

MINUTES

Council Committee Meetings

Council Committee regular meeting was held on Tuesday May 19, 2020.

VIA CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

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This meeting has been duly noticed and are held in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 specific to recent amendments made in light of the current COVID-19 declared emergency.

Present: Council President Harwood, Councilmembers L. Carouse, D. Caruso, A. Koepke, J. Petsche, L. Redinger, 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, C.B.O. S. Packard, Purchasing Director R. Riser, Recreation Director T. Tupa, Service Director R. Weidig, Human Services Director Dr. Paciorek, IT Specialists C. Jatsek and M. Rapkin. Clerk of Council T. Tabor.

Absent: None.

Committee of the Whole Meeting: Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse, to convene a Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:00 P.M. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Agenda Amendment. Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse to amend the agenda to include an Ordinance for geotechnical services for the Conifer Acres Slope Slippage Repair. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Approval of Committees meeting minutes.

Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse, to approve the May 5, 2020 Buildings & Grounds, Finance, Legislation, Safety Service, Streets & Sidewalks and Utilities Committees as submitted. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.



(Committee of the Whole Meeting, continued)

Council President Harwood said the committees will be meeting today as a Committee of the Whole. President Harwood will introduce each item and then acknowledge the Department Heads, Mayor Hruby, Committee Chair followed by Committee Members and the remainder of Council, for any comments, questions, or concerns.

FROM THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Human Services HVAC: Council President Harwood said a purchase requisition to Direct Air Systems, Inc. has been submitted for approval for the Human Services Building boiler repair. Service Director Weidig said the Building Engineering Department discovered discrepancies in the system operation at Human Services. Upon inspection it was found the entire Human Services variable frequency drives for the boiler system were in need of replacement and had failed. The department set up a temporary cooling system by using an external cooling fan to keep the system operating temporarily until these repairs had been made. Service Director Weidig said the parts are no longer available for the 2007 system. Members of the Building Engineering Department found Direct Air Systems would make the repair, by removing or replacing the damaged units. Direct Air will provide the repair, parts, installation of the variable frequency heat pump, valves, hardware and enclosures. Service Director Weidig said the equipment operates (24) hours a day (7) days a week. Direct Air Systems will also insure factory startup and a 30 month parts and labor warranty.

- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Veras, to recommend to Council passage of a purchase requisition to Direct Air Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$8,916.00 for the replacement of the Variable Frequency Drives for the boiler system pumps at the Human Services building. Account #110330 2604. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

City Hall Roof & Air Handler Replacement Project: Council President Harwood said part of the City Hall Roof Replacement & New Air Handlers Project includes the decommissioning of the Firing Range in the Old Police Department in City Hall. Service Director Weidig said decommissioning the firing range is the first part in removing parts of the old Police Department and rehabilitation of the space for future use. The decommissioning of the range ties directly into the new roof, and the air handlers and return fans that are the project that Council previously approved. The contractor would like to begin the Roof and Air Handler Project in July. Service Director Weidig said the range, including the ductwork, has been contaminated with lead. The ductwork goes from the range to the attic of City Hall and will need replaced. Service Director Weidig said all surfaces associated with the old firing range should be assumed to be contaminated with lead, including walls, floors, ceilings, target recovery tracks and other mechanical systems, which have serviced the range. All materials need to be cleaned and properly disposed of at a licensed construction site and demolition debris facility. Purchasing Director Riser said this project will need to be completed before the Roof and Air Handlers Replacement Project can begin. Mayor Hruby said Council should be aware this must be done soon to assure the start of the roof & air handler project. Mayor Hruby said the roof project was delayed until 2020 and needs to be done. The failure of the air handlers at City Hall is a concern, and needs to be addressed.

(Committee of the Whole Meeting, continued)

- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Veras, to present to Council approval to advertise for bids for the Decommissioning of the Firing Range in the Old Police Department in City Hall as part of the City Hall Roof Replacement & New Air Handlers Project. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Aquatic Center: Council President Harwood said authorization is needed to advertise for bids for a door entry system for the Aquatics Center Expansion. Council President Harwood said a door access system will provide keyless entry for employees. Recreation Director Tupa said this was planned as part of the original plan for the expansion and was included in the budget for the Aquatic Center Expansion, the system will work with 10 of the 20 doors and will communicate with the existing system, which is citywide. Recreation Director Tupa said if the motion is approved by Council, the department hopes to have the bids received by June.

- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Veras, recommending to Council approval to advertise for bids for a complete access control system for the New Aquatics Center expansion project. The system will allow for keyless entry for employees, and an expansion of the access control system that is in place in other City buildings. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

From the Finance Committee

Property & Liability Insurance Policies: Council President Harwood said Purchasing Director Riser has submitted a request for the renewal of the city's property & liability insurance policies. Purchasing Director Riser said insurance renewals for the City's Property and Liability Insurance Policy expire on May 25, 2020. Typically every three years, the agency would go out to market on behalf of the City to obtain proposals and negotiate a new three year agreement with the carriers and this would have been a market year for Brecksville. This February it was determined to be in the City's best interest to obtain renewals from the current carriers for an additional year since the City had recently obtained the Central School building and property. Purchasing Director Riser said the, still unknown, future plans for the Central School and Stadium Drive property would have been a key element in the policies. Purchasing Director Riser said continuing with the current providers proved to be beneficial, for not only how that could have impacted the pricing, and also the health crisis. Purchasing Director Riser said, the renewal pricing is flat, with the overall annual premium increase that we are seeing being due to property additions and an increase in our cyber liability premium. The law enforcement liability coverage actually experienced a decrease this year, primarily due to minor changes in personnel, and the city's good loss history. Purchasing Director Riser said the request submitted is to accept the proposal of Wichert Insurance and Custis Insurance. Councilmember Redinger thanked Purchasing Director Riser for her work on this project.

- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Redinger, to recommend to Council accepting the proposals of Wichert Insurance and Custis Insurance Renewals for the City's Property & Liability Insurance policies that expire on May 25, 2020. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

(Committee of the Whole Meeting, continued)

Workers Compensation Administration: Council President Harwood said Finance Director Starosta has submitted a purchase order for payment to CompManagement Inc. for third party administration of the workers compensation claims in 2021. Finance Director Starosta said she prepared a memo to Council detailing the BWC Group rating options. Finance Director Starosta said the City was invited to join a workers' compensation group rating pool. Finance Director Starosta said her memo contains additional details and her recommendation is to participate in the the group rating pool in 2021 for a fee of \$2,915.00 to CompManagement for third party administration of workers compensation cases. Information was provided on the previous group retrospective fund as well. Councilmember Redinger thanked Finance Director Starosta for the information provided. Councilmember Carouse said the information provided was easy to understand. Councilmember Petsche said it looks like the group retro cost is less than the group rating cost, is group retro subject to change and group rating is a fixed number, is that correct. Finance Director Starosta said for group retro you would pay upfront, and the City would receive a rebate annually for three years, based on the activity in that group fund. Finance Director Starosta said the City was in group retro in 2015 and 2016 because of certain things that were going on at the bureau where they were switching from a retrospective to a prospective program payment and it benefited the City to do it that way.

- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Redinger, to recommend to Council passage of a motion to approve a Purchase Order to Comp Management Inc. in the amount of \$2,915.00 for the third party administration of all workers compensation claims in 2021. *Account #110150 2103.* Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Recreation Fee Refund Policy: Council President Harwood said an item that also falls under the Finance Committee is for a request for discussion and reconsideration of the refund policy for recreation fees. Council President Harwood said the Recreation Commission met last night, via teleconference. Council Representative Redinger, Recreation Director Tupa, Mayor Hruby and Human Services Director Dr. Paciorek were speaking to the Recreation Commission, on a number of items. Questions from residents were discussed in regard to programming, payments, and similar items. The Recreation Commission will make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for all of the City's recreation programs, travel programs, as well as the pool and the opening of facilities.

Councilmember Redinger said she would like to review the current refund policy which is available on the City's website. Currently there is no policy for refunds for Community Center memberships or for activities. Councilmember Redinger said credits are given to household accounts and in some cases cancellation fees were assessed if uniforms were purchased, supplies ordered or activities had begun or cancellations were requested shortly before programs started. Recreation Director Tupa and Caroline Jatsek with the Recreation Department agreed that was an accurate representation of the current policy. Councilmember Redinger said the Commission realized the unprecedented times and agreed to some changes during this time.

Councilmember Redinger said one of the first items discussed was the Community Center membership fees. The Commission determined if the Community Center is closed for a period of time, the household will receive a credit to their account for the same amount of time lost.

Councilmember Redinger said the second item discussed was crediting for programs. Some of the programs were cancelled or attendees were not excited to participate. The Recreation Commission recommends crediting household account credit for those cases as well.

