

**CITY OF WIXOM
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024**

Mayor Beagle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:

Mayor: P. Beagle
Deputy Mayor: T. Rzeknik
Councilmembers: P. Behrmann
K. Gottschall
T. Gronlund-Fox
P. Sharpe
R. Smiley

AGENDA CHANGES: (None)

PRESENTATION: (None)

MINUTES:

CM-08-103-24: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Gottschall and Gronlund-Fox to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of July 23, 2024.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: (None)

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

- 1.) Fire Report - June 2024
- 2.) Police Report - June 2024

There were no questions or comments about these reports.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-08-104-24: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Gronlund-Fox to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to Receive and File:
 - a. Library Board Meeting Minutes- June, 24, 2024
 - b. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes- July 15, 2024
- 2.) Recommendation to Adopt a Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License for the Nonprofit KDC Boosters, an Organization Located at 1561 N. Wixom Road, Wixom, Michigan
- 3.) Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Closure of Pontiac Trail Between Old Wixom Road and Wixom Road from 10:00 AM to 10:00 Pm on September 21, 2024 for the Downtown Development Authority's Wixom Block Party Event

Vote:

Motion Carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Recommendation to Authorize Participation in the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Acquisition of Police Department Duty Room Office Furniture, Including Demolition and Installation, from KI of Wixom, Michigan for a Total Cost of \$21,229.44 from Facility Improvement Account #401-301-979.370

CM-08-105-24: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Sharpe and Gronlund-Fox to Authorize Participation in the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Acquisition of Police Department Duty Room Office Furniture, Including Demolition and Installation, from KI of Wixom, Michigan for a Total Cost of \$21,229.44 from Facility Improvement Account #401-301-979.370

Mr. Langmeyer explained that this is part of the police station renovations that they are doing over time, and that the duty room is budgeted for this year. The duty room is where all of the officers do their work, and Mr. Langmeyer mentioned that there is currently not much in there for the officers—a table and one phone. This purchase request is to add workstations for the officers, a conference table, and phones.

Vote:

Motion Carried

2.) Recommendation to Authorize the Purchase of Two Detective Bureau Leased Vehicles, a 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee and a 2021 Dodge Durango, from the Snethkamp Automotive Family of Redford, MI for \$47,550 from Investigative Vehicle Account #401-301-973-371, the Purchase of One 2025 Dodge Durango from Szott M-59 of Highland Township, MI for \$43,153 and the Purchase of Necessary Equipment for \$20,225 from Cruisers of Howell, MI from Vehicles - Police Account #401-301-973.370 and Approve the Associated Budget Amendment

CM-08-106-24: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Behrmann to approve the Purchase of Two Detective Bureau Leased Vehicles, a 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee and a 2021 Dodge Durango, from the Snethkamp Automotive Family of Redford, MI for \$47,550 from Investigative Vehicle Account #401-301-973-371, the Purchase of One 2025 Dodge Durango from Szott M-59 of Highland Township, MI for \$43,153 and the Purchase of Necessary Equipment for \$20,225 from Cruisers of Howell, MI from Vehicles - Police Account #401-301-973.370 and Approve the Associated Budget Amendment

Mr. Langmeyer explained that this is the annual purchase of vehicles. The lease for the vehicles in the Detective Bureau (DB) is up this year, and the pricing for renewing the leases is a minimum of \$500 per vehicle per month. The two cars recommended for purchase are the leased vehicle the DB has currently, which each have about 10,000 miles on them and are in great shape. Mr. Langmeyer added that the scout car that they have budgeted for the year, the 2025 Dodge Durango, received 3 bids—Lafontaine, Snethkamp, and Szott, who came in at the lowest bid. Mr. Langmeyer is asking to purchase the vehicle now to get it ordered because of supply chain issues, but the hope is to get the vehicle quickly.

Deputy Mayor Rzeknik mentioned hearing about some quality problems with the Durango patrol vehicles and asked if the vehicle was the 2024 or the 2025 model year. Mr. Langmeyer replied that it is the 2025 model year. He explained that there is one patrol car that they were having repeated issues with, but he is uncertain of the model year of that vehicle. He iterated that it is just one car and not multiple from that year-purchase.

Councilmember Smiley commented that 10,000 miles is what you would expect per year to put on a vehicle. Mr. Langmeyer replied that they have only put about 3,000 miles a year on each vehicle. They are 3-year-old vehicles with 10,000 miles total.

Councilmember Sharpe commented about the conditions of the leases on the vehicles and said that it would probably be best to keep the vehicles.

Vote:

Motion Carried

3.) Recommendation to Authorize the Purchase of Snow Fighting Equipment for a Ford F-350 from Truck and Trailer Specialties of Dutton, Michigan at a Cost Not to Exceed \$23,037 from Front Plows Account #401-441-983.390

CM-08-107-24: Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeknik and Councilmember Gronlund-Fox to Authorize the Purchase of Snow Fighting Equipment for a Ford F-350 from Truck and Trailer Specialties of Dutton, Michigan at a Cost Not to Exceed \$23,037 from Front Plows Account #401-441-983.390

Mr. Sikma explained that this purchase is for snow fighting equipment that includes a wing plow—an extended wing—on the front plow of the F-350 that will go out to 10 feet. They are also asking for a salt spreader at the back that can hold 2 yards of salt.

Deputy Mayor Rzeknik asked if Truck and Trailer Specialties is the only company that provides this kind of service. Mr. Sikma replied that Truck and Trailer is the most reasonable that they've found and they know exactly what the City wants when the City purchases from them.

Councilmember Smiley asked for clarification on 2 yards when the figures he saw said 2 tons for the salt spreader. Mr. Sikma responded that it's about the same.

Vote:

Motion Carried

4.) Recommendation to Accept the Proposal from Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. of Bloomfield Hills, MI for Design and Construction Engineering Services for the 2025 Road Program for the Potter Road Improvement Project for a Cost Not to Exceed \$25,929.20 for Design Engineering from Engineering Expense Account #202-553-974.400 and \$30,376.80 for Construction Engineering from Construction Account #202-553-974.395 and Approve the Associated Budget Amendment

CM-08-108-24: Motion and seconded made by Councilmember Behrmann and Councilmember Gronlund-Fox to Accept the Proposal from Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. of Bloomfield Hills, MI for Design and Construction Engineering Services for the 2025 Road Program for the Potter Road Improvement Project for a Cost Not to Exceed \$25,929.20 for Design Engineering from Engineering Expense Account #202-553-974.400 and \$30,376.80 for Construction Engineering from Construction Account #202-553-974.395 and Approve the Associated Budget Amendment

Mr. Sikma said that there was a small repair on Potter Road last year that turned out well. They would like to move the project forward by a couple of years. It is one of the major roads in the area and one of the last in the major roads department. They are anticipating just an overlay on the road, and the engineering costs are minimal because there's limited engineering.

Councilmember Behrmann was concerned that the \$50,000 spent last year to do the patching on Potter Road was going to be wasted but clarified that the patching needed to be done first anyway before the overlay could be done. Mr. Sikma replied that yes, it would have needed the patching before the overlay, so the money wouldn't be wasted.

Councilmember Behrmann commented that it sounded similar to what Oakland County did with Pontiac Trail, and Mr. Sikma agreed and was happy with how the road is holding up. Mr. Sikma was hopeful for the same for Potter Road.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox wondered if Napier Road was a full mill-down as opposed to an overlay. Mr. Sikma replied that it is a mill of the concrete and then a cap similar to what was done with Beck Road almost 10 years ago—he was happy with how Beck Road is hold up. Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked if Potter Road would be scheduled for Spring 2025, and Mr. Sikma said yes.

Councilmember Gottschall expressed concern for Pontiac Trail being the example for Potter Road with the overlay. He remarked that the center of the road on Pontiac Trail was lifted too much and one of the intersections doesn't line up level with other entrances to businesses and neighborhoods. He commented that by The Village Apartments, driving feels a little like driving sideways.

Councilmember Sharpe asked about Hubbell, Roth, & Clark (HRC) being much lower than the other bidders. Mr. Sikma responded that he guesses HRC wanted to be more competitive. Councilmember Sharpe also wanted to know why there was \$0 in Engineering Expense and Construction, and Director Sikma replied that it is the amount currently budgeted for Potter Road for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik asked if the major repairs done on Potter Road were adequately prepared underneath. Mr. Sikma replied that he does think so, but he will be looking at it again.

Vote:

Motion Carried

5.) Recommendation to Accept Quotes from K.D. Cement of Commerce, MI for New Sidewalk Paving at the Renton Redevelopment Area for a Cost Not to Exceed \$27,528 and for a New Pavement Connection Between Hillside Apartments and The Loop Pathway for a Cost Not to Exceed \$6,175 from Downtown Site Readiness Account #248-729-956.020, Approve the Associated Budget Amendment and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Agreement

CM-08-109-24: Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Behrmann to Accept Quotes from K.D. Cement of Commerce, MI for New Sidewalk Paving at the Renton Redevelopment Area for a Cost Not to Exceed \$27,528 and for a New Pavement Connection Between Hillside Apartments and The Loop Pathway for a Cost Not to Exceed \$6,175 from Downtown Site Readiness Account #248-729-956.020, Approve the Associated Budget Amendment and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Agreement

Mr. Benson said now that the Renton Redevelopment site building are removed, the City's ordinance calls for all developments to be 60 feet width from major roads like Wixom Road. The idea of installing the new sidewalk is to improve not only the aesthetic but the walkability and safety of pedestrians at the Wixom Road and Pontiac Trail intersection. The sidewalk will mirror the distance and look of the Genesis Credit Union across the street, and there would not be a need to have it engineered. Mr. Benson pointed out that the budget amendment is to place the funds in the correct account for when they expend those funds.

Mr. Benson further explained that they have been seeing more people coming from Hillside Apartments and walking across the grass to use the Loop Pathway. The idea is to make a formal connection between the two properties and make it ADA-friendly. He mentioned that the DDA has an interest in continuing progress on the Loop.

Councilmember Behrmann said that if the sidewalk mirrors the Genesis Credit Union that it would cut through developable area at Renton. Mr. Benton replied that the sidewalk at Genesis is 60 feet from the center line of the road and 6 feet in, and that's what would be happening with Renton. Mr. Sikma clarified that it would be outside of the developable piece.

Councilmember Behrmann also wanted to know if the apartment complex would be cost sharing with the City since it looked like the plans go into the complex. He worried that it would come at a total cost to the City. Mr. Sikma clarified that there is a verbal agreement with the complex and that it is a relatively favorable situation for them, so he is confident that they would get the cost share.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik stated that during their study session, they discussed that Renton was going to need as much space as possible but did not see how the sidewalk fit in line with that need.

Councilmember Gottschall remarked that it was not wise to build the sidewalk and bill it as a development incentive because it was taking away space for development.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox liked that the sidewalk was going in by Hillside because it is needed, though it would be nice to get some cost sharing. She said that she would be okay with building the sidewalk by the Renton Development even if only temporary.

Councilmember Sharpe believes that they need to view the sidewalk as temporary. He asked if it would become part of the Michigan Airline Trail, and Mr. Benson replied that the group using the Airline Trail will obviously utilize that portion of sidewalk.

Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES - Beagle, Behrmann, Gronlund-Fox, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley
(1) NAYS - Gottschall
(0) ABSENT

Motion Carried

6.) Recommendation to Accept Quotes from Guide Studio, Inc. of Solon, Ohio for Sign Design and Bid Assistance for a Cost Not to Exceed \$23,800 with \$11,900 from Downtown Enhancements Account #248-729-956.006 and \$11,900 from Economic Development Account #101-257-956-325 and for Construction and Implementation Assistance for a Cost Not to Exceed \$17,400 from City Entrance Signs Account #401-751-985.541 and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Agreement

CM-08-110-24: Motion and seconded made by Councilmember Gronlund-Fox and Councilmember Smiley to Accept Quotes from Guide Studio, Inc. of Solon, Ohio for Sign Design and Bid Assistance for a Cost Not to Exceed \$23,800 with \$11,900 from Downtown Enhancements Account #248-729-956.006 and \$11,900 from Economic Development Account #101-257-956-325 and for Construction and Implementation Assistance for a Cost Not to Exceed \$17,400 from City Entrance Signs Account #401-751-985.541 and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Agreement

Mr. Benson explained the sign design is a continuation of the engagement with Guide Studio for the City's rebranding effort. He continued, saying they felt it necessary to get a quote for continued services with Guide which will include designing the signage, helping bid out the signage, reviewing the bids, and construction administration and oversight. He mentioned that this is proposed to be split between the City and the DDA—approved at their August 8, 2024 meeting. Mr. Benson mentioned that the continuation of the program

would take about 5 to 6 months which would put them on track to start bidding in January or February for Spring installations.

Councilmember Behrmann was in favor of using Guide at the beginning of the project, but he did not feel that it was worth the money spent. He continued, saying that he didn't feel it was necessary to continue to use them since they had given a solid plan. He felt that any sign engineering needed could be done by HRC.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik felt that someone would be doing the work regardless, and that City staff did not have the time nor the expertise to do the detailed sign work for this project. He asked if the design committee would still be involved with the finalization of the signage. Mr. Benson said that he knew there was desire to look at the signs again and that they would potentially reconvene the committee for a couple of meetings. Alternatively, he said he thinks they will want to work this out with Guide a little more because Council may want to have more control rather than reacting to recommendations.

Councilmember Gottschall was concerned about sign pollution and how this might worsen it. He said he was generally not in favor of the project because the scope was adding too many signs that the City probably does not need. He did not want it to look cluttered.

Councilmember Smiley agreed that he did not want sign pollution either, but he expected Guide Studio to be made aware of that. He said he would be shocked if they didn't account for that in their planning, and he felt that it was important to finish the process with Guide.

Councilmember Sharpe agreed with Deputy Mayor Rzeznik that someone has to do the work. He was a little concerned about the scope because of the locations, complexity, and size of the project. He would like to keep complexity down. He wanted to keep the project with Guide.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox expressed interest in seeing the number of signs in the proposal whittled down as part of the process. She supported moving forward with Guide. She also said that she had gotten good feedback at work on the new logo branding.

Roll Call Vote: (5) AYES - Beagle, Gronlund-Fox, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley
(2) NAYS - Behrmann, Gottschall
(0) ABSENT

Motion Carried

7.) Recommendation to Authorize the Rebranding of the Community Services Department as the Parks & Recreation Department, Effective Immediately

CM-08-111-24: Motion and seconded made by Councilmember Sharpe and Councilmember Gottschall to Authorize the Rebranding of the Community Services Department as the Parks & Recreation Department, Effective Immediately

Mr. Brown gave a short history of the Parks and Recreation Department in Wixom. Originally, Wixom did not have much in the way of parks and recreation, so the department was called Community Services. They would direct residents to different services. The department refers to themselves as Parks and Recreation, so the Community Services name is outdated—it is also misleading. It creates confusion and makes residents think that the department provides services that the City does not provide. Also, in the rebranding effort, Parks and Recreation has received a new logo, so Mr. Brown felt it was the right time to bring this to Council and make the change.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox was concerned about the senior component of Community Services and did not want there to be any confusion. Mr. Brown replied that the Senior Services function of the City falls under the City Manager's purview. He continued, stating that he does not think anything will be lost in renaming the department because nothing is really identified with community services.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Roberta Meredith, 378 Fletcher - At a Michigan Airline Trail meeting, someone complimented the Michigan Airline Trail. Roberta mentioned that the Trail Manager of the Michigan Airline Trail said that he could not have done it without the support of Wixom and the other communities.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Brown congratulated City Clerk Crystal Opalko on her first election. He mentioned that the (August 6) election went well, and that he always hears anecdotally about the outcomes of elections, but the Oakland County Board of Canvassers report confirmed it. He also thanked everyone who worked the election, like Deputy Clerk Halley Hilton. Everyone did a great job administering the election.

Mr. Brown talked about Comcast's Balley Sports Station coming back, but it will not be coming back as part of the basic line of services. It is on an added tier of services that could cost extra unless the subscriber is already subscribing to that particular tier.

Mr. Brown mentioned that in June, he talked about signing up for the Kroger Opioid Settlement, a class action settlement categorized as a modest amount of money over a period of several years. He explained that the ideas for using the money will be explained at the next council meeting. Mr. Brown clarified that the settlement is not a crazy amount of money, but it will help to institute new programs and address the impacts Wixom has had as a community because of the opioid crisis.

Mr. Benson was excited to announce the City partnering with Lakes Area Chamber for a ribbon cutting for Mexican Fiesta IV on September 5 at 12 noon.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Behrmann gave thanks to the Fire Department for Camp 911. His two children went through the program this year, and he was able to attend the closing ceremony. He thought it was amazing to see. He thought that Touch a Truck with Parks and Rec was great—his kids enjoy it every year. This year, they got to see the new DPW tractor. Councilmember Behrmann also noticed that DPW is doing a really good job at keeping the trash cans empty at the summer concerts, and he appreciates it. He also mentioned that he has noticed some HOA groups complaining about trash not being picked up, and he thinks the City should take a more aggressive stance with Priority.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox gave thanks to fellow council and staff for the support and prayers with passing of her stepfather and for the donation made in his memory. She asked for a status report on the composting program and a status report on mental health support for the Police Department.

Councilmember Sharpe attended the closing of Camp 911. He said that Captain Breitmeier and Chief Geisler showed him around and that it was fun to see the excitement on the kids' faces as they showed all the things they learned to their parents. He mentioned learning some things too and thanked the Fire Department. He thanked Parks and Recreation Director Deanna Magee for her quick reaction for Thursday night's concert when the sky

was getting dark and the lights were not yet on. Councilmember Sharpe also wanted to thank Parks & Rec, HRC, and DPW for the new pickleball courts, stating that they look spectacular and high-quality.

Councilmember Smiley thanked City Clerk Crystal and her people on the successful election. Hot Blues and Barbecue (August 15) is one of his favorite events, and he was sad to miss it for another commitment.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik thanked Deanna and Tim for their quick reaction on the lights for the summer concert series. He expressed a wish for few extra garbage cans for Hot Blues and Barbeque. He mentioned attending the Planning Commission and ZBA training on Monday this week and said that the planning consultant Doug Lewan did a great job.

Mayor Beagle thanked the Fire Department for a successful Camp 911. He mentioned that his daughter went through it when she was younger and still remembers what she learned. He congratulated Crystal for her first successful election and also thanked the voters for approving the operating millage. He was looking forward to seeing everyone at Hot Blues and Barbeque.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Halley Hilton
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED: August 27, 2024
