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Council Committee Meetings

August 20, 2019

Present: Council President M. Harwood, Councilmembers L. Carouse, J. Petsche, L. Redinger, D. Rose, K. Veras, Mayor Jerry N. Hruby, Law Director D. Matty, Assistant Law Director S. DiGeronimo, Engineer G. Wise, Finance Director L. Starosta, Fire Chief N. Zamiska, Police Chief W. Goodrich, Purchasing Director R. Riser, C.B.O. S. Packard, Service Director R. Weidig, J. Mitchell, Brecksville Magazine, Clerk of Council T. Tabor.

Absent: G. Broski,

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Chairperson - K. Veras

Committee members - L. Carouse, L. Redinger.

Chairperson Veras called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call – Present: Carouse, Redinger, Veras.

Absent - None.

Approval of the August 6, 2019 Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting minutes.

Motion by Veras, seconded by Redinger, to approve the, August 6, 2019 Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Carouse, Veras, Redinger. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-Ayes, 0- Nays.

Police Station Project Update: Mayor Hruby reported The Police Station is nearing completion. The Service Director is working to complete the punch list items for the project. The detective bureau is scheduled to begin moving into the new station the week of Labor Day and the rest of the department thereafter. There will be a public opening and walk through of the facility either on September 14th or September 11th. All of Council is invited, please let the Mayor know your availability.

Field House – School Project Update: Mayor Hruby reported the School District is considering a revised date for completion of the new building. It is expected that the Field House will be completed before the school. The City has met with the teaching staff regarding the sharing of equipment to outfit the fieldhouse that will benefit the school and the City. The Army Corps should be issuing approval in the upcoming weeks.



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Councilmember Redinger asked if there are any updated pictures for the Fieldhouse. Mayor Hruby said he will ask the architect if there are any updated renderings of the Fieldhouse.

VA & Central School Citizen Committee Update: The Resident advisory committee meeting is scheduled for August 21st. Mayor Hruby said Building Commissioner Scott Packard will present the current zoning classifications for both properties. Representatives from DiGeronimo Company will provide an update on the construction. Joe Balog, representing the Dalad Group and the property to the south will also give an update on that property. Mayor Hruby said the Central School property will need to be rezoned, that issue will also be considered by the group.

Mayor Hruby said he wanted to make a comment and ask Councilmember Petsche a question.

Mayor Hruby: Councilman you posted on your webpage, do we want two downtowns or one. I don't understand what you mean about that. What does that mean, two downtowns or one?

Councilmember Petsche: I didn't write that.

Mayor Hruby: Okay, so, somebody put this on there?

Petsche: Yes.

Mayor Hruby: Other than you?

Petsche: Yes

Mayor Hruby: It also says under your name, City Council is already starting the TIF financing. Have we in any way started any financing under the TIF program?

Council President Harwood: No. Wait a minute. It's coming from your page.

Councilmember Petsche: I'm sorry, I didn't write it.

Harwood: So who is in control of the page?

(Silence)

Mayor Hruby: Ok, that's enough, thank you. So then I don't have to worry about that tomorrow night, coming up. In our first session that we had together everybody got along really well. Talked a lot, a lot of good discussion going on. One way or the other way. Again, you know how I am, whatever people's opinions are I welcome people's opinions. I just want to make sure that tomorrow evening that this meeting isn't going to be hijacked and a lot of the misinformation is going to be out there like there was about the ramp meeting that didn't happen. You remember that, you put out that there that there was going to be a meeting about the ramps and that was all going to be decided and come on to the meeting everybody. It just seems like it's trying to incite controversy. I don't understand, this is a positive thing and I'm hoping it continues to be a positive thing. But you didn't write this?

Councilmember Petsche: I did not write it.

Mayor Hruby: Alright.

Council President Harwood: Then Mayor in regards to Central School remember there was one of the developers, who is not the developer of record, but they volunteered to come in and present what they thought. Are they coming back tomorrow?

Mayor Hruby: They are going to be there. I don't know if they want to present anything.

Council President Harwood: Okay, so really the discussion for the Central School is more conversation about potential uses and this kind of thing.

Mayor Hruby: Yes.

Council President Harwood: Thank you.

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Mayor Hruby: We've asked these people to attend to give the people an insight into what these folks are thinking about. It's not just about what the city government is thinking about. We want to find out what the people are thinking about. We have a good cross section of people and it's been a very positive experience so far. We've talked to a lot of them and we're having each one of them chair the meeting at a different time so that everybody can get up and talk a little bit about their vision. And I just don't want to deal tomorrow with, well you started the TIF, and you started this and a bunch of misinformation. We'll have to correct it all before we start the meeting and cloud some of the issues which I'm hoping doesn't happen. So you're assuring me that's not the case.

