEREAS The City of Plymouth recognizes the importance of federal funding in supporting critical projects and initiatives that directly benefit our community; and
- WHEREAS Congressionally Directed Spending allows for the allocation of federal funds to specific projects identified by local representatives who have a deep understanding of the unique needs and priorities of their constituents; and
- WHEREAS The inclusion of Congressionally Directed Spending in the federal budget provides an opportunity for the City of Plymouth to address local challenges, invest in infrastructure, create jobs, and enhance the overall well-being of our residents; and
- WHEREAS Senators Elissa Slotkin and Gary Peters, our elected Senators in the United States Congress, have identified key projects within the City of Plymouth that align with the community's goals and have the potential to yield significant positive outcomes; and
- WHEREAS The City Commission of the City of Plymouth has reviewed the installation of a multi-modal pathway along Wilcox Road in the advancement of the health, safety, and welfare of the Plymouth residents and visitors recognizing the merit and alignment with our community's needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plymouth City Commission expresses its full support for Congressionally Directed Spending and encourages Congress to include the proposed funding for multi-modal pathway along Wilcox Road in the federal budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senators Slotkin and Peters and any other relevant federal officials to demonstrate the unified support of the City of Plymouth for the inclusion of Congressionally Directed Spending for the installation of a multi-modal pathway along Wilcox Road in the federal budget.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Grass Cutting and Bulk Leaf Clean Up Contract Bid Award

Motion to approve the following resolution made by Minton, supported by Elliott;

RESOLUTION 2026-24

- WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has a variety of public properties which need to have the lawn mowed on a regular basis; and
- WHEREAS From time to time the city bids these services to arrange for lawn mowing and leaf clean up services; and
- WHEREAS The City did seek bids for this service and seven bidders, bid on the project; and
- WHEREAS The City Administration did review the bid and recommends accepting the bid from Ground Control Property Service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby accept the bid from Ground Control Property Service for lawn mowing and fall leaf clean up. In addition, the City Commission reserves the right to administratively extend the contract in one-year increments for a period not to exceed a maximum of three consecutive years. Further, the City Commission hereby rejects all other bids.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Designation of Voting Location

Motion to approve the following resolution made by Minton, supported by Maguire;

RESOLUTION 2026-25

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth is required under the Michigan Election Law to establish and maintain polling places for each precinct within the municipality; and

WHEREAS The Plymouth Cultural Center is a public facility that ensures accessibility, suitability, and compliance with state and federal law, including the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth previously designated the Plymouth Cultural Center as the official polling location for voters on Election Day; and

WHEREAS The Plymouth City Commission desires to formally designate the Plymouth Cultural Center as the official polling location for all precincts for elections that Early Voting is held.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Plymouth Cultural Center is hereby designated as the official polling location for all voting precincts of the City of Plymouth for Election Day voting, as well as all Early Voting days held in the City of Plymouth;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Clerk is authorized to make minor administrative adjustments if a designated location becomes unavailable, provided that notice is given as required by law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this resolution shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by further action of the City Commission.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Set Public Hearing – Liquor License Review

Motion to approve the following resolution made by Maguire, supported by Horstman;

RESOLUTION 2026-26

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has a Code of Ordinances wherein is contained Chapter 6: Alcoholic Liquors, otherwise known as the Liquor Management Ordinance

WHEREAS Section 6-38 of the Code of Ordinances directs that prior to the recommendation for revocation and non-renewal of a liquor license provide notice of a hearing; and

WHEREAS The City intends to hold hearing pursuant to the language contained in Section -38 to recommend revocation and non-renewal of liquor licenses for those licenses that are in violation of the ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Plymouth hereby schedules a public hearing for Monday, April 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM to receive public comment on Recommending Renewal, Revocation and Non-Renewal of Liquor Licenses as prescribed in Section 6-38 of the Code of Ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City administration is directed to complete all required postings, mailings, publications, and notifications as mandated by Ordinance.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

e. Emergency Authorization Confirmation – Harvey/Fralick Water Main Break Repairs

Motion to approve the following resolution made by Minton, supported by Kehoe;

RESOLUTION 2026-27

WHEREAS The City maintains a water and sewer system to provide for the public health and from time to time there is a need to make repairs to the system to ensure safe operations of the system and safe drinking water for the community; and

WHEREAS There was a need to make emergency repairs to the water system to include the water mains at the corner of Fralick and Harvey Street as well as Hartsough between Harvey and Main Street; and

WHEREAS The City Administration did contact Perlongo Excavating, who the City has a positive working relationship with based on previous Infrastructure projects as well as previous Emergency Repairs; and

WHEREAS Perlongo Excavating did complete the repairs on January 30, 2026.

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 City's water system and rental of steel plates completed by Perlongo Excavating in the amount of \$11,110. Funding for this authorization is to be allocated from the City's Water Sewer Fund.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

f. Authorization for Restoration – Harvey and Fralick Water Main Break Repairs

Motion to approve the following resolution made by Kehoe, supported by Elliott;

RESOLUTION 2026-28

WHEREAS The City maintains a water and sewer system to provide for the public health and from time to time there is a need to make repairs to the system to ensure safe operations of the system and safe drinking water for the community; and

WHEREAS There was a need to make emergency repairs to the water system to include the water mains at the corner of Fralick and Harvey Street as well provide restoration of that area as a result of the water main break; and

WHEREAS The City Administration did contact multiple companies to seek proposals for the restoration of the street, sidewalk, ADA ramp, etc. Major Construction Group provided a Price of \$20,210.00, which was the lowest of the obtained prices; and

WHEREAS City Administration did seek pricing for the restoration of the landscape area and repairs/replacement of the brick work in the immediate area. Pricing was submitted by Old Village Landscaper, a Plymouth company, in the amount of \$4,443.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby confirm the proposal from Major Construction Group in the amount of \$20,210.00 for restoration work in the vicinity of Harvey and Fralick. Funding for this authorization is to be allocated from the City's Water Sewer Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby confirm the proposal from Old Village Landscaper in the amount of \$4,443.00 for restoration work in the vicinity of Harvey and Fralick. Funding for this authorization is to be allocated from the City's Water Sewer Fund.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

g. Contract for Legal Services – AFFF PFAS Litigation

Motion to approve the following resolution made by Kehoe, supported by Sisolak;

RESOLUTION 2026-29

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth (the “City”) is committed to delivering clean drinking water to its customers; and

WHEREAS The City is also committed to identifying parties responsible for increasing the costs of water treatment and system maintenance and taking reasonable steps to avoid passing on these costs to its consumers; and

WHEREAS STAG LIUZZA, L.L.C., and MAVACY PLLC have put together a team of uniquely qualified and experienced attorneys (“the Firm”) who have joined together to assist public entities facing the challenges posed by potential per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”); and

WHEREAS The Firm is comprised of experienced attorneys in both in PFAS litigation and in the representation of public entities and water suppliers in cases involving cost recovery related to remediation of water contamination; and

WHEREAS The City Commission has determined it to be in the City’s/Township’s best interest to enter into the Legal Services Agreement with the Firm and pursue any settlement and other legal damage claims it may have related to PFAS in Aqueous Film-Forming Foams (AFFF) Litigation MDL No. 2873; and

WHEREAS The City desires to authorize the execution of the as Contract of Legal Services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission that the Mayor of the City of Plymouth is hereby authorized to execute the Legal Services’ Agreement with the Firm based upon the terms and conditions set forth herein and, in a manner, substantially similar to the Agreement attached hereto as Contract of Legal Services.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION FAILED UNANIMOUSLY

9. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Liaison Reports

Minton: Historic District Commission (HDC)- Reported on two agenda items that were reviewed (Thai Ocha-Main St and another on AATrl) ; the HDC elected Colleen Polin as Chair and Stan Cole as Vice Chair.

Maguire: Plymouth District Library- Board meeting scheduled for March 17 at 7:00 p.m.; March is Reading Month.

Filipczak: Downtown Development Authority (DDA)- Discussion included the parking garage and district court capital improvements (lighting, HVAC, doors, and parking lot).

Elliott: Reported on ZBA that met March 5. An applicant arrived after the item was called, so their item was tabled and will return at the April meeting; Planning Commission that approved a burger eatery on Penniman to replace an existing salon; He also attended the Conference of Western Wayne meeting and they have a website for anyone interested.

Sisolak: Provided DDA and DTP Forward updates. About 75 residents attended the Feb. 26 open house, and the second survey has 284 responses. SmithGroup will present in April. Upcoming events include the May 20 third open house. City work continues on brick repairs and tree removal/monitoring. ArtWalk Phase 3 materials are ordered, and the concert schedule is released. The DDA approved \$132,194 for Central Parking Deck improvements and recommended keeping the current liquor license cap. Staff confirmed outreach to the board applicant mentioned in public comment.

Plymouth-Canton Robo Challengers, FIRST® Tech Challenge (FTC) Team 21482 gave a presentation, demonstrating a prototype they designed and built for this year's competition.

b. Appointments

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular City Commission meeting is 7:00 pm on Monday, April 6 at Plymouth City Hall. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Minton, supported by Maguire;

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Filipczak adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

LINDA FILIPCZAK
MAYOR

MAUREEN A. BRODIE, CMC, MiPMC
CITY CLERK