

**CITY OF WIXOM
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022**

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was held for the people of Ukraine who were suffering from the brutal invasion.

Present:

Mayor: P. Beagle (Excused)
Deputy Mayor: T. Rzeznik
Councilmembers: P. Behrmann
K. Gottschall
T. Gronlund-Fox
P. Sharpe
R. Smiley

AGENDA CHANGES: (None)

MINUTES:

CM-03-32-22: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Behrmann and Gottschall to approve the Special City Council meeting minutes of March 2, 2022.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CM-03-33-22: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Gronlund-Fox and Sharpe to approve the Special City Council meeting minutes of March 8, 2022.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CM-03-34-22: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Gottschall and Gronlund-Fox to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of March 8, 2022.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) Thank You Letter from The Circuit Court
- 2.) Memo Regarding the I-96 Flex Route Reconstruction Project

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik asked if we could put the links regarding the I-96 Flex Route Reconstruction Project posted front and center on our website. Mr. Brown said that we put information out through an email blast but it will also be prominently displayed on the website.

Councilmember Gottschall thought there was a piece that went out a while ago saying that the Beck Road ramp would be closed for six months straight. That caused some consternation. Everything he has read since then indicates that was not the case. Mr. Brown said that was correct. He would find out any plans for closures and get that information out ahead of time. It should be limited.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Jeff Winters, 2034 Downham Drive and Parks & Recreation Commissioner, said he supported the pathway proposed around the City Hall complex. He thought it would enhance the VCA and make it safer for visitors.

Dan, from Priority Waste, 42822 Garfield Road in Clinton Township, said they wanted to be present for New Business #5 regarding the Solid Waste Contract. He thanked the City for the opportunity to respond to the RFP. As a Michigan-based business and a new company that was growing in this market, he wanted the City to know that regardless of who the City chose, Priority Waste was available to help.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**1.) Departmental Monthly Reports – February 2022**

Councilmember Gottschall questioned the DPW overtime. It was not fall yet, but it was preparation time. Last season, we had the full-capacity equipment. When that was purchased a few years ago, we talked about how much overtime savings there would be. It was his calculation at the time that overtime would have to go down by half in order to offset the cost. It seemed to him that we were above where we typically are at this time. He wondered what the plan was for when the leaves come back. Mr. Sikma responded that the overtime from last month was primarily for snow removal. Councilmember Gottschall said he was speaking about the total number of overtime hours, not relating to snow or leaf removal. Mr. Sikma said that we have no control for the overtime to remove snow and ice. We are also not in control for the weather when it comes to leaf removal. In October and November, we are also up against Christmas decorations that slowed our progress. If it is raining, it is harder to pick them up and it takes longer. We are trying to keep the overtime to a minimum as much as possible. With the quality of services that the citizens expect and the amount of work that we have to do, he felt all of the overtime we have had up to this point has been warranted. Councilmember Gottschall understood the snow and leaves were weather-related and we can't control that. He asked where we could make up the difference. Mr. Sikma indicated that all of the overtime in November was due to the leaf pickup program. Councilmember Gottschall said that this was more of an annual question, not just relating to the weather. It was more of where we could make up the difference through our other activities. He said we couldn't account for the weather, but we have control over everything else. Mr. Sikma said that we have accepted a major portion of roads in Tribute, for example. Because of the congestion in that area, we are adding about five to eight hours snowplowing during major storm events. Councilmember Gottschall asked if the County was paying enough for the Winter Maintenance Agreement. Mr. Sikma said that the cost was established for the amount of time that needed to be spent in that area.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox said she was not trying to take work away from any of our employees, but she wondered if we hired seasonal or part-time employees to help during holidays or snowplowing. Mr. Sikma said that we do have a seasonal employee who works through the end of November. According to our DPW Contract, we can utilize seasonal employees from April 15 through November 30. If we want to extend it for any reason, we would bring that to the union to authorize it. They recognize those types of scenarios. We have seasonal employees (5-6

individuals) for the entire mow crew who are hired for the summer months and one seasonal stays through November.

2.) Quarterly Investment and Budget Report – December 2021

There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

CONSENT AGENDA: (None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1.) Recommendation to Approve the Enactment of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Wixom, Title 1, General Provisions, Chapter 1.08, Voting Precincts, by Amending Section 1.08.030, Precinct 2, and Section 1.08.040, Precinct 3

CM-03-35-22: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Behrmann and Gronlund-Fox to approve the Enactment of an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Wixom, Title 1, General Provisions, Chapter 1.08, Voting Precincts, by amending Section 1.08.030, Precinct 2, and Section 1.08.040, Precinct 3.

Vote:

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Recommendation to Accept the Bid from T&M Asphalt Paving of Milford, Michigan for the Construction of the Civic Center Safety Pathway for a Cost Not to Exceed \$184,737 from Parks & Recreation Capital Plan, Civic Center Account #411-751-986.542

CM-03-36-22: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Sharpe and Smiley to accept the bid from T&M Asphalt Paving of Milford, Michigan for the construction of the Civic Center Safety Pathway for a cost not to exceed \$184,737 from Parks & Recreation Capital Plan, Civic Center Account #411-751-986.542.

Ms. Magee commented that this project has been in the works for over three years. It was a Community Development Block Grant program and we did receive our 2021 funds. This project is funded 77% by CDBG funds, our Park Development funds of \$28,250, as well as funding from the DDA. It is a joint project and we are excited to see it move forward.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if the Park funds were the OTC donations. Ms. Magee replied no. The Park Development fund was established years ago from a developer. Ms. Stamper added that we received a one-time developer contribution from one of the subdivisions that they earmarked to be used for future park development. Councilmember Gottschall asked if there were any general funds being used. Ms. Magee said that with the 2021 CDBG, we are not using any general funds. We are only using the Park Development funds that have been in the budget. Ms. Stamper indicated that the CDBG money took the place of what we had earmarked from capital. Councilmember Gottschall said that it looked like a more winding route was incorporated. He asked if we would still be doing some tree

removal. Mr. Sikma said that we did need to take down two pine trees that were diseased. He didn't believe there were any others that needed to be removed.

Councilmember Behrmann said he was fine with this until he mentioned the tree removal. The bid shows several thousand dollars for tree removal. If the trees don't have to be removed, we shouldn't have to pay that. Mr. Sikma replied that was correct. He was not aware of any other trees that needed to be removed.

Councilmember Smiley said he was dubious about this in the beginning. Over the years, he started to see the value. Having the funds covered by the grant and the DDA, with little coming from the City, he supported this.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox appreciated the funds coming from other sources. She wondered if we had money set aside for maintenance of the path. Mr. Sikma said it would come out of general maintenance that we do with pathways. That would be bumped up somewhat. She also asked if the trees that were removed would be replaced. Mr. Sikma said that we did replace a couple of them in the parks. We have a program in place for that purpose.

Councilmember Sharpe supported the path. He thought it looked like a great facility and one more in our Parks and Recreation facilities inventory the City has put into place over the last few years. He asked if it would be concrete or asphalt. Ms. Magee replied that it will be asphalt and it will be eight feet wide. Councilmember Sharpe said he was debating about the need for it until he almost ran into someone in the parking lot when he was backing out of his spot. There are a lot of access points, which he liked. He thought it will be a benefit to the City.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if the plan would be to plow and salt this pathway in the winter. Mr. Sikma replied that we do the pathways throughout the City following a snow event, usually two or three days later. We don't salt them because the salt is bad for the grass. It would be swept. With the asphalt, it would melt quickly. Once the snow was removed, it should be a decent trail to walk. He said that they maintain the pathways throughout the City for walkability for the schools. Councilmember Gottschall said that adding fixed costs irked him, like adding capital improvement over time when it needs to be replaced, annual maintenance, and crack sealing. He wondered where the DDA played into the future for maintenance of the pathway. He was in favor of this project since we are not using any general funds, but moving forward, that also has to be the case. He asked if that could be made part of the cost-sharing agreement that was brought up at the Joint Meeting the night before.

