

**CITY OF WIXOM
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019**

Mayor Ziegler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was held in memory of former Councilmember John Momberg who passed away on May 31, 2019.

Present:

Mayor: R. Ziegler
Deputy Mayor: P. Beagle
Councilmembers: K. Gottschall
T. Gronlund-Fox
B. Leder (Excused)
T. Rzeznik
R. Smiley

AGENDA CHANGES:

Mayor Ziegler added New Business #8 – Request for Authorization to Submit a Letter of Support for Michigan Senate Bill 364 Which Would Create a Local Grade Separation Grant Program to Facilitate the Separation of Motor Vehicle and Railroad Traffic in Michigan and New Business #9 – Request for Authorization to Dedicate the Future Michigan Air Line Trail Trailhead at Gunnar Mettala Park in Honor and Memory of John Momberg.

PRESENTATION:

1.) 52-1 District Court Judges Presentation

Judge David Law and Judge Travis Reeds introduced themselves and thanked the Council for allowing them to speak. Judge Robert Bondy was not present because of another commitment. Judge Reeds said they were here two years ago and are back with a community update to let everyone know what they are doing at the courts. They have made some changes since that visit and they wanted the community to know they are trying every day to make things better. He said they appreciate Director of Public Safety Moore's involvement. He is a great community partner and they enjoy working with the Wixom police officers.

Judge Reeds said that a big part of what they do is often lost on regular people because they don't come to court. He explained that at the 52-1 District Court they do criminal cases from driving on a suspended license ticket to Murder 1. Many of the felonies go to the Circuit Court but most of the misdemeanors stay at the 52-1 District Court and they handle them from start to finish. They also do a great deal of civil cases – everything from landlord/tenant disputes to small claims cases to collection cases and contract disputes.

Regarding criminal cases, Judge Law explained that the Circuit Court has jurisdiction over felony cases, the more serious cases. Every case starts in the District Court (the location of where it happened), but if enough evidence is shown, it gets shipped by them to the Circuit Court in Pontiac. He indicated that they

handle civil cases like lawsuits for money up to a value of \$25,000; anything more than that gets filed at the Circuit Court in Pontiac.

Judge Reeds said that while the Circuit Court handles some of the cases with a higher dollar amount or a more serious potential penalty, they handle a higher volume of cases. The District Court in Novi is one of the busiest courts in the State. With three judges, they handle about 55,000 cases per year. It is the court that most people think of as their community court. People would do there to pay a parking ticket or have a speeding ticket resolved. As much as they can, they try to make sure there is access to the Court and make sure people feel comfortable.

The Court is made up of four divisions and they have 67 employees. The Criminal Division processes all of the paperwork – everything from when the case starts after they get it from law enforcement to cases from the prosecutor's office, which is where the felonies come from. That Division is very efficient. They work hard to get everything processed and they are very organized. He thought they had a great team of people in the Criminal Division.

The Civil Division handles everything from the landlord/tenant cases to the small claims cases. They make sure all the litigants know when they have to come to Court.

The Traffic Division is probably the largest division at the Court. Traffic tickets are a big part of what they do.

Lastly, they have the Probation Division. When they deal with the criminal cases, they have to do something with these people. Sending a person to jail is rarely the right answer on misdemeanor cases. Judge Reeds said that they rely on the Probation Department to help them investigate claims. They know about their background, which helps the judges determine the punishment. He said they have one of the biggest Probation Departments in the County.

Judge Reeds indicated the Wixom is a very safe community. Drunk driving cases are down 27% from 2017 to 2018. Non-traffic misdemeanors are down 5%. Civil infractions (like speeding tickets) and parking misdemeanors (like driving with a suspended license) are also up. He indicated that the largest jump of all was parking tickets, which went up 253%.

Judge Law stated that the 52-1 District is very large and it covers almost half of Oakland County. The communities that are served by this Court include Wixom, Walled Lake, Novi, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Commerce Township, Milford, Highland and Wolverine Lake. There are also District Courts in Clarkston, Troy and Rochester. They are all one court with different divisions.