The third issue discussed was for circumstances or hardships, where people needed to have a refund. The Recreation Commission recommends that residents have the opportunity to appeal to Recreation Director Tupa for hardship refunds. Recreation Director Tupa said the credits may be used for any program going forward or for membership in the future.

Mayor Hruby said if the Summer Camp was cancelled by the City, and residents have paid a deposit or paid in full, it was agreed that should be a program where refunds were granted. Any other requests for hardship would be handled on a case by case basis for refunds.

Mayor Hruby said this decision came from a discussion with a resident claiming it was illegal to keep the money that was paid for future classes. Mayor Hruby said the amount of refunds could be sizable and the Recreation Department does not have the authority to expend a large amount of money as refunds, it would come at the discretion of Council.

Mayor Hruby said after discussions with the Finance Director and Law Director it was determined to stay with the policy of no refunds. If the Commission recommends to Council and Council agrees, the policy would have three parts. The first two would provide for credits and the third part would allow for refunds for extenuating circumstances or if residents do not want to have their child in the program out of fear, or whatever the reason might be. In that case a refund might be considered, and hope that folks will accept a credit and put it in their accounts for future classes or memberships.

Mayor Hruby said an account should be established for those refunds. Mayor Hruby said Finance Director Starosta said a blanket purchase order would be needed to establish payments. Council President Harwood asked Finance Director Starosta to explain. Finance Director Starosta said the department will need to establish an account where the refunds could be paid. A motion to approve a blanket purchase order will be needed.

Council President Harwood asked if a request to prepare language for a refund policy was needed and if a motion was needed for a blanket purchase order could be done this evening or must it wait until the next Council meeting. Mayor Hruby asked that the language be authorized so the information could be provided to the residents. Law Director Matty said the motion could be done this evening. Law Director Matty said the first two items allow for credits and a motion could be made to approve consideration of a refund policy for recreation fees as set forth in number 1, 2 and 3. Finance Director Starosta said the changes are only for hardship refunds. Councilmember Redinger said the City does not allow credits or refunds for memberships, if Council accepts the credit policy for memberships, that needs to be addressed. Recreation Director Tupa said only credit is available for membership fees. Finance Director Starosta said the Mayor's report mentioned a potential of \$5,000.00 per refund. Council President Harwood asked if the amount needs to be specified in the request for a purchase requisition. Finance Director Starosta said yes. Council President Harwood asked if a separate motion should be made for the language. Law Director Matty said yes. Finance Director Starosta said after review the Mayor's report states

\$3,000.00 in refunds. Council President Harwood asked if Councilmember Redinger had any comments. Councilmember Redinger said the Recreation Commission was in favor of the three-tiered policy that was referenced. Councilmember Koepke asked if any information was known when events at the Community Center would be taking place. Councilmember Caruso asked what the typical cost of summer camp is. Carolyn Jatsek said summer camp is \$100.00 per week per child and up to 80 campers per week. Currently there are approximately 30 participants per week according to Carolyn and approximately \$23,000.00 has been collected for the summer camp. Councilmember Caruso asked if the purchase order should be higher, to offer the department greater efficiency in making those refunds. Councilmember Carouse asked who will determine those refunds. Councilmember Redinger said the Recreation Commission felt confident that Recreation Director Tupa would make those recommendations. Council President Harwood said he feels the amount should remain at \$3,000.00.

- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Redinger, to recommend to City Council for consideration language prepared for the Recreation Fee Refund Policy. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.
- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Redinger, to authorize a purchase requisition in the amount of \$3,000.00 for refunding Recreation Fees. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Administrative Code: Council President Harwood said a change has been requested to amend the Administrative Code to match the Ohio Revised Code to fiscal year from calendar year and accept the credit of 176 or 408 hours for the period of January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. Finance Director Starosta said Law Director Matty prepared legislation amending Section 145.14, which will bring the City's Administration Code up to the same regulations outlined in the Ohio Revised Code. Finance Director Starosta said there is language relative to the Police Contract. In addition to updating that, the City currently follows a calendar year when granting hours for military leave and the Ohio Revised Code has changed that benefit to a federal fiscal year basis, which begins October 1. Finance Director Starosta said she is requesting approval of an Ordinance, as described in her Memo, and a motion that would provide the hours in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code for military leave for the period of January 2020 through September 30, 2020. And thereafter October 1st through September 30th. Mayor Hruby said this will bring the City in compliance with state regulations and the City currently has one employee that will be affected by the change. Councilmember Petsche asked if, for the person on military leave, the City would pay the difference between military pay and the City wages or \$500, whichever is less. Finance Director Starosta said if an employee is deployed for less than one month, they are paid by the City, beyond that the calculation is the lesser of the two. Councilmember Petsche asked if \$500.00 was low, should it be revised. Law Director Matty said that number has the exact equation in the Ohio Revised Code. Law Director Matty said the calculation used after the first full month which would be 176 hours for a typical employee and for a Firefighter or EMT 408 hours. It is equal to what is stated specifically on the revised code. Councilmember Koepke asked if the reason for the update is to keep the City current with the Ohio Revised Code. Law Director Matty said yes, in two respects, the fiscal year versus a calendar year and the addition of the 408 hours, totaling one month time for a firefighter or EMT.

- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Koepke, to recommend to Council passage of an Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to change the calendar year reference to observe the federal fiscal year of 10/01 through 9/30 to align with the Ohio Revised Code. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Council President Harwood asked if there was a second motion needed for this item. Finance Director Starosta said Law Director Matty is requesting a motion accepting approval of the provision of 176 or 408 hours for the period of January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. Law Director Matty said, at this time the City has one employee who would have been covered on a calendar basis, will now begin a new coverage year on October 1st.

- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Petsche, to recommend to Council passage of a motion authorizing the amount of hours credited for those members called to duty in the military services from January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 and then on a federal fiscal year thereafter. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant: Council President Harwood said Human Services Director Dr. Paciorek has prepared an application for a Coronavirus Emergency Grant. Human Services Director Dr. Paciorek said \$16 million is made available to communities through the Ohio Governor's Office and the Office of Criminal Justice Services for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant. Human Services Director Dr. Paciorek said funding is made available for departments, organizations, and facilities to take measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 for items such as purchasing, environmental, and or cleaning supplies, purchasing personal protective equipment developing training and education, including training and cross training and emergency response roles, developing educational programs and materials geared towards personnel and the community on pandemic fundamentals, response strategies, and mitigation interventions. Mayor Hruby said he supports this grant application.

- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Petsche, to recommend to Council passage of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant through the Office of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$65,000. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Road Salt: Council President Harwood said Purchasing Director Riser has submitted a request to proceed with the third-year renewal of the agreement for purchasing road salt (Sodium Chloride) with Cargill Road Safety for 11/1/2020-10/31/2021. Purchasing Director Riser said the annual meeting of the Purchasing Consortium was cancelled due to the pandemic. Cargill Road Safety presented their proposal for a flat renewal on the current contract. Purchasing Director Riser said the purchasing consortium voted unanimously to accept this third year renewal offering, the price remains the same at \$63.41 per ton. The same agreement terms would apply, the City would be required to purchase 80% minimum or 6000 tons of product and a 140% maximum of the contract or no more than 10,500 tons for the contract term. Purchasing Director Riser said the City continues to have the very significant benefit in this program of the 24 to 72 hour guaranteed delivery, which compares to the seven day delivery term for those cities that don't participate in the agreement. Service Director Weidig said the City generally fills the salt barns in October and begins the winter

season with over 2000 tons of salt. Mayor Hruby thanked purchasing Director Riser and Service Director Weidig for the work they do with the consortium. Councilmember Petsche asked if the amount of salt used this past winter was less than normal. Service Director Weidig said yes, it was the second lowest year for salt usage since 2007 with 5500 tons.

- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse, to recommend to Council passage of a motion to approve the Third Year Contract Renewal with Cargill Road Safety for the Supplying of Sodium Chloride for the term of 11/1/20 – 10/31/21. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EMS Cares Grant: Council President Harwood said the city has received grant funds through the EMS CARES Act, Round 1. Fire Chief Zamiska said the City received \$9,600.00 in federal funding in response to COVID-19 for purchasing supplies for the fire department and EMS. The purchases include personal protective equipment and also supplies for keeping City vehicles disinfected. Fire Chief Zamiska said the supplies have been hard to come by and if supplies are available at a great price, he would like to have the opportunity to make those purchases. Councilmember Petsche asked how the Fire Department personnel are holding up. Fire Chief Zamiska said the members are following the recommended protocols and EMS calls are down locally and nationwide.

- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Caruso, to recommend to Council passage of a motion to approve a blanket vendor purchase requisition in the amount of \$5,000.00 encumbering a portion of the funds received through the EMS CARES Act, Round 1 for miscellaneous supply and material purchases to ensure the safe and effective response of the Brecksville Fire Department during the COVID-19 health crisis. *Accounts to Charge: \$1,000.00 to #290260 2201, \$1,000.00 to 290260 2501, \$3,000.00 to #290260 2207 Project #OP200001.* Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Cuyahoga County Preventative Maintenance Agreement: Council President Harwood said Service Director Weidig has submitted a request to adopt a Master Cooperative Agreement for Preventative Maintenance Services. Service Director Weidig said this is a new policy with the county, for the 2020 County Road Preventive Maintenance Reimbursement Program. The City has applied for and has been approved for Phase 3 of the Fitzwater Road project. The City will receive \$90,000.00 toward the Fitzwater Project, that project is \$170,000.00.

- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse, to recommend to Council passage of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Agreement for Preventive Maintenance Services with Cuyahoga County. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Conifer Acres Slope Slippage Project: Council President Harwood said the Conifer Acres Slope Slippage project is scheduled to begin this year. Engineer Wise said during routine stormwater inspections a slope slippage, immediately adjacent the Conifer Acres Storm Water Facility, which is in an easement to the City, was found. This project was scheduled for the capital plan and is in the budget this year for repair. Engineer Wise said there are two items for Council this evening. One request is for Donald G. Bohning and Associates and one for CTL Engineering for geotechnical work. Donald G. Bohning & Assoc. would do all surveying, base mapping, preliminary engineering and staking of the site. Councilmember Petsche said he spoke with

Engineer Wise and looked at the site and feels the slippage is quite extensive and the project needs to be done. Engineer Wise said this project is eligible to use District -13 Funds. Engineer Wise said CTL Engineering has provided a quote to provide geotechnical investigation services. Two options were presented with the first option being recommended by Engineer Wise. If the first soil test results are positive, less borings may be decided in the field. Councilmember Petsche said if something is not done the storm sewer may fail.

- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Petsche, to recommend to Council passage of a motion authorizing preliminary engineering and surveying for the Conifer Acres Slope Slippage and Storm Sewer Outfall Repair Project. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.
- Motion by Harwood, seconded by Petsche, to recommend to Council passage of a motion authorizing CTL Engineering for geotechnical investigative services for the Conifer Acres Slope Slippage and Storm Sewer Outfall Repair Project. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

NEORSD – Vaughn Road Conference Call Summary: Engineer Wise said there was a conference call with NEORSD. NEORSD reviewed projects they have done and plan on completing. NEORSD explained they would like to partner with the City on a project to raise Vaughn Road to reduce the number of flooding events. NEORSD feels raising Vaughn Road and lining a section of the Cuyahoga River is a project they want to move forward with, as a partner with Sagamore and Brecksville. Sagamore would be responsible for approximately \$50,000.00 and Brecksville would be responsible for approximately \$250,000.00 with NEORSD paying the balance of approximately one million dollars. Engineer Wise said NEORSD ranked this project fifth in importance on their list of projects.

Engineer Wise said the recent storm last Friday showed the flooding in the Greenhaven, Weise, and Riverview area continues. Engineer Wise said although Vaughn Road floods, the City does not have any residential properties or businesses affected by Vaughn Road flooding. Other areas that experience flooding prohibit people from accessing their properties and cause flooding in homes. Engineer Wise said the Chippewa Creek came out of its bank on Friday, and the City had about a foot of standing water. In the Winding Creek Condos, the same units continue to flood, as always, the eight units that back up to the Chippewa Creek. Mayor Hruby said he contacted the NEORSD and notified them of his appreciation for their work on Chippewa Creek. Mayor Hruby said he finds it difficult to accept a project on Vaughn Road when the City has other areas that are more of a priority because they involve the loss of property and they endanger people's health and welfare. Mayor Hruby said he would like to see the NEORSD scoring, how this project was reviewed. This project is not a threat to people, unless someone disregards the road closures drives through it, but it's not displacing people from their home. We have a slippage area on a headwall that is on the Route 82. Based on the new project that we did on Road 82, that slippage is a danger to the infrastructure. There is a danger to the, to the creek bed and the homes that are right there in that immediate area. There are other projects along Chippewa Creek that create flooding situations displacing people from their homes flooding in their yards. Putting residents at a disability where they can't get back into their homes.

Mayor Hruby asked that Council would convey the City's interests, but assure them that the City will continue to co-operate with them, will continue to work with them. However, we really would

like them to re think the priorities of these other projects. If they're going to move forward on Vaughn Rd. assure the City that, they're going to move forward on these other projects also. Request a timetable and show us that, in fact, they are doing a study.

Engineer Wise said if Council determines, this would have to be something that the Mayor and Finance Director Starosta felt was within the budget, and obviously would have to verify if it is possible. Engineer Wise said if the City spends \$250,000.00 for Vaughn Road, if that somehow, it may allow the City to lock in a project with NEORSD for the future, that includes these other areas. Engineer Wise said it maybe something that the city would want to consider.

Council President Harwood said many of the projects that have been implemented in the past few years in the City worked to reduce and eliminate flooding. Service Department employees did work over the weekend to prepare for the storm. Engineer Wise said the City did not receive reports of flooding until the Chippewa Creek came over the banks.

Councilmember Petsche asked if the Riverview, Weise, and Greenhaven area is the number one concern of the City. Engineer Wise said other people may have differing opinions, you cannot disregard the Chippewa Creek there is an area by Old Royalton Rd. that may threaten the recently completed S.R. 82 Project. Councilmember Carouse said he thought the City did a good job of letting NEORSD know where our priorities are warranted. Mayor Hruby said any areas along the Chippewa Creek where life and properties are threatened. Councilmember Koepke asked if Council is expected to vote on the Vaughn Road Project today. Council President Harwood said this report was informational at this time. Councilmember Caruso asked if Council can get a timetable for when a Riverview, Weise Rd., and Greenhaven project might be a possibility.

Engineer Wise said during our meeting they were told that there's been no contact with the National Park. If a NEPA study is needed, it is expected any project could be 3 to 5 years out.

Councilmember Caruso asked if the City has, in the past, sort of loosely tying one project to another, has that ever been done? Engineer Wise said yes, it has been done.

Mayor Hruby said what brought us to the table, was at the request of NEORSD to tell us what projects they had done. Two of the projects, as you know, are already moving forward along the Chippewa Creek. Mayor Hruby said he thought NEORSD was hoping that the City was going to be excited and happy, and we are excited and happy about the work that they're going to be doing. Mayor Hruby said when we see how NEORSD is prioritizing projects with the taxpayers money, it became obvious that we need to voice to them our opinions. Mayor Hruby said NEORSD is already in the process of reviewing these matters. And the information was sent to the engineer, so this is beginning the process.

Councilmember Koepke asked if Brecksville is waiting to find solutions at Greenhaven, Weise and Riverview areas based on the findings of the sewer district. Does the City have ideas of their own, from previous plans that weren't implemented? Council President Harwood said the City has asked for a concept plan. These projects have been brought to their attention in the past. The NEORSD has not spoken with the National Park, easements would need to be acquired and none of that could be done without a concept plan. NEORSD has not done a concept plan yet.

Miller Rd. Interchange

Engineer Wise and Mayor Hruby have been in communication with NOACA and ODOT regarding the Miller Road Interchange. The project has made it through the various NOACA Sub-

Committees and will be presented to the NOACA Board on June 12th. Engineer Wise said if the Board accepts the project and places it on the Transportation Improvement Program, the TRAC funding obtained by the City will be partially released allowing the City to initiate ODOT Stage 1 Engineering Design. Engineer Wise said he has taken the liberty to prepare a request for qualifications (RFQ) and submitted it to ODOT. Once approved the City will ask ODOT to publish the RFQ on their website and we will begin the process of selecting an engineering firm to develop the Miller Rd. Stage 1 Improvement Plans. Engineer Wise said a committee will be formed to select an engineering firm. Typically, the committee includes Engineer Wise, Mayor Hruby, and Purchasing Director Riser. The Committee will rank the applicants, select one, and then negotiate a cost.

And, hopefully, then, that money is approved, and the city can actually hire the consultant, which then, can start the project, at least the limited section of the project that has been approved through NOACA at this time. Mayor Hruby said this has been a lengthy process and we will now be moving forward.

Council President Harwood said Memorial Day and Home Days has been cancelled, Mayor Hruby will speak to those items in his Council report.

Councilmember Koepke said she would like a public statement regarding noise and speeding in response to resident concerns. Council President Harwood said Mayor Hruby has addressed some of the concerns. Mayor Hruby said this is typical in the spring and all concerns have been forwarded to Police Chief Goodrich regarding those issues.

Committee of the Whole Meeting Adjourned: Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse to adjourn the Committee of the Whole at 8:45 P.M. Ayes: Carouse, Caruso, Harwood, Koepke, Petsche, Redinger, Veras. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-Ayes, 0-Nays.

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