Mr. Benson said that when we talk about maintenance in the sense of snowplowing or activities within the downtown district, that was covered under the proposed cost sharing agreement. He said that if we were talking about maintenance in a longer term, capital replacement sense, that was not necessarily included. It would be on a case-by-case basis. By the time we get to replacing sections of this path in ten or twenty years, we would probably just have to deal with those at the time. If there was something more expensive, we would bring that back to them to Council.

Mr. Brown mentioned that we will be doing a yearly audit to make sure that everything was falling within that area of expense. Councilmember Gottschall didn't recall maintenance projects using any CDBG monies, but he wondered what would happen when we get to year 15 or 20 and it needed to be replaced. He asked if we could use CDBG funds when it was time to maintain or replace the pathway. Ms. Magee replied yes. Councilmember Gottschall would like to try not to use general funds on this pathway, even if it comes to replacement in the future. He was in support as long as we are not using general funds.

Deputy Mayor Rzesnik said that we talked early on about the next phase of the project, like improving the tot lot. He recalled one of the very first renditions showed a connector from the south end of the path to the tot lot and he didn't see it on the new plan. Mr. Sikma said that the path goes to the parking lot because that area was too steep. We needed the 8% grade.

Vote:

Motion Carried

2.) Recommendation to Award the 2022 Road Maintenance Program, Maple Run II, to F. Allied Construction of Clarkston, Michigan in an Amount Not to Exceed \$394,689.02 from Account #203-554-971.399 Local Roads

CM-03-37-22: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Gronlund Fox and Smiley to award the 2022 Road Maintenance Program, Maple Run II, to F. Allied Construction of Clarkston, Michigan in an amount not to exceed \$394,689.02 from Account #203-554-971.399 Local Roads.

Mr. Sikma said that in 2017, we conducted a required roadway asset management plan. Part of that plan developed over time with our PASER studies where our DPW goes through each of the roads in our City to rate them. We then develop a plan to replace the roads as they degrade. Maple Run was the next subdivision and this was part of our ten-year capital plan. When going through the design, we estimated a little over, so we were happy to see that the numbers came in fairly close. He said he would like to recommend Allied Construction for this project.

Councilmember Behrmann remembered a meeting a few months ago where Mr. Sikma was concerned about this project and projects going forward coming in higher than what we budgeted. He asked if that was because we are starting to see things come back down or if we just got lucky. Mr. Sikma thought part of it was because we got it in early enough in the cycle so the groups that were bidding on it had not had a chance to review other areas. This one fit what they were looking for so they gave us a better price. He said that he was concerned with the 30% increases with roads and bridges that we had seen, but that was not the case with this one. We have worked with Allied in the past and we feel they can do the job satisfactorily. Councilmember Behrmann asked if they would do the spur off at the railroad tracks at the same time. He stated that the new road there was cracking pretty bad and there was a big drop. Mr. Sikma said that we would expand the contract. It would come back to Council at a later date. He confirmed it was not included in the bid amount.

Vote:

Motion Carried

- 3.) Recommendation to Approve the Purchase of Roadway Deicing Salt from Detroit Salt of Detroit, Michigan through the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network for the 2022-2023 Winter Season for \$57.56 Per Ton and an Estimated Total Cost of \$65,215 Split Equally between Local Roads Account #203-441-963.090 and Major Roads Account #202-441-963.090**

CM-03-38-22: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Sharpe and Gronlund-Fox to approve the purchase of roadway deicing salt from Detroit Salt of Detroit, Michigan through the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network for the 2022-2023 Winter Season for \$57.56 per ton and an estimated total cost of \$65,215 split equally between Local Roads Account #203-441-963.090 and Major Roads Account #202-441-963.090.

Mr. Sikma stated this was an annual contract and it was the last year of the contract through the Intergovernmental Agreement with several other communities. The City of Farmington Hills put this together in 2018. When they talked to them this past spring, they said the price would be \$57.56 per ton. It was typically 3% more each year. Rather than going out for bid again, the other communities wanted to pursue this and he agreed. He said he estimated a lower amount of salt this year. Last year we requested 1,300 tons and now we are requesting 1,200 tons because we have been frugal with our salt distribution over the last year.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik asked how much salt was left in the barn. Mr. Sikma replied that we have approximately 400 tons now. We can purchase 300 tons and we will purchase another 300 ton when it is dry in the summer. We are only required to purchase 70%. This was a value because if we don't use it all, we don't have to buy it all. Also, if we have a really bad winter and we need extra salt, we can purchase it at the same price.

Vote:

Motion Carried

- 4.) Recommendation to Award the Bid for the 2022 Pavement Marking Program to JV Contracting of Goodrich, Michigan in the Amount of \$66,541, with \$25,000 from Local Road Fund – Routine Maintenance Account #203-441-976.050 and \$41,541 from Major Road Fund – Routine Maintenance Account 202-441-976.050**

CM-03-39-22: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Gronlund-Fox to award the bid for the 2022 Pavement Marking Program to JV Contracting of Goodrich, Michigan in the amount of \$66,541, with \$25,000 from Local Road Fund – Routine Maintenance Account #203-441-976.050 and \$41,541 from Major Road Fund – Routine Maintenance Account 202-441-976.050.

Mr. Sikma said each winter we put out bids with multiple communities for pavement marking. We received two bids for our community. There are really only two or

three companies that do pavement marking and they are usually pretty competitive. This year, we are going with JV Contracting for the lowest price and the best value.

Vote:

Motion Carried

5.) Recommendation to Award the Contract for Solid Waste, Yard Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Services to GFL Environmental USA, Inc. of Southfield, Michigan and Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Sign the Contract

CM-03-40-22: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Gronlund Fox and Smiley to award the contract for Solid Waste, Yard Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Services to GFL Environmental USA, Inc. of Southfield, Michigan and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract.

Mr. Sikma stated that over the last six to eight months, he has been working with Waste Management and other groups to determine the cost of our solid waste and recycling procedures. He went to RRRASOC to ask for assistance. He introduced Mike Csapo, the General Manager of RRRASOC.

Mr. Csapo explained that he represents nine communities, including Wixom. He stated that Mr. Brown and Mr. Sikma are on the Board of Directors. His role in this was to assist the City in evaluating the existing Solid Waste Contract with Waste Management that expires June 30th of this year. We evaluated the extension proposals from them and when the decision was made to seek competitive proposals from the marketplace, this contract was issued by the City of Farmington Hills on behalf of themselves and the City of Wixom.

He indicated that the current contract expires June 30, 2022. That contract was a result of a request for proposal process that was issued on behalf of several communities in 2007. The contract was approved January 8, 2008 and it went into effect October 1, 2008. In March 2012, the City amended the contract to add recycling carts and extended the contract to June 30, 2022. We evaluated the options and it was determined we would seek competitive proposals. On January 3, 2022, the RFP was issued by Farmington Hills and the proposals were due February 11th.

He reviewed the bid tabulations submitted by Green for Life (GFL), Priority Waste (PW), and Waste Management. Green for Life was the low bidder of \$149.40 the first year and a slight increase each year through Year 8.

Mr. Csapo wanted the City to consider carts for trash, as well as the recycling carts. He wasn't recommending the trash carts right away, but pricing was submitted for that option. The contract would allow for transitioning to the trash carts. If you have more trash than what would fit into the cart, you can still set out extra cans or bags of trash. He noted that with this contract, Wixom will be getting two more weeks of yard waste collection.

He stated that GFL was founded in 2007. Their headquarters are in Toronto and they are the fourth largest solid waste company in North America. During 2020, they had nearly \$4.2 billion in annual revenue. Their corporate offices in Southfield serve Michigan and Indiana. They recently came into possession of Arbor Hills Landfill, which was a former Advanced Disposal facility that had to be divested by Waste Management. They have five operations facilities with more than 1,000 employees and more than 600 collection vehicles serving 72 communities in Michigan, including six of the nine RRRASOC communities.

