

CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN
Minutes of City Council Work Session
Monday, February 8, 2021

PRESENT: Councilmembers DeKryger, Fitzgerald, Postler and Vanderwood, Mayor Poll and Mayor Pro Tem Bolt

ABSENT: Councilmember Postema

STAFF: Balfort, Firestone, Hofert, Holt, Meagher, McKinley, Rynbrandt, Smith and VandenBerg

1. Call to Order

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

2. Student Recognition

None.

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

4. Budget Review

Balfort introduced Christine McKinley, noting she will be assisting with budget presentations this year. McKinley reviewed how each fund receives revenue and how monies within each fund can be spent. McKinley also provided a preliminary review of budget information relating to personnel, revenue and the status of various insurance funds.

Balfort discussed general fund revenue including sources and trends related to those sources. Balfort also highlighted how CARES funding assisted with the 2021 FY budget, reviewed efforts related to OPEB and other pension payments, and noted the City is meeting its asset management goals.

Balfort detailed the schedule related to budget review.

5. Technology Upgrade

Firestone reviewed Council Chambers technology upgrades previously approved by council and the progress on this project to date. During the course of the project it was determined there were additional hardware needs and some further enhancement of audio-visual features were desired. Firestone detailed the issues with the existing microphones and the proposed

replacements. Firestone also noted the enhancements that have been proposed to the audio-visual features, describing how the features can assist with remote meetings, teleconferences and online trainings. The proposal includes necessary hardware and installation.

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

6. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Mayor Pro Tem Bolt noted several councilmembers received inquiries from the public on electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations, prompting council to ask staff to research this topic.

Rynbrandt introduced Jordan Meagher to explain staff's review of this topic. Meagher reviewed staff's findings, including various types of charging stations, existing inventory of charging stations in and around Wyoming, opportunity for placement of charging stations on 28th Street, private investment opportunities and policy areas that could encourage investment in electric vehicle charging stations.

Council discussed staff's findings, as well as demand and costs for charging stations.

Council is interested in continuing this conversation and would like staff to continue exploration of this topic.

7. Mobile Food Vendor Fees

Hofert reviewed recent ordinance changes that will allow for mobile food vendors and presented a recommendation for a \$300 annual mobile food vendor fee.

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

At 6:55 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Bolt called for a 5-minute recess.

At 7:00 p.m., the meeting resumed with Mayor Poll as chair.

The Clerk took roll call of the Planning Commissioners present, including Commissioners Arnoys, DeLange, Goodheart, Hall, Hegyi, Micele, VanDuren and Weller. Commissioner Chatterley was absent.

8. Master Plan Review

Hofert provided a review of the master plan and land use fundamentals, reviewed the process employed to develop the proposed Wyoming [re]Imagined plan, highlighted some aspects of the proposed Wyoming [re]Imagined plan, and discussed how a master plan is used and implemented. Smith discussed applicable federal and state laws, grant contracts and other legal requirements related to the proposed Wyoming [re]Imagined plan.

Motion by Fitzgerald, seconded by Bolt, CARRIED, to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing an attorney opinion with members of the Planning Commission. Roll call vote: YES: Fitzgerald, Bolt, DeKryger, Postler and Mayor Poll. NO: Vanderwood. ABSENT: Postema.

The City Council and Planning Commission returned to open session at 8:20 p.m.

9. Any Other Matters

None.

10. Acknowledgement of Visitors/Public Comment

None.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Kelli A. VandenBerg, City Clerk