

MINUTES OF THE MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET SESSION  
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE JOSEPH S. JOHNS COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
1111 DELAWARE AVE., MARYSVILLE, MICHIGAN 48040

ROLL CALL:      **PRESENT:** Mayor Damman, Mayor Pro-Tem Hayman, Council Members Barber, Badley, Shirkey and Wessel  
                         **ABSENT:** Council Member Hendricks (Excused)  
                         **VISITORS:** W. Pyden, M. Deising, S. Winston and D. Paterson  
                         **ADMIN:** R. Fernandez, T. Konik, R. Buckmaster, B. Kreiner, S. Schneider, B. Lents, B. Wrubel, A. Ratliff, and R. Warnke

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. City Manager Randy Fernandez gave opening remarks.
2. City Manager Fernandez recapped the road projects that have been slated for FY20 which are 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Ave. He also announced that the City of Marysville will be receiving an additional \$361,000 from the State of Michigan for losses attributed to the personal property tax reform. This will help fund the FY2020 Road Projects. Finance Director Warnke also presented information on a projection of FY2019 and the surplus that is expected at year end.
3. The funded status of the retiree healthcare and pension funds was reviewed. A discussion about the extra money that is being diverted from retiree healthcare ensued. Part of the state approved corrective action plan called for an additional \$425,000 contribution into the Police & Fire Pension Plan for ten years. This plan would bring the P&F Fund to a 60% funded status. Different options were discussed going forward if changes were made to the pension plan that would make the additional contribution unnecessary which would free up money for other projects. Also, the additional \$400,000 contribution that has been going into the City General Pension Fund was discussed with the possibility of part of that money funding future projects. Mayor Damman stated he is in favor of using part of this money to help bring the P&F Fund closer to 60% funded. The city needs to do what it takes to get the P&F Fund up to an acceptable level of funding. Mayor Damman asked administration to get information from Bendzinski & Co. on bonding for the unfunded liabilities.
4. City Manager Fernandez presented eight potential projects to Council. The first seven projects could be paid for from the extra money that has been going into the City General Pension Fund.
  1. Hot Wheels Weekend - \$10,000 allocated
  2. Christmas in the Park - \$10,000 allocated
  3. Huron Ave. Street Light GFI Box Receptacles for a cost of \$17,000. This would allow the parade route to be decorated with Christmas lights.
  4. Farmer's Market tent for a cost of \$24,000. The total cost is \$30,000 with grants to be received bringing the cost down to \$24,000. There was not a lot of support for this project.
  5. Mermaid Park upgrade - Enbridge contributed \$25,000 for a design concept with three options. Enbridge also committed \$100,000 toward the project with the city cost being \$20,000, \$60,000 or \$200,000 depending on the option chosen. After much discussion council seemed to be leaning towards the \$20,000 option. Council Member Barber urged council members to visit Mermaid Park before making a decision.

6. \$40,000 allocated to the construction of a dog park. Several years ago Enbridge donated property at the corner of Busha and Huron for the purpose of locating a dog park at the site. The St. Clair County Recreation Commission offers a 25% or \$10,000 maximum grant for the construction of a dog park. There was council discussion on whether this was the best location for a dog park with the possibility of using Morton Park for the location. Council Member Shirkey commented that the Enbridge property is now being used for overflow parking at large city events which is working out quite nicely.
  7. Lighting one baseball field for a city cost of \$20,000 with a \$20,000 match from Little League was proposed. There was discussion on whether the city contributed to any other sporting organizations in the city. No other organizations are using city parks for their programs with the exception of the football league which uses an area by the baseball fields.
  8. The last project proposed was for a boat house to be constructed north of the Water Plant in the old boat launch area for an estimated cost of \$50,000. Funds for this project would come from the Ambulance Fund. The need for this boat house is to enable Public Safety to launch the boat quickly and not have to negotiate around boat launch traffic in the event of an emergency. Administration was instructed to get bids for council approval and possibly begin construction before the end of the fiscal year.
5. Mayor Damman would like another budget meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> with all department heads highlighting projects and changes.

8:02 p.m., meeting adjourned.

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Renaë Warnke, City Clerk