Mr. Csapo indicated that recently South Lyon, Village of Milford, Milford Township and Walled Lake extended their contracts with GLF because the service was that good. Novi was a new customer of GLF as of 2021. The transition didn't go as well as hoped. When they took over the City of Novi, many things happened. The first was the incumbent contractor, Waste Management, did not pick up all of their carts in a timely fashion. The City's DPW ended up collecting those carts for them. During the first few weeks of service, residents had both the new GFL carts and the Waste Management carts and they were using both of them. A GFL driver would assume the Waste Management cart was empty and waiting to be picked up, so they didn't service those carts. That generated calls to GFL and the City. The other thing they encountered last year was that across the board nationwide, there was a labor shortage and a cart shortage. No company was exempt from those service issues last year. Also, waste companies were struggling to provide service to keep up with the additional waste being generated at home because of more people being home. There were also many storms last year that contributed to the problem. GFL made changes and moved some of their assets. They acquired Arbor Hill and they made some personnel changes. In the midst of all these moving parts, they did some reorganization that was ill-advised. Mr. Csapo stated that the general level of service in the RRRASOC communities has been good. That was why four communities extended their contract. It was also why the City of Novi continues to work with them.

He thought the City of Wixom would be in good hands. The contract will be something that has performance measures in it with opportunities to penalize them if they don't meet the standards. The City can void the contract and move on to another hauler if necessary. We have a good backup plan with Priority Waste. While new to the marketplace, they have been a good asset to communities in southeast Michigan and we expect to see expanded growth with them.

Councilmember Sharpe wondered about the trash carts. There were two proposals and he asked if the Council was voting on one versus the other. Mr. Csapo replied that they were recommending the Council approve the contract that continues service as is. They built into the contract the pricing schedule and the ability for the City to transition to trash carts if we choose at a later date. They do not recommend that the City try to move to trash carts as of July 1. Councilmember Sharpe asked if the recycle carts would be the same size as the ones we currently have. Mr. Csapo said yes, they are 64 gallons and residents will have the option of getting a second one. Councilmember Sharpe asked about special pickups. Mr. Csapo stated that there would be no charge for special pickups and residents don't have to call for special pickups. Pickup will remain on Wednesdays. Councilmember Sharpe commented that residents pay \$185 right now on the property taxes for

disposal. He asked what the difference was between \$185 and \$162. Ms. Stamper said that the cost was actually \$180. When you look at the difference of the two hauling contracts, it looked like \$12.59 was the reduction per household. She said we would set that rate during the budget process. It may go down a little bit. There are other factors that play into that. We have the MRF program that we pay for and we have the RRRASOC membership fees. Next, Councilmember Sharpe asked why Waste Management was pricing themselves out of the market. Mr. Csapo replied that residential curbside service is not as profitable as landfilling and commercial hauling. We've seen this over and over again. We've consistently seen competitive pricing from GFL and Priority Waste. Both of them say they are in it to serve our communities at a fair price and they have other lines of business as well. We expect they will continue to provide the services that the communities expect at these lower prices. They are running profitable companies at these prices.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked how we would handle picking up the old carts if there happened to be an issue with Waste Management. Mr. Sikma said that they have already spoken to Waste Management and they are trying to prepare for that. We will get them removed from the community. We worked into the contract some help if needed with phone calls. We will get assistance from GFL's staff in our offices during the first few weeks to help with phone calls. Mr. Csapo added that Brian Conaway, the municipal representative from Waste Management, has acknowledged that what happened with them last summer was an embarrassment and he was already planning with the logistics to get their carts out of our community. Also, he said that in 2015 when Novi decided to go to a citywide contract, which was a good decision, one of the bad decisions that they made was not to have a system where residents call the Department of Public Works with service issues. They relied on the Waste Management call center and now they rely on the GFL call center. While those call centers are okay, they are not in the same league as a good DPW staff. The best practice is where a resident contacts the DPW and the DPW tracks it and contacts the route supervisor to get that corrected, which is just what Wixom does currently. This is a better service. Councilmember Gronlund-Fox said she wanted us to be ready and hoped the transition would go smoothly.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if Farmington Hills had approved their contract. Mr. Csapo replied that they reviewed it last night and it is on the consent agenda next Monday. Councilmember Gottschall asked why Farmington chose not to join the bid request. Mr. Csapo said that the Farmington City Manager and DPW Director were risk averse to changing contractors during a labor shortage. They are paying a higher price to stay with Waste Management so they signed a one-year agreement. He thought he would be having this conversation next year with them.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if there was anything written into our contract regarding any fines or fees if we change vendors in the future and containers aren't picked up. Mr. Csapo said that there are performance fines built in and performance clauses that we could exercise. Last year, Novi calculated the cost of having City staff collecting the containers and they deducted that from the last invoice.

