



COMMITTEE WORK SESSION JANUARY 20, 2015

Committee Members Present: Scott Pelot
 Dennis McGlone
 Danny Grether
 Dennis Pierson-Excused
 Paul Tousley
 Charlotte Whipkey
 Rick Rodgers-Excused

Also Present: Mayor Mike Zita
 Valerie Wax Carr
 Ron Messner
 Justin Markey
 Karla Richards
 Ann Campbell

The Committee Work Session convened on Tuesday, January, 2015 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Whipkey, Vice President of Council. Following a salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silent prayer. Ms. Whipkey reminded the public that they have the right to speak on each topic without having signed up.

General Topics of Discussion:

MOU-Sanitary Sewers With Barberton

Mr. Tousley turned this discussion over to Mrs. Carr or Mr. Markey. Mrs. Carr stated that we did a formal presentation last week and asked if there are any questions? Mr. Tousley asked about Exhibit 1 lines 35, 36, 37 for the package plants as it references the loans and he asked who are those loans are to and how are they paid? Mr. Markey stated if the MOU is approved the City of Barberton would be the entity to take out the loans, and they would also receive the matching grant funds. To pay for those loans there would have to be a dedicated revenue source. The fund to pay for the loans is within the model and it would not be separate assessments or assessed to the property owners. The revenue funds would come from the operations of the sewer systems. Mr. Tousley stated that essentially it's in Barberton lap and Mr. Markey agreed. Mr. Tousley asked about lines 50-54 and if they are all Norton's responsibility? Mr. Markey replied those loans would depend on the timing of the passage of the MOU. It would likely be a joint application for now to keep the options open, but Barberton could ultimately be the owner of those loans.

Mr. Grether discussed the future abandonment of the treatment plants and the rate being figured as to pay this down for the DOES package plants, and Mr. Markey concurred. Mr. Markey stated the people that are already on DOES for the package plant, would pay a lesser rate but not the full discount. That would help to provide the necessary revenue to abandon those package plants. Ms. Whipkey asked for better clarification on that because you already stated that the property owners would not be assessed and now we are saying that the people in some of those areas would be paying some of those costs. Mr. Markey stated there would be a difference in their sewer rates in order to provide the revenue, although he was not sure it is a one to one split. Mrs. Carr noted that we will be going after grant money too for those areas as well. Ms. Whipkey asked if everyone will be sharing those costs or does it just fall to those residents in that area? Mr. Markey stated he would need to take a closer look at this; he was not prepared to answer that now.

Request For New Liquor Permit

Mr. Grether noted this is a new liquor permit for the new Dollar General Store to sell C-1 which is beer only carryout in original container; and for C-2 beverages which is wine and mixed beverages for carryout in sealed containers. Mr. Grether noted that Mrs. Richards had notified Chief Dalessandro in regards to whether or not he requests a hearing, which we have no response from Chief Dalessandro yet. Mr. Grether noted this is up to Council if they want to take action tonight or wait for Chief D'Alessandro's response. Mr. Grether stated that otherwise Council would need to look at the C-1 and C-2 which went through the Planning Commission. Mr. Grether moved to add this to Councils next agenda for discussion under Committee of the Whole with the hope to have Chief D'Alessandro's comments by then.

Roll Call: Yeas: Grether, Whipkey, Pelot, McGlone, Tousley
Nays: None

Motion passed 5-0.

PC Res. #1-2015 Vacation of Julien Avenue

Mr. Grether noted this is to vacate a portion of Julien Avenue. Mr. Grether noted this was approved by the Planning Commission by a 4-0 vote on January 13, 2015. The applicants; James Earl & Julie Stover of 3829 Julien Avenue are asking for the City to vacate their portion of Julien Avenue. Mr. Grether noted the request is to purchase and he recalled we went through this once before and asked if that was correct? Mr. Markey stated that once the vacation is filed the property is split with the adjoining properties. Ms. Whipkey clarified that the address is actually 3829 Harper Avenue, which is the applicants residence. Mayor Zita noted the Planning Commission resolution has it listed as Julien Avenue. Mr. Pelot asked if the owners need to have the property re-surveyed? Mr. Markey stated it gets recorded at the County Records office and that may be done by the County in the future. Mr. Pelot questioned if it would land lock any property and Mr. Markey stated it would not. Mr. Grether noted this does require a public hearing and Mrs. Richards stated that would take place on February 9, 2015 at or about 7:15 in conjunction with the second reading.

Ms. Whipkey asked about the costs associated with this and Mr. Markey noted there was an application with the Planning Commission and there may be filing costs involved. Ms. Whipkey indicated she wanted to make sure these applicants are all paying the same costs. Mrs. Lorie Stover, 3829 Harper Avenue, Norton stated they have maintained this paper road for the past 37 years. Her grandfather lived on the east side and had maintained this until his health prevented this. We have owned the west side and purchased the east side this past August. We would like to combine this as one property and not worry about a road going through it, and would like to continue maintaining this. Mr. Tousley commented that he knows the Stover's and 8-9 months ago he had received a complaint about the property that they purchased and condition of the barn. Mr. Tousley stated that he felt the Stover's have done a wonderful service to these neighbors. Ms. Whipkey agreed, she lives in this area and the Stover's do take excellent care of this property and has no issues with this. Mr. Grether moved to place this on Council's next agenda, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yeas: Grether, Whipkey, Pelot, McGlone, Tousley
Nays: None

Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Grether clarified his earlier statement that the Planning Commission had approved the liquor request which is not correct. It did not go through the Planning Commission, this request came directly to City Council.

Unfinished Business:

Ms. Whipkey asked if we have any new information on Watershed presentations and Mrs. Carr noted she has spoken with Mrs. Humphrey on this and suggested they be the next community to do so. No dates have been set at this time. Ms. Whipkey asked about the information on the Brentwood Water station? Mayor Zita stated he has received the information and has not made the contact with the company in Massillon. Ms. Whipkey asked Mr. Messner about the internet sales for the city unused property? Mr. Messner noted that the auctioneer had been on site, made his initial review and determined what he thought could be sold and what is not worth selling. He had indicated that the selling time would be late January to early February, although no date was specific. Pictures have been taken for the appropriate items. There is a fee schedule based on the amount of money, on small items he has a certain dollar value, on others it's a percentage. Mr. Messner noted that the Chief notified him that there is an old grass fire truck at Station #2 that will need to be added to the listing. Ms. Whipkey asked if we need to do anything with the legislation to add it? Mr. Markey noted the legislation has not gone through and the exhibit would need to reflect the addition of that vehicle. Mr. Messner noted the other vehicles that were mentioned cannot be sold due to court orders, according to Chief Dalessandro. Ms. Whipkey asked if we have anything back on the prices for the vacuum sewers? Mr. Markey stated we have been meeting with EDG and as of now legislation is supposed to be coming next week. Mr. Markey stated we do have costs and legislation in the works that will be presented next week.

Ms. Whipkey asked how soon Council could have this information and Mrs. Carr noted there would be a report attached and if Council wants this before the packets are done on Friday, we could arrange it. Ms. Whipkey stated the sooner, the better. Mr. Markey stated that everything must be on file with the Clerk of Council before the legislation gets presented and we will get that to all of you as soon as possible. Mrs. Carr clarified that Mr. Markey's reference to costs is that these are estimated costs, and she wanted to make sure everyone understood that and they are engineering estimates. Mr. McGlone asked if this information would have a side by side comparison for both with the maintenance costs and Mr. Markey replied yes; there would be a gravity estimate and that maintenance and Mrs. Carr stated that both would be reflected. Mr. Markey stated there will be two (2) resolutions of necessity to come to Council one for the gravity and one for the vacuum sewers to you to go out and do the bids on each one. Later once all the bids come back you decide on which one to go with. Ms. Whipkey asked if we will have to pay costs twice for the bids? Mrs. Carr stated it would be discussed if we can legally advertise them together. Mr. Markey noted there would also need to be an Assessment Board to be established for either method which can be done the same night. It would be a consolidated letter sent to the same residents; explaining each methodology and the costs associated. Ms. Whipkey asked about appointing another Equalization Board and Mr. Markey stated you would have to anyway assuming you get any objections. You would have the Board meet and hear any objections for both methods. Mr. Grether stated that estimates should be pretty much a ballpark from what we have seen on past projects. We discuss estimate amount here on the public floor and those dollar amounts are out there. Mr. Grether stated he would think the estimates will be very close. Mr. Grether stated we need to see this stuff up front with the comparisons Mr. McGlone discussed in addition to what they feel any increases would be. Ms. Whipkey asked about the Heritage Homes program and Mr. Messner stated this was Mr. Rodgers had this information last year and he would be happy to send Council the five (5) page letter received last year on this.

New Business:

None

Topics for the next Work Session:

MOU Discussions Continued

Heritage Homes Program

Request for New Liquor Permit

Public Comment-Agenda and Non Agenda Items:

None

Public Updates:

MAD Meeting 1-29-15 at 6 PM at their offices on Snyder Avenue.

Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Committee Work Session, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM

Charlotte Whipkey, Vice President of Council

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