Councilmember Petsche: That's not the case.

Mayor Hruby: Thank you.

Councilmember Petsche: But I do see that we have legislation's going to be introduced for the TIF at the first meeting in September.

Mayor Hruby: Perhaps, that's the intent right now, yes.

Councilmember Redinger: That's the legislation that we had and talked about two weeks ago.

Council President Harwood: In the public meeting.

Mayor Hruby: This is the TIF...

Councilmember Redinger: This is just to set up the structure of our

Mayor Hruby: To set up the structure that does not commit the city to anything, no dollars, no programs, no nothing. Just to set up the TIF structure, which is done first.

Councilmember Rose: This is an enabling ordinance that, if it chooses to, could have a TIF. That's my understanding. That's all this is.

Council President Harwood: Correct.

Hruby: Thank you.

Councilmember Rose: Jack try not to put misinformation out there on your site, like you did last time. It's just not good for the people it causes confusion. It's your site, you can go to your Facebook page today and take down whatever you want. I don't do Facebook.

Council President Harwood: Or put a retraction whoever posted that, it's misinformation. We're not spending TIF dollars.

Councilmember Petsche: I haven't seen it.

Council President Harwood: But you will address it?

Councilmember Petsche: I will address it.

Council President Harwood: Thank you, that's all we're asking.

School-City Tennis Court and Highland Drive Field Proposal: The school and the City have been discussing the possibility of the School constructing two new tennis courts adjacent to the existing courts at City Hall. The school's courts at the high school are in disrepair and need to be replaced. The Scholastic team would utilize the courts for matches and practices. The courts may be used by the general public as they are currently used. The School is proposing to fully fund the new tennis courts. Engineer Wise has been discussing this with the school. The two new tennis courts would be located where Field B is behind City Hall and a new field constructed at Highland Drive Elementary to replace Field B. Field B behind City Hall is in need of repair. An alternate site to relocate Field B would be Stadium Drive. Council President Harwood said the weather again this year caused the fields to be unusable. Cuyahoga Valley Youth Organization

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(CVYO), which all of the baseball and softball, lacrosse, soccer programs fall under. Some members of CVYO feel they can put a turf infield in either a field at Blossom Hill or a new field. The group believes they may be able to cover the cost of the field through fundraising. The turf field may allow for year round access. The cost to maintain a turf field may be less than a grass field.

Adjournment: Motion by Veras, seconded by Redinger, to adjourn the Buildings & Grounds Committee at 6:45 P.M. Ayes: Carouse, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Finance Committee

Chairperson - Laura Redinger

Committee members - L. Carouse, D. Rose.

Chairman Redinger called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

Roll Call – Present: Carouse, Rose, Redinger.

Absent - None.

Approval of the August 6, 2019 Finance Committee meeting minutes.

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Rose, to approve the August 6, 2019 Finance Committee meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Carouse, Redinger, Rose. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Community Center Sales Tax: Councilmember Redinger said an increase is needed for the purchase order for the payment of sales tax collected at the Community Center. The need for this increase is due to the 2018 blanket P.O. being closed prior to the final payments for last year, and those payments being charged to the 2019 purchase order.

- Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to submit to Council for approval of an increase to the Blanket Purchase Order #BL195630 in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Sales Tax Payable account held at the Community Center. *Account #240710 2129* Ayes: Carouse, Redinger, Rose. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Tax Increment Financing: Councilmember Redinger asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed TIF. Mayor Hruby said Squire, Patton & Boggs did not have the legislation ready for tonight.

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC): Councilmember Redinger reported the CIC audit was completed and the report showed no concerns.

Adjournment: Motion by Redinger, seconded by Carouse, to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting at 6:47 P.M. Ayes: Carouse, Rose, Redinger. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Legislation Committee

Chairperson- Dennis Rose

Committee members - J. Petsche, K. Veras

Chairperson Rose called the meeting to order at 6:47 P.M.

Roll Call – Present: Petsche, Veras, Rose.

Absent- None.

Approval of the August 6, 2019 Legislation Committee meeting minutes.

Motion by Rose, seconded by Veras, to approve the August 6, 2019 Legislation Committee meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Petsche, Rose, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Adjournment: Motion by Rose, seconded by Veras, to adjourn the Legislation Committee meeting at 6:48 P.M. Ayes: Petsche, Veras, Rose. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Safety-Service Committee

Chairperson- Louis Carouse

Committee members- G. Broski, K. Veras

Chairperson Carouse called the meeting to order at 6:48 P.M.

Roll Call – Present: Carouse, Veras.

Absent: Broski.