Councilmember Gottschall wondered if, depending on any outcome of state arbitration and legal action from Northville Township, it was stated in our contract that our fees are not changing and there wouldn't be a passthrough if there were

any damages or fines incurred by GFL. Mr. Csapo commented that those types of fees are not allowed as a passthrough.

Councilmember Smiley thanked him for the presentation. He covered some of the transition issues with Novi and he wanted us to be watchful. He asked Mr. Brown if Mr. Csapo had covered what he was concerned about. Mr. Brown said that it was a matter of learning from the mistakes that occurred in those other situations. He wanted to streamline the transition and communicate to the residents. Councilmember Smiley stated that our contract expires June 30th, so the following week GFL would take over. Mr. Csapo said that in advance of that, GFL would be distributing new carts to the Wixom residents. Councilmember Smiley thought communication with the residents would be important so they are ready for this. Mr. Csapo said that they built into the contract the obligation of the new contractor to spend their money to educate the Wixom residents. They will be sending two direct mail pieces as well as prepare a video for display at City Hall.

Councilmember Behrmann saw in the contract that the provider should start utilizing the schedule as specified. He asked if GFL envisioned having to change the route schedule. He wondered if they had crews available on Wednesday to keep our routes the same. Mr. Csapo said that they envision keeping the same day. We gave all of the vendors the ability to recommend a different day but the City was free to reject it. He said that we do not anticipate a schedule change.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik said that this was an emotional change for the community but he thought a 27% increase in solid waste would have been a more emotional event. He said he liked the idea of gradually moving to trash carts. They appear nice and clean. He said that the last time Mr. Csapo was in Wixom, he made an offer to the public to visit RRRASOC for a tour. We have a few new Councilmembers and he asked if that offer was still open. Mr. Csapo said yes. He would be happy to show people around the plant.

Sam Langer, Manager from GFL, said that they learned from the challenges at the City of Novi. Their job was to service the community but it certainly was a perfect storm with the pandemic, the lack of parts for the trucks, the labor shortage and the fact that everybody was at home piling trash on the curb. He said they have kept nearly 100 employees over the winter just so they would be prepared this year. They are at full compliment right now with labor and equipment. They have 2,000 employees in Michigan. He commented that anyone that wanted his personal cell phone number can have it; that was how committed they were to their communities.

Councilmember Sharpe appreciated the words of assurance. He wanted Sam Caramagno's (from GFL) assurance that he agreed with everything Mr. Csapo just said. Mr. Caramagno said he agreed with everything. He felt this was a good and thorough process. It was a process he was familiar with. They service most of the RRRASOC communities right now. Councilmember Sharpe said that in the auto industry, to launch a new vehicle, suppliers have a "safe launch" which entails throwing all kinds of labor and special processes to make sure they move as smoothly as possible. He expected there would be problems. He asked what the plan was for addressing complaints. He asked if GFL had a plan for a safe launch.

Mr. Caramagno said that a safe launch means they would be prepared for this work with equipment, trucks and carts. They will order the carts as soon as they get the approval and they have the trucks and employees. They will have experienced route folks who have worked in Wixom before. If there is a problem, they will call the DPW. GFL will have a staff member to assist the DPW staff. There will also be a route manager to assist for at least two or three months. A rep manager will stop at City Hall or DPW to receive any complaints to take care of the same day or the next morning. Councilmember Sharpe commented that Wixom was not staffed for this and we will rely on GFL to have someone there to support us. His last concern was the labor issues. Mr. Caramagno stated that they have the labor and the trucks. They are already hiring for spring time and he felt they were in good shape to service Wixom.

Councilmember Gronlund Fox asked if we decide to go with the trash receptacles, would they be the same size. Mr. Caramagno said no. The trash cart would be a 96-gallon cart and the recycling would be a 64-gallon cart. Councilmember Gronlund-Fox has already had residents contact her to say they want those carts. Her other question was if GFL would hire any of the Waste Management employees who may lose their job because they were losing Farmington Hills. Mr. Caramagno indicated that if Waste Management doesn't keep them, GFL would take them.

Councilmember Gottschall asked what the plans were with the Arbor Hill landfill to address the odor issues and the complaints from Northville Township. Mr. Caramagno said that there was an agreement with the Attorney General's Office regarding the adjustments they need to make with some odor detectors and trees they need to plant. They were working through that.

Councilmember Behrmann asked how many routes or crews were out on Wednesday in Wixom. Mr. Caramagno said that there were about five trash routes, three recycling routes and two yard waste routes. Councilmember Behrmann heard that it was not just Novi that had a rocky start. Livonia did, too. The feedback he got was that once they got through the first month, they were very happy with GFL. They were providing a good service and he was comfortable moving forward.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik stated that Wixom has over 6,200 households and July 1 is coming quick. He asked if they had the recycle carts in stock. Mr. Caramagno replied that as soon as Wixom approves the contract, they will order the carts the next morning. They do have some in stock. He assured him that they will be ready to go by July 1.

Vote:

Motion Carried

- 6.) Recommendation to Accept Hubbell, Roth and Clark's Proposal to Develop a Project Plan for the 2023 Clean Water State Revolving Fund System Improvements through the State of Michigan Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy for the Disposal of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and the Installation of an Ultraviolet Disinfection System for a price not to exceed \$30,620 from I&I Study, Flow Monitoring/ Capital Improvement Account #590-538-962.410**

CM-03-41-22: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Gronlund-Fox and Smiley to accept Hubbell, Roth and Clark's proposal to develop a project plan for the 2023 Clean Water State Revolving Fund System Improvements through the State of Michigan Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy for the disposal of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and the installation of an ultraviolet disinfection system for a price not to exceed \$30,620 from I&I Study, Flow Monitoring/Capital Improvement Account #590-538-962.410.

Mr. Sikma stated that this was the beginning portion for seeking funds to not only remove the existing PFAS that was still at the Treatment Plant and our biosolids, but also provide some support for future construction of the ultraviolet disinfection system. The majority of the grants that were coming from the State were monitored and maintained through the State Revolving Fund and that was a loan program that we were hoping will have loan forgiveness. In order to continue along this application, we would need some assistance to show the needs that we have for this plan. It would be developing the plan and developing some of the engineering that goes along with it. We have asked HRC to partner with us on this. If it tends to go into a loan program specifically and not have a certain amount of loan forgiveness, we can push that out a number of years. This application is for a five-year program, so we can extend it.

Deputy Mayor Rzeknik said that ultraviolet disinfection systems usually require a replacement of the active element every so often. He asked how often and the cost. Mr. Sikma replied that we are running about \$15,000 a year on bulb replacement. We have had several problems with the existing system. We wanted to be proactive on that piece. It will be in the next ten-year cycle. He thought it was programmed for replacement in 2027.

Vote:

Motion Carried

7.) Recommendation to Award the Contract for the Annual Crack Sealing and Seal Coating Program to Wolverine Sealcoating of Jackson, Michigan, for the Unit Price of \$1.13 Per Pound for Crack Sealing, and \$0.09 Per Square Foot for Seal Coating, with Funding Allocated from Local Road Capital Program – Pavement Preservation Account #203-554-976.393

CM-03-42-22: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Gronlund-Fox to award the contract for the annual Crack Sealing and Seal Coating Program to Wolverine Sealcoating of Jackson, Michigan, for the unit price of \$1.13 per pound for crack sealing, and \$0.09 per square foot for Seal Coating, with funding allocated from Local Road Capital Program – Pavement Preservation Account #203-554-976.393.

