

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP
OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The Zimmerman City Council met in a workshop session at the Zimmerman City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall by Mayor Stay.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Stay, Council Members Dahl, Farber, and Whiting. Also present was Administrator Piasecki, Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann and Attorney Mattick.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved by unanimous consensus with the following additions:

- **Length of Mayoral Term**
- **Zimmerman/Livonia Fire District Joint Powers Agreement**

ORDER OF DISCUSSION

Length of Mayoral Term

Council and Staff have previously discussed the current terms of the mayor and councilmembers. Section 2.102 of the City Code dictates a 2-year Mayoral term, and 4-year Council terms. The current term structure places three (3) seats on council, the Mayor and 2 Councilmembers, up for election every 2 years. Staff requested a change to the code about 10 years ago to change the term from two (2) to four (4) years and Council voted against the change. Staff and Attorney Mattick explained the benefits of increasing the Mayor term to 4-years.

Councilmember Earenfight was present at 6:05 p.m.

Attorney Mattick was directed to prepare an ordinance amending Section 2.102 of the City Code to increase the Mayor term to 4 years, beginning with the 2024 election, for consideration at the February 26, 2024 Council meeting.

Zimmerman/Livonia Fire District Joint Powers Agreement

City staff reviewed the current Joint Powers Agreement with Livonia Township, finding the agreement expires on July 12, 2024. Attorney Mattick explained that if the agreement expires, the Fire District, and subsequently the Fire Department, will cease to exist. The City has an obligation to provide fire protection services to residents, therefore, it is in the City's best interest to negotiate a new agreement with Livonia Township to maintain fire protection services.

Attorney Mattick suggested the two entities extend the agreement for one year to allow time to negotiate a new agreement. The City's representatives on the Fire Board will discuss at the Fire Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Annexation Options

Discussion was held regarding process and procedure for the potential annexation of property to expand the City's borders. Attorney Mattick explained the three types of annexation and Council discussed pros and cons of each scenario.

Mayor Stay adjourned the workshop at 7:36 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of February, 2024.

s/s Kary Tillmann, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved 02/26/2024