

**CITY OF WIXOM
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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016**

Mayor Hinkley called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:

Mayor: K. Hinkley
Deputy Mayor: R. Ziegler
Councilmembers: P. Beagle
K. Gottschall
N. Kennedy
T. Rzezniak
R. Smiley

AGENDA CHANGES:

Councilmember Gottschall asked that Correspondence #2, Consideration of an Engineering Study and Needs Assessment for a Pedestrian Crossing on Beck Road in the Area of Hickory and Tamarack, be moved to New Business #4.

PRESENTATION:

1.) Recognition Award

Mayor Hinkley welcomed all of the special guests present to help us honor a Wixom resident who sets the example for public service, Mr. Arvid Petersen. He introduced Congressman David Trott of Michigan's 121th District, State Representative Klint Kesto of the 39th District, honored members of the Freedom Center Board, including State Senator Patrick Colbeck, and honored members of American Legion Post 88.

Congressman Trott said he was honored to have the opportunity to recognize the extraordinary achievements of Arvid Petersen of Wixom. Mr. Petersen is the Chairman of The Petersen Company and was recently the general contractor who graciously donated funds necessary to create the Freedom Center Lounge at the North Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The Freedom Center Lounge is the second facility organized by the Michigan Armed Forces Hospitality Center. The Lounge was built to ensure military travelers, their families and veterans have a space equipped to meet their special accommodations and provide maximum comfort while traveling through Detroit. The Petersen Company worked closely with the nonprofit to bring their design vision to life and Mr. Petersen shared not only his expertise, but also his wide network of subcontractors. The vendors, sub-contractors, and suppliers were able to work together on a low budget to ensure all the resources necessary to create a relaxed home-like environment were met. The Lounge opened in 2015 and has already served tens of thousands of active duty members of our armed forces traveling through Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Following the Grand Opening, Mr. Petersen informed the organization that he would not be sending a bill for the construction and effectively donated what was an estimated cost of \$380,000 to complete the project.

He continued by saying that the donation and support for the creation of the Freedom Center reminds us that as a community we can come together to serve

those who have displayed the highest level of dedication and self-sacrifice to our great nation. One of the best parts of his job is the opportunity to meet people who personify the goodness and grace of our country. Congressman Trott thanked Mr. Petersen on behalf of our nation for creating a center where our veterans and armed forces can relax in a place where we can recognize the tremendous sacrifices and bravery of the men and women who keep us safe every day.

Mr. Petersen commented that this totally caught him off guard. He and his wife came up with the idea to help contribute this. Every one of the trades, suppliers and subcontractors deserve as much as this. He said he was really just the orchestrator of putting it together. When these people found out what we were doing, they either donated 100% or 0%, but they all contributed in one way or another through giving materials, labor, helping the design structure, or helping to put it together. His two sons also helped to put this together. He said he was truly honored and he thanked everyone. This really meant a lot to him.

Representative Kesto thanked Mr. Petersen for his hard work and dedication. There were many people involved and he orchestrated it all as that leader in our community that we all look to that does such spectacular things for the people. The Michigan Legislature in the State of Michigan wanted to acknowledge this. He thanked all those that helped Mr. Petersen out. It is truly a work of a family that comes together for those in need, especially those who have served and fought for our country. He read a Special Tribute from the State of Michigan and presented it to Mr. Petersen.

Mayor Hinkley read and presented him with a Proclamation from the City of Wixom.

Stacey Banks presented Mrs. Petersen with flowers in thanks for helping to put this together.

Next, Mayor Hinkley presented Mr. Petersen with a Citizen Patriotism Recognition Award plaque from the City and he invited Mr. Petersen's sons to join him at the podium.

Howard Rundell, an original board member of the Freedom Center, said that his first contact with The Petersen Company, which was April 2015. The 107th Fighter Squadron is a unit of the Michigan Air National Guard 127th Wing from Selfridge that deployed to Kuwait to take the fight to ISIS directly from Michigan. Among those pilots was Major Bill Rundell, his son. Mr. Rundell said he talked to Bill about the project at the North Terminal. Of course, his son was quite familiar with the whole Freedom Center concept. Bill wanted to do something to recognize this generous gift. Mr. Petersen's company is called The Petersen Company, but it should be The Petersen Family Company because everything that happened with this project involved the whole family. When he was talking about the amount of money that he knew was three times as much as they had, Mr. Petersen's comment to Patrick was that they could make it happen. Then Mr. Petersen added that he thought they would have some money left over. Mr. Rundell thought he and his wife had already been cooking this up.

Mr. Rundell presented Mr. Petersen with a flag that was flown over the skies of Iraq in an 810 Warthog on a combat sortie on the 28th of September 2015 that employed six GBU (GPS-guided smart bombs) destroying three enemy fighting positions and one weapons cache. The flag flew at Aircraft 80-264 in honor of the Petersen family.

