

**CITY OF MAYFIELD HEIGHTS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2021**

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Council President Diane Snider.

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Mr. Michael Ballistrea (Council Chamber), Mrs. Donna Finney (Audio), Mrs. Susan Sabetta (Council Chamber), Mrs. Diane M. Snider (Council Chamber)

ABSENT: Mr. Robert DeJohn, Mr. Donald Manno, Mrs. Gayle Teresi

Also Present (Council Chamber) were Mayor Anthony DiCicco, Director of Finance/Clerk of Council Karen Fegan, Law Director Paul T. Murphy, City Engineer Dan Gerson, Recreation Director Sean Ward, Director of Building Tom Jamieson (Audio), Community Relations Manager Tammy Clines, and Deputy Clerk of Council Shanisha Lloyd.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update on the Aquatic and Community Center Project from the Recreation and Parks Department.

Mr. Ward stated that a Selection Committee was created consisting of the Mayor, Mrs. Fegan, Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Manno, Mr. Metyk, and himself. With guidance from GPD, fifteen RFQs were received from architectural firms. After ranking each submission, the top five firms were chosen. Pre-interviews were conducted at a forty-five minute length for each firm. The following week interviews were held at an hour long. A vote was taken by the Selection Committee, and it was a consensus regarding the top two firms. GPD is now entering into negotiations with the potential firm and hopeful a contract will be ready at the next Council meeting for approval. This process has been very exciting. The Committee has seen some very exciting potential plans and look forward to what this means for the City's current and future residents.

Mr. Ballistrea asked if the City is still locked into using the same site for the project. Mr. Ward answered yes, we are still moving forward with the same site.

Mr. Ballistrea also asked if there has been any discussion about the building itself. In previous meetings there was conversation as to a one story building verses a two story building. Mr. Ward stated that the matter has been talked about in this process, however, a decision cannot be confirmed until a firm has been selected.

Mrs. Snider stated that her concerns still pertain to the amount of debris that will come off the highways, and wanted to know if there has been any conversation indicating if that would be an issue. Mr. Ward stated that there has not been any discussion of debris, however, there has been consideration given to possible visual clutter and noise coming from the freeway and using the building itself as a barrier. The Mayor also shared that none of firms had any objects to the location of the building and pool, or indicated that the matter would be a problem. President Snider requested that the matter be further investigated.

Mr. Ballistrea questioned if parking would be at a premium or if there will be ample spaces with event rentals and individuals utilizing the pool. Mr. Ward replied stating that on a busy event there maybe parking issues, though the matter will be continually addressed as the project moves forward. There will also be a connection point created to address the street crossing concerns. He agreed that the parking could be a potential problem, however, they will explore ways to increase parking.

Lastly, Mr. Ward shared that with all the events concerning the new Community Center and pool, trails, and crosswalks, the City needed a new logo. A new City logo was presented which includes a fresh look that is easy to identify. Council was given shirts that depicted the new logo. The City's seal will be kept, but going forward, the new logo will be the predominate logo. Regarding all of the projects that are happening in the City and the new logo, information will be provided to the residents at the Unity Days event to keep them informed.

With no further questions from Council, Mrs. Snider thanked Mr. Ward for the update and the presentation of the City's new logo.

Mrs. Sabetta moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Finney. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

Approved:



*Diane M. Snider
Council President*

Respectfully submitted,



*Shanisha Lloyd
Deputy Clerk of Council*