

**CITY OF WIXOM
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020**

Mayor Beagle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

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

AGENDA CHANGES:

Mr. Brown noted that he sent a corrected resolution to the Council earlier today regarding New Business #13.

In regards to New Business #1, Recommendation to Confirm Mayoral Reappointments, Mayor Beagle request the addition of the reappointment of Sandro Grossi to the Planning Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2023.

MINUTES:

CM-06-68-20: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Behrmann and Sharpe to approve the Special City Council meeting minutes of June 9, 2020.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik had a correction to page 4. He was in favor of complete staffing to fill in any gaps in coverage at the Fire Station.

**Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox,
Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley
(0) NAYS**

Motion Carried

CM-06-69-20: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Smiley and Gottschall to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of June 9, 2020.

**Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox,
Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley
(0) NAYS**

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: (None)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Beagle stated that the City was utilizing the video and audio of Zoom. Once connected to the meeting, members of the public wishing to participate in the virtual public comment must alert us that they wish to speak by pressing *9 on their telephone keypad. Pressing *9 will activate the "raise hand" feature signaling to us that you wish to comment. Participants will be called one at a time, as would

happen during an in-person meeting. When you are unmuted, please introduce yourself by stating your name and address for the record. You will then have (5) minutes to share your comments with the City Council. At the conclusion of your comments or your (5) minutes, you will be muted and removed from the public comment queue.

Dan Aubrey, 3569 Barberrry, said he spoke at the last meeting regarding the bright streetlights at the new development behind his house and he wondered if there were any updates. Mayor Beagle informed him that this Call to the Public was for agenda items only. His question would be answered at the second Call to the Public which was for any items.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS:

1.) Departmental Reports – May 2020

Councilmember Sharpe noted that on the Community Services Report, it stated that the Community Center was closed from March 13th until further notice and the staff was working from home. He wondered what gainful employment they were getting from home. Mr. Brown replied that they have been brought back to the Community Center and are currently working on a variety of things. They are doing some community outreach things, like the food distribution events, the Census Outreach, and things are starting to ramp up a little bit on the Parks and Recreation side. Ms. Magee added that they are also helping the Clerk's Office with absentee ballots.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox had a question on the Water Loss Prevention noted on the F&V Operations Report. She wondered if we had looked into the system-wide survey and what the cost would be. Mr. Sikma said that we have a water loss survey that they compare each time they do the utility billing. They compare what we have taken in with the residential and commercial reads versus what we paid to GLWA for that portion. The water loss is always up and down. We have not checked into costs for running the full survey that they have talked about but he said he would look into that. Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked what the full survey would encompass. Mr. Sikma said that if you have 5-10% water loss on any given quarter, that is acceptable for meters. Each meter has a 5% plus or minus reading anyway. If there was something much greater, we might consider looking for water problems. During dry months like these, it is pretty easy to spot where the water main breaks are. We have a fairly new system and the breaks are not really there.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik commented on the written notices of exceedances in the Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG). The usual cast of characters are on that list. He knew that Mr. Sikma had talked about education efforts and he wondered if high turnover at those facilities was causing the repeated exceedances. Mr. Sikma said that it was always about education on those kinds of things. Also, the limit that we have is considerably low (100 mg per liter) and it can be difficult to meet. Deputy Mayor Rzeznik asked if there was another benchmark that would indicate what that threshold should be if 100 mg per liter was low. Mr. Sikma said that was the benchmark, but depending on the systems they have in place, it might be difficult to meet. We are trying to sample as necessary but also get them to clean periodically. It was still a concern.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if Mr. Sikma thought there was an amount where the businesses were being negligent or that they just didn't care to make an attempt. Mr. Sikma thought it was strange that the business with the highest exceedance was not cleaning it. He wanted to look at the history of that company. Those are the ones that they want to concentrate on because those have the higher potential. As they get closer and closer to 100, the amount of grease that is collected and stored solidifies in the pipes. Anything more than 100 will do that.

Councilmember Gottschall said that we have talked a little about fines and he wondered if the Council would need to vote on that or if that could be handled administratively. He suggested we set a threshold where 100 was education level, but if you get to 300, it is \$x amount and if you get to 500 it is \$x amount. Mr. Sikma said that we also inspect the sanitary sewers downstream of these facilities. We may invoke some cleaning requirements and we would bill them for cleaning the sewers downstream, which he would consider a fine. Our ultimate goal is that the sewers flow freely and cleanly without preventing any backups in the system. Mr. Brown added that could be done administratively. Councilmember Gottschall understood passing the cost on to clean the sewer lines, but at a certain point, that was doing more damage. It is costing us time just in staff hours and he wasn't sure that was being included in the fine for cleaning the sewers. The other option was that they would pay for the cleaning as well as our other costs. Mr. Sikma said we do have staff time collection and resampling in the ordinance and we will start moving toward that.

Councilmember Gottschall noticed the Phosphorus was high again. We had some explanation on that from the City Manager last week and today. He asked what was in the immediate future to get that under control besides just continuing to add chemicals to the system. Mr. Sikma said that there was a three-prong approach. One was adding the chemicals to remove some of the Phosphorus. We have installed one tertiary filter as part of our plant upgrades. The second filter has been removed and now the disc filter is getting ready to be put in place. That will be the next phase. We also have the equalization basins down right now for repairs. Once the system is back in order, we feel the Phosphorus will be coming down significantly. The third approach was additional chemicals at a different location in the plant. With the new disc filters, we can add a polymer just before it hits the disc filters and be able to remove even more Phosphorus. Councilmember Gottschall questioned if there was anything on the user side that we can be requiring they do. Mr. Sikma replied that we have a surcharge limit which means once it hits a certain level, they are required to pay additional fees for that. During the Budget Sessions, we increased that fee by \$1.00 per pound for those discharges. A second \$1.00 per pound is going to be put in place January 1st. In 2021 it will be \$3.65 per pound to discharge Phosphorus that is beyond that limit. We will continue to increase that to try to move our industries into compliance. Councilmember Gottschall asked how many additional pounds we were seeing people put in. Mr. Sikma replied that our influent pounds are 104 pounds per day. We have been reducing our effluent by a factor of 30. Our influent per day is reduced down to a total pounds for the month of 100. Last month it was 72 primarily because most of the industries were taken out of service for that time. Our limit coming in at original design was 160 pounds per day and we are within that limit right now. Councilmember Gottschall asked if there were particular businesses that are adding more to the system. He wondered

what additional they would typically see of that \$3 charge. He was curious if that \$3 was making a difference. Mr. Sikma said the surcharges would go into effect July 1st, making the charge \$2.65. On January 1st, it will go to \$3.65. The difference remains to be seen.