Approval of the August 6, 2019 Safety-Service Committee meeting minutes.

Motion by Carouse, seconded by Veras, to approve the August 6, 2019 Safety-Service Committee meeting minutes as submitted. Ayes: Carouse, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 2-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Trash Baler & Conveyor System: Service Director Weidig said repairs are needed for the conveyor and baler system for the cardboard recycling center. A grant application to purchase a new system was submitted, but it was not awarded. The cost of a new baler/ conveyor system is approximately \$110,000.00.

- Motion by Carouse, seconded by Veras, to recommend to Council approval of a Blanket Vendor Purchase Requisition in the amount of \$4,435.00 for the repair to the baler and conveyor system in the City's Recycle Center. The replacement conveyor belt would be provided by Power-Pack Conveyor Co. for the amount of \$3,435.00. The repair services for the baler would be provided by Global Trash Solutions for the not to exceed amount of \$1,000.00. *Account #110622 2601.* Ayes: Carouse, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 2-Ayes, 0-Nays.

LED Replacement Traffic Bulbs: Councilmember Carouse said at the previous committee meeting Service Director Weidig said they City would be replacing all of the traffic lights with LED bulbs. Service Department employees have been instructed on how do the replacements and will be performing the work. Path Master is the awarded distributor on the current ODOT contract #105-19 for Signal Heads, Hardware, LEDSs and Accessories.

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- Motion by Carouse, seconded by Veras, to recommend to Council approval of an Ordinance for the State Contract Purchase from Path Master, Inc. in the amount of \$3,200.00 for (160) LED Replacement Traffic Bulbs for signals located at various City intersections. *Account 110171 2606*. Ayes: Carouse, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 2-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Extrication Tool: Councilmember Carouse said Fire Chief Zamiska has submitted a request for a battery operated extrication tool. The machine cuts and spreads a vehicle if needed. The battery operated machine may be used in areas, park areas or off the road.

- Motion by Carouse, seconded by Veras, to recommend to Council for approval of a Purchase Requisition to Howell Rescue Systems in the amount of \$12,255.00 for the sole vendor purchase of a Genesis battery operated combination extrication tool with charger and two batteries. *Account #C450260 3300*. Ayes: Carouse, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 2-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ISO Rating: Councilmember Carouse said the Fire Department was advised that much of the work and improvements performed by the Fire Department have improved the ISO score for the City. Fire Chief Zamiska said the Insurance Service Organization provides rating for communities that reflect the cost of insurance for businesses and homeowners. Personnel, training, and vehicle maintenance are audited as part of the report. The scale is 1-10, ten being the lowest. The City's previous rating was at (4), the new rating is (2). The Emergency Dispatch Center allowed for an increase in points as well as the vehicle maintenance, training and new fire engine boosted the score. Fire Chief Zamiska said the public relations category also scored well. Assistant Law Director DiGeronimo asked what the impact on the community will be by this lower score. Fire Chief Zamiska said it will directly impact the insurance rates for businesses and homes in Brecksville.

Adjournment: Motion by Carouse, seconded by Broski, to adjourn the Safety-Service Committee meeting at 6:56 P.M. Ayes: Carouse, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 2-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee

Chairperson Gerald Broski

Committee members J. Petsche, L. Redinger.

Acting Chairperson Redinger called the meeting to order at 6:56 P.M.

Roll Call – Present: Redinger, Petsche.

Absent: Broski.

Approval of the August 6, 2019 Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting minutes.

Motion by Redinger, seconded by Petsche, to approve the August 6, 2019 Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Petsche, Redinger, Nays: None. Motion carried 2-Ayes, 0-Nays.

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Tanager Trail Slope Repair Project- Councilmember Redinger said Engineer Wise will provide an update for the Tanager Trail Slope Repair Project. Engineer Wise said Council previously authorized preliminary engineering & surveying for the Tanager Trail Slope Repair Project. As a temporary solution Council agreed to reconstruct the pavement to reduce a (300) foot area of the pavement to one lane. This project will require final engineering, bid specifications and contracts. An increase to the original purchase requisition in the amount of \$7,131.58 will be needed for continuation. Council President Harwood asked if the residents in that area would be advised of the repair plans. Engineer Wise said yes. Engineer Wise said the project may not be completed until next spring

- Motion by Redinger, seconded by Petsche, to submit to Council for passage of a motion increasing Purchase Order #P170864 for final engineering plans, bid specifications and contract documents for pavement improvement for the Tanager Trail Improvement Plan. Ayes: Redinger, Petsche, Nays: None. Motion carried 2-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Engineer Wise said he has been in contact with Petros Homes regarding the sidewalk on the cul-de-sac in Phase V of Four Seasons. The sidewalk is (2) feet outside of the right of way. Petros Homes will be providing a public sidewalk easement that will allow the sidewalk in the right of way.

Service Director Weidig said the Riverview Road is the final road in the program for the year.

Adjournment: Motion by Redinger, seconded by Petsche, to adjourn the Streets and Sidewalks Committee meeting at 7:01 P.M. Ayes: Redinger, Petsche, Nays: None. Motion carried 2-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Utilities Committee

Chairperson Jack Petsche

Committee members G. Broski, D. Rose

Chairperson Petsche called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Roll Call – Present: Petsche, Rose.

Absent: Broski.

Approval of the August 6, 2019 Utilities Committee meeting minutes.

Motion by Petsche, seconded by Rose, to approve the August 6, 2019 Utilities Committee meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Petsche, Rose, Nays: None. Motion carried 2-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Grant Application Request: Engineer Wise reported the OPWC Grant applications are due September 12th. The Committee determined it would be the most beneficial to the residents to make one final attempt at additional funding for the Chippewa Road Sanitary Sewer Project. A Resolution has been prepared for Council consideration. Engineer Wise said

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Engineer Wise said the application is requesting \$500,000.00 in grant funding and a \$250,000.00 loan. Mayor Hruby asked what the assessment would be at this time. Engineer Wise said right now without any city assistance, there is \$1.5 million in grant funding. Mayor Hruby said there are 85 units that will be assessed approximately \$17,647.00 per unit. Councilmember Petsche asked what the length of the repayment of the assessment will be. Engineer Wise said in the past it has been 20 years. Councilmember Petsche said the homeowners are then responsible for the connection cost of approximately \$10,000.00. Engineer Wise said that is not included in the assessment. Law Director Matty said notices are sent to the homeowners. If there are any objections, City Council will appoint a three member equalization board to hear objections and make recommendations to Council.

- Motion by Petsche, seconded by Rose, to recommend to Council passage of Resolution authorizing an application for financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Chippewa Road Sanitary Sewer Project. Ayes: Petsche, Rose, Nays: None. Motion carried 2-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Dominion Main Replacement Update: Engineer Wise reported Dominion has begun the gas main replacement project in the center of Brecksville. The project will replace steel main lines with new plastic main lines. The areas include SR 82 west of Brecksville Road, Short and Long Stadium Drives, and both sides of Brecksville Road in the business district. The work is expected to extend for several months.

Bradford Village Settlers Passage County Sewer Project Update: The County advised the City the project is approximately one month from completion. The old pump station is still in place. However, the new gravity sewer is in and will divert the effluent. New sanitary and storm lines have been replaced on Crinkelroot. This project has gotten a great deal of public comments.

Engineer Wise said the resident at Sherwood Trail is not willing to accept a permanent easement for access to the culvert and headwall repair. A temporary easement has been agreed to. There will be a cost to remove and replace the playground as well as the rubber mulch and border that is underneath the playground. Councilmember Rose asked how much the homeowner is requesting for the easement. Engineer Wise said he is not asking for a monetary amount, a nominal amount of \$1.00 is in the agreement.

Council President Harwood said he received an e-mail regarding construction work being done by Settler's Passage. The e-mail asked if Mr. Calvey is developing the project. Councilmember Redinger said she received a question about activity on Weise Road. Engineer Wise said that he City has an easement from Mr. Calvey to install the sewer, however he did not say he was going to develop the property. Nothing has been submitted to the City.

Councilmember Petsche asked if there is a danger to the public regarding the gas main replacement. Engineer Wise said there is always a risk with construction work, but he has never seen a safety issue. Dominion's policy is to be onsite when every gas appliance is relit. Dominion has at least one inspector on site at all times. Councilmember Petsche asked if the City will need to provide anything for this project. Engineer Wise said there are some benches and planters that

will need to be moved. The City will assist with traffic control, Dominion will pay that cost as well as the cost of our inspectors.

Adjournment: Motion by Petsche, seconded by Rose, to adjourn the Utilities Committee meeting at 7:20 P.M. Ayes: Petsche, Rose. Nays: None. Motion carried 2-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Committee of the Whole Meeting: Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse, to convene a Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:20 P.M. Ayes: Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Petsche, Redinger, Rose, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 6-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Approval of the August 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse, to approve the August 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as submitted. Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Petsche, Redinger, Rose, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 6-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Council President Harwood reminded Council the Beautification Committee will be presenting awards at tonight's Council meeting.

Committee of the Whole Meeting Adjourned: Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse to adjourn the Committee of the Whole at 7:21 P.M. Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Petsche, Redinger, Rose, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 6-Ayes, 0-Nays.

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cc: Members of Council,
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