

A Study Session of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Thursday, May 27, 2010; opening at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Maurina presided.

Present: Zubrzycki, Maurina, Meskin, Wiegand

Absent: Lorenz

Also Present: City Manager Martin and Clerk Clippert

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Wiegand, seconded Meskin, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Plante & Moran, Consolidation Study Update

P1-003-010 P2-001-010

Christine Andrysiak, Kymberly Dunlap, Dave Asker were present from Plante & Moran. Andrysiak explained they are here to present and discuss their findings. They are meeting with Keego Harbor next Tuesday. She reviewed the project approach. They would like to have a steering committee formed to direct where to go next.

Asker provided a handout on their overview. He discussed the project scope and objectives, community profiles, police department, governance options and DPW. He recapped current operations for the police department and future operations options, which included outsourcing or consolidating departments. RFI's for police, fire and dispatch services were sent to OCSD, Waterford Twp., Bloomfield Twp., and West Bloomfield Twp. Two responses were received: OCSD and West Bloomfield Twp. Both proposed one car to cover both communities. Services for outsourcing range between \$750,000 to \$850,000 per year for both communities. Department consolidation would provide a 2 car patrol 24/7, using full and part time officers. Start up costs are estimated to be \$1,100,000 year one (costs related to developing a joint department), operational costs of approximately \$850,000 the following year(s). Plante & Moran recommended consolidating police departments. This provides same level of services at a lesser cost. There is the ability for higher savings with a decrease to 1 car patrol, at the discretion of the communities. They recommended using Keego Harbor Police Department since it is newer and bigger. Combining departments will gain additional depth for each community.

Martin noted Sylvan Lake has been budgeting for OPEB and MERS is 95% funded for the police. He is not sure where Keego Harbor is with these items. He noted for 24 hour service it would require 168 hours a week. Sylvan Lake currently provides 192 hours per week and Keego Harbor provides 248 hours.

Andrysiak explained the two main legal options for providing regional police service: Public Act 7 of 1967, a Public Hearing is required and the City Council approves a resolution. Public Act 57 of 1988, is a police authority and under this option it could go to the voters to authorize authority and to levy a millage to fund.

Andrysiak shared, the City of Orchard Lake did contact Plante & Moran. Orchard Lake is interested in providing police service or possibly going to a Tri-City Police Department.

Asker discussed shared services for the DPW. Operations for roads and facilities are pretty similar. Parks and infrastructure utilities differ. Oakland County operates Keego Harbor's water and sewer system. Sylvan Lake handles their own. There is an overlap in equipment and a potential savings of 10%-15% through reduced staffing costs and elimination of equipment redundancies. Plante & Moran recommended implementing a work order system for best practice. Combining departments provides the ability to have larger staff to get more things done. Martin suggested adding part time help during the summer only.

Andrysiak inquired about the timing to finalize these items. Martin inform her City Council will want to review and think on it, then discuss it again at the next meeting. He is not sure he can provide a time. Plante & Moran will come to Sylvan Lake's June council meeting. They will have met with both communities by then. Maurina added, at the next meeting they can take the next step and come up who will be on the steering committee.

At 7:14 p.m. City Council recessed.

At 7:20 p.m. City Council reconvened the Study Session.

Consideration to Approve Seawall Repairs

PR-007-010

Martin has been looking at using boulders for the seawall in the future. He has questions and is not sure of them for now. The area across from the Community Center needs repairs now. He got quotes for regular steel and galvanized, similar to what is out there now. He reviewed working with American Marine Shore Control on prior jobs and problems he had with them. Bill Stevens informed him there is a new owner now and he got a proposal from them. Martin stated American Marine is trying to rectify by giving the city a good deal, 238 feet for \$28,200. This includes removing old, backfill, seed and rip wrap. Martin will verify it is true galvanized. The cost for steel is \$24,200. He received other quotes for \$32,000 and \$34,000. Boulders are less expensive, at about \$60 to \$70 per foot.

Luke Cassar stated boulders protect better and breakup the water and ice. He questioned why they wouldn't be used now. The permit doesn't take any longer whether boulders or galvanized is used. Martin asked Cassar how often the boulders have to be reset. Cassar replied, never once they are in the tighter they get. He stated Rock Works is competitive.

Maurina would like a spreadsheet showing three boulder quotes and three steel. She would like

to go out and see an area where boulders have been installed and how a dock will sit on them. Cassar provided his neighbor's address to look at.

Zubrzycki asked who has knowledge of construction of seawall materials. Martin stated the engineers can look at it. Zubrzycki would recommend in the contract to specify no payment unless approved by engineers or City Manager. He feels the specifications need to be clearly defined.

Council agreed to look at boulders and Martin will provide a spreadsheet for the next meeting. He asked council to let him know which type of seawall they want, steel or boulders.

Discussion of Tennis Courts

PR-008-010

Martin had Goddard Coatings look at the tennis courts. The courts are beyond repairing what they can guarantee. It will cost \$32,000 to reconstruct each court. Martin asked them what the city could do to repair and use them in the meantime. They recommended patching the cracks with regular cement. New posts and nets will be needed. These will cost \$2,300 per court. Volunteers could be used to put concrete and paint down. Maurina asked if the Parks & Recreation Committee could raise funds for the posts and nets. Zubrzycki stated the Sylvan Shuffle raised around \$4,000. Maurina asked how long the cement will last. Martin estimated two years and it will be cracking, but probably still useable. Maurina would like to see costs for concrete and DPW cost time before they make a decision on this.

Public Comment

C5-002-010 S-001-010

MaryAnn Smith asked council if they would consider allowing parking on one side of the street for the fireworks. Martin asked Council to let him know what they are thinking about this issue because the TCO for the parking will be on the June agenda.

Discussion of Anti-Idling Ordinance

O-007-010

Wiegand still feels this is all about DTE. He went over there twice since the last meeting and didn't hear or see any idling trucks.

Zubrzycki stated this ordinance is about idling and fumes. There is a potential health risk to the residents and there are residents asking City Council to address it. He noted past ordinances that people had concerns with fences and play structures and these were addressed. He stated DTE has a policy and they are not following it.

Meskin doesn't want a road block when the city is trying to work with DTE. He feels the police should be regulating the cut through DTE trucks on Avondale. He addressed the pipe being thrown in the dumpster during the night. He feels they should ask DTE to pile the piping up during the night and dispose of it in the dumpster during daytime hours. He asked if the police

keep records of the number of times they have gone by DTE to listen for idling trucks. Martin stated they would not have a record for that, but they do when a complaint is received and dispatch sends them there.

Maurina reviewed the city has tried to work with DTE in good faith. She feels they need to be proactive to take care of the problems down the road. This will provide the tools needed to enforce it. Wiegand doesn't understand how it is going to be enforced. Martin explained how the police will enforce it and if DTE moves their trucks into Bloomfield Twp. that helps out Sylvan Lake residents because they are further away. He further explained if a violation ticket is issued to DTE it doesn't mean there is a lawsuit but DTE will have to appear before a Judge.

Meskin asked if they could delay this another month and talk with DTE again. Martin stated he met with them last week and is meeting with Bloomfield Twp next week. He doesn't believe adopting this ordinance will help or hinder discussions with them to install a berm, etc.

Adjournment

Moved by Wiegand, seconded Zubrzycki, to adjourn the study session.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Dennise Clippert, City Clerk