

CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN
Minutes of the City Council Work Session
Monday, March 14, 2022

PRESENT: Councilmembers Bolt, DeKryger, Fitzgerald, Postler, Postema (5:32 p.m.),
Vanderwood and Mayor Poll

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Hofert, Koster, McCarter, Pols, Rynbrandt, Paul Smith, Scott Smith, VandenBerg
and Yenchar

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Bolt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Student Recognition

None.

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

4. Community Enrichment Commission Transition to Volunteer Group

McCarter provided background on the Community Enrichment Commission (CEC) and recent challenges in maintaining membership and a functioning board. McCarter further explained the recent vote by the CEC to support hosting the Concerts in the Park series as a permanent program of the Parks and Recreation Department and transition the membership of the CEC to serve as a volunteer group that would support that program. McCarter provided details on how existing CEC resources allocated if Council supports this transition.

Council supports moving this item to the next regular meeting.

5. City Council Retreat Follow-up

McCarter reviewed materials developed through the recent council retreat and shared the report provided by the facilitator. McCarter further discussed next steps, including a work session to discuss council's social contract and continuing development of the key strategic goals of community, safety and stewardship. Staff is seeking council feedback on the summary report.

Council was supportive of the materials presented.

6. Spongy Moth Suppression Program

VandenBerg explained the recent name change from Gypsy Moth to Spongy Moth and noted Wyoming's efforts to address major infestations. VandenBerg explained a larger area has been identified for treatment, so the total cost of the program is expected to be approximately \$120,000. If Council chooses to follow the special assessment process, costs to property owners

would be \$27 per small parcel and \$72 per treated acre for larger parcels. These costs are consistent with charges in recent years.

If Council supports proceeding with the special assessment for the treatment of spongy moths, a resolution will be presented at the next regular meeting to initiate the process. VandenBerg explained the various steps of the special assessment process, including the required property owner communications and council actions.

Council supports moving this item to the next regular meeting.

7. Redistricting of Precincts

VandenBerg provided maps of current and proposed precincts and described the scenarios addressed through the proposed precinct changes. VandenBerg will continue to monitor voter growth, legislation and voting habits to determine whether future changes will be necessary.

Council discussed various redistricting scenarios.

Council supports moving this item to the next regular meeting.

8. Civil Right Policy

Smith explained changes have been proposed to the City's civil rights policy based on additional accommodations required under the ADA, a desire to update contracting requirements, and some other general improvements. Substantively, there are no major changes to the policy.

Council supports moving this item to the next regular meeting.

9. Budget Presentation

Erickson reviewed the principles behind the city's asset management program, noting the challenge of managing assets of a mature system. Erickson discussed the public works and utility's assets, making note of the physical infrastructure and vehicles in the city's fleet, as well as associated budgets and planned projects.

Holt discussed next steps in the budget process, noting additional budget review sessions can be scheduled if council desires. The outcome of the May election could have budget implications and Holt explained how that might be addressed.

10. Any Other Matters

None.

11. Acknowledgement of Visitors/Public Comment (3-minute limit per person)

None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Kelli A. VandenBerg, City Clerk