

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
Monday, July 2, 2018
City Hall Conference Room
301 South LeRoy Street
7:30 PM

Mayor Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bottecelli, Draves, Grossmeyer, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith.
Absent: None.
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Dan Czarnecki, DPW Director; Lizzie Mills, Legal Counsel; Michael Hart, Assistant City Manager/DDA Director.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

SILVER LAKE CORRIDOR STUDY

Czarnecki stated Pete LaMourie and Progressive AE have completed the corridor study and would like to review their recommendations. The traffic study was done due to concerns and complaints of traffic backups during peak times of the day. Afternoon traffic starts slowing about mid-afternoon and by 5 PM, traffic congestion has built to a point of backups of eastbound traffic between Fenway Drive and Silver Parkway. The US23 ramps add to the congestion, with the northbound ramps being a difficult area as there are currently no traffic signals to help the flow through this intersection. At times the eastbound traffic also backs up at Leroy St. Solutions to this peak hour congestion is necessary to help traffic flow through this important corridor of the city.

Pete LaMourie reviewed three recommendations to help address some of the current peak-hour problems. The Genesee County Road Commission who programs the timing into the signal controls and maintains the traffic signals has received a copy of the report and been asked to look into a signal timing change for the Fenway intersection. The future peak-hour recommendations can be taken either through a corridor wide improvement project, or within other future improvement projects when the funding is available.

VANGUARD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Markland advised one of the items discussed during the Community Strategic Planning session in May was communications, web site issues and digital communications. Markland introduced T.J. Bucholz of Vanguard Communications and advised they would be involved with our efforts to communicate the many events and projects going on in the community. They would be focused on providing factual information to the public on city issues. Mr. Bucholz gave an overview of the services his business can provide to the city regarding media relations and communications, public education, web site design and digital media, and public education collateral material design and distribution. The fee for the services would be \$4,500 per month with a six month contract.

Consensus was to add this item to the agenda on the July 9, 2018 City Council meeting.

STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Markland stated he has spoken to Patterson who has done some research regarding a road millage that would also include the charter amendment. With there being a charter amendment request, it is required to be sent to the Attorney General's office.

Markland reviewed the amount of mills needed to accomplish the project and what the cost would be for the average and median tax payer.

McDermott stated the millage could be lowered if the State of Michigan comes through with the funds expected in 2021.

Consensus was to combine the millage and charter amendment in the proposal and ask for 5 mills over ten years.

After discussion, the consensus was to place this item on the July 9, 2018 City Council meeting after more information can be gathered.

BLDI LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR ROW ACCESS

Czarnecki stated the property owner at 3325 Owen Rd is working on environmental investigations of their property. They have a need to install monitoring wells in the city right-of-way for installation of the wells. BLDI would like to have the approval of this agreement expedited so they can get started working on their project immediately. They have monitoring and reporting requirements with MDEQ that will come from information found in the proposed monitoring wells.

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Lockwood to approve the Agreement for Access to Public Rights-of-Way for Monitoring Wells, between BLDI Incorporated, Grand Rapids, and the City of Fenton, for installation of three monitoring wells in the right-of-way at 3325 Owen Rd., and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Osborn reminded all of the parade on Wednesday at 10:00.

Grossmeyer advised the Farmer's Market move was well received by the vendors and well attended.

Draves stated ArtWalk plans are going to be very enjoyable and expects a wonderful event.

Smith stated Gus Macker was well attended. There were 160 kids at the Art at the Heart event.

Lockwood advised the crowning of the queen would be at the Silver Lake Ski Club program tomorrow evening followed by the Grand Marshal program at the Community Center. Thanked the DPW for all they do to help prepare for the 4th. The critique meeting for the Freedom Festival will be on Friday. The DIA tours are going well and will continue until the 14th.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Doug Tebo reminded all of the History Walk on September 8, 2018. Tebo requested the city speak to the owner of the business at 302 S. Leroy Street regarding the condition of his building. Markland advised he would get with Building/Zoning Administrator and address the situation.

Michael Hart gave an update on the sale of property in Fenton Commons.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A motion by Osborn and seconded by Lockwood to move into closed session to discuss union negotiations with POAM/COAM at 9:33 PM.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A motion by Osborn and seconded by Grossmeyer to reconvene to open session at 9:49 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Sue Walsh

Date Approved: July 23, 2018