Jim Hodgen, American Legion Post 88, indicated that Post 88 is a Masonic Post American Legions composed of veterans from World War II, Afghanistan and Iraq. They were honored to have such a first-rate facility at Detroit Metropolitan Airport to give comfort to active and military veterans. He gave a small token to the Hospitality Center.

Marty Levine, Vice-Commander of George Washington Post 88, an American Legion Alma Masonic Post, stated that in 2011 when the east coast was snowed in and none of the airports were allowing planes to land coming from Europe, Cleveland, Detroit, and Chicago received all of the military travelers and they needed a place of respite. The Freedom Center at the former Lufthansa Lounge was that place of respite and there were a ton of people there. He knew then that the things that Mr. Petersen and others have done on behalf of that place, and those that understand the purpose of that place, would provide that bit of respite.

Senator Patrick Colbeck stated that Mr. Petersen and his family demonstrate everything that the Freedom Center is about, and that is "serving those who serve us." Mr. Petersen was exactly who they were looking for and why all of them founded the Freedom Center in the first place. He thanked him for his efforts.

Mr. Petersen indicated that when he first came here tonight, he thought this was going to be something for his friend, Jim Cutright. He thanked everyone and said he truly appreciated this tribute for him and his family. He gave Ken and Howard a lot of credit for all of this because they were the ones who sought out the Petersens. He has been a builder longer than he wanted to think about and he has been building at the Airport for well over 30 years. The most proud moment of his life was being able to build this Center because he was able to orchestrate it for such a worthy cause. He thanked everyone again.

At 7:28 p.m., the Mayor announced a brief recess. The Council reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

2.) Presentation by the 52-1 District Court Judges Law and Reeds

Mayor Hinkley introduced the Honorable Judge David Law and the Honorable Judge Travis Reeds from the 52-1 District Court.

Judge Law said that he and Judge Reeds are two of the three judges at the Court. Judge Bondy had something come up so he sent his regards. The purpose of this presentation was to give a brief overview of what they do, including the types of cases that they see, the programs at the Court and the good that they feel they can do to help people move past whatever issues they may have. Going back almost a year and eight months ago, when he was appointed to the bench, he walked in the door of the courthouse. Judge Reeds had just been on the bench right before him

and he never lets an opportunity slip by to talk about the fact that he has been on the bench much longer than he has, which is a whole month and a half. When Judge Law came in the door, Judge Bondy had been there awhile and was established. The three judges sat down to talk about the goals for the court and what they as judges could do to hopefully improve things. Being a good judge doesn't just end at the courtroom door or the walls of the courthouse, but getting back into the community. They all felt that the judges didn't do that quite enough. They came up with a few programs to do that. One was coming to City Council and Township Board Meetings talking about what they do. Out on the street, on a daily basis, people ask them what they do and what they see.

Judge Law congratulated the Wixom Police Department. They do a wonderful job for the City on a daily basis. He thought the Council should be proud of the work they do for them, as well as the City's Attorneys.

Judge Reeds thanked the Mayor and Council for having them. He explained that the District Court is a court of limited jurisdiction. That means that they have their powers from a statute. They are often referred to as the Peoples Court. Most of the time, when people think of going to court, they think of going to the District Court. They have a case that is a level they would handle every day, including civil cases where the value and controversy is less than \$25,000. They handle all the landlord tenant cases, traffic cases, misdemeanor cases and they start out all of the felonies. They also handle more serious things like misdemeanor criminal offenses. A misdemeanor is basically a case where you can't go to jail for more than a year. If you can go to jail for more than a year, you are probably going to end up in the Circuit Court. Judge Reeds thought their jurisdiction was actually a benefit because it allows them to actually touch a lot of people's lives in a positive way. No one enjoys going to court. He has never met anyone yet, even a lawyer, who said they had a lot of fun in the courtroom. On the other hand, it should be an experience that leaves a person feeling that they were treated fairly and courteously in a professional manner.

During 2015, Wixom brought 56 traffic misdemeanor, 579 civil infractions (speeding tickets, running red lights, etc.), 13 parking tickets, 124 non-traffic misdemeanor (possession of marijuana, assault and battery, domestic violence, retail fraud, etc.), 14 drunk driving tickets and 16 felony matters for a total of 802 cases. That may sound like a lot, but what it really means is that Wixom is an exceptionally safe community. Those numbers are very small compared to the State average. Not only is the Police Department doing really well enforcing the law, but it is a very safe community and that is a good thing.

Judge Reeds said that Tuesday is the day they set aside for Wixom cases, so if we wanted to stop by on a Tuesday, we would see our City Attorney in action handing these misdemeanor cases. They are happy to give a tour of the courthouse and they welcomed everyone to stop by. This is our Court and they are here to serve us.