Judge Law said he gets asked quite often how he determines a sentence when someone comes before him. On a criminal case, someone would come in for an arraignment (where they learn the charges being brought against them) and there may be a pre-trial (where they determine with the help of their attorney if they want to plead guilty to the charge or have a trial). They would go forward eventually to have a bench trial or a jury trial. If that person ends up getting

convicted, there would be a sentencing date in the future. They get information about defendants through interviews with the Probation Department. They learn the family history, issues with alcohol, speeding tickets, criminal history, etc. This helps the judges to determine where they go with the sentence. Not everybody ends up with a criminal conviction if they come in under a criminal case. He said they don't want to have a one-time, poor-choice by someone haunt them for the rest of their life if they can avoid it. Someone with two or three convictions is an entirely different ballgame and they handle them differently. He said that they try to tailor the sentences to fit the crime and the person before them.

Judge Law thanked the Wixom officers on behalf of the 52-1 District Court. He said that they really work hard and do a tremendous job. He said they also work with the City Prosecuting Attorney, Chuck Schnell, and he does a great job for the City.

Another important aspect of being a judge, in their opinion, was community outreach. Not only to they attend meetings like this, but they also hold a lot of courts in schools. They recently held a court in Geisler Middle School and Walled Lake Central High School. They handpick cases to go in front of the students. This shows the kids that they may have a choice to make in the future and they can see what the ramifications of their choice could be. They find that to be fun and successful. He said they are part of the Lakes Area Youth Assistance and the Novi Youth Assistance. They participate in the Teen Court Program where a typical case would be a retail fraud at a Target. They run a mini trial where there are teen attorneys and teen juries who determine the punishment.

Judge Law said that they enjoy their jobs and they try to make it as painless as possible. They do get people who just want to watch what happens in their courtroom so he invited anyone interested to do the same.

Judge Reeds added that their Specialty Court Programs are designed to target the issues that a certain small percentage of the people they see have in order to try to prevent recidivism. One of the biggest things you can have when you are talking about community safety is people who tend to commit the same crime over and over again. That cycle can be broken but it is very difficult. They provide tools to people to get their lives under control. He explained the four programs they have which are the Sobriety Program, the Special Drug Core Program, the Community Advocacy Court and the Veterans Treatment Court.

Mayor Ziegler asked if they were still utilizing the Oakland Mediation Service to help to mediate some of their cases. Judge Reeds replied that they use them but they don't come to them anymore. They send people to their office. Judge Law stated that they are very successful in resolving cases. Mayor Ziegler said he mediated a few cases over there and he found it to be fun.

Councilmember Smiley thanked the judges for coming to the meeting. He said that Judge Law has a special spot for him because he swore him in as a Councilmember a little more than three years ago. He wondered if they were seeing a big issue with opioids or marijuana cases. Judge Reeds thought they were seeing more driving offenses of people being under the influence of drugs. Obviously the possession cases have dropped off because unless you are under 21 years of age it really isn't

such a thing anymore. He said he is also seeing a lot of cocaine and marijuana combinations now. People are testing positive to marijuana and cocaine when they are adamant that they don't use cocaine. They are trying to figure out whether the dealers are lacing the marijuana with cocaine or how it is coming about. Judge Law thought they needed a little more time to see how things were affected with the new law. He was also seeing an increase in driving under the influence of drugs or drugs in the system.

MINUTES:

CM-06-96-19: Moved and seconded by Councilmember Rzeknik and Deputy Mayor Beagle to approve the Special City Council meeting minutes of May 28, 2019.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CM-06-97-19: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Smiley and Rzeknik to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of May 28, 2019.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

1.) Email from Mayor Richard Ziegler Regarding His Resignation from the Wage and Salary Committee

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments at this time.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

1.) Fire Monthly Reports - April 2019

There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

2.) Police Monthly Reports – April 2019

Councilmember Smiley questioned the 253% increase in parking tickets that Judge Reeds noted in his presentation. Director Moore said that there would not be a separate row for that in his report. It would fall under Other Traffic Complaints. He said he was also surprised by that increase. His best guess was that it was attributed to the snow enforcement we did over the winter.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-06-98-19: Motion and seconded made by Councilmember Rzeknik and Deputy Mayor Beagle to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to receive and file:
 - a. Downtown Development Authority Minutes of April 23, 2019

Vote:

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:**1.) Consideration of the Mayoral Appointments and Reappointments to Boards and Commissions**

CM-06-99-19: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Smiley and Gronlund-Fox to reappoint Kay Ash to the Cemetery Board with a term to expire June 30, 2024; reappoint Kristin Rzeznik to the DDA with a term to expire June 30, 2023; appoint Kim Tyle and reappoint Mary Crause, John O'Brien and Jeff Winters to the Parks and Recreation Commission with terms to expire June 30, 2022; reappoint Anthony Lawrence to the Planning Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2022; reappoint Larry Grant, Joanne Roberts and Connie Salvati to the Senior Citizen Commission with terms to expire June 30, 2022; appoint Tia Gronlund-Fox to the Wage and Salary Committee; appoint Peter Behrmann as Alternate on the ZBA with a term to expire June 30, 2021; and appoint Roy Thorsell and reappoint David Berry and Tom Marcucci to the ZBA with terms to expire June 30, 2022.

Councilmember Rzeznik said he would abstain from voting as his daughter-in-law, Kristin Rzeznik, was being considered for reappointment to the Downtown Development Association. The Council did not feel it was necessary for him to abstain.

Mayor Ziegler introduced Kim Tyle as she was just appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Ms. Tyle said she has been a resident of Wixom for six years. She indicated that she had background in fundraising.

Mayor Ziegler thanked everyone who volunteered to serve the City.

Vote:

Motion Carried

2.) Request for a City Council Resolution Recommending to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission the Issuance of a Special Liquor License through Application from the City of Wixom/Downtown Development Authority for the Block Party Located on Pontiac Trail between Wixom Road and Old Wixom Road on September 7, 2019

CM-06-100-19: Moved and seconded by Councilmember Rzeznik and Deputy Mayor Beagle to approve the resolution recommending to the MLCC the issuance of a special liquor License through application from the City of Wixom/Downtown Development Authority for the Block Party located on Pontiac Trail between Wixom Road and Old Wixom Road on September 7, 2019.

Vote:

Motion Carried

3.) Recommendation to Approve Two Agreements for Prisoner Lodging for Three Years Each with the Village of Wolverine Lake and the City of Walled Lake and Authorize Mayor Richard Ziegler to Sign the Agreements on Behalf of the City

CM-06-101-19: Moved and seconded by Councilmember Smiley and Deputy Mayor Beagle to approve two agreements for prisoner lodging for three years each

with the Village of Wolverine Lake and the City of Walled Lake and authorize Mayor Richard Ziegler to sign the agreements on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Gottschall noticed the dollar amount was increasing and felt the Council report was too vague explaining why these services were still a good use of time and resources. He wondered if administration checked with other communities that held prisoner lodging agreements. Director Moore explained that he did not check with other communities that provided similar services. When it was time to look into this contract, they factored in the salary increase of staff. He noted that his two predecessors had not passed on an increase to these communities in a number of years. If this contract were to be approved, the increase was 12% in year one and 2.5% in year two and three. These fees also included meals, beverages and personnel costs.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox wondered how much Wixom staff time was involved in lodging an inmate from Wolverine Lake or Walled Lake. Director Moore said lodging required a minimum of one Officer and one Service Aide for an average of 45 minutes to an hour to process. Once the prisoner was lodged, the Service Aide continued to monitor the prisoner.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked how much Wixom staff time was used for the records portion of the agreement. Director Moore thought it was approximately one to two hours per day. He mentioned that the Wixom Police Department was staffed 24 hours while Wolverine Lake and Walled Lake Police Departments were not; therefore, they took those after-hour responsibilities.

Vote:

Motion Carried

4.) Recommendation to Approve an Agreement for Police Records Management for Three Years with the Village of Wolverine Lake and Authorize Mayor Richard Ziegler to Sign the Agreement on Behalf of the City

CM-06-102-19: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Smiley and Gronlund-Fox to approve an agreement for police records management for three years with the Village of Wolverine Lake and authorize Mayor Richard Ziegler to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Rzeznik wondered if this agreement had been increased like the lodging agreement. Director Moore said it was and by the same increments; 12% year one and 2.5% for year two and three.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if managing these records for these other communities was a positive thing and not just in terms of money, but utilizing our resources effectively. Director Moore said in the interest of collaboration, he felt this was a good thing because they were embracing their law enforcement partners. He had not witnessed staff duties suffer as a result of performing records management for this other department.

Mayor Ziegler felt this was a great way to collaborate with other communities and benefit. Director Moore noted that many of the records management was completed by the night shift Service Aides as the day shift Service Aides were busier.

