

# **CITY OF NILES**

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

### **May 8, 2023**

**The meeting will be held in person at 1345 E. Main Street,  
Niles, Michigan and streamed  
via Zoom  
6:00pm**

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**Any interested person or group may address the City Council on any agenda item when recognized by the presiding officer or upon request of any Council Member. Also, any interested person or group may address the City Council on any matter of City concern not on the Agenda during the agenda item designated Public Comment. The comment of any member of the public or any special interest group may be limited in time.**

For individuals who may wish to attend the City Council meeting it will be held at 1345 E. Main Street in the City of Niles, Michigan. You may also view the meeting from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, Android device, or by telephone. Public comment will only be accepted in person.

#### **ZOOM WEBINAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ACCESS**

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#### **MEETING PARTICIPATION**

At any regular or duly called special meeting of the Niles City Council, other than those meetings not subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, a person desiring to speak on any item(s) on the agenda may do so subject to the following rules:

- Prior to addressing the Council, the person must provide, for the record, his/her name, permanent address.
- The person must be recognized by the Mayor or other presiding officer at the point on the agenda entitled "Citizen Participation."

- The person will be allowed three (3) minutes to present remarks, unless the time restriction is waived by the chair.
- A person wishing to address an agenda item may reserve time to address that item immediately prior to the time that the item is discussed by the Council.
- A person may be expelled from the meeting for a breach of the peace committed at the meeting, and if during his/her presentation to the Council becomes loud or unruly, the chair may rule the person out of order and forfeit the person's opportunity to speak further.

*Resolution 92-11/1003 November 23, 1992*

If you would like to contact the City Council about any matter, on the agenda or otherwise, please do so via the email addresses below by 4:00 pm prior to the meeting:

- Mayor Nick Shelton: [mayor@nilesmi.org](mailto:mayor@nilesmi.org)
- Mayor Pro Tem & 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Councilmember Gretchen Bertschy: [gbertschy@nilesmi.net](mailto:gbertschy@nilesmi.net)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Councilmember Georgia Boggs: [gboggs@nilesmi.net](mailto:gboggs@nilesmi.net)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Councilmember Amanda Dunnem: [adunnem@nilesmi.net](mailto:adunnem@nilesmi.net)
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilmember William Weimer: [wweimer@nilesmi.net](mailto:wweimer@nilesmi.net)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilmember Charlie McAfee: [cmcafee@nilesmi.net](mailto:cmcafee@nilesmi.net)
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- 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilmember Michael Thompson: [mthompson@nilesmi.net](mailto:mthompson@nilesmi.net)
- City Administrator Richard Huff: [cityadministrator@nilesmi.org](mailto:cityadministrator@nilesmi.org)
- City Clerk Tina Bergman: [cityclerk@nilesmi.org](mailto:cityclerk@nilesmi.org)

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**6:00 P.M.**

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL: (If attending remotely announce your location; i.e., state and city.)**

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: (PUBLIC COMMENTS)**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Consideration of approving the minutes of April 24, 2023.

2. Consideration of approving the list of bills dated May 2, 2023.
3. Consideration of approving the scheduling of a public hearing on May 22, 2023 for purposes of hearing public comment on the proposed additions to the CDBG Area Map.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Introduction of Items for Discussion**

**Items for Council Action**

4. Consideration of authorizing a proxy vote for the proposed slate of Blue Cross Blue Shield directors and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the proxy ballot.
5. Consideration of approving a resolution in support of pension funding, approving letters to Legislators encouraging their support and authorizing the Mayor to sign the letters.
6. Consideration of accepting the bid of \$129,220.00 from Northern Construction Services, Corp. of Niles, Michigan for the DART parking lot improvements, with the entire amount to be paid by Federal Transit Administration Grants and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.
7. Consideration of approving the Niles Renaissance Faire on May 20-21, 2023, including overnight camping, tents and vending in Plym Park with a portion of the park reserved for this event.
8. Consideration of approving Niles Burn Run, Inc. to conduct their annual event July 28-30, 2023, including related requests, as amended by staff recommendations.
9. Consideration of approving Niles Riverfront Optimist Club to conduct the Bluegrass Festival June 1-4, 2023, including related requests, as amended by staff recommendations.
10. Consideration of approving Western Michigan University Anthropology Department, along with the Niles History Center, to host the Fort St. Joseph Archaeology Open House on August 7-8, 2023 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Riverfront Park fort site and waive all fees.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

11. Consideration of approving the introduction and first reading of an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance Section 503,1,d, as presented.

**COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORT:**

Councilmember Boggs

Councilmember McAfee

Councilmember Bertschy  
Councilmember Dunnem  
Councilmember Rogers

Councilmember Weimer  
Councilmember DiCostanzo  
Councilmember Thompson

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT**