

**CITY OF WIXOM
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022**

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. Rzeznik
Councilmembers: P. Behrmann
K. Gottschall
T. Gronlund-Fox
P. Sharpe
R. Smiley

AGENDA CHANGES: (None)

MINUTES:

CM-01-07-22: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Smiley and Gronlund-Fox to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of January 11, 2022.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: (None)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments at this time.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

1.) Departmental Monthly Reports – December 2021

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik noticed that F&V was working with the City in obtaining contact information for establishments that did not have inground grease interceptors. He asked if new construction was required to install inground grease interceptors. Mr. Sikma said they're required a minimum of 750-gallon interceptor. Deputy Mayor Rzeznik wondered if it was practical to install inground interceptors in the existing establishments that did not have one. Mr. Sikma thought it all depended on the quality of the lines outside.

Councilmember Behrmann thought the Engineering report looked familiar so he pulled the December report and noticed it was the exact same. He added the November report only had one item that was changed. He wondered why the same report was being submitted month after month. Mr. Sikma said the items on the report were general enough there hadn't been much change. Councilmember Behrmann didn't feel Mr. Darga put enough effort into the reports and the information was outdated.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox was curious about the partnership and communication between the DDA and the Parks and Recreation in regards to the Tot Lot. Mr. Benson was focused on bringing the two entities together and instituted

active dialog between the two entities. He believed there was a need for collaboration with so many parks being within the DDA District.

Councilmember Sharpe appreciated the Economic and Development report for there was a lot of good information. He felt Mr. Benson brought a lot of value to the City by submitting such detailed reports. Councilmember Sharpe explained the Safety Path around the Civic Center was mentioned in the Parks and Recreation and Engineering reports. He asked if the project went out for bid. Mr. Sikma said it wouldn't be until February. Councilmember Sharpe commented that the last three-monthly Engineering reports distinguished the bid advertisement would be in January. He asked if they paid HRC for monthly reporting. Mr. Sikma said it was part of their monthly stipend. Councilmember Sharpe felt unsure because it appeared that HRC only changed the dates on their reports.

Mr. Brown indicated that Phase 2 of the Air Line Trail and the Safety Path were both being bid in February. Councilmember Sharpe asked what the reasoning was for HRC's report to anticipate bidding in January 2022 with construction in the spring of 2022. Mr. Sikma believed that was accurate and noted the bid would be ready in February for Council's approval. Councilmember Sharpe noted that he'd been a vocal challenger of the work HRC provided the City (rates, quality, the completion on time, reporting, etc.). He questioned if the City was getting what they paid for.

2.) Quarterly Budget & Investment Report – September 2021

Councilmember Gottschall asked if they were allowed to shift funds so they could be placed in better performing investments. Ms. Stamper said they had diversity with the CDs, Trust and Agencies, J Fund Accounts and the Oakland County investment pool. She was aware that some of the agencies performed better but a lot of the funding had to remain liquid, like the Comerica J Funds. She explained that when the market's down, those accounts tended to deliver suboptimal results. They tried to diversify as much as they could while maintaining money they could utilize for normal expenditures. Councilmember Gottschall clarified that as long as they had a certain amount in liquid funds, there was nothing preventing them from moving funds from low to healthier performance accounts. Ms. Stamper said typically the accounts that performed well were longer term investments, and they had to be careful about how much they locked up for longer periods of time.

Councilmember Behrmann questioned why they kept the majority of the money in a bank outside of the City. Ms. Stamper thought he referred to the bank that pertained to the lock box. She said they went with that particular bank because a lot of the companies that offered lock box services were outside of Michigan causing confusion for residents submitting payments to the City. She noted the money within that bank had higher balances at times because they held funds for other jurisdictions for tax collection. Councilmember Behrmann preferred they used a bank within the community but understood the reasoning.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-01-08-22: Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Gronlund-Fox to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to receive and file:
 - a.) Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – September 13, 2021
 - b.) Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – October 11, 2021

Vote:

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Recommendation to Adopt a Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for the Non-Profit Organization Known as the Michigan Youth Education Fund of Wixom, Michigan

CM-01-09-22: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Gronlund-Fox to adopt a local governing body resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for the non-profit organization known as the Michigan Youth Education Fund of Wixom, Michigan.

Eric Siegrist, 1814 Devonshire Drive and Founder and Executive Director for the Michigan Youth Education Fund, stated that this 501c3 not-for-profit organization was founded during the COVID pandemic. It's run by volunteers and their focus was to reduce barriers and costs for Michigan students participating in extra-curricular activities and events. They've distributed more than \$3,000 in grants to impact close to 200 students and had reached thousands of students across the State with their programs. He was proud to note that the Walled Lake Northern Forensics Team was a 2021 grant recipient, and they recently adopted Wixom Road between Beck and Potter. He asked that the Council approve the resolution to allow the Michigan Youth Education Fund to hold a charitable gaming event. The Michigan Youth Education Fund's grant capacity and number of students they impacted were directly tied to the amount of money they raised. This license and event would increase their capacity and create a sustainable fundraising strategy for their future. The money raised from these events would go directly to the extra-curricular opportunity program. He said that 90% of all raised funding would be distributed directly to Michigan students and student groups.

Mayor Beagle asked when the event would be held. Mr. Siegrist hoped in June 2022. Given that the organization was incorporated in Wixom, they were required to obtain a resolution by the local governing body; however, the event would be in Farmington Hills along with another organization.

Councilmember Gottschall said they had had similar resolutions in the past and there has been a little more detail about the event. He asked if this license would apply toward other events like charitable poker nights. Mr. Siegrist said that the Millionaire Party license was for that type of poker event, and there were only a couple organizations in the State that were able to host them. Once they submitted

all of the information to the State of Michigan, they would be able to plan the event. Councilmember Gottschall asked if the resolution was for this one event or if it would cover them for additional events if they decided to do more. Mr. Siegrist said it would cover future events as well.

Councilmember Behrmann clarified that he was seeking Council's approval so they were recognized as a non-profit organization and could hold Millionaire Party events at various locations. He offered his assistance because he'd worked with these over the years and understood policies with the Michigan Gaming Control Board.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox thought this sounded like a great organization. She wondered why the event would be held in Farmington Hills. Mr. Siegrist said there were only certain organizations that could host these types of events.

Councilmember Sharpe wondered why he wasn't applying in Farmington Hills. Mr. Siegrist indicated that approval needed to come from the community where the organization was incorporated. The non-profit was incorporated at his home address in Wixom.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik thanked him for bringing this to the community and thought a 90% return was great.

Councilmember Smiley thanked Mr. Siegrist for being here. He thought he was a go-getter and wished him luck.

Vote:

Motion Carried

2.) Recommendation by Staff, the Planning Consultant and the Planning Commission that City Council Approve the Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Wixom Title 18, Zoning, Chapter 18.07, Village Center Area (VCA) District, Sections 18.07.010 Through 18.07.090, to Clarify and Update the District Intent; Schedule of Uses; Requirements and Standards Applicable to All Uses; Height and Placement Requirements; Commercial and Residential Architecture Requirements; and Street Design Requirements

CM-01-10-22: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Gronlund-Fox to approve the introduction of an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Wixom Title 18, Zoning, Chapter 18.07, Village Center Area (VCA) District, Sections 18.07.010 Through 18.07.090, to clarify and update the District Intent; Schedule of Uses; Requirements and Standards Applicable to All Uses; Height and Placement Requirements; Commercial and Residential Architecture Requirements; and Street Design Requirements.

Kelly McIntyre of CIB Planning explained that the current VCA Ordinance served the City for over twenty years. The proposed ordinance amendments would help to clarify and consolidate the text. Additionally, it would help to achieve the desired character of the VCA. The existing ordinance referred to two documents; one was

the Wixom Master Plan and the other was the Wixom VCA Design Guidelines. The Design Guidelines were a separate document outside of the Zoning Ordinance, and intended to compliment the Zoning Ordinance by providing building design examples. She said the Design Guidelines were dimensional standards that belonged within the Zoning Ordinance for enforcement purposes. She believed when you had dimensional standards in two different documents, things could become confusing and/or contradictory. She proposed they consolidate all of the regulatory standards and dimensional requirements into one single document, the VCA Ordinance.

She explained there were general amendments made that included formatting and text changes. They've also added graphic representations of the ordinance to the application, as well as standards for the streets (like block size, street connections and curb requirements, street bump outs, crosswalks, streetlights and street trees).

She explained that some of the amendments were changed within the residential section to include minimum front yard setbacks for the single and two-family residential dwellings. Also, architectural requirements changed to increase design options to specify an anti-monotony provision. She indicated that they added standards for porches, stoops and to permit material flexibility for buildings. An exception was added to allow utilities to be placed in a side yard with screening if the rear yard was not feasible. They had allowances for patios and decks to encroach into rear yard setbacks. She said there was a provision within the ordinance that applied to all other residential districts that completely contradicted with the VCA and technically wouldn't allow anything in backyards.

She explained within the commercial developments, they've added provisions for flex space housing with live/work units which included attached garages. They added a provision that permits the Planning Commission to grant dimensional waivers for special land use requirements, and to grant parking reductions for residential units that were part of a mixed-use building. Additionally, they updated rooftop equipment and screening requirements, revised transparency standards for windows on the first floor and the stories above that, and revised the screening waste receptacle standards.

Ms. McIntyre noted the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on January 3, 2022, and made a positive motion to Council to approve the amendments.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if a storefront with a condo above fell under the live/work section of the ordinance. Ms. McIntyre said that it would. Councilmember Gottschall noticed that Section 18.07.040 gave square footage sizes for the units but it didn't specify if it was the total for commercial or total for residential. It read the units shall be a mixture of sizes varying from 700 square feet to over 1,200 square feet per unit. Ms. McIntyre said that was square footage for both as live/work units primarily focused on the work portion. She said this allowed for a small business to have a business and a residence within one location. She noted the minimum square footage could be increased if that was the desire of Council.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if there was anything written within the ordinance that could prevent that from being an apartment instead of an owner-occupied

condo. His concern came from the 700 square footage as it felt more like the size of an apartment, and that made him cautious because the residents had expressed their concern about additional apartments.

Ms. McIntyre said the idea was that one individual that owns the business and residential unit as they were connected. Councilmember Gottschall would like to see storefronts with nice size condos above them. He asked they consider increasing the minimum square footage to 1,000 or 1,200.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox indicated that Planning Commissioner Tacy brought up amenities and storage spaces. She asked if that had been addressed within this revision. Ms. McIntyre said storage was not included within the ordinance as it was something that would be driven by the current market. If the consumer wanted storage, the builder would implement it.

Councilmember Smiley said it sounded like this was a long, overdo consolidation of documents. He asked if the Planning Commission were the primary entity working on this project. Ms. McIntyre said the Planning Commission made several revisions until they got it to the point where they were happy.

Mr. Benson added that they shared this document with the DDA, but haven't heard back from them yet.

Councilmember Behrmann said after reading the ordinance as a whole, he would feel comfortable if they removed multi-family dwellings because he didn't think that additional apartments were favored to be constructed within the VCA.

Mayor Beagle asked if condos fell within the multi-family. Ms. McIntyre said they would as it would be considered a mixed use building for multi-family. If multi-family was removed than you'd only be allowed single family homes.

Councilmember Behrmann asked if they could specifically allow flex space that included condos or a townhome. He did not understand why they needed to have multi-family within the ordinance or why the ordinance couldn't become more specific. Ms. McIntyre explained that condominiums could be a site condo or they could be multiple family style.

Mr. Benson said that condominiums referred more to the form of ownership or the form of division as opposed to the actual structural form.

Councilmember Behrmann preferred they were specific as to what they wanted on the remaining parcels available. He supported a flex space development in the east retail with larger square footage. He asked that they be careful as possible with what they allowed because he thought the residents were not in favor of another apartment complex.

Councilmember Gottschall thought they required the section in the ordinance because they currently had apartments in the VCA. Ms. McIntyre said the units across from City Hall were stacked and considered multiple units. If they removed multi-family, all those units would be non-conforming. Councilmember Gottschall

figured if they had units that were multi-family already, they needed to keep that section within the ordinance.

Mr. Benson asked for clarification on their concern exactly. He asked if they were troubled with the term apartment because multi-family included many forms like condos and townhomes. He indicated that the appearance of the building could become regulated within the Zoning Ordinance. He noted that they had much less power to regulate ownership structure.

Councilmember Gottschall said the concern wasn't about the appearance but the concept of an apartment.

Ms. McIntyre suggested that they take this back to the Planning Commission because multi-family was a vital part of the VCA. The VCA was supposed to be a downtown, walkable, condensed area.

Councilmember Smiley thought it best to address this now while they were amending the ordinance.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik asked if multi-family was removed, would that preclude senior assisted living. Ms. McIntyre said that it would because any time there was more than one unit, it was considered multiple family.

Councilmember Behrmann said they had a specific chart that indicated senior apartments and independent living complexes were permitted. The chart also included multi-family dwellings and townhome dwellings. If they removed multi-family dwellings from the chart, that would not preclude senior housing because it was specifically defined. Ms. McIntyre thought it best this ordinance goes back to Planning Commission as she felt that the Planning Commission was in favor of having the multiple family or mixed-use building within the VCA.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik said that conspicuously absent only because it came before City Council over the last two years, was in Section 18.07.090, Streetscape Design Requirements, Section E, Streetlights. They had talked repeatedly about the temperature. He thought temperature in LEDs was a big factor and should be included. Ms. McIntyre said it was not included because they couldn't measure temperature should that be challenged. Deputy Mayor Rzeznik thought temperature could be measured and that temperature was often included within the description of the light. He thought this needed to be considered as many people came before Council to complain about the bright lights within the new developments. He asked that Planning Commission consider the lighting temperature within the Streetscape Design Requirements.

Councilmember Sharpe said the only question he had was in regards to the lighting because he knew residents expressed concerns. He wondered why they would specify the LED lighting only as shielding. He asked if that was the nature of LED lighting. Ms. McIntyre confirmed that it was. He liked the fact that it was included because of the residents' complaints. He asked if there would be any concerns about consistency. Ms. McIntyre said that within the VCA, the Design Guidelines addressed the lighting that they would like to see consistent throughout.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked why this would need to go back to the Planning Commission. Ms. McIntyre said that it didn't need to but she would recommend that as a courtesy.

Councilmembers Smiley and Gronlund-Fox withdrew the original motion.

CM-01-10-22: Motion and seconded made by Councilmember Behrmann and Deputy Mayor Rzeznik to refer the VCA Ordinance back to the Planning Commission for further review consistent with the Council comments.

Councilmember Sharpe expressed his support of the Planning Commission and that process. He understood this was discussed at length and a Public Hearing was held. He appreciated the opinion of Council, but was not in favor of going against the process that was already set up. He said that he would not be supporting the request to take this back to the Planning Commission because they were pretty far along with the VCA. Additionally, they were not going to change what had already been built by putting in some items that they would like to see in the future. He thought the Planning Commission already considered the items they were concerned about.

Councilmember Smiley said the Planning Commission knew what they were doing and did a great job. He understood the amount of work they put into these changes. He figured they should review Council's concerns while they were making the amendments anyway.

Councilmember Behrmann didn't think this had any disrespect toward the Planning Commissioners. He appreciated their time and effort very much. He knew the residents paid more attention to Council meetings because they were able to view the meetings online, sign up for Council agendas and meeting minutes. He did not think the Planning Commission meetings were as accessible. If the Planning Commission was not in favor of any additional changes, so be it. When the revisions came back to Council they could either vote to support it or not.

**Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox,
Rzeznik, Smiley**

(1) NAY - Sharpe

Motion Carried

3.) Request for Approval of the 2022 Calendar Year Proposed Operating Budget for Commerce, Walled Lake and Wixom Trailway Management Council

CM-01-11-22: Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Gronlund-Fox to approve the 2022 Calendar Year Proposed Operating Budget for Commerce, Walled Lake and Wixom Trailway Management Council.

Mr. Brown stated that every year, they had a budget that gets passed to us from the Commerce, Walled Lake and Wixom Trailway Management Council. In line with the requirements, they needed approval from the participating communities

(Wixom and Commerce). The name still reflected Walled Lake despite their withdrawal because they had not yet passed the new interlocal agreement. The total revenue reflected \$93,000, with total expenses of \$51,525 and remaining surplus of \$41,475. He pointed out that they had a request for contributions from the communities again after a couple years of absence. The budget did reflect \$15,000 in community contributions from both Wixom and Commerce Township. That was an effort to maintain a healthy balance for future maintenance needs that may come up. He thought that was fair and encouraged the Council to support this budget as presented.

Deputy Mayor Rzeknik noticed in the 2022 proposed budget, there weren't any grants listed. Mr. Brown said they did not anticipate anything. Deputy Mayor Rzeknik also questioned line 19, Billboard Revenue. He wondered if there would be some means of raising revenue through advertising. Mr. Brown said the billboard along the trail happened to be part of the trail by the way it was designed. They anticipated they would generate revenue from a billboard that would take the placement of advertising, but they hadn't been able to get any action on that.

Councilmember Gottschall wondered if the billboard being talked about was the billboard along the M-5 overpass that had been removed. Mr. Brown said it was and believed it would be replaced. Councilmember Gottschall asked about the maintenance along Walled Lake's section of the trail now that they had withdrawn. Mr. Brown didn't recall anything that was being added along Walled Lake's section of the trail funded through the current budget. He knew that trail maintenance was handled by the individual communities. Councilmember Gottschall asked after the next phase was complete, what would be the responsibility of the Trailway Council. Mr. Brown said there were certain global activities happening that could make it worthwhile. Also, they expected the completion of Phase 2 would have some carryover activity into 2023.

Councilmember Sharpe asked if they had \$15,000 in our budget to contribute to the Trailway budget. Ms. Stamper replied that it was already in the budget.

Deputy Mayor Rzeknik commented that a Trailway organization could exist long after it was established for fundraising for different elements, like trash receptacles, signage, etc. There was a basic need for ongoing support and sponsorship of these activities independent of the normal snow removing and landscaping.

Vote:

Motion Carried

4.) Recommendation to Approve a Resolution in Support of the \$80,000 Grant Application to the Oakland County Parks Recreation Trailways Grant Program for the Development of the Civic Center Walking Path

CM-01-12-22: Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeknik and Councilmember Gronlund-Fox to approve the following resolution in support of the \$80,000 grant application to the Oakland County Parks Recreation Trailways Grant Program for the development of the Civic Center Walking Path:

**RESOLUTION DECLARING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT BE SUBMITTED TO OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS
AND RECREATION TRAILWAYS GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Wixom submitted an application entitled "Civic Center Pathway" to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Trailways Grant Program for Development of an 8-foot wide, half-mile, U-shaped, ADA compliant, asphalt walking path from Pontiac Trail South to the back of the Civic Center, connecting the Tot Lot, returning north to Pontiac Trail at the City of Wixom Civic Center Complex for a grant amount of \$80,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the Community's Parks & Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Program requires a local match of twenty-five percent (25%) of the requested grant; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Program requires that the City of Wixom certify compliance with all Grant Program requirements, including commitment to long-term maintenance and all project cost overruns.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND DECLARED that the City of Wixom hereby approves participation in the Trailways Grant Program and authorizes the submission of a Trailways Grant Program application for \$80,000.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED THAT the Grant Program application is supported by City of Wixom Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Wixom acknowledges and certifies compliance with all grant program requirements, including commitment to long-term maintenance and all project cost overruns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Wixom shall provide a local match through financial commitment in cash, force account, federal or state funds, private funds, or donated labor/materials directly related to the project for \$102,878.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Deanna Magee is authorized to sign all grant-related documents on behalf of the City of Wixom.

Ms. Magee said that recently Oakland County established a grant program for trail and park development. She saw the opportunity to apply for the grant and utilize the CDBG funds and the park development funds as a local match.

Councilmember Gottschall said that the grant request was for \$80,000. He wondered if that would replace the \$80,000 that would be coming from General Operating. Ms. Magee said that was the intent. Councilmember Gottschall recalled funds for this being shifted from the City to the DDA. Ms. Magee said that had discussed that but currently the money was coming from the City's budget. Councilmember Gottschall asked if this were to get approved but the City was not awarded the \$80,000 grant, did that mean the money automatically would be taken from the City's General Fund.

Mr. Brown said that in regard to the DDA, that was subject to some processes that hadn't take place yet because of timing. They hadn't had any activity in the current budget year and may not again. That was why it was reflected in the General Operating budget.

Mayor Beagle said it would come back to Council when it was time to award the bid so the Council could deny the approval if there was a problem with the \$80,000.

Ms. Magee reminded the Council that they had two years of CDBG funding involved.

Vote:

Motion Carried

5.) Recommendation to Accept a Grant from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy for the Purpose of Completing the Requirements for a Water Distribution System Materials Inventory and Drinking Water Asset Management Plan and Authorize the Department of Public Works Director to Sign the State Forms and Agreements Necessary to Accept the Grant

CM-01-13-22: Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Behrmann to accept a grant from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy for the purpose of completing the requirements for a water distribution system materials inventory and drinking water asset management plan and authorize the Department of Public Works Director to sign the State forms and agreements necessary to accept the grant.

