

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
Monday, November 6, 2017
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: Draves, Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith.
Absent: None.
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager and Michael Hart, Assistant City Manager.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Justin Sprague of CIB Planning updated Council on the recent open house where the Master Plan was presented. He provided Council with a copy of the comments received from the public during the open house. He briefed Council on the Master Plan process stating a draft was prepared and reviewed by the Planning Commission. The draft plan, along with feedback received from the Planning Commission was presented at the open house. Mr. Sprague commented the “best practices” for ‘Redevelopment Ready’ communities will be incorporated into the plan and explained the principles of the “best practices”. The draft Master Plan should be ready for distribution by January. At that time a 30 day comment period will commence. At the end of that period, a public hearing will be scheduled at the Planning Commission to recommend to Council adoption of the plan. He anticipates the plan being adopted in March 2018. Assistant City Manager Hart updated Council on where the City stands in becoming a ‘Redevelopment Ready’ community.

Council discussed parking issues/challenges throughout the City and possibly installing wayfinding signage and conducting a parking study. It was suggested to integrate the City’s streets program and asset management plans into the Master Plan.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – Osborn thanked Councilman Jacob for his years of service to the City. She commented she still has not received City Manager evaluation forms back from all Councilmembers. She wished everyone the best of luck in tomorrow’s election.

Lockwood gave an update on various committee meetings. She commented the Community Center will be installing signs indoors that indicate the names of the different rooms within the Center.

Jacob thanked everyone he worked with at the City while he served on Council. He commented he will still stay involved in City activities and he is confident in all the candidates running for office tomorrow.

Council discussed the upcoming Jinglefest parade.

All Councilmembers and City Manager Markland thanked Councilman Jacob for his years of service to the City.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – Sean Sage, 612 S. East Street, asked for an update on the sidewalk project along Shiawassee. Markland and Hart gave an update on where the project stands.

Assistant City Manager Hart updated Council regarding City owned property in the Orchard Hills development. There is arsenic present on a portion of the property and Phase II environmental testing is needed. He will bring forth a memo regarding this to next Monday's meeting.

Skip Bancroft, 600 East South Holly Road, thanked Brad Jacob for his service to the City and wished everyone good luck in tomorrow's election.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Renee Wilson

Date approved:

December 11, 2017