



**COMMITTEE WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018**

The Committee Work Session was convened on March 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pelot, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

ROLL CALL

Jack Gainer
Dennis McGlone
Dan Karant
Paul Tousley
Charlotte Whipkey
Joe Kernan
Scott Pelot

Also Present:

Mayor Mike Zita
Robert Fowler
Justin Markey
Kerry Macomber

General Topics of Discussion

Amend Appropriations Fund 127:

Mr. Markey stated that the original agreement with Barberton stated that the City of Norton would clean the Barberton trunk line. We have not yet done so, but do have that obligation outstanding. This appropriation will allow us to pay the City of Barberton to clean that line. Mr. Pelot moved to add this item with emergency language to the next Council session, Ms. Whipkey seconded.

Roll Call: Yes: Pelot, Whipkey, Kernan
 No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

AFCSME Contracts:

Mr. Tousley said that recently the Administration has come to agreement with both the Service Workers and the Office and Clerical Workers Union. There is a slight discrepancy from the handouts to what will actually happen and asked Mr. Fowler to explain. Mr. Fowler explained that in early January, there was a tentative agreement with the Service Workers, which called for a 2% in 18; a 2% in 19 and a reopener in 20. The body of Service Workers has approved that agreement so that is the agreement you have before you. Any modifications would require a change. We will be going back to them to modify their agreement as we have discussed. We have agreed to the same terms as the Clerical, but in order for us to approve the agreement we must approve it as approved by the body. There was one modification that Mr. Karant picked up this morning, which is the service contract should be January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020. That is the only change to the ordinance. Mr. Tousley confirmed that as it stands, the Clerical Workers will get a raise of 2% in 2018, 2.3% in 2019, and 2.5% in 2020. Mr. Fowler concurred. Mr. Tousley asked if the eventually, the Service Workers will match those amounts. Mr. Fowler concurred stating we just have to go through the process. Mr. Tousley mentioned that healthcare

premiums went from \$125 this year to \$160, \$170 the following and then \$180. Mr. Fowler corrected that by stating it is actually \$150 currently, but you wouldn't have seen that because the Healthcare Committee raised it to \$150. It is \$160 in 2018, \$170 in 2019 and \$180 in 2020. Mr. Tousley asked if that was the same for both contracts and Mr. Fowler stated it was. Mr. Tousley moved to add both Ord. #37-2018 and Ord. #38-2018 to the next Council Session, with corrected dates and emergency language, Mr. Karant seconded.

Roll Call: Yes: Tousley, Karant, Gainer
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Property Disposal:

Mr. Pelot stated that the City has several items that are obsolete and are listed on the Exhibits and read aloud from the lists. Mr. Pelot asked what a Ultra Sonic Weapon Cleaning machine is and Mr. Fowler had to defer to the Chief stating he does not know but will find out. Ms. Whipkey asked what a E-One Hush Cyclone is? Mr. Fowler explained it is an extra Fire Engine. Because of the grant funded fire truck, the chief said we are able to eliminate that vehicle from the fleet. Mr. Pelot asked about the process. Mr. Fowler said the fire truck will probably be advertised on Gov Deals or something like that and the others have historically been a sealed bids process, advertised on the Website, and awarded to the highest bidder. Mr. Pelot asked where will the funds will go and Mr. Fowler noted the fire truck funds will go back to the Fire Levy Fund and the others most likely will go to Service to replace the mowers, etc. Mr. Pelot moved to add Ord. #39-2018 to the next Council session with emergency language, Ms. Whipkey seconded.

Roll call: Yes: Pelot, Whipkey, Kernan
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

InSite Contract:

Mr. Pelot noted Administration is asking to enter into a contract with InSite for one more year. Mr. Fowler said we are in the process of reevaluating the organization and looking at ways to improve it. He would like the contract to be March 31, 2019 because by then we should have a clear direction of where the City is going. Mr. McGlone asked if this is the same amount as last year and asked if they were happy with the service. Mr. Fowler said it is the same amount and they are content with the service. Ms. Whipkey stated the company had indicated they were going to add a Planning Department and Mr. Fowler said they have been working with him on a Comprehensive Plan and some rezoning. They are looking to bring someone on at the graduate level although he doesn't believe they have someone as a designated planner per se. Ms. Whipkey questioned as to how they can help with Planning if they don't have the staff expertise. She also questioned the price being guaranteed from January 2018. Mr. Fowler said yes, but the contract goes into three months of next year. He was trying to do a full-year contract that will end March 31, 2019. He will get a revised contract. Ms. Whipkey asked if that meant \$170 an hour. Mr. Fowler said he was just going to pay the monthly fee of \$2,900 or just under \$9,000 for the extra three months. Ms. Whipkey said if it is supposed to be \$170/hour over the contract time, it may be cheaper to go that route. Mr. McGlone asked how often they meet. Robert said

it varies depending on which projects they are working on. For example, the Comprehensive Plan will help us regionally and if we have three communities working together it helps identify pots of funds collectively. Mr. Tousley said that Council receives updates, but they are not very regular and vague. Can they be more specific and regular? Mr. Pelot agreed that it would be helpful to get them monthly and that will keep them on point. Mr. Fowler said some items cannot be specific, but if there are items that need specification, he will be happy to address them. The Mayor indicated they did meet as recently as last week. Mr. Pelot confirmed that the date should reflect March 31 in the ordinance. Mr. Pelot moved to add Ord. #40-2018 to the next Council Session agenda, with emergency language and the date change, Ms. Whipkey seconded.

Roll call: Yes: Pelot, Whipkey, Kernan
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Rezoning PC Res #R1-2018 3296 S Cleveland-Massillon Rd):

Mr. Kernan indicted this is a rezoning for the southwest corner of Jackson and Cleveland-Massillon for a lawn care business. Mr. Kernan asked if this is a matter of keeping everything in compliance or is this a rezone. Mr. McGlone said it is a rezone because of the nature of the business needs a B3. Mr. Fowler said we have issues with our zoning map as there are parcels that have been split in half by the zoning. This has to be corrected. He will check with Mr. Braman but he believes it is going from B2 to B3. Mr. Kernan asked are they bound to put this specific business in or can they do something else. Mr. Markey said there is a list of allowable businesses and that it is more restrictive the lower you go. Mr. Pelot noted they would be able to put anything on the B3 list. Mr. Kernan asked if there was going to be any building construction. Mr. Fowler indicated there was to be some construction to occur, but he will find out. Mr. Kernan said this is an area where we have a lot of businesses and if someone wants to open a new one that is a good thing. He confirmed with the Clerk that there is a public hearing scheduled for April 9, 2018. Mr. Kernan moved to add this to the next Council Session for a first hearing, Mr. Pelot seconded. There was discussion about adding emergency language and Mr. Markey remarked that it is not allowed in order for a referendum so Section 5 will be removed.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Pelot, McGlone
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Appreciation Resolutions:

Mr. Tousley noted that under Mr. Markey's guidance, he would introduce the next two items together. One is for Mr. Prather as a representative on the Parks & Cemetery Board and the other for Mark Spisak for serving on the Planning Commission. Mr. Pelot noted the agenda showed ordinance, but it is actually a resolution. Mr. Tousley moved to add Resolution #s 42-2018 and 43-2018 to the next Council session with emergency language, Mr. Karant seconded.

Roll call: Yes: Tousley, Karant, Gainer
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Whipkey stated that since Mr. Mowery had come in and asked about declaring English as the official language in Norton is Council going to address it and if so, it would be more appropriate to be put out as a Charter amendment. Mr. Pelot said he was not planning on moving this forward, but he encouraged anyone on Council to address it if they desired. Mr. Kernan said if there is no issue, we should not make it an issue. Mr. Pelot said it had been introduced several years ago and Mr. Kernan remarked that he had vetoed it. Mr. Gainer questioned who is on Council now that was in favor of it then. Mr. Pelot responded he believed he voted against it. Mr. Gainer stated he is personally in favor of it, but if there is are not enough votes then he won't waste Council's time. Plus, Mr. Markey would have to write a detailed ordinance to satisfy any constitutional requirements. He could talk forever on why we should do this, but in order to do business with organizations that don't speak English, it would be impossible to write an ordinance that would be approved by State and Federal regulations to allow us to continue doing business. He is in favor of an English speaking only country. Ms. Whipkey said that even a citizen can do a charter amendment and that takes it out of Council hands and on to the ballot. Mr. Tousley asked Mr. Markey what that would really change. Would it change day to day business? Mr. Markey said that things probably would not change very much, but it could be more controversial than anything else.

TOPICS FOR NEXT WORK SESSION – Monday, April 2, 2018

The Clerk noted Matters Referred showed Grant for Hanes Street and Board of Tax Review. Ms. Whipkey asked about the Tax Incentive Review Committee. Mr. Markey said they are still looking for volunteers. Mr. Pelot noted that if you want to volunteer for any of these boards, contact the City Administrator.

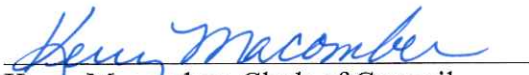
PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURN There being no other business to come before the Committee Work Session, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Scott Pelot, President of Council

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 26, 2018.



Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

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