

MINUTES OF THE MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING SESSION  
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL,  
1111 DELAWARE AVE., MARYSVILLE, MICHIGAN 48040

ROLL CALL:      **PRESENT:** Mayor Damman, Mayor Pro-Tem Hayman, Council Members Barber, Badley, Hendricks and Wessel  
                         **ABSENT:** Council Member Shirkey (Excused)  
                         **VISITORS:** T. Giles  
                         **ADMIN:** R. Fernandez, T. Konik, R. Buckmaster, B. Kreiner, S. DeNardin, and R. Warnke

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. City Manager Randy Fernandez gave opening remarks.
2. DPW Director Barry Kreiner spoke about the trash contract that will be expiring June 30, 2019 and options to explore before putting it out to bid in December. The fuel surcharge credit has saved the city \$2,000 - \$3,000 per month over this last contract but that will probably end with the new contract. The RFP will be put out with a limit on the number of leaf bags per week and a new charge to residents for brush pick up.
3. Recreation Director Stefanie DeNardin presented proposals from Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. to develop plans for Veterans Park and Morton Park. These parks are underutilized and out of date. This would put the city at an advantage when grant opportunities arise with the leg work being already completed.

Enbridge is possibly interested in planning a project for Mermaid Park. Mayor Damman is concerned that there be a plan for maintaining the project once complete.

Council Member Hendricks likes the idea of updating the parks which will attract people to the community.

Council Member Barber mentioned that the old boat launch is in bad shape and would eventually fall apart.

Mayor Damman said that roads and pensions keep him up at night, but parks do not.

It was decided to put the two proposals on the September 24<sup>th</sup> council agenda.

4. Finance Director Renae Warnke gave an update on \$425,000 that had been committed for fringe benefits in 2008 and can now be released to the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance.
5. City Manager Fernandez spoke about elections and that there is expected to be a large turnout for the November election. Residents can vote absentee if they qualify to avoid standing in long lines. Also, more workers are always welcome.
6. Mayor Damman listed many projects that have been completed over the past year and stated his desire to get the council members ideas for 1, 3 and 5 year goals going forward.

Mayor Damman's concern is for pensions and roads and he would like to see a capital improvement sinking fund established.

Council Member Barber would be in favor of putting the \$425,000 released to the GF Unassigned Fund Balance into a capital improvement sinking fund.

Council Member Hendricks likes the idea of splitting the \$425,000 into the pension fund and a sinking fund. She also would like Marysville to be a leader in the community and develop our park system so that it is connected via walking and biking paths.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hayman stated that roads are the number one issue. She would also like to address pensions, contribute to a capital improvement sinking fund, build a dog park, and to develop a downtown.

Council Member Badley agreed that roads are the number one issue and he is in favor of building a gymnasium.

Council Member Wessel asked if there was a plan to put more money towards pensions and also if there will be a discussion on a new road tax. The possibilities were discussed.

Mayor Damman would like to have an economic driver to bring people into the community. The DTE site is the linchpin to this goal and the timeframe is unknown as to when the property will be out of litigation.

The Range Road Development was discussed with the possibility of condominiums being built on the southeast corner of the Range Road and Ravenswood intersection.

An additional Goal Setting Session will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. to further discuss the goals.

8:04 p.m., meeting adjourned.

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Renaë Warnke, City Clerk