

Present: Council President Downey; President Pro-Tem Domzal; Members: Mooney, Pfeifer, Schmitt, Stearn and Woodrow

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Murphy
Director of Public Safety, Woodard

President Downey called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road. This meeting was scheduled as a Council budget study session.

Murphy conducted a review of the five year capital improvement plan, addressing questions and comments from Council as he went through the report. He apprised Council of upcoming infrastructure projects and the status of ongoing projects. Murphy noted that updated numbers will be forthcoming from Hubbell, Roth & Clark on the Acacia Drain project at the end of this month. A work session will be scheduled to review the program at that time.

Financing a water main replacement program was a topic of discussion. Council asked Murphy to provide comparisons between a low interest loan from the State DEQ Drinking Water Revolving Fund and funding through a bond issue in the current market.

Murphy outlined the five year plan relative to the General fund and basic capital projects. Information regarding improvements to the Village campus will be revised to reflect the recent notice of grant approval for paving of the municipal building parking lot.

Murphy asked Director Woodard to discuss a proposal to consider converting the dispatch service function currently performed in Beverly Hills by civilian dispatchers to a consolidated public safety answering point (PSAP) service through the County at a lesser cost. There are 31 dispatch points in Oakland County covering 43 police, fire and EMS response points.

A number of departments in Oakland County are interested in exploring the idea of consolidating and lowering costs as well as addressing difficulties with maintaining trained personnel in the dispatcher job classification. A study performed by Plante & Moran and funded by the County indicated that the operation could be run more economically on a consolidated basis. There is continued interest among departments in a consolidated PSAP operation.

Woodard outlined the basic functions that dispatchers for the Beverly Hills Public Safety Department perform and the issues to be considered in this decision. Questions from Council were answered by Woodard.

Woodrow entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

At this point, the County is looking for an interest commitment from local governments in terms of whether the community is interested in participating in the next phase of this project. It was the sense of Council to consider sharing services by converting to a consolidated PSAP with the

intent of reducing costs without reducing the current level of protection, benefits, and response time being provided.

Murphy concluded the meeting by providing a quick overview of the budget. He displayed a schedule that illustrated the projected level of the fund balance for various accounts over a five year period.

Council recessed at 7:18 before opening the regular Council meeting session.

Doyle Downey
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary