

A study session of the Sylvan Lake City Council was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015; opening at 6:02 p.m. Mayor Dzenko presiding. Mayor Dzenko presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Dzenko, Lorenz, Meskin, Cassar, Zubrzycki (6:14 p.m.)

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Martin and Clerk Dryden

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Lorenz, seconded Meskin, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment

Jim Endres shared he is a great grandfather again, having a second great grandson. Everyone congratulated him. Dzenko thanked Endres for notifying Dave Albery to attend the last meeting to answer questions about Comcast. He thought it went well and they got some understanding as to what is happening with Comcast and Albery will now look into getting their money back since the transfer didn't go through. Endres stated Albery takes a lot of calls and is happy to talk to you any time. He also shared they will be coming to the city again for approval to display/post signs at City entrances informing residents of the radio station and what to do in an emergency.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

G-001-15

Martin shared after the last meeting Dryden put information on HHW options on the website. He read a list of disposal facilities residents can use on a regular basis, since our participation with West Bloomfield Twp. is only twice a year. Cassar explained how this came up on the check disbursement list was a check for \$1500 for 30 cars at \$50 each. He thought that was a little expensive since they may only take a can of paint or box of shredding.

Dzenko likes the shredding and asked how often City Hall has a shredder come and if residents could use this. Martin explained City Hall has a truck come over whenever it is needed, usually once a year. The charge is based on volume. Dzenko would like to see the residents participate with City Hall.

Zubrzycki came into the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Zubrzycki suggested promoting it on the website. Dzenko reviewed they will continue to participate with West Bloomfield Twp., look at having the shredder come to City Hall and make residents aware of other places to drop off items during the year.

Lorenz read from Oakland County's website and participating in the NO HAZ Consortium. Some communities charge a \$10 fee for residents to participate.

Gates

PR-002-15

Martin stated Council was given a history of what was discussed and action taken during the last dozen years. Meskin stated he read the summary of minutes on the gates and found it interesting. He feels it is a safety feature the city provides by having the gates. It is only three months the gates are closed and nine months of the year the gates are open. He suggested leaving the gates the way they are and moving forward on more important matters. Lorenz agreed he is good with how it is now. Zubrzycki also found the minutes interesting. He also is ok with how it is for now and if another group would like to come before council they can look at it again.

Martin is not sure it is all really a safety issue, probably from Oakwood to the boat ramp but maybe not from Oakwood to Garland. On Lakeview he understands of the purpose is for the small beach, but not the entire street. Cassar agreed with Martin and suggested having no gates at Ferndale-Garland and Lakeview-Pontiac Dr. Residents shouldn't be restricted.

Lorenz stated this discussion has been visited numerous times and they will never all be on the same page. He asked why the policy should be changed.

Jim Endres said there are 850 homes in the city and maybe 100 that are lakefront property so that leaves 750 homes who would like to drive by the lake to just see it. Kids can get hit by a car anywhere in the city. Senior citizens can't walk and some just like to be able to drive by.

Meskin stated there are enough cars that pull in from Garland and the gates help lessen the traffic. Cassar argued it is a public road and should be open. Lorenz stated there are spots to park at the beach to view the lake. He likes the idea of putting a picnic table at the end of Pontiac Drive when it is improved. This is the best place to see the sun set.

Boat Ramp-Sticker, Enforcement Policy, Allowing Lakefront Owners Access **BD-001-15**

Cassar explained he wanted this on the agenda. He doesn't feel residents should have to deface their boat with a sticker; why not just check the key. Martin explained the purpose of the sticker is for launching each boat because we had the problem where everyone was sharing their key. He suggested two options, doing a spreadsheet with MC numbers and homeowners name, address or providing a card showing the MC number they registered and they would have to provide this if the Park Ranger or Police asked for it. Lorenz liked this. Cassar liked the spreadsheet idea. Martin stated the only problem with a spreadsheet is it would have to be done electronically because it is constantly being updated. We have 9 officers and two park rangers. The card would probably be better.

Martin reviewed the Oakland County Boat Club rules according to the city.

Martin also addressed allowing lakefront owner's access to the city boat ramp. He stated they are getting on the lake one way or other. The city could get a listing of addresses of just the lakefront properties and they would still have to follow the rules of providing their boat registration and it would have to be registered to their address. He suggested charging a flat annual \$50 fee. Lorenz is fine with this. Dzenko is ok as long as there is a list. Cassar asked if there will be problems with allowing lakefront non-residents and not allowing other non-residents. Lorenz agreed they may have a problem with equal access. Martin will run this by Attorney Schultz. Zubrzycki asked to look into a fine too that is civil instead of a misdemeanor.

Donation/Sponsorship Policy

FR-002-15 A-004-15

Martin stated what he is trying to do is combine things into one; we had trees, donation policy which was brought up when the garden outside the Community Center was donated and then there was the issue of legacy cost. This adds sponsorships; there have been a couple issues over the last few years. This policy covers having the City accepting, denying and deciding what the recognition is and the sponsor can decide to sponsor or not. The City would make the decision with recommendation from the Park and Recreation Committee. Martin asked Council to review this carefully. Zubrzycki stated they should add recognized items-little library at Memorial Park, garden at Community Center, legacy costs, etc. Dzenko asked to have this put on the regular agenda, even if they don't do anything at the meeting. Martin addressed donation of trees and not having plaques. Lorenz suggested a recognition page on the city website, keep a running list of who donated, in memory of and where the tree is located. It can be connected to Facebook.

Meskin asked if the policy is setup to prevent legacy cost. Martin again said that it will need to be added to this policy. Zubrzycki thought it was a good start.

Ordinance Regulating Construction Sites

O-005-15

Martin stated he just received this document today at 4:00 and has briefly reviewed it. He asked council to take a look at it. He has made a lot of notes and changes already. Martin would like something simple and easy. Dzenko asked him to put this on the next study session agenda. Cassar asked Martin to send his redlined copy to them. Zubrzycki asked what other houses there have been problems with other than Garland. Lorenz recalled one on Pontiac Drive years ago. Martin agreed there are not many and this proposed ordinance would be a lot work to enforce.

Street Pavement Repairs

S-01-15

Martin stated they put together a list of areas that need repairs. He got three estimates, Allied, Midwest and Radiant Asphalt. It is for 20,700 square feet. Midwest came in with the lowest at about \$59,000, \$2.85 per square foot; Allied \$3.25 per sq. ft.; Radiant \$3.25 sq. ft. Martin asked City Council if they want to pursue this. It would have to come out of the general fund. They could approve a loan from the general fund to the streets, similar to the sewer loan. In the

meantime if something passes for road funding this may cover this cost.

Dzenko asked what the degree of bad is. Martin gave examples of areas looking to do. Lorenz would like a provision like with tennis courts, the foundation will be evaluated before asphaltting again. Martin explained how the roads were replaced last time using the cold milled in place. They ripped it up, grounded it and added emulsion to it. A hot repair they would rip it out and look at it to see if it is stable then repave. Martin stated if we got into a repair program then in 10 years they wouldn't have to do the whole city. Zubrzycki asked if they don't want to do this year, what then? Martin explained all they are doing is buying time. Martin stated if City Council is ok with the concept he will formalize it. Mayor Dzenko asked Martin to bring it for approval at the next regular meeting.

Discuss City Manager's Performance Evaluation

A-005-15

Zubrzycki expressed his appreciation for the work done over the last year. He really likes the SAW Grant program. Dzenko purposed the same budget appropriation as last year for raises. All of City Council agreed with this.

Adjournment

Moved by Meskin, seconded Meskin to adjourn the study session.

Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Dennise Dryden, City Clerk