

CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN
Minutes of the City Council Work Session
Monday, May 12, 2025

PRESENT: Councilmembers Brethauer, DeKryger, Hill, Postler and Mayor Vanderwood

ABSENT: Councilmembers Arnoys and Postema

STAFF: Chapman, Hofert, Koster, Shay, Smith, Taveras, 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. Public Safety Annual Report

Chief Koster noted a video has been created with the assistance of the city's communications team. The video was shown and Chief Koster provided some additional information, noting the value of millage funds and grant dollars in advancing police and fire operations.

Council discussed the information presented. Shay complimented the public safety and communications teams on their contributions to this annual report. This report is available for public viewing on the city's website.

4. Axon Body Camera Proposal

Koster discussed body cameras and the value they have added in the protection of our officers and the community. Wyoming is 5 years into a 10-year contract and there are opportunities to enhance and improve the remaining 5 years of the contract with new technologies and streamlining. Chief introduced Kyle Heights, Axon Representative, to provide more information.

Heights reviewed the products and services provided to the City of Wyoming by Axon and some of the goals and objectives of the department. Heights further reviewed potential enhancements and product changes that would assist and support the department. Taveras assisted Heights in demonstrating the live language translation feature of one of the proposed enhancements. Heights also discussed the A.I. report writing tool.

Contract costs and incentives were reviewed, comparing the remaining, existing contract with an extended contract with the enhanced technologies.

Council discussed the products offered and efficiencies they provide.

This item will be presented to council for consideration at an upcoming council meeting. Council was supportive in moving this item forward.

5. Short Term Rentals

Hofert reviewed materials previously shared with council on short term rentals (STRs), described features that define STRs, and the regulatory framework that currently guides staff. With no existing state regulations, Hofert would like to develop guidelines that may be supported by future legislation and outlined potential regulatory options. Hofert further discussed requirements that could be put in place to protect those renting these properties and the neighborhoods surrounding them.

Council discussed various aspects of the information presented.

Council would prefer to discuss this item when the whole council is present. Shay will explore opportunities to discuss this prior to a regular council meeting when the entire council is present.

6. Community Development Rehabilitation Manual Updates

Smith provided an overview of the existing Community Development rehabilitation loan programs, proposed changes, and reasons for proposed changes.

Council discussed aspects of the current and proposed loan programs.

Smith explained how this process would also incorporate underwriting standards to the proposed loan programs and provided an overview of the proposed underwriting standards.

This item will be presented to council at an upcoming regular council meeting. Staff

7. Any Other Matters

None.

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

None.

9. Closed Session (Pending Litigation – *Brown v. City of Wyoming*)

At 7:29 p.m., Councilmember Brethauer moved, seconded by Councilmember Postler, to hold a closed session of the City Council to discuss pending litigation (*Brown v. City of Wyoming*).

Motion carried: 5 Yeas 0 Nays

There was a brief recess. The City Council went into closed session at 7:35 p.m. The City Council reconvened the regular session at 8:05 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Kelli A. VandenBerg, City Clerk