

City of Allegan City Council Study Session Minutes

December 13, 2021

City Council Chambers, 231 Trowbridge St Allegan, MI 49010

Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Galloway called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Public Comment Period

None.

Round Table Discussion amongst Council Members

Councilmember Redding inquired whether the City has any plans to host an appreciation dinner for board/committee members. City Manager Dye replied that the City currently doesn't have any plans for an appreciation dinner because of rising Covid-19 cases in Allegan County.

Mayor Pro-Tem Galloway asked whether the City could send out thank you cards to board/committee members. Dye said that sending out thank you cards is feasible, and that Staff will send the cards out by the end of the year.

Councilmember Zeter asked City Manager Dye about plans with the Shopko building on Jenner Dr. Dye informed Zeter and the rest of Council that Allegan County Community Mental Health (CMH) has plans to move all their operations into the Shopko building. City Manager Dye reminded Council that they will have to make a motion at their regular meeting to excuse the absences of Mayor Andrus and Councilmember Bird.

Presentation from MDOT and Discussion about M89/Hubbard Street Realignment

Two representatives from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) shared a

presentation with Council in which they described why MDOT believes that installing a roundabout at the intersection of M89 and Hubbard St would provide the highest level of service to all legs of that intersection. Council expressed concerns over whether semi-trucks with wide loads would be able to make it through the roundabout, whether the roundabout is pedestrian-friendly, and whether the roundabout would create a traffic backup at the traffic light at the Cedar St/Cutler intersection. The MDOT representatives assured Council that semi-trucks with wide loads would be able to traverse the roundabout safely and that the ease of travel for pedestrians is subjective to the user. However, MDOT has not done research on how a roundabout would affect the traffic light at the Cedar St/Cutler intersection. Council asked that MDOT conducts a study to assess the effect of a roundabout on the traffic light at the Cedar St/Cutler intersection.

Review of FY2021 Audit Report

The Auditor from Siegfried Crandall presented Council with some highlights from the Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Report. Council did not have any questions.

Review of November 2021 Revenue and Expenditure Report

Review of Council Agenda

Councilmember Redding asked that Council amends the regular meeting agenda to add 11A.2 Report from the Historic District Commission.

Adjourn to regular meeting to begin at 7:00 pm

Mayor Pro-Tem Galloway adjourned the study session at 6:38pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michaela Kleehammer, City Clerk