



COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MAY 17, 2010

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

Also Present: Mayor David Koontz
Rick Ryland
John Moss
Karla Richards
Ann Campbell

The Committee Work Session convened on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:00 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:

Mr. Pelot moved to remove Item #D. from the agenda because he felt this is not ready and needs to go back to the drawing board and come back to us, seconded by Mr. Nicolard.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Zita announced a presentation by Norton residents, Corey Williams and A. J. Null for their project –Norton Field of Dreams LLC (see attached). Mr. Williams encouraged the community support at another presentation they will hold this Friday, May 21, 2009 at the Norton High School Gymnasium at 7:00 PM.

Local Business Preference

Mr. Nicolard stated we discussed this last week and Mr. Kostoff has prepared the legislation offering up to a 2% discount up to \$10,000.00 for a local business. Mr. Nicolard moved to place this on Councils next, agenda.

Mr. Pelot questioned if this is just for commodities or all contracts? Mr. Kostoff replied the answer is in Section 208.062 and it's for all contracts. Mr. Pelot seconded Mr. Nicolard's motion. Mr. Moss questioned the language and redefining whom the local businesses would be and discussed getting together with Mr. Kostoff between the readings before final adoption. There was detailed discussion on what the terms could be, on waiving the local taxpayer requirement, and what Mr. Moss is permitted to verify as who is a taxpayer, etc.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Status of the 2010 Road Program

Mr. Nicolard stated he had previously asked all Council members for a listing of streets in their Wards for repairs, and did not receive anything other than what is in Mr. Ryland's memo. Mr. Nicolard stated the best solution he felt was to use all of the money we have in the fund to go after any matching funds to get grant money if available. Mr. Nicolard stated to do a road levy is a burden the residents cannot afford now. Mr. Nicolard stated that another mechanism the residents have to get their roads paved is to petition the City, thereby asking the city to make the improvement and assess the resident. Mr. Ryland asked for Councils direction on finishing the paving on Greenridge Road for approximately \$304,000.00 as Council had already approved last year by Ord. #66-2009 but not for that amount. We would like to add the 405 motor paving for Hartzel, Lowell, Long, and in addition Durham and Cynwood. Mr. Ryland indicated we are still a little short that was what was originally planned to cover all of these roads. Mr. Nicolard asked if we do assessments does the City have enough money to cover the engineering and Mr. Ryland replied yes. Mrs. Hlas stated she felt we could get more bang for our buck by doing more roads than just Greenridge. Mayor Koontz stated that if we talk about assessing the residents for roads, we should start it by phases, and we really need to try another road levy one more time first. Mr. Nicolard discussed the other option of the residents petitioning the city for their roads and assessing it on their property taxes. Mr. Kostoff explained this process is spelled out in Ohio Revised Code Section 757 and the City should get something on the books to cover this and establish their own guidelines. There was discussion on the current costs of road materials, and potential refunds due to the City from ODOT. Mr. Kostoff advised that currently the City does have the power under the Ohio Revised Code to allow that petition process. Mr. Ryland offered to pull other communities codified to see what they have on their books and report back to Council. Mrs. Hlas stated we should at least pass legislation to do Greenridge and go out for bid and we could continue to look for money elsewhere. Mr. Mowery asked Mr. Ryland to look into the idea of spot assessments. Mayor Koontz stated he would like to see bids done for hot mix and motor paving and see how they come in. Mr. Nicolard moved to place legislation to go out for bids for motor paving on the Greenridge, Hartzell, Lowell and Long, and a separate bid for hot mix on Greenridge and seconded by Mr. Pelot for a first reading with emergency language.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Replacement Notes

Mrs. Hlas stated we have several notes that need to be rolled this year and the first one is for the Cleveland Massillon Water Line project and others relate to the new fire station. Mr. Moss stated that the Cleveland Massillon Waterline needs rolled before the end of June and the fire station could be financed either long term maybe as much as thirty (30) years or we could look at the numbers and go out for short term for one (1) year. There was discussion and Mrs. Hlas felt that since Mr. Moss was not positive what direction were he take on the note for the fire station financing and we have time on this we could wait until he concurs with Bond Counsel. Mrs. Hlas moved to place only the note for the Cleveland Massillon Water Line project on Councils next agenda for a first reading only, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Criminal Nuisance Ordinance

Mr. Mowery noted there are seventeen (17) different situations related to this offence and turned this discussion over to Mr. Ryland for the details. Mr. Ryland stated the idea here is to put more teeth into this and displayed a four (4) inch thick file of reports or calls to one address for Fire/EMS/Police calls to rental units in the city over a very short three month for various types of calls. We are spending taxpayer resources and we have no way to put a halt to it without this type of legislation. This would allow us to go back to the landowner and abate our costs. If the landowner continues to violate this after warnings are issued, then they will pay for the services we continue to provide. Mr. Ryland stated in many cases most of our residents are responsible when we arrive and address this issue, but we do have an occasion when a landowner is not as responsible. Mr. Mowery moved to add this to Councils next agenda, for a first reading only, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance To Impose Fines-Overweight Trucks

Mr. Nicolard stated that we have nothing on our books now to collect fines for overweight vehicles and hopefully in the future we would generate enough revenue to buy our own scales. Mr. Nicolard stated that currently all the citations are written under State codes and that all of the money goes to the State.

Mr. Ryland added that the fines collected for some overweight vehicles could be excessive. Mr. Ryland stated that we do have two (2) officers certified in the use of portable scales, should we purchase them in the future. Mr. Nicolard moved to add this to Councils next agenda for a first reading, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Mr. Bergstrom announced that due to scheduling conflicts his Ward 1 Town Hall meeting for this Thursday, May 20, 2010 has been cancelled. Mr. Bergstrom announced that he has been informed by Congresswoman Betty Sutton that she has passed along our STAG grant application for the sewer trunk line to the Appropriations Committee and we should know something about that status before August. If we wanted to add any additional support for this we should contact the Ohio EPA for assistance. Mr. Mowery questioned if he should get with each resident along Parkway Blvd. about their wishes to close their portion of Parkway at Norton Avenue. Mr. Mowery indicated that he would like to go door to door and discus this with each and every resident and ask them if they are either in favor if this or not.

Public Comment-Agenda and Non Agenda Items:

There were no comments from the public this evening.

Topics for the next Work Session:

No new topics were mentioned.

Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Committee Work Session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Mike Zita, President of Council

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