

CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN
Minutes of the City Council Work Session
Monday, September 9, 2024

PRESENT: Councilmembers Arnoys, Brann, DeKryger, Hill, Mayor Vanderwood and Mayor Pro Tem Postema

ABSENT: Councilmember Postler

STAFF: Erickson, Gerndt, Shay, Smith, VandenBerg, Waterman and Yenchar

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

3. IT Department Improvement Plan

City Manager Shay noted an earlier presentation of findings from consultant, Dewpoint, and introduced IT Director Paul Gerndt to discuss a proposed plan to incorporate some of the staffing and concepts identified in Dewpoint's assessment.

Gerndt detailed recommendations for staffing, supplemental consulting services, a replacement ticketing and technology deployment system, as well as increases to specific staff training.

Council discussed the proposed components of the IT improvement plan and how and when those would be implemented.

Council supports moving this item to the next regular city council meeting.

4. Third Transmission Main Update

Shay noted staff's interest in providing council an update on the third transmission main, noting some of the complexities of the project. Shay introduced City Attorney Scott Smith to provide a brief summary on various components of this project, with a focus on the financing piece.

Smith briefly discussed the history of the first and second transmission main installations and noted the requirement to install the third transmission main and the history of that project to date. The overall cost of this project is estimated to be in excess of \$85 million, with the city being responsible for 57% of these costs, and Ottawa County being responsible for the remaining amount.

Smith reviewed various financing options, noting challenges and opportunities of each. Based on these options, staff will present a resolution to council to approve the sale of bonds soon to support a larger portion of this project and a second sale later to address the remaining portion of

the project. Additional resolutions will be presented to support other components of the third transmission main installation.

5. Any Other Matters

None.

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

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Kelli A. VandenBerg, City Clerk