Mr. Sikma stated that this was for the crack sealing and they added some sealants. They did try it last year and they felt it worked fairly well. He indicated that they got with a number of neighboring communities to bid this contract. Wolverine held pricing for all of the communities. They believe they can get this work done in our timeframe.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if we were doing any sealcoating under this, or if it was just crack sealing. Mr. Sikma responded that it was primarily crack seal. We have crack seal that we will be needing to do on our parking lots as well as the roads this year. They try to break it up for Major Roads and Local Roads. They need additional people for safety purposes and we help them with that. It does not include a chip seal product.

Councilmember Smiley said he got excited about the economies to scale with seven cities bidding this together, but he saw the price still went up. Mr. Sikma thought that was due to inflation. This group is from Kalamazoo, so the fuel to get here has changed. It doesn't reflect the amount of petroleum products because it is a biproduct of petroleum. As that increases, the production is still the same.

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CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments at this time.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Brown stated that the Beck Road Business Corridor Improvement Project was in the midst of collecting survey responses for project feedback. In Wixom, the project was focused on widening Beck Road from Pontiac Trail at the north to 12 Mile Road at the South from three lanes to five lanes. Copies of the survey were available at the City Manager's Office and he encouraged everyone to participate. He mentioned that we have a banner on the website regarding Severe Weather Awareness Week that was taking place. There will be a state-wide tornado drill on March 23 at 1:00 p.m. He congratulated those employees who were celebrating their work anniversaries. Their dates of services range from one year to 27 years. He has been with the City for five years on April 18th and he was pleased to be here. He was looking forward to a new provider for waste hauling and he was confident it would be a smooth transition.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked if the Beck Road survey would be in the Friday eBlast. Mr. Brown said that it should have been. He hasn't gotten feedback on it yet because they were waiting for it to close. He will report back after Friday.

Mr. Benson mentioned that we did send the survey link directly to every business owner in Wixom.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Sharpe indicated that he would be out for the next two meetings. He appreciated the adjustment to the budget schedule for the first week of May.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox congratulated and thanked those employees celebrating work anniversaries. She thanked Mr. Benson for all of his work and for facilitating the Joint Meeting. She thought it was very useful with a lot of good information.

Councilmember Gottschall commented that the last two Water Reports show a lot of general billing questions when he asked about call logs. The previous vendor used to send water quality related issues, which was more of what he was looking for. He thought the general billing questions was taking up a lot of someone's time. The phosphorus levels still looked elevated, it wasn't highlighted like it had been in previous reports. He thanked everybody who was celebrating work anniversaries. He looked forward to getting some warm weather and some City events.

Councilmember Smiley knew that Hazardous Waste Day was on April 9th and he wondered about a second date. Mr. Sikma thought it was July 21. Councilmember Smiley asked if non-residents were billed to the City they were from. Mr. Sikma said that was correct. Addresses are checked and they billed their City. Councilmember Smiley stated that the work on I-96 will be disruptive to our residents. He asked if that information would be included in the e-Blast. Mr. Brown replied yes. He would make sure an informational piece was more front and center on the website. Councilmember Smiley congratulated Ms. Magee on her 24 years of service with the City and Mr. Benson on his one-year anniversary. He thought the Joint Meeting was great last night.

Councilmember Behrmann thanked the employees with work anniversaries. He commented that the Daddy Daughter Dance was a great evening. Both of his daughters really enjoyed it and he appreciated that. He thanked Mr. Pike for working through a situation in his neighborhood and he appreciated his professionalism. The Fire Department had a very long Sunday and he appreciated them and the time they spent.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik extended his thank you to the Fire Department for their response and long hours when such a tragic event happens in our community. He congratulated Ms. Magee for her 24 years of service. He suggested that we have call logs recorded for the City Manager's Update for the first couple weeks after we change vendors for the solid waste. It would be interesting to see what types of complaints are coming in and it might serve as lessons learned for the next community.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Catherine Buck
City Clerk

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