Vote:**Motion Carried****5.) Recommendation to Award the West Road Improvement Design and Construction Engineering to the City Engineering Firm of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. in the Amount of \$69,000**

CM-06-103-19: Moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Beagle and Councilmember Rzeznik to award the West Road improvement design and construction engineering to the City engineering firm of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. in the amount of \$69,000.

Mr. Sikma said they were looking for engineering assistance for some repairs they anticipated to make on West Road. He explained that some panels and curb gutters needed to be replaced. He thought the repairs would prolong the life of the road for several years.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked if this project was budgeted. Mr. Sikma noted this project was part of the Budget Stabilization Fund.

Councilmember Rzeznik knew that West Road was made of concrete but noticed the joints were cracking and crumbling. He wondered if there was any material they could use to fill in the cracks similar to what they did with asphalt. Mr. Sikma said they had not used crack-seal on West Road because once the crack became larger than an inch it peeled. They had used crack-seal on concrete but only when they were smaller joints.

Councilmember Gottschall asked for point of clarification as it was mentioned the costs associated with this project were being taken from the Budget Stabilization Fund. He asked if this project was part of the road construction that included Avanti Drive. Mr. Sikma explained that Avanti Drive was part of a project that included streets east of Beck Road; therefore, this project was separate from that project. He indicated that this project was covered in the FY 2018/2019 budget. Councilmember Gottschall wanted clarification because he thought Mr. Sikma said this project was not coming from the Budget Stabilization Fund. Mr. Sikma said a portion of the costs were going to be from the Budget Stabilization Fund. He explained that the \$69,000 engineering costs were being taken from the Local Road Fund, while the \$661,000 would be paid from the Budget Stabilization Fund. Councilmember Gottschall asked how much money was in the Local Road Fund. Mr. Sikma thought it was around \$700,000. Councilmember Gottschall established that they planned on using the Budget Stabilization Funds for the actual road construction. Mr. Sikma said there were multiple road construction projects projected for this next year's budget. Along with this project, they had Beck Road (north of Pontiac Trail) and part of West Maple in the works. Councilmember Gottschall asked if all of the upcoming road construction projects were going to be coming from Budget Stabilization Fund. Mr. Sikma said they would receive several

hundred thousand dollars from the State of Michigan, and it was their intent to combine that money with the road fund.

**Roll Call Vote: (5) AYES – Beagle, Gronlund-Fox, Rzeznik, Smiley, Ziegler
(1) NAYS – Gottschall
(1) ABSENT - Leder**

Motion Carried

6.) Recommendation to Approve an Easement Agreement for Theodore Road with International Transmission Company of Novi, MI for \$19,500 and Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Easement Documents on Behalf of the City along with Approval of the Required Budget Amendment

CM-06-104-19: Moved and seconded by Councilmember Smiley and Deputy Mayor Beagle to approve an easement agreement for Theodore Road with International Transmission Company of Novi, Michigan for \$19,500 and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the easement documents on behalf of the City along with approval of the required budget amendment.

Deputy Mayor Beagle was confused after reading the letter from ITC and wondered if this development was in Wixom based upon the way they referenced the location being Commerce Township. Mr. Sikma said this development was part of Wixom. Councilmember Beagle indicated that when you looked at the letter, it appeared Wixom was paying for an easement in Commerce Township. Mr. Sikma agreed it was confusing but assured the City Council it was in Wixom.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox questioned why they needed a budget amendment if the projected cost would be fully funded by the developer as stated within the report. Mr. Sikma said there was no cost to the City as they received \$20,000 from the developer of Milana Estates.

Councilmember Rzeznik explained how he read that ITC would not be held responsible for damage to the road by heavy equipment. He asked if the City would then become liable. Mr. Sikma confirmed they would. Councilmember Rzeznik wondered if the City was taking precaution should the heavy pieces of equipment be utilized. Mr. Sikma indicated that it was a remote possibility that damage would be done and the City would need to make repairs.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if this road would be for service use or daily use. Mr. Sikma said it was intended to be used as a daily use road.

Councilmember Smiley said it sounded like the City would be liable if there was damage to a road by a large crane or heavy equipment. Mr. Sikma said they would but it was a remote chance.

Vote:

Motion Carried

7.) Request for Authorization to Participate in the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Bid Contract for the Acquisition of Playground Equipment from Miracle Recreation of Holly, Michigan in the Amount of \$100,087

CM-06-105-19: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Rzeznik and Smiley to authorize the participation in the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Organization Bid Contract for the acquisition of playground equipment from Miracle Recreation of Holly, Michigan in the amount of \$100,087.

Ms. Magee indicated that this project had been in the works since 2005. They were very proud of this project and the partnership they had with Oakland Schools Technical Center (OSTC). She noted OSTC fundraised \$87,000 for this project and had been in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation. The playground equipment was designed for ages 2-12.

Council Rzeznik thanked Bill Duggan and OSTC for raising funds over the last 14 years.

Councilmember Smiley thanked OSTC for fundraising as he felt the equipment was in dire need of refreshment. He wondered how this all came about. Ms. Magee said Bill Duggan wanted a project for his students so they chose a playground. Each year they incorporated fundraising efforts toward this goal.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked if they had a signup sheet to volunteer with building the playground. Ms. Magee said promotion for this had been released and any interested party could call the office to get more information.

Vote:

Motion Carried

8.) Request for Authorization to Submit a Letter of Support for Michigan Senate Bill 364 Which Would Create a Local Grade Separation Grant Program to Facilitate the Separation of Motor Vehicle and Railroad Traffic in Michigan

CM-06-106-19: Moved and seconded by Councilmember Rzeznik and Deputy Mayor Beagle to authorize the submittal of a letter of support for Michigan Senate Bill 364 which would create a local grade separation grant program to facilitate the separation of motor vehicle and railroad traffic in Michigan.

Mr. Brown said that we are concerned about rail crossings in the City of Wixom which has an impact on the quality of life for our residents. It creates noise and traffic issues. Recently the Lakes State Railway Company (LSRC) leased the lines formerly owned and operated by CSX from Flint to Plymouth. CSX retains ownership but LSRC is operating the trains and doing the work on those lines including in Wixom. Because of that, things have been changing. There have been differences in patterns and the traffic is increasing. He believed it was their intent to further increase that traffic in the long run because they want to make great use of the rail lines that are available. That is a concern for us.

Mr. Brown said he was contacted by State Senator Jim Runestad who knew Jon Cool, the Director of the Michigan Railroad Association. They were discussing the possibility of seeing a grade separation accomplished on Beck Road in the City of Wixom because of the anticipation of the increase of traffic flow. They had been working with the state legislature to try to make the case for why that would be an important move and appropriate expenditure of funding. We have set up a Task Force for the widening of Beck Road, which is also a primary goal of the City's. Currently Beck Road is three lanes and we are looking at ways to widen that road to five lanes. It is a major north-south corridor and it is very busy especially at rush hour. The Task Force is trying to find resources to facilitate that widening project. Initially it was a \$75 million project, which included a rail overpass, underpass or grade separation. When we excluded that piece, it was about a \$30 million project. We were looking for alternatives for that other \$45 million when he was contacted by these gentlemen. We got excited about the prospect that maybe we could have an additional funding source that would make that possible. If there is a bunch of train traffic, it won't matter if the road is wide or not (without an overpass or underpass). We were told that there might be some action on it from the legislature at the State level and there was this past Wednesday, which was too late to be included in the Council Packet. There was an introduction of a bill that is going to appear before the appropriate committee at the State level. We expect that there might be a hearing on that within the next week or two.

Initially Mr. Brown didn't think we would have the opportunity to do a letter of support, but he talked himself into the fact that we needed to have Council action on this. He put the letter together late in the day today and provided it to Council just prior to this meeting. He thought it was appropriate for the Council to support this bill because it would really provide us with a great opportunity to potentially have a funding source. He explained that Senate Bill 364 did not provide funding. It sets up the program so that if funding is appropriated at a later point in time, there will be a spot for that funding and an opportunity for the State to administer a grant program that we could then apply to for a grade separation at Beck Road. Mr. Brown indicated that he would not be in favor of an overpass or underpass on a three-lane Beck Road. That would result in the widening of Beck Road not possible any more. This should be done in conjunction with a five-lane widening of Beck Road or be done in a way that would accommodate a later widening of Beck Road to five lanes.

He noted that the other thing to keep in mind is the way the bill reads currently. It requires a 20% non-state match. That could be local money such as from the City of Wixom or private donors like a developer that might have an interest in widening Beck Road. It might also reflect federal funding. He said there are some possibilities of federal funding for the widening of Beck Road and we would need to commit that we would be willing to look at those alternative sources to facilitate with local money, federal money, private money or a combination of all three that would allow us to get a \$40+ million project done for a substantially lower cost for the City of Wixom.

The request was to support the drafted letter. He also provided the Senate bill in its current form since it was the introduction of the bill and the language could change.

The Committee that is involved is the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure that would review it at the State level and the Senate.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox clarified that if this was approved tonight, it wouldn't commit Wixom to any monies at this point. Mr. Brown said that was correct. He confirmed that it might be possible down the line if we were to make an application and be awarded money. He didn't want to give them the impression that we didn't understand that there could be that obligation.

Vote:**Motion Carried****9.) Request for Authorization to Dedicate the Future Michigan Air Line Trail Trailhead at Gunnar Mettala Park in Honor and Memory of John Momberg**

For the record, Mayor Ziegler wanted to read the report to the City Council because it was very impressive. He read the following:

"John Momberg passed away on May 31, 2019 at the age of 80. His life is to be celebrated on Monday, June 17, 2019 at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Milford at 10:30 AM and friends may visit the church beginning at 10:00 AM.

John was a long time public servant to Wixom having served in the following capacities over his distinguished career:

- *Parks and Recreation Commissioner from 1975 through 1984 (including 1980 through 1984 as the Commission-appointed volunteer Parks and Recreation Director)*
- *City Councilman from 1986 through 2001*
 - *Appointed Deputy Mayor in 1988, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1998 and 2000*
- *Additional service on the following committees:*
 - *Wage & Salary Committee*
 - *Michigan Sesquicentennial Committee*
 - *Noise Abatement Ordinance Study Committee*
 - *Community Endowment Committee*
 - *Tax Abatement Review Board*
 - *Internal Roads & Main Arteries Committee*
 - *Land Acquisition Committee*
 - *Historical Preservation Committee*
 - *Facilities Study Committee*

In light of John Momberg's dedication to the City of Wixom, I recommend that City Council honor his outstanding service and his memory by dedicating the Trailhead at Gunnar Mettala Park in his name. The Trailhead will be added as a new amenity in conjunction with the opening of the improved Michigan Air Line Trail that runs through Gunnar Mettala Park. The plans for the Trailhead include a 4-person shelter, benches, trash cans, a bike repair station and a water fountain for trail and park users. Given Gunnar Mettala Park's establishment during John's service to Wixom, this dedication would be a wonderful and appropriate recognition of John Momberg."

CM-06-107-19: Moved and seconded by Councilmember Rzeznik and Deputy Mayor Beagle to dedicate the future Michigan Air Line Trail Trailhead at Gunnar Mettala Park in honor and memory of John Momberg.

Councilmember Rzeznik stated that from a historical prospective, the Community Endowment Committee was actually the precursor to the Wixom Community Foundation. Mr. Momberg epitomized community giving and giving of oneself. He had set aside monies so that one day, should we create a 501c3, that it would be the seed money for that program. He knew in Mr. Momberg's heart, there would be no greater honor than this for him because he was on the Parks & Recreation Commission for so long and also served as the Director. Councilmember Rzeznik thought a park in his honor was a wonderful thing. Mr. Momberg was the inspiration for Councilmember Rzeznik setting up the Rzeznik Scholarship within the Foundation when he first got elected to Council. He was also a great mentor to him in his early years as Parks & Recreation Chairman and his early years on Council. Councilmember Rzeznik indicated that he contacted Rene Saenz, the Executive Director of the Foundation and he reviewed the history of Mr. Momberg. Mr. Saenz gave his support for bringing up an agenda item to consider taking the general undesignated endowment fund (which was originally the J. Momberg Endowment Fund) at the next Community Foundation meeting. Mr. Saenz indicated that the Community Foundation would add this to the next agenda. Councilmember Rzeznik said he was very much in support of this and felt there would be no greater honor for John's legacy than to do this.

Mayor Ziegler agreed. He knew John for a long time. He lived in the neighborhood he moved into 45 years ago when he moved to Wixom. Mr. Momberg was a very good neighbor and he got involved with the City back in the 1970s. Mayor Ziegler thought he was the only Councilmember who had the chance to serve with Mr. Momberg on Council. Mayor Ziegler's first couple of years on Council were Mr. Momberg's last years on Council. He was a model Councilmember. Councilmembers always look over the Council Packet before the meeting, but Mr. Momberg really looked over the materials. He was really into each and every issue. He read every word of every sentence of every paragraph of every report and he was always prepared. Mayor Ziegler said he was one of his role models as well and he appreciated his time serving with him. He was a good guy. Mayor Ziegler said that by Charter, the Council makes \$1,500 a year and Mr. Momberg served 16 years. He gave all of that money back to the City, which was the money in the Wixom Foundation now. That was quite a bit of money to give, along with his time. Mayor Ziegler thought his family would be pleased with this because it is John Momberg.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public at this time.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Brown stated that Fathers' Day is this Sunday, June 16th. He wished a happy Fathers' Day to all fathers. The Michigan Air Line Trail paving project does continue. The installation of base material on the Trail has begun in Wixom. He believed we were on track for completion at the end of the summer or early fall. He congratulated Meghna Chakraborty, our GIS contract. She was awarded the Helene M. Overly Graduate Scholarship from the Women's Transportation Seminar for the second year in a row. She is a PhD student at MSU in Civil Engineering specializing

in Transportation Safety. Lastly, Mr. Brown thought it was great to hear that the Community Foundation is going to take a look at possibly supporting the Trailhead dedication to Mr. Momberg. He thought this was well deserved.

Mayor Ziegler said he approached Deanna Magee and he knew she worked real hard to get that done. He appreciated her work and Mr. Brown's work on this.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Beagle said his thoughts and prayers go out to the Momberg Family and to Jodi Gallo on the passing of her mother-in-law. He thanked those who were appointed and reappointed to our Boards and Commissions. School is out on Thursday and he reminded people to be careful when driving through the subdivisions. He hoped we could go through the summer without a tragedy.

Councilmember Gottschall shared his thoughts with the Momberg Family and Jodi Gallo's Family.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox thanked and congratulated all those who were appointed to the various Boards and Commissions. She expressed her condolences to the families mentioned.

Councilmember Smiley expressed his condolences to the Momberg Family. He thought the Trailhead tribute was a great idea and he was glad someone thought of that. He said his thoughts were also with Jodi Gallo who recently lost her mother-in-law. The kids are out of school this week, so he reminded everyone to be careful. Two Sundays ago, all of the high school seniors graduated and he wished them luck. He thanked those who were appointed and reappointed to the Boards and Commissions. It was exciting to have lots of talent helping our City and contributing in all those different ways.

Councilmember Rzeznik offered his condolences to the Momberg Family and the Gallo Family on their losses. He said he would miss Mayor Ziegler on the Wage and Salary Committee. A lot of people don't know, but Mayor Ziegler's day job is with mediation. Councilmember Rzeznik has served with Mayor Ziegler on the Wage and Salary Committee for nine and a half years. His expertise has been quite an asset. He welcomed Councilmember Gronlund-Fox to this Committee and knew that she had some labor negotiating skills that would be most welcomed. He thanked all of the appointees. He also thanked Russell Meredith and Mike Monahan, two residents who didn't lose faith in an item they had been working on for the last couple years in the City, which was the idea of a columbarium in the cemetery. Edward Lynch from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home provided a presentation at the last Cemetery Board meeting and it was favorably received. He thanked Bill Duggan and OSTC for having the marketing students raise \$87,000 in 14 years for the playground. He hoped everyone would keep safe.

Mayor Ziegler extended his condolences to the Gallo Family and the Momberg Family. We kicked off the concert series last Thursday and the picnic for employees and volunteers. It was a beautiful night and it was well-attended. That night he neglected to thank the Community Services and the DPW for putting on that picnic. He said it was great to see everyone working together and he appreciated it. With

John Momberg's passing, he has been thinking about the Wixom Community Foundation. He knew that we had a little bit of a falling out in recent years. He would characterize it as last August we went through a divorce and parted ways. Mr. Momberg's passing brings to mind that maybe we should take a second look at that relationship, especially if they are going to be involved with us to help out with things like this contribution. He thought maybe we should try to reestablish that relationship so that we have some communication. He wasn't sure if anybody else was of that opinion but he has come to the conclusion that would be a good thing to do.

Councilmember Rzeznik thought the same but we should heed the advice that was given to us back in 2008 of keeping it as a separate citizen-run and not elected official-run organization. He also didn't think the City Manager or administrative people should serve on the board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Catherine Buck
City Clerk

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