Mr. Sikma said this grant was one of the requirements for lead and copper material inventory. The lead lines were older lines that could potentially be in Wixom. They did not anticipate having many, but they wanted to inspect 346 different residences. The process included them going through an analysis of each system's connection and the City plumbing documents to verify. They were anticipating that it would be just under \$400,000 to do the inspections. This grant would pay for the requirements established by the State. They were very fortunate to get the grant and they were looking forward to doing what was right for the community.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox clarified that Hubbell, Roth and Clark applied for this in 2020 and Mr. Sikma said that was correct. It took almost a year and a half to get, and over the last three months of going back and forth with the State regarding the specifics of the grant. He said he would start the process tomorrow if approved. The program would go through 2025 and as it needed to be finished by then.

Mayor Beagle asked if they would get to every home by 2025. Mr. Sikma replied that they only had to inspect 346 water service lines. They would be going through each of the connections on paper and use a statistical analysis to determine if enough complied and no longer needed to be inspected. Mayor Beagle asked who would be doing this work. Mr. Sikma said it would be a joint effort between HRC, F&V, Metro Sewer and D'Angelo Brothers. The grant should pay for everything.

Councilmember Smiley asked if the 346 homes were clustered in one area or spread out randomly. Mr. Sikma said that they developed a program to statistically choose them so it would be random. Councilmember Smiley questioned the number of homes that were to be inspected. Mr. Sikma said it was a percentage that they had to identify. Of the 3,400 residents they had connected to the water system, they were going to look at all of those in order to achieve an idea of how many could potentially be lead services. They would put all the addresses into a computer system and it may pick every fourth one or so.

Mr. Brown stated that it was roughly 10% for a valid sample. If they did not find any lead service lines, then they could assume they don't have any lead service lines and be good to go.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked if it would be based on when those lines were installed because of the age of the homes. Mr. Sikma said they only had five different subdivisions built in the 1960s. Most of our developments in Wixom were developed after 1975. The probability was low.

Mr. Brown added that they would get some benefit from this because they would know the service connections. They would put that in a database so if someone developed an issue in the future, they would be able to respond regarding this sampling.

Councilmember Behrmann clarified that they wouldn't be testing homes that were just built, but focusing on the homes built in the 1960s. Mr. Sikma said that was the intent.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments at this time.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Brown mentioned six employees were celebrating work anniversaries during the month of February. They ranged from one year to 27 years. He congratulated all of them and thanked them for their service. He noted that Director Moore had 27 years of service and would be retiring in August. Also, Brad Stille had six years as Chaplain. Mayor Beagle stated that Chaplain Stille did more for the City than just being a chaplain as he and his church were real assets to Wixom.

Mr. Benson said the cities of Wixom and Novi were partnering to host another public input meeting for Beck Road. The meeting would be held at the Novi Police Training Center at 45125 West Ten Mile Road on Tuesday, February 1st, from 6-7 p.m. Mailers were sent out to properties along Beck Road in Wixom and Novi. Anyone who had questions or comments regarding this project were encouraged to attend or visit www.becktothefuture.org.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Gottschall had no comments.

Councilmember Sharpe had no comments.

Councilmember Behrmann said the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Director Moore as the First Responder of the Year and he congratulated him.

Councilmember Smiley congratulated Director Moore on his First Responder of the Year award and asked him to say a few words about it. Director Moore said this was quite an honor. He received a nice recognition from Senator Runestad. In his remarks, he said that the Lakes Area firefighters, police officers and EMS workers were the ones that truly deserved the award.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox congratulated Director Moore. She congratulated and thanked those employees celebrating work anniversaries. She thanked the City Manager's Office for getting the Goal Session set up. She questioned the grant application for the Public Safety, specifically Fire recruitment. Mr. Brown said they were having discussions about a retention and recruitment plan.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik had no comments.

Mayor Beagle congratulated Director Moore and those celebrating their work anniversaries. He believed the employees did a great job and never heard any complaints regarding any City department. He thought they had the best crew in the State and thanked the employees for all they do.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Crystal Opalko
Deputy City Clerk

Approved 2-8-2022
