

CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN
Minutes of the City Council Work Session
Monday, April 11, 2022

PRESENT: Councilmembers Bolt, DeKryger, Fitzgerald, Postler, Postema and Mayor Poll

ABSENT: Councilmember Vanderwood

STAFF: Erickson, Henckel, Holt, Koster, McCarter, Rynbrandt, 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. Capital Improvement Plan

Henckel provided a brief presentation on the capital improvement plan, describing funding sources, project types and specific projects. Henckel also explained the goals of the capital improvement plan. This plan addresses proposed projects for 2022-2024.

5. Budget Review

General Fund - Yenchar reviewed millage rates and provided highlights on revenues, expenses and capital projects. Yenchar discussed the changes in fund balance based on some of the one-time funding sources and revenue scenarios the city experienced in the last year. Finally, Yenchar presented information assuming approval of the income tax and property tax proposals, noting the budgets affected with reductions or increases.

The budget public hearing will be held on May 2. Final budget presentations will occur on May 9 for component units and the final budget will be presented to City Council for consideration on May 16.

Holt noted there is some degree of uncertainty given the election to be held on May 3 and explained how the budget process would go based on approval or denial of the proposals.

Community Services – Rynbrandt presented information on the community development, building inspections, and the parks and recreation funds. Rynbrandt reviewed the services provided in each service area and the related revenue and expenses related to these services, as well as a review of capital projects proposed in the area of parks and recreation.

6. Marquette Park Master Plan

Rynbrandt introduced Melinda Whitten, Principal with MCSA, the consulting firm used for the master planning process of Marquette Park. Whitten discussed the Marquette Park master plan design process, how the park has been used and how it is situated in the neighborhood. Whitten provided detail on the public engagement process and professional assessments that led to conceptual plans and finally the proposed park master plan.

Rynbrandt reviewed the materials developed during this process. The Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission have reviewed this plan and recommend adoption by the City Council.

Council supports moving this item to the next regular meeting.

7. Landscape Ordinance Amendment

Smith explained the primary purpose of this amendment is to allow vegetable gardens in front yards, but this review also offered an opportunity to update other provisions including the purpose of this ordinance, improved definitions and clarification related to compliance and violations.

Council supports moving this item to the next regular meeting.

8. City Council Rules of Procedure

Smith noted this draft amendment is proposed to address remote meeting rules and clarify some of the rules currently followed by City Council that may deviate from Robert's Rules of Order. Smith encouraged council to review these rules and proposed further discussion and review at the May work session.

Council supports moving this item to the May work session for further review.

9. Any Other Matters

None.

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

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Kelli A. VandenBerg, City Clerk