



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2012**

Roll Call: Dennis McGlone
Charlotte Whipkey
Scott Pelot
Bill Mowery
Todd Bergstrom
Ken Braman
Don Nicolard

Also Present:
Mayor Mike Zita
Rick Ryland
Pete Kostoff
John Moss-Excused
Laura Starosta
Karla Richards
Ann Campbell

The Special Council Meeting convened on June 28, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Don Nicolard, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection. Mr. Nicolard welcomed Mr. Pelot back from his medical leave of absence, to which Mr. Pelot received a large round of applause.

INTRODUCTIONS OF PRIOR LEGISLATION:

Mr. Pelot offered Res. #41-2012 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO FUND A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF A SANITARY SEWER PROJECT TO SERVICE THE NASH HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF NORTON, AND COMMITTING TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL SHARE FOR SUCH PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Ryland stated we have had success in the past applying for OPWC, our preliminary score was 117, which is an extremely good score. Hopefully when their commission looks at this, they will approve a 50/50 funding on this project. Mr. Ryland stated Mr. Bergstrom can attest to the fact that historically the OPWC does not look very favorable when it comes to replacing septic tanks with sanitary sewer and all public work monies, particularly these issue two monies are for replacement projects. Mr. Ryland stated that many cities look at this as part of the city's infrastructure. We are contending that the septic systems are part of the city's infrastructure, we need to replace them and hopefully we can convince the commission that is the way it should be handled. Mr. Pelot asked how much is this particular grant for? Mr. Ryland stated he thought it was \$4.0 million. Mr. Bergstrom stated this is really to apply for the grant at zero percent interest. Mr. Ryland concurred adding that this is a two-part application and explained the grant is capped at like 3 million for each grant. We made an application for a grant of \$1.2 million for the east, a grant for \$2.5 million for the west. We applied for a loan for \$1.2 million for the east, and \$2.5 for the west. The \$1.2 million is for the eastern portion of Nash Heights and \$2.5 million is for the west side, which has several breakout phases for construction. Mr. Bergstrom asked about the risk of the timeline if we don't use it. Mr. Ryland stated there is a possibility if you don't use the money in a certain time, it will be returned.

INTRODUCTIONS OF PRIOR LEGISLATION CONTINUED:

Mr. Mowery asked if there is a risk to the residents if we get this grant and we do not use it for the sewer lines? Mr. Ryland replied that if we do not move forward with the project as defined on the application, the money gets returned to the OPWC. There is no risk added until you start using it. Ms. Whipkey clarified this is strictly for Nash Heights, and Mr. Ryland replied yes. We are also looking at reapplying for an OPWC grant application for Newpark Drive. Mr. Ryland stated that the plans are all done for Nash Heights, we are lacking Councils authority for funding. Mr. Ryland stated that if Council decides not to move forward with the project, then the funds would be returned. Mr. Mowery asked if Council has received a copy of these plans and if they are citywide plans? Mr. Ryland replied no, Council has not received a copy yet, and these plans are only for Nash Heights. Mr. Mowery stated it does not commit to the project and Mr. Ryland concurred. Ms. Whipkey stated it is a win-win situation, it will help residents if they don't get what they want which is to have no sewers. Ms. Whipkey stated that if sewers were inevitable this would reduce the interest to the residents, and help save them some money. Mr. Ryland stated if we receive the money, it would reduce the overall costs of the project, it does not take away the assessment process. Mr. Ryland stated that the County sets the zero interest loan and that it's not controlled by the city. Ms. Whipkey stated it was explained to her that if the City got a zero interest then their assessment would also be at a zero percent. Mr. Ryland stated he could not clarify that, the zero interest falls to the city, which would reduce the overall cost to the C, and the residents.

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Res. #41-2012, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Bergstrom, McGlone, Whipkey, Mowery, Braman, Nicolard
Nay: None

Motion passed 7-0

RES #35-2012

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS AND SITES THEREFOR, SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFOR, THE PAYMENT OF PERMANENT, PART-TIME OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ANY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED FOR SUCH PERSONNEL UNDER SECTION 145.48 OR 742.34 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC AND OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19(I) OF THE REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

INTRODUCTIONS OF PRIOR LEGISLATION CONTINUED:

Mr. Braman stated this is the Fire/EMS levy and we held three readings on this. Mr. Braman moved to adopt Res. #35-2012, seconded by Mr. Pelot. Mr. Pelot stated that three months ago he never dreamed that he would have a need to call for EMS. When you fear for your life and you need EMS to respond, there, a thought goes through your mind of what if they are not there, is there enough staff? Mr. Pelot assured the residents that you don't ever want to be in that situation, and for that reason he will support this. Mr. McGlone stated he supports this, anything relating to the safety of the citizens needs support. Mr. McGlone stated he was contacted by some of the residents and threatened that if he supports this, he should resign. Mr. Nicolard stated that our safety forces have to be number 1 in this community to provide the excellent services we have been receiving. Mayor Zita stated when he is monitoring the radios he cringes when calls come in after midnight. Mayor Zita stated that nothing is more gut wrenching to hear over the radio that we have to call out for mutual aid. Doylestown does not staff their department and if we call Smith Ambulance and they are busy, we would have to wait for Doylestown to go to their station and get their rig before responding to the call, then we are really playing with fire here. Ms Whipkey stated she would not support it because she was elected to represent the residents and she as been contacted by many of them. They all say that they voted twice and they don't want to see it again. Mr. Mowery stated that it's a tough uphill battle to make sure that service is provided to the residents. It's been voted down enough the people have been tapped out everywhere. It is up to us and the Administration to make sure there is enough money to fund it. Mr. Mowery stated that he is all torn up over this issue and can go either way on it. Against his better judgement he would be voting to put this on the ballot and he believed the residents would again vote this down. Mr. Bergstrom stated he definitely supports this, and we need our 24-hour service. Mr. Bergstrom stated that he does not believe that this is what the citizens truly want, and that he was not sure what the percentage was for those that did come out, but it was not a huge amount. Mr. Bergstrom stated he is more optimistic it will pass, but it won't pass of the people are not educated on this. Mr. Braman stated that he supports this and his family has used them in the past and it's nice to know they were there at 2:00 AM or whenever they are needed.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Pelot, McGlone, Mowery, Bergstrom, Nicolard
Nays: Whipkey

Motion passed 6-1.

Mr. Nicolard reminded everyone about the 7-2-12 Committee Meeting at the Community Center, which will be held at 7:00 PM as usual and not at 6:30 PM as previously reported. Doors will open at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the Special Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Don Nicolard, President of Council

I, Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on July 9, 2012.

Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM**

All Council & Committee Meetings will be held at the Norton Safety Administration Building, unless otherwise noted.