Councilmember Gottschall also noticed the dissolved oxygen was above the limit as well. He asked Mr. Sikma to explain what that was and what could be done about that. Mr. Sikma said the dissolved oxygen is good when it is high. It has to be higher than 6.

Mayor Beagle thought we needed to keep an eye on the one facility in regards to the Fats, Oils and Greases. The facility with the highest score has no fryers. That tells him that they are just throwing things down the drain. They are not trying to do it the right way. If it continues to remain high, he suggested that we take care of that.

2.) Quarterly Budget and Investment Report – March 2020

There were no comments or questions regarding this report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-06-70-20: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Gottschall and Smiley to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to receive and file:
 - a.) Library Board Minutes of May 18, 2020

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley

(0) NAYS

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Recommendation to Confirm Mayoral Reappointments

CM-06-71-20: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Gottschall and Smiley to confirm the Mayor’s reappointments, which include Michael Monahan to a five-year term on the Cemetery Board, Melanie Klebba-Cheney to a four-year term on the DDA, Mary Ann Chupa, Lisa Ferrari and Tom Menzies to three-year terms on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Phillip Carter, Sandro Grossi and Mark Lada to three-year terms on the Planning Commission, Anna Contreras and George Carty to three-year terms on the Senior Citizen Commission and Steven Winters to a three-year term on the ZBA.

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley

(0) NAYS

Motion Carried

2.) Recommendation to Introduce an Ordinance to Amend the City of Wixom Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 18.12, General Provisions, Sec. 18.12.170, Special Events and Section 18.12.180, Temporary Uses, Including Modifications to Chapter 18.22 Zoning Board of Appeals and Chapter 18.24 Definitions

CM-06-72-20: Motion and seconded made by Councilmember Smiley and Deputy Mayor Rzeznik to approve the introduction of an ordinance to amend the City of Wixom Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 18.12, General Provisions, Sec. 18.12.170, Special Events and Section 18.12.180, Temporary Uses, including modifications to Chapter 18.22 Zoning Board of Appeals and Chapter 18.24 Definitions.

Kelly McIntyre, CIB Planning, said that we are always striving to make the development and review process in the City more user-friendly. We hope these amendments will make great strides in that endeavor. The first one was the Special Events and Temporary Uses. On March 2, 2020, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and made a recommendation to the Council to approve the amendments. Currently, we do not distinguish between a special event and a temporary use. A special event would occur no more than seven days and a temporary use can exist up to twelve months without changing the use in the district. Both of these items were contained within the Zoning Board of Appeals section and we believe that it was more appropriate that these two be moved to the General Provisions section of the ordinance because it is the Planning Commission that should be reviewing the items. They look at the site plan, traffic circulation and other items like that. They would like to remove it from the Zoning Board of Appeals section and place it into the General Provisions.

We have added something that requires a traffic consultant to review the special event if it takes place within a parking lot. We are always concerned about pedestrian safety and this would be one extra level of review that we have. We acknowledge that some special events can occur multiple times a year and we are proposing text that allows an annual permit for these events as long as the event is exactly the same.

Ms. McIntyre said that for Temporary Uses, they have allowed language for the Planning Commission to approve it through an application and a sketch plan. It is possible for the Temporary Use to be extended to up to one year with approval from the Planning Commission. We have added a provision that allows the Planning Commission to revoke a permit should the conditions and requirements not be maintained. In order to put these in the General Provisions and make these amendments, we had to add definitions to the Definition section of the ordinance.

Councilmember Behrmann said that in coming from the Zoning Board of Appeals previously, and given that the Board seldom meets as it is now, he felt that removing these provisions was almost going to make the Board obsolete. His second reservation was that he views the Planning Commission as the body to review things moving forward and the Zoning Board of Appeals as the exception to the rules. If an establishment wants to do an event in their parking lot that they

have done every year since they have been open, would they now have to have a traffic consultant to put up a tent in their parking lot? He didn't think that was making it more user friendly for our businesses. Ms. McIntyre replied that the applicant would not have to have a traffic consultant. We will have our traffic consultant look at it to make sure the drive aisles are distanced well-enough from the event that there would not be any pedestrian and automobile interaction that could happen. Almost all municipalities are moving this provision to the Planning Commission because they have to look at where it is being located, the setbacks, the neighboring and adjacent uses. Those are all things that the Planning Commission does when they review a site plan. The Zoning Board of Appeals hears variances and makes interpretations.

Councilmember Gottschall commented that it didn't look like the Council got the full ordinance and he was wondering if items were missing. Also, there are several question marks at the end of section E. Mr. Brown explained that at the beginning of the General Provisions, 18.12.180, Temporary Uses ends at B and gets continued on that page. The inclusion on that page was probably out of order. Ms. McIntyre said that those question marks should be removed and she apologized.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked how often the City would be paying for the traffic consultant. Ms. McIntyre replied that we utilize the traffic consultant through HRC. We have the traffic consultant look at the majority of our site plans now. She didn't think it would be a lengthy review but it would be something to be safe. Mr. Sikma added that the cost was typically handled through the escrow on the property and it was charged to that escrow.

**Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox,
Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley**

(0) NAYS

Motion Carried

3.) Recommendation to Introduce an Ordinance to Amend the City of Wixom Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16.12, Subdivision Approval, Sec. 16.12.080, Condominium Subdivision Approval

CM-06-73-20: Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Sharpe to introduce an ordinance to amend the City of Wixom Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16.12, Subdivision Approval, Sec. 16.12.080, Condominium Subdivision Approval.

