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A Message from Mayor Dan Damman

The Discussion of a Municipal Campus...We Will Want to Hear from You

There have been many rumblings around our city regarding the building of a municipal campus. You may have heard the discussion as it relates to a Recreation Center, a new City Hall or both. What I would like to do is to first—set the record straight, and second— move forward with the discussion as a community.

Although the Marysville Recreation Department boasts wonderful programs for the children of our community, it is not able to offer all of the programs that it would like for our kids and virtually none of the programs it would like for our older generations with the facilities that are currently in place. The Marysville Recreation Department has been designing its programming around what is available by way of infrastructure and has been limited in its program offerings by the same. The Recreation Department was given the old fire hall in Marysville City Park to host the majority of its programs and must rely on the gymnasiums owned by Marysville Public Schools for any programming that requires gym time. With after-school sports and school programs increasing, the use of the school district's gyms by the Recreation Department has become more limited and more difficult to secure. Further, the fire hall building itself is failing not only to meet the needs of the community but the infrastructure itself is failing. City Council has been asked to put money into the failing building and each time we are requested to do so, it becomes more obvious that we are putting tax dollars into a structure that will never meet our needs.

Marysville City Hall is approximately 14,000 square feet and the upstairs has been virtually empty since the school district moved its offices to the new high school. We as a Council believe it possible to shrink the size of City Hall in a municipal campus, even when adding space for the artifacts in from museum, and use the space more efficiently. This would allow the property that City Hall currently sits on to be sold and developed into single family homes, putting this property back on the tax rolls. The new campus could include a new city hall, recreation center and space for our museum artifacts. If the project were to move forward, the city **WOULD NOT** seek to increase the millage rate.

There are many moving parts to this discussion, but we want you to be a part of it. I want to be clear that each of you who is a registered voter in Marysville will have a voice in the matter as we will be bringing the proposal of building of a municipal campus to our residents by way of advisory vote in November. As the summer progresses we will seek to have the Recreation Department inform you as to why a new recreation center would be good for the community and have some very preliminary drawings and a story board done to provide an idea as to what the campus could look like. We will continue to provide you with information as to why we believe we have a need for the project, what the project could entail, its cost, and how the city and our residents would benefit from the construction of a new campus. I believe in strong communication with our residents, and we will be using every effort to ensure that you are educated on the facts and not rumor. We hope that the dissemination of quality and accurate information will allow you to make an informed decision in November and cast your vote in what you believe to be in the best interests of our city. I look very forward to the future discussion of this issue.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Damman
Mayor
City of Marysville, Michigan



Marysville City Hall located at 1111 Delaware was built in 1969 and housed RESA until 1975. The City of Marysville relocated to the building in late 1977.



Marysville Community Center—formerly the fire hall until 1997— is located at 867 East Huron Blvd. and was built in 1933.



Our current historical museum is located next door to the community center in Marysville City Park. Built in the 1920's, this building housed city hall and the police department until 1977.

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ADVISORY QUESTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MUNICIPAL CAMPUS

Should the City of Marysville sell the property where City Hall is located and construct a new municipal campus to house City Hall, the City of Marysville Recreation Department, space for the Marysville Historical Museum to display artifacts and/or a gymnasium if doing so would not result in increased millage rates or issuance of municipal bonds?

Yes:

No: