

HUDSONVILLE CITY COMMISSION

City Commission Minutes

May 28, 2024

Mayor Northrup called the work session of the Hudsonville City Commission to order on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:01 PM.

Present: Mayor Northrup, Commissioners Bolhuis, Brandsen, DeVree, Groot, Kamp, Nyitray (7:12PM), City Manager Dotson, City Attorney Wood, Finance Director Smith and City Clerk Gruppen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1219. None.

Administration

1220. FY 24-25 Budget Review.

City Manager Dotson and Finance Director Smith gave the Commission an overview of the administrative budget process that occurred this year, with the focus of their meetings being larger scale items – property tax revenues along with property and equipment purchases. Discussion was held on funding for road improvements, future meetings for fund balance use regarding the Capital Improvement Plan and road repairs, revenues for the City, a possible staffing addition, Terra Square funding and revenue, water and sewer rates, and Cost Of Living Adjustments for staff. Commissioners and Mayor Northrup asked insightful questions that were answered by Dotson and Smith. Further questions will need to be addressed to specific departments.

1221. Capital Improvement Plan Review.

Items on the CIP were discussed – road improvements are some of the largest items on the FY 24-25 CIP. Various library and Terra Square maintenance items, Nature Center and other park improvements were reviewed. City Manager Dotson and Finance Director Smith answered questions from Mayor Northrup and Commissioners.

1222. Hotel Gap Financing Discussion.

There is a proposed hotel project in the City. Unfortunately, it is short on funding to start the project. The project has already been seen by the Planning Commission, but the developer is asking the City for help in funding the project. City Manager Dotson appraised the Commission on meetings he has had with the developer and options for property use. Discussion was held on the other hotel options in the area.

1223. 3302 Prospect Street Property Bond Payment Discussion.
The current bond is due June 15th. With other funding options still outstanding, payment will need to be made from the general fund with repayment being made by the developer.

1224. Additional Items Commissioners Wish to Discuss.
Mayor Northrup reported on the meeting held earlier today with the City Attorney regarding contracting certain items with another firm. Rates will be billed through our current firm, but adjustments may need to be made in the coming months. Discussion was also held on engineering issues. Mayor Northrup reminded attendees about the Master Plan community workshop tomorrow night at Terra Square.

ADJOURNMENT

1225. The work session was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Jill Gruppen
Hudsonville City Clerk

Mayor Northrup