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**COMMITTEE WORK SESSION
MARCH 1, 2010**

Committee Members Present: Todd Bergstrom
Don Nicolard
Brenda Hlas
Bill Mowery
Ken Braman
Scott Pelot
Mike Zita

Also Present: Mayor David Koontz-Excused at 7:41 PM
Rick Ryland
John Moss
Chief Schultz
Karla Richards
Ann Campbell

The Committee Work Session convened on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:03 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mike Zita, President of Council. Following a salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silent prayer.

General Topics of Discussion:

Presentation by Yolanda Walker-Summit County Solid Waste Management

Mr. Bergstrom introduced Ms. Walker for her presentation. Ms. Walker stated her agency facilitates communities to set up their recycle programs. Ms. Walker discussed grant opportunities they give to communities for their recycling programs. The purpose of the grant is to assist the communities for their costs of recycling. It can be used for salaries, equipment, hauling fees, education to the residents. Our main goal is to make sure that a structured recycling can take place. One of the optimum structures we have found for this to happen is with communities having a single contract for hauling recycling. Ms. Walker handed out a template for an Invitation to Bid to trash haulers (see attached). With this method you have all residents having the same services at better efficiencies. Ms. Walker discussed options for a “non-subscription curbside services” which is community wide you would receive 100% of the grant money available. Ms. Walker stated that Bath has an opt out contract with one hauler and the residents have the right to either take or leave it. Since the population is below 20,000 and they can prove with signed and notarized affidavits on file, stating that more than 69% of their residents do recycle so that community gets 69 cents on the dollar back to that community. Mr. Bergstrom asked about the billing for this service.

Ms. Walker stated that a few communities do their own but most of the trash haulers can do the billing for you, there are a lot of software programs out there for this. Ms. Walker stated she does not recommend getting involved in your own billing. Ms. Walker stated that Stow started out very slowly, first with an opt out; then they went into zones, then they did surveys. Ms. Walker stated her agency will do the surveys for you and they will even pay for the entire process. Ms. Walker stated Silver Lake has curbside services and they will even come to your back door for an extra fee of course. Mr. Mower asked if other communities ever mentioned the issue of damage to roadways? Ms. Walker replied yes, that Stow used that as a main factor. Mr. Mower asked what was most of the resident's complaints? Ms. Walker stated that is why she strongly suggested doing a survey because you will find that out. Mr. Mowery asked what other communities have not switched over to one hauler? Ms. Walker stated Coventry Twp., Mogadore and New Franklin. Ms. Walker suggested contacting Ms. Jan Markovich for all of the survey details and questions. Mr. Bergstrom stated he liked the idea of a survey and asked for Councils input. Ms. Hlas stated she liked the bid template provided and would like to know what the options are for the surveys and wanted to discuss that at the next Work Session.

Mayor Koontz addressed Council and the community regarding the Fire Station #1 and the problem with the roof structure. Mayor Koontz reported that a citizen had referred that existing station had been already sold. Mayor Koontz stated this is insulting to the Administration and the Fire Dept. employees, and that they just don't understand. Mayor Koontz read the following press release (see attached). Mayor Koontz, members of Council and the audience acknowledged and applauded the staff members of the Norton Fire Dept. that were present in the audience for all of their hard work in relocating the fire station under these circumstances.

Adopt Codified Ordinances Updates

Mr. Pelot stated each year we pass legislation relating to the codified updates on our ordinances throughout the year. Mr. Pelot indicated this update reflects all ordinances and resolutions adopted from December 31, 2008 to date. Mr. Zita added that this is mostly a boiler plate piece of legislation and is required. Mr. Pelot moved to add this to Councils next agenda waiving the second and third readings with emergency language, seconded by Mr. Nicolard.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Nicolard, Bergstrom, Hlas, Mowery, Braman, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Summit County Legal Defenders Contract for 2010

Mrs. Hlas stated this is an annual ordinance at the contracted price of \$160.00 per case. Mr. Moss stated this is something the city rarely uses and felt this was a pretty good price. Mrs. Hlas moved to add this to Councils next agenda, waiving the second and third readings with emergency language, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom.

Roll Call: Yeas: Hlas, Bergstrom, Nicolard, Mowery, Braman, Pelot, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Oriana House Agreement for 2010

Mrs. Hlas stated we do this on an annual basis and there is a slight increase in the cost for 2010. Mr. Moss added that we really spend very little each year for these services. Mrs. Hlas moved to add this to Councils next agenda, waiving the second and third readings with emergency language, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom.

Roll Call: Yeas: Hlas, Bergstrom, Nicolard, Mowery, Braman, Pelot, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Civil Service Rules-Testing Procedures

Mr. Pelot stated we discussed this several weeks ago and that the Civil Service Commission really had not set rules or guidelines to follow. Mr. Pelot stated his only concern was that these new rules and regulations would not impact the current employees. Mr. Pelot suggested that we have Mr. Kostoff implement something in their preamble that states this clearly. Mr. Pelot moved to add this to Councils next agenda, for three full readings, with emergency language, seconded by Mr. Braman.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Braman, Bergstrom, Nicolard, Hlas, Mowery, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Appoint Assessment Equalization Board Members

Mr. Pelot stated we have selected the three (3) disinterested residents for the Assessment Board for the Oak Street sewer project. They are Bob Adams, Jim Lada, and Moke Wronkovich. Mr. Zita noted that the public hearing for the objections is scheduled for March 17, 2010 at 6:00 PM. Mr. Pelot moved to add this to Council next agenda waiving the second and third readings with emergency language, seconded by Mr. Braman.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Braman, Bergstrom, Nicolard, Hlas, Mowery, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Increase Parking Fines-Fire Lanes/Add Section 454

Mr. Mowery turned this discussion over to Mr. Mowery for the details. Mr. Ryland indicated it needs updated and has not been done for over twenty (20) years. Mr. Ryland stated the \$5.00 fine is cheaper than any valet parking. The fire lane parking has been a real problem at the school and especially in Norton Plaza and during snowstorms. Mr.

Ryland stated the school has been cooperating with us on this issue lately. Mr. Ryland cited several occasions when the medical squads could not get close enough to the victim because of vehicles parked in the way. Mr. Mowery stated he liked the residentially friendly \$5.00 fine, and asked other members for their comments. Mrs. Hlas stated her son received a parking ticket on Shellhart and was amazed it was only \$5.00. Mr. Bergstrom stated that it costs more than the \$5.00 to write the ticket up. Mr. Pelot stated Mr. Nicolard stated that when it comes to an emergency and someone's life is at stake, our EMS crews need to be able to get there, their safety is at risk. Mrs. Hlas reminded everyone they are getting tickets for parking where they are not supposed to be parking; they are not following the law in the first place. Mr. Nicolard stated this is a public safety issue and we need to be able to get our safety forces where ever they need to go, he is all for this increase. Mr. Zita recalled an incident at his son's track meet where a coach had a heart attack on the field. The coach passed away that night due to the fact that the ambulance could not get out onto the field because people had blocked the gates. Mr. Mowery stated he wants to keep this on the agenda because he wants to do some of his own investigating and gather more information. Mr. Nicolard stated he would rather see this on the agenda next week at least for a first reading only. Mr. Mowery moved to add this to Council's next agenda, seconded by Mr. Nicolard.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mowery, Nicolard, Bergstrom, Hlas, Braman, Pelot, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Mowery moved to add the legislation for adding Section 454 to Council's next agenda with emergency language, waiving the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Nicolard. Chief Schultz stated this basically has a lot to do with color, red does not show up especially at night and the elderly have problems seeing this. Chief Schultz indicated the new striping color would be bright yellow.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mowery, Nicolard, Bergstrom, Hlas, Braman, Pelot, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Norton Health Advisory Board-Council Representative

Mr. Pelot stated we discussed this earlier and asked Mr. Kostoff to address the possibility of having Council members rotate every month. Mrs. Richards stated this was discussed and the legislation Mr. Kostoff prepared does not allow for that provision. Mr. Pelot stated that Board meets on the second Wednesdays of each month and Council discussed either appointing a member or selecting a resident. Mr. Bergstrom volunteered to serve as Council's representative for 2010. Mr. Pelot moved to place this on Council's next agenda with emergency language, waiving the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Nicolard.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Nicolard, Bergstrom, Hlas, Mowery, Braman, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Nicolard asked Mr. Ryland about the status of the zip code application. Mr. Ryland stated with all of the activity going on with the Fire Station roof collapse, and the new construction he has not had the time to address that, however he did have conversations recently with Senator Sherrod Brown's office.

New Business:

None

Public Comment-Agenda and Non Agenda Items:

None

Topics for the next Work Session:

Buy Norton products, trash hauler questionnaire

Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Committee Work Session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Mike Zita, President of Council

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