Lastly, Judge Reeds said they have tried to improve on a few things, one of which is the Specialty Court Programs. These programs are intensive probationary programs that have a team approach. They have prosecutors, police officers,

counselors, treatment facilities, probationary officers and the judge involved. It is targeted toward people who have multiple offenses of the same type like substance abuse or alcohol use. These programs have been changed since the three judges got together and the success rates are quite good. Statistically speaking, these programs really work. Someone that graduates from the program has only a 4% chance of committing another offense. The State average is about 18%. You are four times less likely to commit another offense if you graduate from one of these programs. That keeps the community safe and something of which they are very proud.

Mayor Hinkley asked if the judges were seeing an increase use of heroin. Judge Law replied yes. There is definitely an issue out there and it seems to be increasing all the time. They have a Drug Court Program to try to help people focused on that particular area to try to help people beat it. Mayor Hinkley asked if that was available to only those who have been arrested. Judge Law said that it is typically for those brought into the system.

Mayor Hinkley said that the City and the County are closed on Fridays and he wondered about their hours. Judge Law said that they are open five days a week, which includes Fridays.

Judge Law said that one of the things they enjoy most about being judges is the opportunity to be able to help people through those particular programs. Another program they participate in is the Veterans Court Program. If there is a veteran who has committed a crime and they have a substance abuse issue or mental health issue (something they can relate back to their service), they are part of this Veterans Court. They are brought in regularly so the judges build a bit of a rapport with them. They will see the probation department much more regularly. The VA, the defense advocate, the judge, the probation department, and the mentors are all involved. It is 18 months long and it is intense. He said it was very enjoyable for them to be uplifting and be able to help people who have done so much for us.

Another thing that he and Judge Reeds have been able to do is go into the high schools speaking to the students in two different ways. One is by holding actual court cases in schools. They will perform those court cases in front of the students. It is good for them to see what happens in the court system as well as act as a deterrent for them. The other program is a Choices and Consequences Program. It is not case-related, but they go into the different schools and talk about the types of cases that they see and the results of those choices.

Judge Law indicated that they get asked all the time how they monitor or test someone with a substance abuse program. With the holidays coming up, they have Check Holiday Testing, which means they will test them much more regularly around the holidays. They are able to find people who slip up, which help them keep the community safe. It also helps them get someone into programs that are more intensive to help them.

They are proud to be able to participate in these programs that they have at the Court. He reminded everyone to feel free to come to the Court to see Wixom cases, which are on Tuesdays.

Deputy Mayor Ziegler asked if they were still using the Oakland Mediation Center for mediation of small claims. Judge Reeds replied yes. It works well. They don't use it as much as they did in the past though. Judge Law added that it depends on the type of case. He sent one recently because he felt it was the best way to resolve it. Other times it is a case evaluation.

Mayor Hinkley thanked the Honorable Judge Law and the Honorable Judge Reeds for coming and wished them good luck.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1.) Public Hearing to Solicit Community Input Regarding the Utilization of the 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Allocation

Mayor Hinkley read the Rules for Public Speaking at a Public Hearing.

Ms. Magee explained that there is approximately \$40,000 that is allocated to the City of Wixom. The Block Grant Program provides funds for the purpose of renovating older homes, revitalizing neighborhoods, providing human services, and rebuilding community infrastructure that benefits low to moderate income residents. Qualified projects must be located in census tracts that are occupied by low moderate individuals and families that meet HUD's standards and guidelines. In Wixom, we have two census tracts and both are located south of Pontiac Trail. Federal regulations concerning the utilization of these funds and how they are allocated require a public hearing. Those agencies that would like to request funding from the City Council may do so at the public hearing.

Mayor Hinkley opened the Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m.

George Robinson, 2043 Lamella, representing St. Vincent De Paul from St. William Parish in Walled Lake, said he has been a resident of Wixom for 40 years and a member of St. Vincent De Paul for about 15 years. He was the president of the conference, which consists of 14 or 15 individuals for six years, so he is term limited. Primarily, the function of the conference is to assist low to moderate income individuals in the City that have fallen into a situation either by a loss of employment, health issue or any number of situations, to help them retain their home or their apartment. St. Vincent De Paul is listed and people are referred by somewhat like a phone tree to their assistance web. This program is not based on race, creed, color, or religion. They will assist with whatever their situation may be. It may be that they just need assistance with finding out what resources are available through the Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHS) so they direct them there initially. Usually they can cooperate with them since they are the agency for assistance of emergency shelter and food programs. They can work with the DHHS in coordination with what they will pay to assist in paying the rent so a person is not evicted. A very costly portion of their endeavors tends to be keeping people in their homes. St. Vincent De Paul has access to both Consumers Energy and DTE so they can postpone a shutoff and commit to making a payment. Last year, they assisted 17 different families, 51 different individuals and they put to work about \$4,900 that they raised through charitable giving. They did receive

some Block Grant Funds from Wixom the prior year, but they did not receive any for this current year. Mr. Robinson asked that they be considered for the year coming up. They try to use matching funds. They go to other churches or Hospitality House when the need is greater than what DHHS will compensate. With the City of Wixom assisting in that, it allows them to do a larger portion of work. He said they greatly appreciate the City's consideration.

Vickie Krigner, 2040 Bogie Drive and representing Common Ground, said that the main reason she was here was to get awareness out about Common Ground. They have been partnering with the City of Wixom for the last few years through the Founders' Day Festival. The City allowed them to do a Crisis-to-Hope presentation at the Community Center. One of the residents told her that the first time they had heard of Common Ground was at the Funeral Home after their child had committed suicide. They continually ask for money through the CDBG Program, but she also wanted to make sure that everyone is aware that they are there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Last year, they served 274 people identified within the City of Wixom. You don't have to say where you live on the crisis line because it is irrelevant to them. She was sure that they served Wixom residents through that program as well. She said that they are in the business of saving lives and she wanted to make sure they were here to save the lives of people who live within the City of Wixom. She thanked the Council for considering them.

Jodi Gallo, the Planning and Zoning Secretary and the City's designee for the Lakes Area Youth Assistance (LAYA) Board, said the mission of Youth Assistance is to strengthen the youth and families and to prevent and reduce child abuse, neglect and delinquency through community involvement. Lakes Area Youth Assistance is uniquely sponsored by Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, local municipalities consisting of the Charter Township of Commerce, the City of Walled Lake, the City of Wixom and the Village of Wolverine Lake, the Oakland County Circuit Court—Family Division, with principal funding coming from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and lastly, their volunteer Board, consisting of representatives from the local municipalities, the school board and the community at large. This board works very hard at fundraising to provide additional prevention programs for the residents. In 2015, LAYA's core programs continued the focus on their prevention mission. One is the summer camp experience which provides financial support for youth and families in financial and emotional need to give them an opportunity to build life skills through a one week camp experience. Forty-nine Walled Lake School District children received camp scholarships to build skills while attending various camps; 18 of those attended overnight camps and 31 attended day camps. There are skill building activities that provide financial support for activities such as pay to play, art, music, sports and other recreational and educational activities. Seventy-four children received scholarships to expand their life skills, interests and build self-esteem and strengthen their decision-making skills. Their Shopping Programs, such as "Shop with a Hero" at both the Wixom and Commerce Meijer Stores, allowed a total of 21 needy children to shop with local police officers, firefighters and paramedics, receiving school clothes and other needed items. Their Holiday Adopt-A-Family helped provide holiday wishes and basic necessities to 45 local families in its 15th year, thanks to support from local businesses and donations from civic groups and private citizens. Of these program totals, 29 of them were Wixom residents that were helped.

Peggy Hawke, LAYA member at large, stated that the Family Education Committee collaborates with educators in the Walled Lake School District to offer a number of educational prevention programs to our youth and families. These programs focus on helping students develop skills in the areas of self-awareness, communication, conflict resolution, leadership, substance use referral, anger management, team building and goal setting. Recent programs have included Art Adventures, SMART (Simple Methods for Anger Relief Training), PIE (Prevention, Intervention, Education), Stress to Success Yoga Sessions, Real Life Choices-Real Life Consequences Panel, Sunny Days Science and Literacy Activities, and Parenting Café's. She said referrals to LAYA include counseling or prevention referrals, and diversion cases which include basic assessment, counseling and referral services to the children and families referred to the program by local law enforcement, school personnel, parents and others. Their caseworker, in addition to assessment, counseling and referral services, also makes use of the UTURN jail tour, court observations, essays, community service, educational programs, videos and extracurricular requirements to address accountability and knowledge gaps with the youth and families we work with. In 2015, LAYA opened and provided services to 134 new cases. Of these new case referrals, 61% came from the school district, 28% from local police departments, 7% from parents and 4% from other sources. Of the cases referred to their office, more than half were prevention cases and were 13 years old and under. This is important as they know the earlier they are able to intervene and help a child in an at-risk situation, the better chance they have of a positive outcome with less emotional and financial costs to all of us. She thanked the Council for their time and support.

Bridget Ojamien spoke on behalf of Western Oakland County Meals on Wheels. She asked for consideration of Wixom's CDBG Funds. They serve seniors 60 and over. In the Wixom area, they served 43 seniors last year. Six of those seniors were 90 years or older. These are seniors that have lived in the community for a very long time. They are aging in place and they do not want to go into a nursing home. They have a volunteer force of about 95%. A year ago, they had one Wixom route of about 18 people. Now they have two and a half Wixom routes with about 38 people that are being served daily. It is growing tremendously. They have a program called March for Meals where they try to get people in the community, including the Mayor and City Council, who are willing to ride with one of their volunteers to deliver meals to the seniors. She said it would change the way we see seniors in our community. The volunteer is usually the only person they see on a day-to-day basis; it is the only interaction they have and the only hot meal that they will get. Normally they won't even get a meal other than something they can try to put together themselves. They are eternally grateful. She said they strive to give the seniors as much as they possibly can. Right now they are doing Monday through Friday hot meals and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday breakfasts. They also do a blizzard box because they do have those emergency days with snow where they can't send their volunteers out to deliver the meals. She looked for any support the Council would be willing to give them and they really appreciate it.

Mr. Donovan Neal, Executive Director of Hospitality House, said that since 2002, the Hospitality House has been a staple in the community supporting the entire lakes area, including the City of Wixom. They feed an average of 500 households

every month and they provide emergency food for individuals who are 200% at or below the federal poverty level. From January to today, they have distributed 45,000 pounds of food to 780 households in the City of Wixom alone. These households are able to come to the food pantry twice a month. Unfortunately, food is not decreasing in cost and they see those increases. They are working with Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest to take care of the food need that is in this area. He said they appreciate the Council's consideration for their request of \$3,500. He mentioned that because of the need that is in this area and because of the support, they moved their facility to Commerce. They went from a 3,500 square foot facility to just under an 8,000 square foot facility. That gives us an idea as to the volume of food and the numbers of people that they are seeing. Even though there has been an uptake in the economy, everybody is not seeing that in the same measure. He extended an invitation for the Council to stop by the pantry to witness the good work that is taking place there and the support that the resources allow them to continue to do on a daily basis.

With no other comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:29 p.m.

MINUTES:

CM-10-189-16: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Rzeznik and Beagle to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of October 11, 2016.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) **Notice of Hearing before the Michigan Public Service Commission for Customers of Consumers Energy Company – Case No. U-18166**
- 2.) **Maps Showing PASER Ratings of City Roadways**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: (None)

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

- 1.) **Departmental Monthly Reports – September 2016**

There were no comments or questions regarding these reports.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-10-190-16: Moved and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Ziegler and Councilmember Smiley to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to receive and file:
 - a.) Downtown Development Authority Minutes of May 24, 2016
 - b.) Downtown Development Authority Minutes of June 28, 2016
- 2.) Approval of the 2017 City Council Meeting Schedule

Vote:

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:**1.) Consideration of the 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant Allocation in the amount of \$40,393**

CM-10-191-16: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Rzeznik and Beagle to authorize the submittal of the 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application as follows and authorize the Mayor to sign the Program Year 2017-2018 application on behalf of the City: HAVEN - \$4,000; Emergency Service - \$4,000; Public Services (Senior Services) - \$4,118; Parks Recreational Facilities - \$28,275.

Ms. Magee explained the Block Grants were driven by categories; for example, if you had an emergency service like Hospitality House and St. Vincent De Paul, you can only fund one organization. There were four categories with \$3,000 minimum by category. She had given the City Council recommendations and hoped to rotate the organizations between emergency services but understood that the decision was to be made by the City Council.

Councilmember Gottschall said Page 3 of the report indicated this was the Gibson House improvements but the recommendation indicated it was Park Type and Recreation Facility. He questioned if that category needed to be used for the Gibson House. Ms. Magee said that category accommodated the Gibson House and required an environmental assessment with the application. Councilmember Gottschall asked if those funds needed to be used for the Gibson House and nothing else. Ms. Magee said this recommendation was for the Gibson House but the Council could decide to allocate those funds at a later date as long as it was used within a two-year time frame.

Councilmember Kennedy wondered if LAYA was not considered because they only asked for \$2,000 and there is a \$3,000 minimum. Ms. Magee confirmed that was correct. Councilmember Kennedy wondered if anyone explained that to LAYA when they submitted their request. Ms. Magee noted that they had a difficult time with reimbursing LAYA within a timely fashion in the past as they needed to utilize service monies within two years and sometimes their programs would not accommodate that time frame.

Councilmember Beagle wondered if every organization was notified about tonight's meeting. Ms. Magee confirmed. Councilmember Beagle asked if anyone notified her that they were not coming to the meeting. Ms. Magee said no. Councilmember Beagle commented that this was a major thing and they only asked for five minutes of their time once a year. He thought they were all worthy organizations. Every year they had HAVEN on the list but they did not come to a meeting. He was discouraged by that gesture as maybe they should consider another organization that took the time to present themselves to us.

Councilmember Smiley wondered if HAVEN was in their own category where nobody else was competing. Ms. Magee confirmed. Councilmember Smiley asked if LAYA billed in a timely fashion. Ms. Magee said for the funds that they could give them, it took a little bit longer for reimbursement plus the City does subsidize them \$2,500 through the General Operating Fund.

