A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Monday, January 20, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Withee at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Lauri Krueger, Jason Smith, and Wayne Rayburn. Absent: Chuck Moore. Also present: City Manager, Aaron Mitchell; and Director of Public Works, Mike Bosch.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Smith moved to excuse Member Moore, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED

On a motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn, the January 6, 2025, Minutes were approved as submitted. CARRIED

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS
None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER GALE DUGAN UPDATE

County Commissioner Dugan gave an update on County activities. City Manager Mitchell and the Commission congratulated County Commissioner Dugan on being nominated the Chairman of the Allegan County Board of Commissioners.

B. OTSEGO ROTARY CLUB

City Manager Mitchell, who is the current President of the Otsego Rotary, gave an overview of the Otsego Rotary Club which included: History of the Rotary, What They Do, Who They Serve, Events They Host and Who Can Join. The Commission thanked City Manager Mitchell for his presentation.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

Mayor Withee opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m. At this time, Mickey Bittner and Emily Deane, of Wightman gave an overview of the key components of the Recreation Plan, Action Plan Items, and survey results from the community. They answered questions of the Commission and the audience. There being no further comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m.

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF THREE QUOTES FOR DIGITAL CITY ENTRANCE SIGN

City Manager Mitchell gave an overview of the three quotes that were received for the digital entrance sign for Brookside Park. He stated that the digital message board will be an informational tool to keep the community informed, which was a concern that was voiced by the

community in the past. A brief discussion took place regarding the letters of "Otsego" on the Jiffy quote, and the Commission asked if the letters could be up and down, instead of sideways. City Manager Mitchell and Director of Public Works Bosch answered questions of the Commission. Commissioner Smith moved to authorize the purchase of a Digital Entrance Sign from Jiffy Signs, as presented - with a possible minor design modification, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. AGREEMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH WIGHTMAN FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DSMI VERIFICATION PROJECT

Commissioner Krueger moved to authorize the execution of an agreement with Wightman for Engineering Services for DSMI Verification Project, seconded by Commissioner Smith. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02 – A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CITY OF OTSEGO'S 2025-2029 PARKS & RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Commissioner Smith offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn.

CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CITY OF OTSEGO'S
2025-2029 PARKS & RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Otsego has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2025 through 2029, and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Otsego and surrounding areas were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of 33 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 20, 2025 at Otsego City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan 2025 - 2029, and

WHEREAS, the City of Otsego has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Otsego, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Otsego City Commission voted to adopt said Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan 2025 – 2029.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Otsego City Commission hereby adopts the City of Otsego Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan 2025 - 2029 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Community:

YEAS: Commissioners: Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger, Jason Smith, and Wayne Rayburn.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Chuck Moore.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

B. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03 - A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR PELOTON INC.

Commissioner Krueger offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption, supported by Commissioner Rayburn.

CITY OF OTSEGO
MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03

A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR PELOTON INC.

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on April 15, 2024, the Otsego City Commission by resolution established City of Otsego Industrial Development District Number 26; and

WHEREAS, Peloton Inc. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed within the Industrial Development District Number 26; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the City of Otsego held a hearing on December 2, 2024, at the City of Otsego Commission Chambers, in Otsego, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six (6) months before October 21, 2024, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the City of Otsego; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the City of Otsego, after granting this certificate, will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Commission of the City of Otsego that:

1. The City of Otsego finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of Otsego, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Otsego.

2. The application from Peloton Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, with respect to a New Facility on the following described parcel of real property situated within the Industrial Development District Number 26, to wit: COM 2034 FT NWLY ALG C/L M-89 FROM E LIN SEC 23 TH N 59 DEG 56' E 297 FT TH N 30 DEG 04' W 264 FT TH S 59 DEG 56' W 348.2 FT TO CTRLIN M}89 TH N 59 DEG 56' E 300 FT TO POB THIS DESC TH CONT N 59 DEG 56' E 48.2 FT TH S 30 DEG 04' E 100 FT TH S 59 DEG 56' W 48.2 FT TH N 30 DEG 04' W TO POB ALSO COM 2184.35' NWLY ALG CTRLIN PLAINWELL ROAD FROM E LIN SEC 23 TH N 59 DEG 56' E 340.2' TH N 30 DEG 04' W 19' TH S 59 DEG 56' W 341. 3' TO CTRLIN RD TH SELY 19.1' TO POB ALSO COM 2034' NW ALG CTRLIN OF M}89 FROM E LIN SEC 23 TH N 59 DEG 56' E 297' TH N 30 DEG 04' W 264' TH S 59 DEG 56' W 348.2' TO CTRLIN M-89 AND POB THIS DESC TH N 59 DEG 56' E 300' TH S 30 DEG 04' E 100' TH S 59 DEG 56' W TO SD CTRLIN TH NE ALG CTR LIN TO POB SEC 23 T1N R12W. TAX MAP: 0.94 AC (Legal Description) be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force for a period of 12 years.

YEAS: Commissioners: Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger, Jason Smith, and Wayne Rayburn.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Chuck Moore.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARYLN LANGEANCE- TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2029; DEB AGNE – TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2027; MICHAEL KUIPER – TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2028; AND APPOINTMENT OF LAURIE ANDRUS – TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2026; TO THE LOCAL OFFICER'S COMPENSATION BOARD

Commissioner Krueger moved to confirm the Mayor's reappoint of Local Officer's Compensation Board Members: Maryln Langeance, term to expire December 31, 2029; Deb Agne, term to expire December 31, 2027; Michael Kuiper, term to expire December 31, 2028; and appointment of Laurie Andrus, term to expire December 31, 2026; seconded by Commissioner Rayburn. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT
The City Manager commented and gave updates on the following:

1. Otsego Fire Department Apparatus Meeting that was recently held. The Director of Police & Fire will be presenting information regarding this at an upcoming meeting.

2. HoM Flats update.

3. The gathering of PFAS well data.

Commissioner Rayburn asked questions regarding the environmental clean-up at the Rock-Tenn property.

COMMUNICATIONS
None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE
Director of Public Works, Mike Bosch – he thanked Mickey Bittner & Emily Deane of Wightman for all of their hard work on the Recreation Plan. He stated that it was a lot of hard work and they did a great job. Mayor Withee stated that she was very thankful for their work on the project.

COMMISSIONER'S' COMMENTS
Mayor Withee & Commissioners – thanked Wightman for their Recreation Plan presentation; thanked City Manager Mitchell for his Rotary presentation; and they all congratulated County Commission Dugan for being appointed Chairman of the Allegan County Board of Commissioners. They thanked the audience for attending.

ADJOURN
Commissioner Krueger moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn. CARRIED. 8:02 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk