



**CITY OF LINDEN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

~~MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026~~ MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: LOOSE SENIOR CENTER, 707 NORTH BRIDGE STREET, LINDEN, MI 48451

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Elizabeth Armstrong. The meeting was held at The Loose Senior Center located at 707 North Bridge Street, Linden, Michigan 48451.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. A Moment of Silence was observed for our military.

City Council Present: Mayor Elizabeth Armstrong, Brad Dick, Tom Hicks, Denise Miller, Brenda Simons

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Link, Pam Howd

Others Present: Ellen Glass, City Manager; Brian Will, Fire Chief; Don Grice, Director of Public Works; Tessa Sweeney, Director of Senior Services & Community Engagement; Brooke Card, City Treasurer; Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk; Nicole Weissenborn, Deputy Clerk; Chris Stritmatter, City Attorney

a. Excuse Absent Member(s)
Armstrong excused Link and Howd.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment about affordable public housing for seniors and reasoning, as well as past plans for housing option on Loose property.

Public comment on approval of raises, reasoning, discussion last meeting and asked about next year.

Public comment on scooter concerns; meeting and Councilor conduct; and Mayor posting online.

Public comment on gentle flow yoga instructor replacement; requested permission to use a recording until we find someone to continue and reasoning.

Public comment about blocked sidewalks and next step after 911 calls; Loose classes; yoga instructor and reasoning.

Public comment on board applications; Mayor post online; previous submitted application and reasoning. Armstrong explained public comment procedure.

Public comment from board member of Forest Ridge Glens HOA; discussed correspondence regarding development, referenced handout provided to Council; FOIAs; City Engineer; further reviewed correspondence and shared concerns with project.

Staff addressed public comments. Councilors addressed public comment regarding wages.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (A) City Council Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2026
- (B) Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board City Council
Representative Reappointment: Mayor Elizabeth Armstrong
- (C) Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Representative Reappointment:
Councilor Denise Miller
- (D) Financial Reports

Motion by Hicks, second by Dick to approve the consent agenda. Roll call. Motion carried 5-0.

AYES: Dick, Miller, Hicks, Simons, Armstrong

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Link, Howd

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(A) Monthly Grant Updates: All Pending & Newly Applied for Grants
Armstrong and Glass briefly discussed grants list with updates.

(B) Meeting Recording
Miller and staff discussed equipment timeline.

(C) Contract Statuses - Museum and Library in Mill Building
Glass explained no additional updates.

(D) Loose Van Update
Glass explained no additional updates.

(E) Comment Cards Update
Glass explained no additional updates.

NEW BUSINESS

(A) Resolution No. 10-26 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Amendments
Glass reviewed purpose. No public comment was received. Council and staff discussed.

Motion by Miller, second by Dick to accept Resolution No. 10-26. Roll call. Motion carried 5-0.

AYES: Armstrong, Simons, Dick, Miller, Hicks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Link, Howd

(B) 2026 Tax Request L-4029

Glass reviewed the topic.

Public comment about the document and the budget, Card addressed.

Motion by Hicks, second by Simons to approve the 2026 Tax Request L-4029. Roll call. Motion carried 5-0.

AYES: Hicks, Armstrong, Miller, Dick, Simons

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Link, Howd

(C) Resolution No. 11-26 Mosquito Ballot Language Approval

Glass reviewed reasoning for agenda item, discussion only at this time.

Public comment about this agenda discussion item and language, Glass addressed.

Council and staff discussed millage rate and November ballot deadline.

(D) Decorum and Ethics

Public comment from Deputy Clerk about experience from Mayor's social media post; reviewed timeline of events; policy and process adhered to; shared events experienced and statements made.

Miller explained reasoning for agenda topic and discussed DDA meeting recording; shared experiences; statements made; concerns; feelings; getting information; and not returning to DDA Board.

Miller left the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Miller returned to the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Brief discussion regarding public comment.

Armstrong addressed public comment from Deputy Clerk; statement posted on Facebook and reasoning for social media post. Simons asked if there is an ethics complaint, Michael Gildner, City Attorney, confirmed no violation. Miller apologized and Armstrong apologized and shared further comments.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Glass provided a verbal update on the following items:

- Fiscal year end
- Tax bills and utility billing
- Shared brief projects update

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Armstrong thanked the Departments for their reports which included reports from the Police Department, Code Enforcement, Department of Public Works and Fire Department.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Simons and Glass discussed upcoming retirement for Dotti. Simons commented on budget workshops.

Hicks commented on past year and recent happenings.

Dick commented on Fire Department report and fire trucks, brief discussion with Chief Will.

Miller commented on fire truck and previous meetings discussion, Glass and Will addressed. Miller further commented on scooter concerns and asked about workshop, Gildner addressed working with Chief Sutter on proposed ordinance. Hicks commented on a nearby city addressing motorized vehicles; also commented on pre-owned fire trucks, brief discussion with Will. Dick and Staff discussed MiDEAL, Sourcewell and quotes.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Armstrong at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk

Approved: _____