

HUDSONVILLE CITY COMMISSION

City Commission Minutes

March 26, 2024

Mayor Northrup called the work session of the Hudsonville City Commission to order on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Northrup, Commissioners Bolhuis, Brandsen, DeVree, Groot, Kamp, Nyitray, City Manager Dotson, Deputy City Clerk Rabineau, Library Director Cook, DPW Superintendent Miller, and City Attorney Wood.

Absent: City Clerk Gruppen

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1167. None.

NEW BUSINESS

Administration

1168. City Board/Committee Scheduling & Responsibilities/Functions.
Commissioners discussed the potential of a set start time for all commission and committee meetings. City Attorney Wood provided information on the difference between decision making bodies and recommending bodies. City Manager Dotson is to create a chart to show the different commissions and committees better visually. Organizational chart updates were also discussed.
1169. Sidewalk Maintenance – Responsibility, Cost, Procedure.
A recently conducted sidewalk assessment, done by the Department of Public Works, was reviewed. Comparison of current practices and the City Code of Ordinances was discussed in terms of who is responsible for the cost of repairs. Dotson and Superintendent Miller will provide a few ideas for repair and payment in a future meeting.
1170. Library-Community Center Vision Study Review.
Dotson presented the vision study and funding options for the potential new library. A discussion on pursuing the Village Green first was held.
1171. Parliamentarian Procedure/Robert’s Rules (Larry Brandsen).
Commissioner Brandsen, recently appointed Parliamentary Representative for the City, will distribute some suggested rules for further discussion.
1172. Wilson Avenue & Pleasant Avenue Traffic Discussion.
Commissioner Bolhuis brought concerns about increased traffic flow and increased speeds on these roadways due to the connection of Van Buren and 32nd Ave. Discussion was held

on the potential of dead ends or cul-de-sacs to correct the concern. More discovery is needed with the input of the City Engineer and cost implications.

1173. Elected Officials Business Cards.
Mayor Northrup and Commissioners considered the necessity of purchasing business cards for the elected officials. Commissioner Brandsen expressed interest, with no other commissioners finding them necessary.
1174. Agenda Discussion (Draft) – April 9, 6pm Workshop.
Discussion was held on holding work sessions prior to regular sessions. With the number of items to be discussed as a result of this meeting, Dotson suggested the cancellation of the proposed 6PM workshop so Commissioners and Mayor Northrup can dedicate an appropriate amount of time to each item. Workshops will be held in April, May and June.
1175. Additional Items Commissioners Wish to Discuss.
No other items were brought to the table for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

1176. Mayor Northrup adjourned the work session at 8:02 PM.

Andrea Rabineau
Hudsonville Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Northrup