Ms. McIntyre explained that it was her understanding that the Council had wanted this to happen for quite some time. The current site condominium review process requires that the preliminary plan comes to both the Planning Commission and then to the City Council. It then goes back for a final site plan review to the Planning Commission and City Council. She was proposing that the review of the final site plan by the City Council be removed. They thought the City Council oversaw the large matters pertaining to the site layout, the appearance, the road network, etc., but doesn't get into the details, which is up to the Planning Commission. Those little

details are generally worked out during the Planning Commission review of the final site plan. By the time it gets to the City Council for that second review, it seems to be almost like a rubber stamp. They thought by eliminating that second review, it would prevent unnecessary delays and allow the development to go forward to the construction review process.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox clarified it would be the second review that was being proposed to be eliminated. Ms. McIntyre said that was correct.

Councilmember Smiley commented that the ordinance states "the final plan shall incorporate all the information items prescribed for the preliminary plan be consistent." As long as the language was strong enough, he could agree that the Council does not need to see it a second time around. He read in the minutes that the Council rarely has anything to say at the final review and it sounded if the Council suggested something during the preliminary review, it would have to be done. He questioned why these were listed as emergency amendments. Ms. McIntyre said that they thought this was important that the Council see these now. They are working on many amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and they didn't want to wait until they had all of those put together in a large package. She thought these would benefit developers or applicants now.

Councilmember Behrmann said his first issue with this was how it was presented. The emergency language confused him as well. At one end, he was seeing it was an emergency but it was also asked for three mayors ago. He didn't feel it was a fair representation. It was alleged in the minutes that the Council had requested this, but it was three Councils ago, not this current Council. He said he liked the idea of cutting out what was not needed, but he wouldn't be comfortable voting to approve this change as proposed. For example, he didn't see any issues with the subdivision we have later in the meeting tonight and he didn't think the other members would either. If we did have a development that we had issues with, he would like to see language that if the Council requested it to come back, it would come back. He didn't feel comfortable just saying we are only going to see something once and it goes back to Council and we will never see it again. If we have a development that we are not 100% comfortable with, we can approve it contingent upon it coming back a second time.

Mr. Avantini said one of the other reasons why it was requested that we take this step out was that we were asking for a lot of detailed information at the preliminary, similar to what we would do if it were a plat. We like to bring a plan to Council that is pretty substantially complete. The only items that are typically remaining are the landscaping and material changes. The Council should be getting a pretty complete plan at a preliminary so they do feel comfortable. If there were items that the Council was not comfortable with, they would bring them back to the

Council. It was intended to make it an easier process, not only for the folks who were proposing these developments but also for Council. We have a lot of ordinance amendments that will be coming to Council and we do need to go back through them with the City Attorney. We are going through the Redevelopment Ready Community process and one of the things that they look for us to do is to make our ordinances more developer-friendly.

Deputy Mayor Rzeknik asked how much delay was typically caused by the current situation of having to go back to the City Council. Mr. Avantini replied that it was about a month to a month and a half for each step in the process. In his opinion, he felt that if that information were critical and the Council hadn't worked out the bugs before it came back, that step would still be necessary. He said they have communities where site condominiums don't even go to the Council. They go right to the site plan review process through the Planning Commission. Deputy Mayor Rzeknik then said that Mr. Avantini made a comment that some communities have applicants go through the site plan review process and this makes the process also easier. He clarified that currently they do not participate at the Planning Commission. Mr. Avantini said that those communities that do have site condominiums just go to Planning Commission. They treat it just like they would any other site plan, as opposed to having it go to Council for review. The applicants go to the Planning Commission; they do not come to the Council. He said that for the Capri project on tonight's agenda, they went to the Planning Commission and they recommended it to the City Council. It will go back to the Planning Commission for their final site plan review and back again to the Council. Deputy Mayor Rzeknik said he was curious as to what he meant by the comment that they have applicants go through the site plan review process on page one. Mr. Avantini said that was more if a generic statement that their ordinance doesn't require it to go to City Council. It just goes to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Sharpe commented that the Planning Commission is thoroughly vetted. They have three opportunities for the public to comment, if we go to this new proposal. We do duly swear the Planning Commission to do the job that we are asking them to do it. He wondered if the Council needed to do it also. He thought the preliminary site plan was Council's guidance that it was okay and then we entrust the Planning Commission to do their job and get something that the community and the City will like. It was just like Council only they are appointed by Council rather than elected. He said he supported this.

Mr. Avantini stated that the City of Wixom has always had a really good Planning Commission. He has been with the City for 19 years and Bill Day has been the Chairman since they started. He thought that was also something to consider when looking at an ordinance like this.

Councilmember Behrmann agreed that the Planning Commission does a really good job. If we approve that, he was confident that the Council wouldn't need to see that again. Given this was the first one he has seen this and that the Planning Commission could change over time, he wondered what would prevent us from adding something to the ordinance that if we had questions we could elect that we would want this one to come back. He thought 99% of the things that come before the Council should be the only time it comes before them, but if we have that development that we want to make sure we get it right, we could approve it contingent upon having the final approval by Council. Mr. Avantini was of the feeling that when the Council gets the preliminary plans, they are looking at the lot layouts, the utilities, the buildings, the footprints, etc. They are looking at a lot of items. He felt it was his job to make sure the Council was getting enough information at the preliminary review that they are totally comfortable with the project. If they are not, they can always table it and ask for that information to come back. The only things that would be remaining are things that the Council doesn't really need to see, like landscaping plans.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox understood and agreed with Councilmember Behrmann. She wondered if there was a way to amend the motion to include those comments and still move it forward tonight. Mr. Avantini said he could check with the City Attorney to make sure we can legally do that.

Mr. Brown indicated that the changes could be made prior to the enactment at the next Council meeting if agreed by the City Attorney.

Councilmember Gottschall said in regard to the ability to call projects back, he worried that being in there legally might be found to be a little bit arbitrary depending on what projects the Council calls back. He was thinking of developers we have had issues with and that they felt picked on at times for their projects. He was worried that if we aren't always calling back every project, then we decide to call someone's project back for review at the Council level, they might feel that we are going out of our way to scrutinize them or what they are up to. He asked if Stonegate was a site condo or a platted sub. Mr. Avantini replied that the Stonegate project was done as a site condominium but because it was through a Consent Agreement, they were only required to go through the Planning Commission for site plan review. Councilmember Gottschall asked about the other project that was proposed off Maple Road. Mr. Avantini answered yes. Almost all projects are site condominiums because it takes the State about a year to review a project. It is easier to do a site condominium. Councilmember Gottschall knew that in our most recent history, we've had a few issues with developers. He didn't feel entirely comfortable foregoing our review as a Council. He picked up on the language dating back to when Mr. Hinkley was the Mayor and previous Councils. We have a different makeup now and we are a little bit more hands-on than some in

the past as a group. He didn't feel comfortable ceding our final review to a non-elected group. He didn't understand why it would take a month and a half for something to come back to Council once the Planning Commission approved it unless they were approving it with a bunch of other pending issues. He would rather not make these changes at this point. He didn't think it did us any favors. He understood it being developer-friendly in terms of timelines, but there poses a risk of it not being resident-friendly and that's what really counts to him. He said he would be voting no on this.

**Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gronlund-Fox, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley
(1) NAYS - Gottschall**

Motion Carried

4.) Recommendation to Approve a Development of Ten (10) Single-Family Residential Lots to be called Capri Court Condominiums

Ms. McIntyre stated that this is a 4.3-acre parcel currently zoned R-3. The applicant would like to develop it with ten single-family condominium units. The proposal is on the east side of Wixom Road between Maple and Potter Roads.

CM-06-74-20: Motion and seconded made by Councilmember Gottschall and Deputy Mayor Rzeznik to approve a development of ten (10) single-family residential lots to be called Capri Court Condominiums.

Ms. McIntyre explained that the approval process is that the Planning Commission sees this for both the preliminary and final site plan review. Currently on our ordinance, the Council will also see it for both the preliminary and final site plan review. This particular site is laid out with 80-foot-wide lots which meets the ordinance standards. It also meets all the setback standards. It is laid out in such a way that there is a 27-foot private road on 48-foot right-of-way easements that terminates in a cul-de-sac. According to the City Code, 60-foot right-of-ways are required for residential streets. The applicant is proposing 48-foot. It was seen and approved in other portions of the City, including the VCA. If the Council was inclined to approve the preliminary site plan, they would need to include a waiver to allow the reduction of 12 feet. It would go from 60 feet to 48 feet. There was a retention pond that was proposed along Wixom Road, as well as along the rear of the majority of the units. This pond measures 20 feet in width and is planted with appropriate vegetation. This is a new application that we are seeing here in the City and it is based upon the soils being quite sandy. The applicant was proposing five-foot sidewalks throughout the development and an eight-foot sidewalk along Wixom Road. The application meets all the ordinance requirements for landscaping including trees for buffering. They will be bringing the condo docs and Master Deed to the Planning Commission, as well as floor plans and façade elevations during the final site plan review. The Planning Commission did make a recommendation with

conditions listed in the report. Those include that all "lots" must be changed to "units"; all restrictions to building or use of property within easement/bioretention areas must be noted and addressed in the Master Deed for final site condominium plan review; Council acceptance of a reduced right-of-way width from 60 feet to 48 feet; revision dates should be included on all subsequent plans; and review and approval from other applicable consultants, departments, and agencies.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked if the Fire Department had signed off on the narrower streets. Ms. McIntyre said that the street width (27 feet) was consistent. That wasn't reduced; it was the right-of-way that was reduced. They intend for this to be a private road so 60 feet would be if it was a public road in a residential area. There may be utilities that run along that. Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked the intended size range of the units. Ms. McIntyre replied that we reviewed the building footprints. The applicant must remain within that building footprint. She added that it was a generous footprint because the lots are large. Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked how many units would be two story and how many ranches.

Donny Orlando stated that the house sizes would range between 2,000 to 2,500 square feet, depending on the buyers' wants. They will open the opportunity for buyer input on style and square footage. They would offer a couple different sizes of colonials, cape cods and ranches that would fit on the property meeting the setbacks. It will be a nice mixture.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik knew that there was a reference of five-foot sidewalks in the development with eight-foot sidewalks along Wixom Road, but it wasn't on the cover sheet, the site plan or the landscape plan for reference. He wondered why it wasn't shown. Mayor Beagle said that it was on the blueprint. Fadi Khalil stated that it does show both the five-foot sidewalk and eight-foot sidewalk. These are shown on sheet C-01.

Mr. Avantini pointed out that the right-of-way reduction was the request of the Planning Commission. They wanted to make sure that the lots had as much open space as possible. With a smaller development like this, they felt the 60-foot width was excessive. There will also be a development agreement that will come after the preliminary review that the City Attorney will put together. They have to loop the water main in order to create a loop system which was required. The ordinance also requires that there be a park for any development over 1,000 square feet per lot. His opinion was that for small sites like this, it didn't make sense to put in a small pocket park like that. They usually don't get maintained and they don't provide the type of recreational opportunities that residents look for. The development agreement will ask the developer to contribute to the City's park fund so that money can be used to help support other nearby City recreational facilities in lieu of that.

Councilmember Sharpe said in thinking of the zoning of R-3 and R-4 and the proposed development off Wixom Road, he recalled R-3 was 12,500 square feet. He wondered if we met that. Ms. McIntyre said that all of the lots do meet the requirements. Mr. Brown noted that the January 28, 2020 letter referred to it as 12,500 square feet and this development goes from 12,507 square feet to 15, 558 square feet.

Councilmember Behrmann supported this plan as proposed. He saw this as a very nice development and he was happy we found a developer who can develop within the current zoning.

Mayor Beagle wondered if the City would be responsible for plowing this drive since it was a private drive. Ms. McIntyre said that was correct. They would make sure that maintenance was addressed in the master deed and condominium docs.

Councilmember Gottschall thought we could enter into a maintenance agreement like we have with the downtown area. Mayor Beagle said he just wanted to make sure that was clear.

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley

(0) NAYS

Motion Carried

- 5.) Request for Authorization to Waive the Bid Process as a Sole Source Procurement and Renew a Multiple-Year Firefighter Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Policy from Provident Insurance Programs of Pittsburgh, PA through First Responder’s Insurance Agency, LLC of Grayling, MI for Three Annual Installments of \$6,955**

CM-06-75-20: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Gottschall and Behrmann to waive the bid process as a sole source procurement and authorize the renewal of a multiple-year firefighter AD&D Insurance Policy from Provident Insurance Programs of Pittsburgh, PA through First Responder’s Insurance Agency, LLC of Grayling, MI for three annual installments of \$6,955.

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley

(0) NAYS

Motion Carried

- 6.) **Recommendation to Award the Bid for Tree Maintenance, Removal and Trimming to Maxon's Tree Services of White Lake, Michigan, for Three (3) Years in an Annual Amount of \$20,000 with an Option to Renew for Two Additional Years at an Increase of 1% Annually**

CM-06-76-20: Motion and seconded made by Councilmember Gottschall and Deputy Mayor Rzeznik to award the bid for Tree Maintenance, Removal and Trimming to Maxon's Tree Services of White Lake, Michigan for three (3) years in an annual amount of \$20,000 with an option to renew for two additional years at an increase of 1% annually.

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley
(0) NAYS

Motion Carried

- 7.) **Recommendation to Award the Bid for the Installation of a Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Roof Top Unit to the Lowest Qualified Bidder, Denny's Heating, Cooling & Refrigeration of Troy, Michigan, for a Total Price not to Exceed \$20,995**

CM-06-77-20: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Gronlund-Fox and Smiley to award the bid for the installation of a heating, ventilation and air conditioning roof top unit to the lowest qualified bidder, Denny's Heating, Ventilation & Refrigeration of Troy, Michigan, for a total price of \$20,995.

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley
(0) NAYS

Motion Carried

- 8.) **Recommendation to Authorize the Purchase of a 2021 Ford F550 Chassis Through the State of Michigan Bid Pricing Program from Gorno Ford, Inc. of Woodhaven, Michigan for \$39,244**

CM-06-78-20: Motion and seconded made by Councilmember Smiley and Deputy Mayor Rzeznik to authorize the purchase of a 2021 Ford F-550 Truck Chassis through the State of Michigan Bid Pricing Program from Gorno Ford, Inc. of Woodhaven, Michigan for \$39,244.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox noticed the budget adopted was \$100,000 yet the cost of the truck was \$39,244. She was curious if the City was buying another truck or if there were additional expenses related to this truck. Mr. Sikma indicated the \$39,244 was only for the truck's chassis. They knew from experience that if they ordered the chassis before July 1st, they had a greater chance in receiving the truck earlier than anticipated. He said they planned on bringing the additional expenses for this truck back to Council at a later date. Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked if

the added expenses would come in under the adopted budget. Mr. Sikma said he thought they would as they were looking at various options on bidding out the additional costs.

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley

(0) NAYS

Motion Carried

9.) Recommendation to Waive the Bid Process and Award the Wixom Road Sidewalk Construction Project to Great Lakes Contracting of Waterford, Michigan in an Amount not to Exceed \$52,717.09

CM-06-79-20: Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Gronlund-Fox to waive the bid process and award the Wixom Road Sidewalk Construction Project to Great Lakes Contracting of Waterford, MI in an amount not to exceed \$52,717.09.

Councilmember Behrmann questioned if they were waiving the bid process as the report reflected three different bids. Mr. Sikma said they were waiving the bid process. He stated that HRC was awarded the design portion of the sidewalk back in May; however, they were not finished with the entire design project yet. They requested the three vendors that they usually worked with for these types of service to submit quotes in a closed bid type setting. The rest of the sidewalk and pathways further north along Wixom Road would come in under the rest of the bid package and that would be advertised soon. They wanted to have this portion of the sidewalk and pathway completed by the end of July which was why they were addressing this first.

Mr. Brown commented that they sectioned this portion of the sidewalk and pathway work out of the formal bid process in order to get this pathway completed within a timely fashion. It was discussed during a Budget Work Session that it would be wise to handle it in this manner. He indicated that the larger project had some complicated challenges that required additional engineering and would slow down this project to an unacceptable time frame.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik reiterated some comments that he made during the budget sessions. If they were getting the construction completed by the end of July, they should work with the Trailway Council and/or Parks and Recreation in order to make sure there was signage that pointed to the safe crossing of Wixom Road. He hoped administration increased the five-foot width of the sidewalk. He stated that five feet was not an acceptable width for pedestrian, stroller and bicycle traffic.

Mr. Brown said they worked with the Airline Trail manager to get an exact template of the sign they were going to use so they could create a mockup temporary version that would be erected within the next week or so.

Mr. Sikma indicated that per the request of the Deputy Mayor, the width of the pathway was increased to six feet.

Councilmember Sharpe indicated that the sidewalks within his neighborhood were five feet. He was aware they recently requested a developer install eight-foot sidewalks. He questioned if they should consider an eight-foot safety path for this project. Mr. Brown explained they couldn't go to eight-foot at this location because of the physical restrictions of the space.

Councilmember Behrmann wondered if the number was available that Council was asked to approve in the waive the bid setting last November. Mr. Brown thought it was roughly \$550 more from the November dollar amount. Councilmember Behrmann stated that this quote was more but a foot wider than what was proposed in November. Mr. Sikma confirmed. Councilmember Behrmann did not understand why there was not a crosswalk and approach at the location. He agreed with the eight-foot width and asked if they could have eight-foot width sidewalks where possible. Mr. Sikma said this portion was a stop-gap measure that they were putting in now; however, phase two of the Airline Trail that crossed Wixom Road at Pontiac Trail was part of another bid process. Councilmember Behrmann was aware that signage was talked about in November and questioned why six month later they still did not have a sign instructing people not to cross. He felt that could have been quickly accomplished on our own accord. He recalled that \$6,000 of engineering costs were approved for this project and wondered if they were going forward without it. Mr. Sikma mentioned this portion of the sidewalks were engineered. Mr. Brown agreed that the signage should have been taken care of but noted there were delays as they were receiving information that permanent signage was going to be installed.

**Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox,
Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley**

(0) NAYS

Motion Carried

- 10.) Request for Authorization to Participate with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) to Sell Surplus City Vehicles and Miscellaneous Tools by Auction and Designate Tim Sikma as Authorized Agent for the Sale of This Property**

CM-06-80-20: Motion and seconded made by Councilmember Gottschall and Councilmember Behrmann to authorize participation with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) to sell surplus City vehicles and miscellaneous

tools by auction and designate Tim Sikma as Authorized Agent for the sale of this property.

**Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox,
Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley
(0) NAYS**

Motion Carried

11.) Year-End Budget Amendments and Requests for Commitments of Fund Balance to comply with the Uniform Budget Act 621 and Governmental Accounting Standards Board Pronouncement – GASB 54

Ms. Stamper explained that as the end of the fiscal year grew near, this would be their last opportunity to amend the budget to conform within the guidelines set forth by the State of Michigan. The State required that no funds or general fund departments went into a deficit at year end. She stated that these budget amendments would bring them into compliance with the requirement. Also, she asked for additional funds to be allocated to the Fund Balance, just in case they ended up with a shortage after the close of the fiscal year. She stated that she did not anticipate that happening but it occurred a few years back and caused a lot of issues with the State.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox questioned the higher fringes. She understood the reasoning with the Fire Department as they just went into contract; however, there were some others that were higher. Ms. Stamper recalled a few payouts of unused vacation time and retirement payouts. She knew of additional hours worked within the Local Road Fund so that amount increased based upon the overtime.

CM-06-81-20: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Behrmann to approve the year-end budget amendments to reflect more accurately the revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and to comply with the Uniform Budget Act 621 and GASB 54.

**Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox,
Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley
(0) NAYS**

Motion Carried

12.) Request to Waive the Bid Process and Execute a Contract with Comcast Business for Data and Cable Services at the Department of Public Works, City Hall and the Fire Station in the Amount of \$5,106

CM-06-82-20: Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Smiley to waive the bid process and execute a contract with Comcast Business for data and cable services at the Department of Public Works, City Hall and the Fire Station in the amount of \$5,106 annually.

Councilmember Smiley thanked BPI for discovering the savings. He noted the contract was for two years. He wondered if this was a promotional offer and would increase considerably after it ended.

Mr. Brown indicated that Comcast reached out to the City indicating they had a cost savings. He guessed it was a promotional offer but did not have any further information.

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley

(0) NAYS

Motion Carried

13.) Recommendation to Support a Resolution Temporarily Authorizing an Outdoor Seating Permit Process for Restaurants and Bars in Reaction to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Associated Impacts on Such Businesses

CM-06-83-20: Motion and seconded made by Councilmember Smiley and Sharpe to support the following resolution temporarily authorizing an Outdoor Seating Permit Process for restaurants and bars in reaction to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the associated impacts on such businesses:

**CITY OF WIXOM
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-39**

RESOLUTION REGARDING TEMPORARY OUTDOOR SEATING PERMIT AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RRESTAURANT/BAR BUSINESSES IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-4, declaring a State of Emergency across the State of Michigan relating to the novel Coronavirus 19, or COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-9, imposing "Temporary Restrictions on the Use of Places of Public Accommodation," which resulted in the closure of restaurants and bars across the state, including in the City, effective March 16, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued the first "Stay at Home" Order, Executive Order 2020-21, which ordered non-essential businesses to close to the public; and

WHEREAS, since their initial issuance, those Orders have been extended on various dates for various lengths of time, and as of the date of this Resolution remain generally in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these orders, restaurant/bar businesses in the City have been either closed or open only for restricted hours or purposes for well over two months; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020 and June 5, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Orders 2020-110 and 2020-115, which permit the gradual and partial reopening of restaurants/bars within the City; and

WHEREAS, under EO 2020-110 and EO 2020-115, the reopening of such businesses is subject to limitations on occupancy, requirements for social distancing and other restrictions. In other words, those reopening businesses are not permitted to reopen at full capacity and are not able to use all their existing space as it was before the Orders described above. Consequently, as those businesses seek to reopen, the City Council expects that they will contemplate alternative means to provide goods and services to the public, but will find that there are complexities and limitations imposed by the City's Zoning Ordinance and other City Code or land use regulations that might affect or limit their ability to take advantage of those alternatives. By way of example only, these could include limitations on the use of adjacent sidewalks and parking areas for outdoor sales and services and/or outdoor seating for food and beverage service, limitations on the number of days and hours of operation for such sales and services events, and limitations on zoning districts in which such events are permitted; and

WHEREAS, while there are options available to reopening businesses to seek interpretations of, relief from, and/or approvals under those regulations, those procedures typically take a significant amount of time to complete, or might not fit the technical requirements for relief, and also require the use of substantial City resources. For example, requests to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from Zoning Ordinance regulations require publishing and mailing public hearing notices, and the scheduling and conducting of public hearings before the Board, and many of the types of temporary uses may require an additional hearing before City Council for approval. Absent some sort of broad relief, the City believes that a significant number of reopening businesses in the City can be expected to seek relief from the ZBA, City Council, or otherwise; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to avoid overwhelming the ZBA – as well as the City's administrative staff and possibly City Council – with individual applications for temporary relief that is needed due to the current pandemic circumstances and emergency orders, and with individual notice and review requirements. The Council has therefore investigated options for temporarily addressing these issues on a City-wide and expedited basis; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that it has in place a Local Declaration of a State of Emergency, effective March 23, 2020, that can be utilized, under the Emergency Management Act, MCL 30.401 *et seq*, to waive certain ordinance requirements, but it further acknowledges that the duration of that Local Declaration has not yet been determined by the City Council and might not cover the entire period of limited occupancy for restaurant, barbershop, beauty salon and retail businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also acknowledges the concept of the "moratorium" under which the City can potentially and temporarily suspend enforcement of provisions of an ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the most appropriate way to avoid overwhelming the ZBA, City Council, and City staff and to address the health, safety, and welfare issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in a manner that is not detrimental to the public nor contrary to the overall purpose and goals of the City's existing ordinances is to temporarily consolidate under and utilize the provisions of the City's Code provisions relating to temporary outdoor sales events for purposes of temporarily authorizing the extension of certain permitted uses into outdoor spaces not otherwise allowed to be used, because of—and only because of—the occupancy limitations and social distancing requirements necessary to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for no other purpose or duration.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED:

1. City Council affirms its existing zoning and land use regulations as reasonable and appropriate in furtherance of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City, its residents, and businesses.
2. City Council finds, however, that the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic represents an unusual and unprecedented event that has caused an interruption in the typical operation of businesses within the City, but particularly the operation of restaurants/bars in the City that rely upon visitors and in-person customers.
3. City Council finds that a temporary relaxation of certain regulations with respect to the operation of those businesses, or aspects of those businesses, is an appropriate response to these

current unprecedented conditions within the City, state, and country, and further finds that such temporary relaxation, if properly administered, will not adversely affect the public health, safety, and welfare and will in fact benefit both the businesses and the members of the public affected given COVID-19's wide-ranging effects.

4. City Council hereby determines that it is appropriate to establish, and it hereby does establish, a city-wide Temporary Outdoor Sales Seating Permit (referred to hereafter as "the License Authorization") for certain outdoor seating and food and beverage service by restaurants/bars, in reliance upon other authorities referred to above, as applicable, and subject to the following requirements:

- a. The provisions of this Resolution and the License Authorization are limited to restaurants and bars that can meet the requirements of this Resolution and Sections 18.07.040(E) and this Resolution;
- b. The City Administration shall establish a written application for receiving and reviewing applications for requests for temporary outdoor seating and food and beverage service by restaurants/bars. Such standards and procedures shall, at a minimum, address and include:
 - i. Operation as part of an existing business with a valid certificate of occupancy adjacent to or on the same property as the outdoor area.
 - ii. Compliance with any and all applicable state and local orders related to COVID-19, including social distancing, party size limitations, masking, etc.
 - iii. Area and location limitations.
 - iv. Required demonstration that, upon installation of the proposed temporary outdoor seating and food and beverage service by restaurants/bars, there will remain ample space for parking, vehicular (including emergency vehicles) and pedestrian ingress, egress and circulation, and any other use on the subject site
 - v. Spacing limitations for tables, chairs, registers, and the like.
 - vi. Hours of operation.
 - vii. Temporary structures, such as tents, canopies/umbrellas, fencing, railings, and the like.
 - viii. Separation from parking/vehicular traffic.
 - ix. ADA compliance.
 - x. Compliance with building and fire codes.
 - xi. Provision for litter and waste.

Such standards and procedures may be amended from time to time, as deemed necessary by and with the approval of the City Manager.

- c. The procedures and requirements for submission and review of applications and for the approval of licenses authorized under this Resolution shall include, without limitation, the following:
 - i. The application shall be filed with the Construction and Development Department with a copy to the City Manager and City Clerk;
 - ii. The application shall be on a form provided by the Construction and Development Department, and shall include such information as the Community Development Department determines;
 - iii. The application shall include an accompanying plan, with the information on the plan to include:
 1. A scaled layout of premises, any existing outdoor seating areas and expansion area;
 2. Location and clearances to maintain access to any fire hydrants and Fire Department connections;

3. Dimensioned access to means of egress and barrier free entrance routes, locations and sizes of any temporary canopies (maximum 10 ft. x 10 ft. with minimum 10 ft. clearance);
 4. Locations and description of any fencing or seating area enclosures and egress;
 5. Location of any relocated barrier free parking;
 6. Facilities for waste and trash; and
 7. All proposed electrical connections and service.
- iv. Review and approval of the license application and accompanying plan shall be by the City's Building official (or designee), with a copy to the City Clerk, the Public Safety Department, and the City Manager's Office. The application and plan will be approved if it provides all of the information and meets the requirements provided herein and under the standards and procedures established under subsection b. above and shall be denied if it does not.
 - v. Staff review should, to the extent practicable, be completed within three (3) business days and include comments from other applicable departments and consultants. Installations should occur, to the extent possible, within two (2) business days. Re-inspections of initial installation and ongoing adjustments will be noted and require correction within 24 hours, unless the City deems the same critical in which event the temporary use shall halt immediately until corrections have been made to the satisfaction of the City.
- d. A license approved under this Resolution shall expire and the permitted temporary outdoor seating and food and beverage service by restaurants/bars shall immediately cease and be discontinued, on the same date that the authorizations set forth in this Resolution expire, are revoked, or become null and void under paragraph 7 of this Resolution.
 - e. A license approved under this Resolution may be revoked by the City Building Official (or designee) if the applicant fails, neglects, or refuses to fully comply with any and all provisions and requirements set forth in or established under this Resolution, any applicable Executive Order issued by the Governor of Michigan, or any and all provisions, regulations, ordinances, statutes, or other law referenced in this Resolution.
 - f. Restaurant/bar uses must comply with requirements of the Oakland County Environmental Health Department and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
 - g. Any proposed use of City-owned property, including City-owned sidewalks or right-of-way, shall require the City to be endorsed as an additional insured on the applicant's comprehensive generally liability insurance policy.
 - h. Temporary outdoor restaurant/bar uses that involve the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages shall comply with all requirements of the Michigan Liquor Control Act and related laws, including administrative regulations adopted thereunder.
 - i. Trash and waste shall be removed to a permanent dumpster/disposal location at the close of business each day, and all litter removed from the area under use.
 - j. Signage shall comply with the City of Wixom sign ordinance and any resolution or approvals by City Council granted under the Code.
5. The authorizations set forth in this Resolution shall become effective immediately and shall expire on October 31, 2020, unless extended by the City Council, subject to the following:

- a. If the Governor revokes the Stay at Home Order, or the Stay at Home Order is otherwise revoked by operation of law or by court order, and the occupancy limitations and social distancing limitations are no longer in force and effect, this authorization shall be null and void, and any activities authorized shall cease immediately.
- b. If the City adopts an ordinance or ordinances relating to the subject matter of this Resolution, this Resolution shall be considered revoked upon the effective date thereof.
- c. The City Council may revoke or amend this Resolution at any time, and such revocation or amendment shall be effective immediately.

6. There shall be a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) charged for the submission of the application or the City's review of the application.

7. Violation of the requirements of this Resolution and/or any permit authorized hereunder shall be considered and processes as a violation of the City Code and may result in revocation of the permit granted.

