

2016 End of the Year Report
December 12, 2016

As Mayor, I am pleased to provide this Annual Report to share with you some of the accomplishments of the City Council, City Manager and City Departments during the year.

1. During 2016, City Council approved **ordinances** in the following areas: Use of Tobacco By Minors, Animal Control – Domesticated Hens and Anti-Tethering, Water Service Disconnection, Fire Code Amendments, Unattended Child in Motor Vehicle, and Business License Process Streamlining.
2. This past summer, the City issued \$15.250 million in General Employee **Pension Obligation Bonds** as part of its effort to address the unfunded liability associated with personnel legacy costs.
3. In 2016, the City completed **Year 2 of the Annual Sidewalk Repair & People Powered Transportation Program** in the area between Lincoln and 11 Mile, including over 1.7 miles of new or replaced sidewalk completed without the need for Special Assessment District funding. This 8-year program provides for sidewalk repair, barrier free ramps and non-motorized transportation enhancements throughout the City.
4. Madison Heights has been recognized by the University of Michigan-Dearborn’s Center for Innovation (iLabs **eCities** program) as a “**5-Star Community**” for the City’s work to foster entrepreneurial growth and economic development. The City has been recognized as a four or five star community annually since 2010, with a Best Practice award earned in 2013, 2014, and 2015.
5. City Council authorized and approved the construction of a **new perimeter fence** to improve security and officer safety at the Police Department.
6. In 2016, the City completed an extremely busy year of **public road construction** with 22 projects including one County funded repair on Whitcomb, six Proposal "R-2" residential street reconstruction projects, and sixteen sectional repairs.
7. By an overwhelming margin, Madison Heights voters approved renewals of **the Proposal “R” and Proposal “V” Roads and Vehicles millages** for an additional ten-year period.
8. The Department of Public Services **initiated a lead service line replacement program** that to date has resulted in the removal and replacement of 9 out of 28 confirmed lead residential service lines at no cost to the homeowner.
9. In 2016, the Department of Public Services also completed a very busy year of **watermain replacement** with over 8,200 feet of new watermain installed on Madison, Meadows, Dorchester, Windemere, Kenwood, Moulin, Alger, and Hampden.
10. The City Clerk’s Office successfully completed the **2016 Presidential Election**.
11. Again this year, the City demonstrated its commitment to **strong financial management** through the retention of its AA- bond rating and a clean financial audit with no adverse findings.
12. The Department of Public Services was again successful in the planning, coordinating, and **supporting of privately funded community events**, including the 5K Healthy Heights Run, Memorial Day Parade & Breakfast, Pre-4th of July Festival, Pokemon “Go” Parks Event, Nature Center Fall Open House, and Tree Lighting and Holiday Display.

On behalf of City Council and myself, I wish you all a happy holiday season and a New Year filled with peace, joy and wellness.