

**MINUTES OF THE ZIMMERMAN CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER The Zimmerman City Council met as the Committee of the Whole at City Hall on Monday, August 18, 2025. Mayor Dahl called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Dahl, Council Members Bondhus, Earenfight, Farber, and Wells. Also present were Administrator Piasecki and Clerk/Treasurer Tillmann and Public Works Director Koehler.

AGENDA APPROVAL **The agenda was approved with the following additions:**

- **City Planner Position**
- **Labs to Lakes Program**
- **City Hall Facilities Planning Committee**
- **Park Board Update**

ORDER OF DISCUSSION

- Fire District Joint Powers Agreement – The 1-year extension to the Fire District JPA was extended to December 31, 2024. Livonia Town Board Chair Kevin Hiller requested a joint meeting to include himself, the Town Board Vice Chair, City Mayor and Vice Mayor and Township and City staffs to begin discussion on an updated JPA. A meeting was scheduled for August 19 but cancelled due to an unexpected schedule conflict. Staff will contact Township staff to reschedule.
- Park Board Update – Discussion was held regarding the re-establishment of the City Park Board, including number of members and Board responsibilities. Staff has been advertising for member applications since early in 2025 and to date have received two applications. Council requested staff prepare an ordinance amendment to reduce the number of members to five (5), with a representative of the Public Works Department to serve as an Ex-Officio member. Staff will advertise for Park Board, Planning Commission, and EDA vacancies in the September newsletter, with appointments by the Council once enough applications to satisfy membership needs have been received.
- Labs to Lakes Program – Staff received information that nets were placed last week, which showed decreased activity due to carp not spawning at this time. A report from program staff should be available by the September 8, 2025 Council meeting.
- City Hall Facilities Planning Committee – Member Farber would like to see a committee formed to begin planning for future facility needs for City Hall.
- City Planner Position – Member Farber would like Council to consider utilizing a search firm to oversee the hiring process for a City Planner, since the position has been advertised multiple times without finding a suitable candidate. Staff will research firms that provide this service and report back at a future meeting.

Mayor Dahl adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of September, 2025.

s/s Kary Tillmann, City Clerk/Treasurer