Mr. Brown explained that this issue had been a large topic among businesses of this type and in downtown settings. They observed various examples of this operation set by other communities and took information from a variety of sources into consideration for the City's model. They learned the costs associated varied from community to community due to the inspections. Wixom planned that SAFEbuilt would perform the inspections. One-third of the permit fee would go to the City while two-thirds of the fee would go to SAFEbuilt. He felt the cost agreement was low and fair between the two organizations. He explained this would give the businesses a great chance to succeed in this environment.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked what areas would be affected by this and where the seating would be. Mr. Brown indicated that this would be city-wide. Each restaurant could propose what they would like but it would be reviewed by SAFEbuilt, CIB and staff to ensure safety.

Councilmember Smiley was happy they were helping the business community. He thought every situation was unique and respected that the City was taking that into consideration. Mr. Brown confirmed that every case would be different. The City would be looking at accommodating the businesses but not compromising the safety of the patrons. The time frame for this went through October. Councilmember Smiley asked if the October time frame could be extended. Mr. Brown said it could.

Councilmember Sharpe felt bad about having to charge the businesses a fee, even though it was only \$50. He recognized there was a cost associated with this but questioned if there was any opportunity where the applicants could get reimbursement. He wondered how the business owners felt about the \$50 cost associated with the permit. Mr. Brown said the \$50 cost was at the low end of what other communities were charging. He figured that they could get creative with the portion of the funds that went to the City and somehow help out the businesses. He knew it was not about obtaining revenue as it was about helping the business.

Councilmember Behrmann wondered if businesses were allowed to serve alcohol during their outside seating. Mr. Brown said the resolution included provisions in regards to alcohol but it required more due diligence on the businesses' behalf as they would need to contact the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

**Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Gronlund-Fox,
Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley
(0) NAYS**

Motion Carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Dan Aubrey of 3569 Barberry asked if there was any feedback from the developer of Stonegate Village concerning the bright streetlights within the community. Mayor Beagle believed they unscrewed the lightbulbs in the area directly behind the Hidden Creek Subdivision. For security reasons and construction traffic they left the lights on at the cul-de-sac on Charms Road. Mr. Aubrey understood the reason for the lights but felt it should not be at the expense of the residents. He stated the lights were too bright and blinding.

Bill Campbell of 3225 Potter Road asked if they received the videos he emailed. Also, he inquired if they had any plans to address the excessive speeding on Potter and Wixom Roads. Director Moore said he received the videos that Mr. Campbell sent over the course of the last several weeks. He indicated that the Traffic Safety Officer was removed from that compacity due to COVID-19 as they tried to minimize human contact. He stated that position would be reinstated starting next week. He planned on calling Mr. Campbell to discuss things further with him.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Brown highlighted some of the work anniversaries. He congratulated everyone and appreciated their service to the City. He found the employees to be very devoted and devoted to doing a great job. He commented that the Reopening Tool Kits were provided to businesses in the downtown area and that recently got expanded outside of the downtown area due to continued availability from the County. We distributed about 41+ kits to Wixom businesses. We appreciate Oakland County for this. He thanked Sheryl Lucas and Anna Kulas Rosenthal who did all of the heavy lifting with getting those kits out. He noted that the first Summer Concert in July has been cancelled, but we are hoping to proceed with the next one. They received feedback today on different ways to handle that in the future.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Gottschall had no comments.

Councilmember Behrmann said it was nice to see that we have such a plethora of employees that have been with us for the long term. This week he had some questions and Building Official Ken Pike took the time to walk him through the process of what he was doing at his home. He was sure the time Mr. Pike took with

him was the same time that he would take with any of our residents. It was good that we have people who take care of our citizens and he appreciated that.

Councilmember Sharpe had no comments.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox congratulated all those who are celebrating their work anniversaries and thanked them all. She asked if there were any developments regarding the Fire Department staffing, as well as the recruitment and retention plan. Mr. Brown said he was looking to have additional conversations with Council on that. He was guessing that would take place at the next Council meeting unless we decide to do something sooner than that. Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked if he had an idea as to when City Hall would be reopening to the public. Mr. Brown said he was finalizing some issues today with Director Moore. They looked at a variety of things, such as how to handle restrooms and other areas that are difficult to deal with. He anticipated we would be opening for appointments next week and then fully opening the following week.

Councilmember Smiley sent out a little love and appreciation to the retiring teachers in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District, three in particular – Tracy Brenner from Loon Lake Elementary (45+ years); Sharon Collins from Sarah Banks Middle School (27 years); and Pamela Helm from Sarah Banks Middle School (31 years). He thanked all the mayoral reappointees. Wixom appreciates their time and efforts. He pointed out his new tie he received for Father's Day which shows his love and support for the law enforcement. He wished everyone a happy and safe Independence Day.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik thanked all of the mayoral reappointees for their volunteerism. He knew there was a lot of work involved with that. He confirmed the demolition of the house in front of the Munshaw Barn was tomorrow. Mr. Brown said that it will be done on Thursday, June 25th. Deputy Mayor Rzeznik thought that would be a welcomed action. He mentioned that while riding through a portion of the Airline Trail, he noticed the locks for the bollards are perpendicular to the trailway, which poses a bit of a safety hazard because you could catch your foot when the pedal was in the down position if you came too close to it. If you go into the West Bloomfield portion, the bollards there run in line with the trail. He wondered if that would be worth mentioning at the next Trailway Council meeting. Mr. Brown said he would bring that up at the next meeting. Deputy Mayor Rzeznik was encouraged with the resolution to temporarily authorize the outdoor seating expansion. He said he would feel more comfortable going to a restaurant again if it was in an outdoor setting. He hoped we have a lot of the restaurants downtown open that up and expand their areas. Happy Independence Day to everybody.

Mayor Beagle thanked the mayoral reappointees. He appreciated their efforts to volunteer. They don't get paid for what they do and they do a great job for us. Just

as it was mentioned tonight, the Planning Commission is pretty great. It was great to see the shout out that Tim Sikma, Matt from F&V and Russ Walker from SAFEbuilt got from a couple of our residents who hooked up to the City water. It was a great service provided by our employees, but that was something we already knew. He thanked and congratulated the eleven work anniversaries. Marilyn Stamper has been here for 23 years, but if you count all the hours she puts in, it is probably more like 29 or 30. He thanked them for all that they do.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Catherine Buck
City Clerk

Approved 7-14-2020
