

TO:	Mayor & City Council
FROM:	Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE:	July 21, 2025
RE:	Study Session

Flag Flying Policy

Regular Meeting Agenda Item – As discussed at previous Study Sessions, the City Council provided staff/City Attorney recommendations and wanted to proceed with adopting some type of flag flying policy for City Hall. Enclosed is a draft resolution that is for consideration that would become the City's Flag Flying Policy.

Additionally, there were questions regarding the cost of installing another flag pole here at City Hall. Rocket Enterprises is the company who installed the current flag pole and the flag pole in the Veterans area. They were able to provide a couple of quotes and options for the City to consider, IF we wanted to add additional pole(s) to the facility.

Rental Ordinance

Regular Meeting Agenda Item – Over the past few months, the Council has discussed updating our rental ordinance to include Short-Term-Rentals. Drafted ordinances are included in your packet and are schedueld for a first reading during the regular meeting.

2025 Community Champions Playground Grant

GameTime just announced its 2025 Community Champions Playground Grant program. For a limited time, GameTime is offering up to 100% matching funds toward the purchase of a new playground system for customers in the contiguous United States. You can learn more at www.gametime.com/playground-grant.

The purpose of this discussion is to see the the Council has any interest in applying for this grant program, and if so, what the maximum the Council would be comfortable matching. No funds were budgeted for this specific type of project and if awarded, would require the use of fund balance dollars. If Council wishes to move forward, my recommendation would be to apply for a Sarrackwood Park Playscape repalcement, as that playscape is at the end of its useful life (reminder – Municipal Park Playscape currently has an MDNR grant request submitted).

Specific playscapes are noted for the 100% match, and the equipment has a minimum cost of \$75,000 to qualify. If awarded, the new playscape would cost the City at miniumum \$37,500 depdning of the playscape selected.

City Hall DIA Mural

Over a year ago the City started working with the Detroit Institute of Arts via their Partners in Public Art program. Over the past few months, staff has worked with volunteer input to review artist submissions that were created based on community survey input.

The latest rendering from the selected artist has been shared with the City Council and the purpose of this topic it to gather any additional feedback. The artisit is tentatively scheduled to start mid-August.