

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

May 1, 2023
Conference Room #119
7:45 A.M.

Present: Commissioners: Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Coughlin, Betsy Artz (8:00), Ron Draayer, Maurice Groce, Clarkston Morgan, and Jessica Ann Tyson.

Staff present: Deputy Finance Director Bhama Cairns, Executive Assistant Stephanie Fox, Deputy City Administrator Shay Gallagher, DPW Director Chad Griffin, City Clerk Dan Kasunic, Engineering & Inspections Director Jim Kirkwood, Fire Chief Brent Looman, Parks & Recreation Director Val Romeo, and Sabo Representative Anna Kendall.

MAYOR'S OFFICE:

Deputy City Administrator Shay Gallagher displayed a spreadsheet showing Park & Recreation Financial Trends beginning at Fiscal Year 2021-22 until 2023-24, noting the projects with requested grants from the DNR. He did call out a separate request for the proposed I-96 bridge reconstruction project, with the caveat the federal government will review all projects for all states and the city will not find out if we will have funding until October or November. He stated this is a living document and the project will continue to be added or removed over time. Parks & Recreation Director Romeo informed the commission that the with the grants 50% will be from Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and 50% will be from DNR and the city will continue to prioritize the projects based on awarded grants.

A spreadsheet for Act 51 monies (street funds) were provided by Engineering & Inspections Director Kirkwood providing a brief explanation of the funding and expenditures covering Fiscal Years 2020 through 2025. DPW Director Griffin explained what some of the Act 51 funding covers other than roadways.

A bond market document was also provided for insight if the city were to go for bonding in the future.

The meeting was shortened because Mayor Kepley had got ill and was to speak on sustainable business park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 A.M.

Dan Kasunic
City Clerk

Robert Coughlin
Mayor Pro-Tem

Committee of the Whole
March 21, 2023.