Deputy Mayor Ziegler asked if Common Ground was involved in prior years. Ms. Magee said last year was their first year and Council did allocate monies to them last year.

Councilmember Gottschall questioned the category. It didn't look like HAVEN had another member in the battered group so that could be why they didn't attend the meetings. He wondered if there was another group that qualified under the battered category. Ms. Magee noted that the Oakland County CDBG Program did have a County contract supporting HAVEN. Ms. Magee was not aware of another organization that could be in that category.

Councilmember Rzeknik thought that over the last 6-7 years, Ms. Magee did a good job ping-ponging the emergency service monies to those organizations that came before the City. He was in support of her recommendations.

Mayor Hinkley echoed Councilmember Rzeknik's comments. He thought the Council would love it if they could give to every organization. A few years ago, they spent some time going back and forth between this organization verses the other but they came to the understanding that they would take the recommendation of Ms. Magee and try and rotate them every year.

Vote:

Motion Carried

2.) Recommendation to Approve the Purchase of a State 1 Compressor Replacement HVAC Unit for the Community Center from B & C Ten Air HVAC Systems, Inc. of Milford, Michigan in the amount of \$5,365

CM-10-192-16: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Rzeknik and Smiley to award the bid to B & C Ten Air HVAC Systems, Inc. of Milford, Michigan in the amount of \$5,365 to replace the Stage 1 Compressor in Rooftop Unit 3B at the Community Center, with funds derived from the Cultural Center's General Operating Account 101-805-956.358, Heating & Cooling.

Mr. Sikma said they originally bid it as a complete replacement; but after several suggestions, they agreed replacing the compressor and some other components would be a better way to go as the full replacement was \$25,000.

Vote:

Motion Carried

3.) Recommendation to Award the Gibson House Renovation Bid Alternate, Phase II to the Low and Qualified Bidder, In-Line Construction, Warren, Michigan, in the amount of \$19,896.15

CM-10-193-16: Moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Ziegler and Councilmember Beagle to award the alternate bid for the low qualified bidder, In-Line Construction of Warren, Michigan, in the amount of \$19,896.15, with funding allocated from Community Development Block Grant Program, Account #280-803-959.636 (Gibson Park).

Councilmember Gottschall asked if these monies were from the CDBG. Ms. Magee confirmed. Councilmember Gottschall said the packet explained they came to the plan of making it the Gibson Historical Museum. He did not believe that fit in the category of helping lower and moderate income individuals; although, he was aware that it was part of the Master Plan for the Gibson House. He felt that was not exactly what the funds were intended to be used for in terms of helping people. Ms. Magee explained that helping lower to moderate income individuals was the philosophy of CDBG but there were thirty-two categories ranging from historical facilities, demolition, fire and rescue services, etc. There was a low to moderate income section within the Public Service category that fell into the 30% cap on the dollar value but noted there were other categories. They had utilized a higher dollar value for the Grand River Safety Path previously that allowed all the seniors access to the other side of Grand River. Councilmember Gottschall wondered if there was any other use for the funds outside of the Gibson House that might have a better impact on the community. Ms. Magee said she was following the direction of the City Council. Their objective was to complete the Gibson House project. Phase One was the interior, Phase Two was the outside, and Phase Three was the parking lot. Those priorities were identified five years ago.

Councilmember Smiley did not believe building a gazebo was in the spirit of CDBG. Ms. Magee said the gazebo was under the Park Facility label within the CDBG and the Gibson House qualified within that category. It added to the value of the park and museum. Councilmember Smiley understood but believed it was not in the spirit of what these funds were meant for. Ms. Magee said there were several categories that utilized Block Grant funding. She explained that you could only fund three public services' maximum and one other project.

Mayor Hinkley explained that if they wanted to give more money to HAVEN or another organization, it was not possible as they were maxed out. Ms. Magee confirmed. Mayor Hinkley explained that in part with the Master Plan and recommendation from the previous Councils and the Parks and Recreation Committee, this funding would be used to improve upon the parks so everyone could enjoy them.

Councilmember Smiley thanked the Mayor for his explanation but did not feel this money should be spent on a gazebo. Ms. Magee said the application was already approved and the money was allocated so this was the Council essentially voting on next year's funds. Councilmember Smiley wondered what else this money could go for instead of building a gazebo. Ms. Magee clarified this was 2016/2017 monies that was already approved and voted on by City Council. In addition, the application was given to CDBG and approved. The funds were already allocated as of October 7th for Phase 2 of this project with the Gibson House. Councilmember Smiley asked if it had to be used on the Gibson House. Ms. Magee replied yes.

Councilmember Kennedy said the money could be reprogrammed. Ms. Magee said yes but it would require another Public Hearing and noted that bids were already taken for this project. Councilmember Kennedy confirmed that technically it still could be reprogrammed. He recalled a request for improving some infrastructure on the senior housing area sidewalks. Ms. Magee said she did not receive a formal request. Councilmember Kennedy thought the money could be reprogrammed and

used toward sidewalks in the senior community as it would become a better use of the money.

Mr. Goodlein recalled a request last year to put some type of hard surface crossing across Twelve Mile to allow access to the safety path on the south side of Twelve Mile for the residents of Leisure Co-op.

Councilmember Kennedy said this was inside the Leisure Co-op. Ms. Magee said that it was private property and that was the issue. She noted they checked with the CDBG people and it wouldn't qualify because it was within the Helper Association.

Deputy Mayor Ziegler said he'd been on Council for seventeen years and it's taken him eight to ten years to fully understand CDBG. He believed that Ms. Magee was available to sit down and go over the CDBG if members of Council felt they needed a better understanding of it all. He was aware of how difficult it was to get a handle on and remembered how they hoped to just spread the money out among every organization equally. He supported the recommendation of Ms. Magee and appreciated the big heartedness of his fellow Councilmembers because he would like to do the same thing.

**Roll Call Vote: (5) Ayes - Beagle, Hinkley, Kennedy, Rzeznik, Ziegler
(2) Nays -Smiley, Gottschall**

Motion Carried

4.) Consideration of an Engineering Study and Needs Assessment for a Pedestrian Crossing on Beck Road in the Area of Hickory and Tamarack

Councilmember Gottschall noted this pertained to the crosswalk with the LDFA funds for Beck Road. He was looking for an easier crossing of Beck Road for Village Apartment residents to the shopping center on the east side of Beck Road. He asked if there was any mention to the City of Novi in regard to this matter. Mr. Goodlein said he did not mention this to Novi yet as Council did not authorize an analysis to be conducted to determine what the cost would be. He would contact the City of Novi if the Council authorized HRC to perform the engineering services and knew if the money was available. He hoped to have that information for the City of Novi if they were to ask them to share in the cost of any construction. Councilmember Gottschall hoped with pulling this from Correspondence it would start up a discussion or give HRC direction to conduct the analysis to see if there was a need for a designated crosswalk at that location.

Councilmember Rzeznik asked if there would be any type of grant aid that may be available. Mr. Booth said there was a call for safety projects but they were driven by accidents or fatalities. He noted that HRC could certainly look at those types of avenues. Mr. Booth said they could not just notify Oakland County of this project because of construction, coordination, sequencing, etc. thrown into the mix.

Councilmember Kennedy wanted to confirm that Mr. Goodlein felt like in order for us to contact the City of Novi they needed to initiate some kind of confirmation of

spending money. Mr. Goodlein believed that the City Council needed to demonstrate an interest in this project because it didn't serve a purpose to ask the City of Novi if they were willing to commit to a project unless the Wixom City Council demonstrated they were willing to commit money to the project. He certainly did not want to call the City of Novi without a cost projection. For example, what if it was discovered that there was no money and this project cost \$120,000 for a pedestrian island crossing with warning lights. He felt it was best that he had some type of idea before he called someone else and asked them to share in the cost. Councilmember Kennedy said he could always call them and describe the concept and ask them for any thoughts. He found it difficult that the City would not reach out and ask a general question. He believed the idea of a pedestrian island with lights was over the top as it was not a Boulevard. Mr. Goodlein said that on Beck Road between 8 and 9 Mile, there was a pedestrian island with warning lights with a two-lane road, whereas Beck Road in Wixom was a three-lane road. He admitted he was unsure of the traffic patterns or pedestrian crossing data but believed if that area of Beck Road qualified, it was conceivable that this area of Beck Road would qualify.

Mayor Hinkley suggested they call the Novi City Manager. He may ask if a study was conducted and what the cost was of the project, but we wouldn't know for sure unless he placed the call. He wondered if the City of Novi may be able to tell how much the other pedestrian crossing cost on Beck Road between 8 and 9 Mile Road. He thought the day would come where Beck Road would need to be widened and worried they would have spent all this money to have it be thrown out the window. He drove Beck Road and Pontiac Trail every single day and noticed the crossing at Pontiac Trail and Beck Road was grossly underused. He would rather the City spend money with Oakland County on getting better LED lighting along Pontiac Trail because it's too dark along that route.

Mr. Goodlein said it could easily be authorized that HRC conduct an analysis and conduct a pedestrian count so they may gauge whether or not there was value in a crosswalk.

Councilmember Rzeznik questioned if forfeiture funds could be used to do a traffic study of that location. Mr. Goodlein was unsure but believed no.

Councilmember Gottschall noted that he only brought this up to determine if they could do this. He thought it was a good idea to move forward and to have a study performed.

Deputy Mayor Ziegler asked what the cost was to have HRC perform the analysis. Mr. Goodlein thought it would be around \$4,000 - \$5,000.

CM-10-194-16: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Gottschall and Smiley to instruct HRC to conduct a study based on their budget of \$4,000 - \$5,000 on the pedestrian crossing on Beck Road between Tamarack and Hickory.

Councilmember Kennedy thought it was premature to spend the money at the moment when a fast phone call could be made to the City of Novi to determine if they would be interested in being involved.

**Roll Call Vote: (1) Ayes - Gottschall
(6) Nays – Beagle, Hinkley, Kennedy, Rzeznik, Smiley,
Ziegler**

Motion Failed

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments at this time.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Goodlein said the City did not receive any information about when a memorial service may be held for Dr. Vangieson; however, if there was anyone interested in making a donation in his memory, they asked donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society. He explained that the *Forbidden Art* Exhibit was recognized in *Prosper Magazine*. He noted there would be an opening reception on March 19, 2017, with the art showing March 20 - April 6, 2017. Mrs. Stacey Banks was in charge of the event and noted they were looking for people to provide sponsorships for the pieces of art. The sponsorship cost was \$150. They hoped to raise \$5,000 for that project. Mr. Goodlein also mentioned that the Library Board of Trustees appointed Andrea Dickson as the Library Director. She has worked for the Wixom Public Library for the last eight years, was a graduate of Grand Valley State University, earned her Master's Degree from Wayne State, and grew up in Wixom. He congratulated Ms. Dickson.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Smiley congratulated Ms. Dickson on her promotion. He thought tonight's meeting was nice with all the presentations. He enjoyed the Judge's presentation. He encouraged us all to pray for God's guidance and strength for those elected and those that choose them in the upcoming General Election. He hoped everyone would be united regardless of the outcome.

Councilmember Gottschall mentioned previously but he hoped that Council could be presented with some plan of action in the event that the ballot question did fail. If the ballot question did pass, then he hoped for some steps forward that might be helpful in how they could become more efficient in different places with the money. Also, he hoped that Halloween was warm and dry for the trick-or-treaters.

Councilmember Beagle congratulated Ms. Dickson on her new job. He thanked Mr. Petersen for all his work with the City. He asked everyone to be careful driving on Monday as it was Halloween Day. It was great to see the pumpkins in front of Wixom Elementary and he thanked Mr. Bender's 5th grade class for decorating the pumpkins. Go Blue!

Councilmember Rzeznik thanked the Petersen family for all they've done. He welcomed Andrea Dickson. He offered condolences to the Vangieson family. He said that Dr. Val was an important fixture in this community and that everyone in his family would remember him as one of the most compassionate men they'd ever met. Go green!

Councilmember Kennedy congratulated Andrea Dickson on her promotion. He appreciated the honor of Arvid Petersen and what he did for the City and for the military. He questioned the *Forbidden Art* Project as he thought the Community Foundation and grants contributed enough monies to fund this project. Mrs. Banks said the grant fund received \$3,285 and that covered the reception. She added they collected \$8,000 but they had to subtract the \$3,285 for the reception, and then subtract it again because they had to match those funds for expenses other than the reception. Councilmember Kennedy believed it was presented that a total of \$9,000 was needed for this project. He thought they collected enough money with the \$3,285 and the \$4,700 that the Wixom Community Foundation gave. Mrs. Banks said they were very grateful for the monies they received from the Wixom Community Foundation but the money was still being directed different places. They hoped to get the transportation covered. There was an organization that offered to provide transportation for free as an in-kind contribution of \$1,800. That would free up \$1,800 to use on non-eligible grant expenses like the reception. She noted that as long as they had that money set aside to match the grant monies they received, they could use the additional monies to make the reception a better event. Right now she felt she was being very conservative by removing the \$3,285 from the reception funds just so it was guaranteed they met the grant obligation. Councilmember Kennedy clarified that the \$3,285 grant was matched by the Community Foundation. Mrs. Banks confirmed and said there was a little over \$1,000 eligible for the reception. Councilmember Kennedy asked if she felt there was more money needed for the reception party. Mrs. Banks said yes. Councilmember Kennedy wondered how much the reception would cost. Mrs. Banks said around \$3,000 because they had hoped to have an elegant reception. She noted they were selling \$150 sponsorships for the twenty different panels of artwork and the ticket prices were \$20 each. She said the ballroom would hold 250 people. Mr. Goodlein added that the sponsorships of \$150 include two tickets to the event. Councilmember Kennedy believed it would only cost \$5,000 to host the event and now they were closer to \$9,500 and trying to obtain transportation. He felt this was different than what he heard it was going to be originally. He then offered his condolences to Dr. Vangieson's family and reminded people to vote.

Deputy Mayor Ziegler welcomed Ms. Dickson as the new Library Director. He offered his sympathies to the Vangieson family. He echoed comments regarding the presentation.

Mayor Hinkley had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Catherine Buck
City Clerk

Approved 11-09-2016
