

**CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL WORKSESSION PROCEEDINGS**  
**Monday, August 6, 2018**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**  
**301 South LeRoy Street**

Mayor Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:32PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Bottecelli, Draves, Grossmeyer, Lockwood (arrived 7:35), McDermott, Osborn, Smith.  
Absent: None.  
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Chris Patterson, City Counsel; Dan Czarnecki, DPW Director.

**NOTE:** Tri-County Times taped a portion of these proceedings.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** – None.

**FY 2018-2019 REVENUE SHARING WITH GENERAL FUND FOR PUBLIC SERVICES IN DDA DISTRICT**

Hart advised the Downtown Development Authority have approved their Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget. The budget includes a \$350,000.00 reimbursement for incremental increase in demand for public services in the DDA District from the DDA Fund to the City's General Fund.

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Smith to approve the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget to reimburse \$350,000.00 of DDA funds to the City's General Fund for incremental increase in demand for public services in the DDA District.

YEAS: Draves, Grossmeyer, McDermott, Osborn, Smith, Bottecelli.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: Lockwood

**Motion carried by a roll call vote.**

**FY2018-2019 REVENUE SHARING WITH GENERAL FUND FOR PUBLIC SERVICES IN LDFA DISTRICT**

Hart advised the LDFA have approved their Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget. This would include a \$72,000.00 reimbursement from the LDFA to the City's General Fund as an offset to providing necessary public services in the LDFA District.

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Draves to approve per the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget, and to reimburse the \$72,000.00 appropriated of LDFA funds to the City's General Fund for essential public services in the LDFA District.

YEAS: Grossmeyer, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith, Bottecelli, Draves.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

**Motion carried by a roll call vote.**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT AND ROADS PROPOSAL**

Markland stated the City Council has been looking at ways to fund street improvements. The funds that the city receives through Public Act 51 is not enough to fund regular maintenance including winter maintenance and improvements to the streets. Local streets in subdivisions are not eligible for federal aid. Markland reviewed a spreadsheet from MDOT showing the City of Fenton’s additional revenue is projected to be an additional \$500,000 in revenue by 2021 when the MDOT bonds are paid off. Until then, the increase is marginal. The city’s engineers have conducted a street/road study and from the information they have gathered, the engineers have determined that in order for the city road/street system to show an acceptable improvement, the city needs to spend approximately \$2,000,000 a year on improvements.

A street/road program needs to last for an extended period of time in order to be effective. The Fenton City Charter does not currently allow a special millage, like a road millage, to last more than three (3) years. Patterson has been in conversation with the Michigan State Attorney General’s office to discuss another amendment to the city Charter. The proposal would be in two separate ballot proposals. One would be to amend the Charter to allow a special millage specifically for road and street improvements. The number currently placed in the language is 5 mils but could be changed depending on the discussion tonight.

Patterson stated the millage proposal cannot pass without the Charter amendment, however, the Charter amendment can pass without the millage proposal. Patterson explained due to the proposal last year to amend the Charter, which failed, the Home Rules Act prevents asking for another Charter amendment within two years unless it is significantly different. After submitting five versions of the amendment, this is the one the Attorney General’s office approved.

After discussion, consensus was to ask for the 5 mils as presented.

**RESOLUTION 18-11**

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by Draves to adopt Resolution 18-11.

YEAS: Grossmeyer, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith, Bottecelli, Draves.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 18-12**

A motion was made by Grossmeyer and seconded by Lockwood to adopt Resolution 18-12.

YEAS: McDermott, Osborn, Smith, Bottecelli, Draves, Lockwood, Grossmeyer.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Lockwood commented the Taste in Fenton was great and was well organized. Art Camp is over and was well attended. The planning for Jinglefest is coming soon.

Osborn thanked Lockwood for filling in for her during her absence. She noticed the benches in front of the Horizon Building. Markland advised he spoke to the contractor to have them changed to match the rest of the streetscape benches.

**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Erica Lemon spoke regarding a “Safe Pathway” grant.

Bob Bechtel spoke regarding “Quality of Life/Pedestrian Safety Concerns”. A letter from James VanSickle was presented in support of Betchel’s concerns. Markland stated he will have the Police Chief place the speed trailer in this area to capture data.

Residents of Eagle on the Water’s Edge voiced their ongoing concerns regarding builder and code violation complaints.

**CLOSED SESSION – 9:37 PM**

A motion was made by Osborn and seconded by Lockwood to move into closed session to discuss a confidential written legal opinion subject to attorney-client privilege from the City attorney regarding City retiree health care reporting requirements under Public Act 202 and GASB 75.  
**Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

**RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION – 9:59 PM.**

A motion was made by Grossmeyer and seconded by Draves to reconvene to open session.  
**Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:56 PM.

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Mayor Sue Osborn

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City Clerk, Sue Walsh

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_