



## COMMITTEE WORK SESSION APRIL 20, 2015

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

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

The Committee Work Session convened on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Rick Rodgers, 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. Dan Karant-Summit County Public Health report, (see attached) Mr. Karant discussed the upcoming free health clinic on the second Saturdays of each month from 9:30 to 1:00 PM. Mr. Grether discussed the low vaccination rates in the City of Norton and asked if there was a connection to low income and Mr. Karant replied most likely not. Mr. Karant discussed the fear factor with the public and we need to increase our awareness with the parents through education.

### **Zoning Inspector Position**

Mr. Tousley stated the Administration was not ready for this discussion this week. Mrs. Carr stated that we are currently looking at a part time position and the duties. Mrs. Carr stated she has been reviewing all of the internal paperwork relating to the Building & Zoning and she intends to separate these positions and duties in the future. Mrs. Carr stated she met with Barberton today and the transition is going along very well. One of the big issues was separating Zoning from Building as everything in Norton states Building and Zoning. Our technical start date will be May 1, 2015. Mr. Tousley commented about how Mrs. Carr wanted to have a better direction from Council.

Mr. Tousley stated he felt this should be a complaint driven issue and we need to decide what is a valid complaint. Mr. Tousley discussed a recent issue in his neighborhood where a trash dumpster was on site for a lengthy time during a clean up of an abandoned property; anyone driving by it really would not effect, so it should be those within the neighborhood making complaints. Ms. Whipkey agreed, in the past this process was abused by past Administration and it should be complaint driven by the citizens not the City officials who picked specific citizens, not issues. Mr. McGlone also agreed that it needs to be complaint driven and documented in writing one way or another. Mr. Pierson stated he did not want the complaints to be anonymous, if you are man enough to complain you need to put your name to it. Mrs. Carr stated we currently take anonymous complaints. Mr. Markey stated some people may not complain and that can create animosity between neighbors. Mrs. Carr stated she has a situation now where both parties are filing complaints against each other. Mr. Pierson stated he has spoken with Chief Dalessandro and he informed him that these types of situations usually don't go away unless a party moves away or someone passes away. Mr. Rodgers stated we do have a role to protect the residents in case of physical harm being eminent and as a Council person, he should remove a resident from that threat. Mr. Pierson stated if there is a situation where one resident has threatened another, this should have been addressed legally a long time ago. Mr. Rodgers stated we should allow room for exceptions for safety issues. Mrs. Carr stated that since we have a zoning code now and it does not state it is complaint driven and questioned Mr. Markey if we need to change our zoning code? Mrs. Carr discussed the mindset that residents feel we should be driving around every day and enforcing the issues. Mrs. Carr stated she understood what Ms. Whipkey was saying about enforcement on one and ignoring the same situation across the street, but how do we ignore that if it is complaint driven; people get upset when we tell them it is complaint driven. Mrs. Carr noted that some cities designate by ward what is allowed and what is not as an option, it could be indicated by area as to what would apply. Mrs. Carr stated she appreciated the feedback, but it just wasn't that simple. Mr. Rodgers stated he felt our whole zoning code needs another look, and maybe we could narrow these things down. Mrs. Carr stated she believed we already done and a referendum and nothing was changed. Ms. Whipkey gave a brief history on the zoning code was entirely rewritten and failed twice to the point that it was finally done piece by piece. Ms. Whipkey stated that she agreed there are changes that need made and we do have some areas where certain restrictions should not apply; people that moved into the developments have a different desire than those that live further out. Mr. Pierson suggested defining issues by a nuisance or a zoning code violation. Mr. Markey stated there are some nuisance laws already in place. Ms. Whipkey discussed past nuisance issues that end up being a health or safety issue and at that point we have another criteria altogether. Mrs. Carr pointed out that there is sometimes a difference as to the eye of the beholder and the actual reality of the situation. Mr. Rodgers discussed the position being Civil Service and also the need for a Community Development person and he felt we could combine these two (2) positions. Planning Director and then find a part time person to fill in. Mrs. Carr stated that was her point because we need to re-write the position. Mrs. Carr stated she needs a physical person to go out in the community and see if a property is in violation of a zoning code, adding that currently, a Building/Zoning inspector is a union position.

Mrs. Carr stated her vision of a Community Development Director/planning and Zoning person is to help bring in business, how we should be planning and how to apply the laws to get there and is more sophisticated than the person fielding complaints. Mr. Rodgers asked why would we have a building/zoning person if we don't have a building department. Mrs. Carr stated the position clearly exists as a union position and due to SERB you cannot eliminate the position because that is an unfair labor practice. Mrs. Carr stated you can do a title change, but the duties are essentially the same in terms of it being an inspector position. Ms. Whipkey stated that she understands Mr. Rodgers wants to combine the two (2) positions, and that's not even a healthy idea as she could see people accusing the City of wanting their property for development and using the position to get it. Mrs. Carr stated the position of a Planning Developer is a professional person that is degreed and well versed in development, CRA's and TIFF's, etc. and then we need to have someone go out and enforce the codes we have created. Mrs. Carr stated she did not believe the person could be the one and same as they are two completely different disciplines. Mr. Rodgers asked how could we have a full time for the duties that need filled, is that really full time for a Community Development Director. Mrs. Carr stated that there is so much for this person to do as we have no planning, no investment going on, or soliciting and marketing of properties going on. Mr. Rodgers commented about the Acme plaza up the road that is sitting mostly empty, perhaps Acme should be working to fill their plaza and they should know how to fill those vacancies. Mrs. Carr stated that these issues are two totally things. Mr. Pierson agreed with Mrs. Carr, that the Planning Developer should be full time and is the selling point for the City and they need to sell the community. Mr. Pierson stated the zoning inspector needs to be a separate position and part time for now. Mrs. Carr stated last week she had six (6) complaints just in one (1) neighborhood and about ten (10) today that between them ranged from trash to a hole in roof. Mr. Rodgers asked if there is a part time person she has in mind and can this be filled readily? Mrs. Carr stated yes and she could most likely fill this position in two (2) weeks. Mr. Pierson stated that it should not be a matter of try to fix a problem; that it needed to be made clear it is a problem, this is the rule, and clean it up. Mrs. Carr stated she felt we do a great job getting out to look at the complaint, however our follow up communication is horrible and she is looking into getting door hangers for follow up so the complainant knows something is being done. Mr. Pierson asked if certified mail would be better and Mrs. Carr stated that most cities use door hangers and there are extensive costs for certified mail. Mr. Tousley asked Mr. Markey to provide better details on what is nuisance/complaint driven in an email, and Mr. Markey noted he would address this. Mr. Grether discussed the way things were done before we became a city; four wheelers were allowed, shooting guns, etc. and asked if there is a way to set things up outside the city limits, etc. Mayor Zita stated when we became incorporated all of that changed.

#### Non-Bargaining Employees

Mr. Rodgers removed from the agenda.

#### Storm Sewer Funding

Mr. Pierson discussed about a year ago we had obtained funding to address issues in Flesher for fixing the storm sewers and now we do not have funding.

Mrs. Carr explained that we had applied for funding and Council authorized the City to go out and collect the data required for the mitigation funding from FEMA. Mrs. Carr stated that FEMA felt that damage was not enough so we did not get the funding because of that and we still have issues there. We need to evaluate this, come up with a plan and she has been addressing this with Mr. White and he is coming up with a plan and she intends to have something to Council on this soon. Mrs. Carr stated some of the areas we have made band aid repairs and we need to address them properly. Mr. Rodgers discussed the mess with the curb lanes in Flesher and it's such an issue and could become a liability. Mrs. Carr stated we need to do a quick permanent fix and mark them for repair. Mr. Rodgers stated we also know there is a problem in Norton Acres where the trash trucks are crushing the curbs, and it's a real problem throughout the City with storm sewers washing out the roads. Mr. Rodgers stated he felt a memo should have gone out that this is not moving forward because he has been telling the residents that a fix is on the way and he was not aware we did not get the FEMA funding. We need to have better communication to Council as well as with the residents. There was discussion as to the other roads of Fair Oaks & Luray which are quite a mess. Mrs. Carr stated she felt this is not just a storm sewer issue, we have roads with no proper bases that are the root cause. Mrs. Carr stated if you have storm water backing up into your basement you need to check your lines and if you have a direct connection. Mr. Grether stated that he and other neighbors have been experiencing wet basements recently. Mrs. Carr has noted that she has noted for the Service Dept., to check this specific area as a watch list when we experience heavy rains to check for any possible blockages.

#### Sale of Municipal Property-Misc. Equip/Office Supplies

Ms. Whipkey discussed the past discussion where we had all unused equipment throughout the city and that we had contracted with an E-Bay seller to have these items sold at the opportune time. Somewhere along the line the communication got lost and these items have already been sold and we did get a fairly good price for all of this, unfortunately, we did not move forward with the legislation authorizing the sale. Mr. Messner stated he had misunderstood the legislation that was prepared and tabled last year, without the proper legislation being adopted. At this point the City has not received any funds and he would need to have the legislation approved before receiving the check for \$14,035.00. Mr. Messner expressed his apologies for this slipping through the cracks while he was out sick for two (2) weeks recently. Ms. Whipkey moved to place Ord. #29-2015 on Council's next agenda with emergency and waiving the readings, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Tousley complained about the lines of communication between the Administration and Council. Mr. Messner asked what is it that is confusing from the last legislation presented? Mr. Rodgers asked Mr. Messner who else was aware the items were being sold and Mr. Messner stated that Chief Schultz mentioned he had seen the Fire Dept. grass truck was running on auction.

Roll Call: Yeas: Whipkey, Rodgers, McGlone, Grether, Pierson, Tousley  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Mr. Rodgers stated on Friday we toured three (3) of Barberton's pump stations and treatment plants and also went on to Randolph. Those attending the tours were Mrs. Carr, Ms. Whipkey, Mr. Messner, Mr. Pierson, Mr. Tousley and Mr. Rodgers adding that he believed it was time well spent and he learned something again from both tours. Mr. Rodgers noted that Mr. Markey, with Mr. Dembosky's input, had prepared new spreadsheets cutting the 1400 customers down to 700 as Council had requested. Mr. Markey stated there was not a strong methodology on how the numbers were reduced in lines 18, 19 and 20 through the years and spreading it out as evenly as possibly to get to that 700 number. Mr. Grether stated it appears that this still maintains future projects, and Mr. Markey concurred. Mr. Pierson pointed out that the model was still depending on the grants for the package plants and Mr. Markey agreed. Mr. Rodgers asked why are we borrowing \$1 million for the pump station when they estimated cost is only \$700,000.00? Mr. Markey stated it could be lowered and you would not borrow it until 2022, he was just trying to show that to keep it the same. Mr. Markey stated the \$1 million figure was a theoretical figure to be used as a place holder down the line to show we could do future projects if needed or wanted. Mr. Rodgers asked why are we borrowing that \$1 million for future sewers? Mr. Markey replied it's more of a place holder and you don't borrow that money until needed. Mr. Tousley asked for clarification that there are no future mandated projects and Mr. Markey replied no. Mr. Messner inquired if the money wasn't there to show the EPA so that we could apply for funding if something came up and Mr. Markey replied that it was for everyone to show there's a possibility of borrowing additional money down the line under this model. Mr. Pierson asked if that is part of the EPA mandate for funding for future projects, he wants to see a copy of that. Mr. Markey stated the EPA wants a sustainable model and the purpose of the model is to show the entire city, the EPA that we are obligating all the money from the new customers and there is future funding from the new customers. Ms. Whipkey asked what we were obligating all of the money to and Mr. Markey stated it looks like Nash Heights. The new customers have negative debt service so all the money is being used for the Nash Heights project and then we are looking at the rest of the revenues to cover that gap. Once you get down the line, to 58, you get back to positive. Mr. Rodgers' asked if the package plants had negative debt service too and Mr. Markey replied not as long as they get the grants. Mr. Pierson stated if we don't get the grants the whole project falls apart. Mr. Messner stated that is part of the issue we have now is that others are calling and pushing on that funding as others like the City of Akron and Summit County want it if Norton doesn't get it. Mrs. Carr stated Ms. Kim Killian-Director of Issue 1 funding checks up with us each month to ask if we are still moving ahead and need this funding, which of course she keeps telling the State we do. Mr. Rodgers stated he wants to remove the thought of whether or not it's the 12<sup>th</sup> hour and we have to rush this as this is a major decision and we have to get it right regardless of timelines. Mrs. Carr stated if we change our time line there will be consequences on this action and possible funding. Mr. Rodgers asked where are we on the movement of the debt forgiveness and those discussions. Mrs. Carr stated last week there was no direction from Council on this and Mr. Rodgers disagreed stating Council wanted everyone to get together and talk on it. Mrs. Carr stated she and Mr. Markey have both contacted the EPA to request a meeting; Mrs. Carr added she had called the EPA twice and has had no response.

Mr. Rodgers stated that changing the timeline has nothing to do with the process of trying to get the forgiveness loan. Mrs. Carr asked Mr. Markey if changing the timeline caused an issue and if we were out of compliance. Mr. Markey stated we are currently out of compliance with the EPA and we are intending to discuss a revised timeline, and that they believe we will be under construction in August with both, Mr. Markey and Mrs. Carr, pointing out that Mr. Rodgers had been present at those meetings for the current timeline. Mrs. Carr stated she is looking at finding a quicker way with the 70% having the required \$35,000 income level and she is working with Summit County on getting those figures to see if we even qualify. Mrs. Carr stated that the people with CDBG have all indicated our community would not fill that income level. There was discussion that the City median income is at \$59,000.00 and therefore requires specific steps to be eligible for projects with loan forgiveness. Mr. Pierson stated he thought a door to door survey is required, and Mrs. Carr replied that she has already supplied Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Pierson with the detailed requirements. Mr. Pierson stated you had problems with the process, you had uneducated interns going door to door, and the City needs to remain uninvolved. Mrs. Carr stated that is not true, the City is allowed by law to do anything they can to inform the residents, you just cannot be privy to the income results. Mrs. Carr stated she had tried to get awareness out there and it fell upon deaf ears. Mr. Pierson stated the attorney he has talked to in Cincinnati said this is not the way that it's done. Mr. Markey stated he would like to know what attorney they are speaking to in Cincinnati. Mrs. Carr stated she can provide Council with the detailed rules once again. Mr. Pierson asked on canvassing 310 people and Mr. Markey pointed out that Mr. Pierson was to do that the last time; Mr. Pierson responded that no one contacted him and he could not do it as it was financial in nature. Mr. Rodgers stated what is important now is we need to see if we can reapply by August. Mrs. Carr stated you have to have that 70% requirement proven with the application for the end of August. Ms. Whipkey stated we need to finalize the date for sure and move forward from there. Mr. Rodgers stated we have an engineer from Mahoning County, with a high success rate with this, that has stated this is like a three (3) month process and if we intend to reapply we need to do it now. Mr. Rodgers asked for another meeting with Mr. Demboski and get this done. Mr. Markey stated that at the last meeting with Mr. Demboski present, he stated you can reapply and if you want to hire his firm to do that you would need to amend his contact. Mr. Pierson stated that we need to send out letters or something to the residents to make the residents understand what is needed regarding their finances as the last time they did not understand. Mrs. Carr stated on the original form sent out there was a block of information asking the resident if they were willing to do a third party income survey, which we did not even get that response back. Mr. Pierson stated that the residents were confused and had a huge trust factor; we need to approach this in a better and different fashion. If Council can be involved in educating the residents then that is what is we need do. Mr. Pierson stated he would be more than happy to go out on a Saturday or two talking to the people to explain the money to them. Mrs. Carr stated if this Council wants to go out and get at a third party such as NEFCO, and go get it done. Mrs. Carr stated last year EDG did approach NEFCO and they were busy, but they indicated if we could get the 70%, they would do it. Mr. Rodgers demanded to have a meeting with NEFCO and he wants to be in that meeting and get this moving forward.

Mr. Messner stated he has a concern when he put the capital budget for the costs for the project and he also indicated the various loans that are all ready to go. Mr. Messner stated for the record that his concern is if we back peddle, and if there is anything we can do to get more help, he is highly in favor of that. However, the residents will have to divulge their income levels to him if we intend to apply for CDBG funding with Mrs. Carr adding to a much larger extent than with NEFCO. Mr. Messner stated that there are expectations from various entities that have money coming to us. Because of the time tables being changed if OPWC were to come back to us and pull their funding which could be millions, just for one forgiveness loan, can be devastating. Mr. Pierson asked if the contract has a clause stating that if you don't meet certain conditions the funds would be pulled. Mr. Messner stated we don't have a loan agreement, but that may be in the working of the grant application and needs to be checked out. Mr. Rodgers noted this forgiveness loan is about \$2.5 million dollars and we need to get this right as it may not be the last sewer project in Norton and we could apply for a forgiveness loan on every project. Mrs. Carr stated as she was criticized by Council of lack of communication from her office; she is asking the same of Council for your contact names and information as well in all fairness. Mr. Rodgers stated he has spoken with Attorney Steven Haughey, an environmental attorney in Cincinnati, and would provide his contact information on the engineer in Mahoning and what he does. Mr. Pierson stated what he disagrees with is how it was initially based on the survey and the way the survey was conducted and is contrary to what he has been told by two different people. Mrs. Carr stated that it sounds like those people hired NFCO and we did it differently. Mr. Rodgers stated that in the future if NEFCO has this expertise then why go with the engineering firm? Mrs. Carr stated the experts like CDBG and Issue 1 they were all saying Norton would have a hard time qualifying and they are the experts in those numbers. Mr. Rodgers questioned the ability of anyone to make those determinations for one neighborhood and Mr. Pierson supported Mr. Rodgers request to move forward with NEFCO. Mrs. Carr agreed, but stated she still wanted to be on record that EPA needs to be informed that the timeline is being changed. Mr. Rodgers acknowledged the record, but reminded Mrs. Carr he had asked her to call the EPA last week. Mrs. Carr stated she has called Mr. Dean Stoll at the EPA twice last week and she is very concerned that they have not returned her calls. Mr. Rodgers stated he did not want people feeling we are disregarding the EPA; he would also call Mr. Stoll tomorrow and try and get this moving. Mr. Pierson stated that we need to look at the current loans, the parameters legally and if we do stand to lose, gain, increase in interest rates if we delay any further. Mr. Markey stated we also need to know how much principal forgiveness the EPA is offering each year, and that each year that amount fluctuates. Mr. Markey stated we need to all understand what we are aiming for. Ms. Whipkey discussed the 700 new tie-ins and asked where those would be coming from? Mr. Markey stated this is an assumption just like the 1400 was. Mrs. Carr indicated she has asked Mr. White for detailed data on this as well as the losses due to not having sewer in certain areas for economic development. Mrs. Carr stated that this is still a working draft and Mr. White had calculated this information. Mr. Carr stated in addition Mr. White also listed the five (5) areas the City needs to expand sewers to in his memo (see attached). Mrs. Carr pointed out that much of that listed was coming from the past 20 year plan created. Mrs. Whipkey asked for clarification on the 700 new tie ins and if they are from existing or to be constructed sewers and Mrs. Carr it could be both.

Mr. Rodgers asked where we are with sewer lines going under Cleve-Mass Road and Mrs. Carr stated she is working on this with the Railroad and GPD, etc. Mr. Rodgers stated that if this Council decides the line will or will not go under the tracks at Webber and Trotter; then that is our vote to do so. Mr. Rodgers reminded everyone that there is a lack of trust with the Administration and Council with the citizens, and that is still going on now; it is why there were four seats changed and if all seven had been up, they all would have changed as well as the Mayor. This City will not go forward with that lack of trust. Mrs. Carr stated the whole point of hiring an Engineer is so that they can give the City some options. Mrs. Carr stated if you on Council want to just sit back and tell us what to do then we will just write the checks, then fine, but that is not a way to grow this city, she has been trying to do that with a science behind it. Mrs. Carr stated that is her job as a professional Administrative Officer. Mrs. Carr stated that with Weber and Trotter you may have to go through a residential area with sewers to get to the commercial corridor; you cannot progress as a city without public utilities. Mr. Rodgers disagreed and believed we could grow with public utilities in the commercial corridors and not sewer the whole City or going with the 20 year plan as most people do not want sewers. If it came down to a vote, that is how it would turn out. Under the new guidelines, people can keep their septic in service as long as they are repaired and working; he went to the Summit County Health Department and that is what they said, he knows as he was there and no one else went there from here. Mr. Messner stated as one of the newest members of Administration, he agrees with Mr. Rodgers comments about trust. Before the residents can have trust with Council and Administration we need to have the trust with each other first. Mr. Messner stated he honestly states that he feels we are not working well together. Mr. Messner stated we have been sitting here talking about sewer since he came here last July and many nights he comes out of the meetings questioning where we are; it is no wonder why the people are confused. Mr. Rodgers stated he wants to work together and all along he has been asking for Council to be involved in every discussion, but has met opposition from Administration and some Council. Mr. Messner stated that all of this bickering and back and forth should not be done in front the public. Mr. Grether stated that for the past several meetings we have a twenty (20) minute history lesson of the past administration. Mr. Grether stated the people want to see more productive meetings and not spend so much time arguing back and forth. Mr. Grether stated he really wants to get some work done. Mr. Grether stated is it clear that Council wants to move forward on the loan forgiveness. Mr. Markey suggested a motion and vote of Council would define your direction. Mrs. Carr stated having all of your input would be beneficial. Ms. Whipkey, moved to ask NEFCO to come and provide a cost proposal and detailed information, seconded by Mr. Tousley. Mr. Rodgers stated he wants this to be done in a Finance Committee open to the public with NEFCO and for Mr. Messner to bring detailed information on the loans and grants. As soon as a date is available let us know and we will call the meeting.

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

Motion passed 6-0.



Mr. Grether noted that the next project is only in there as a place marker and is not a loan, and the dates of 2014 is only assuming that a loan is taken out in the future. Mr. Grether discussed the debt service with vacuum sewers at 700 there is a carryover line positive revenue at the end through 2040. Mr. Markey concurred, the positive revenue starts a bit later with the 700 customers than with the 1400 customers. Mr. Grether asked for clarification that the surcharge remained the same and the DOES customers and tap in fees would be paying down that debt service. Mr. Markey concurred and discussed the different sources of revenue from the income from the package plants did not change. Mr. Markey reminded everyone that in the early years you are at a negative until 2036 for gravity and 2034 for vacuum, so in time you are sustainable as you are in a negative cash flow for a few years. Ms. Whipkey stated it's only sustainable as long as you are not putting new sewer lines to reach that 700 figure. We need 700 new tie-ins to make this model sustainable, and these 700 people are going to be paying for the project we are looking at now and Mr. Markey agreed. How will that be if we don't have more future projects? Mr. Markey stated that all of the 700 customers are used to show your debt service of \$9,000.00 debt service. If you have new sewer customers that will need to be subsidized those are not build in here. Mr. Markey gave an example of there was to be another future project at \$4 million, and you want to try and help those residents out, it is not built into this model. Mr. Markey stated if the question is can you afford a new gravity or sewer for the next project, that is not in this model. If there is another project with part of the 700 in it, their monies would go into the original project and not come back into their new project. Ms. Whipkey stated what she is saying is that there would not be anything left for the next projects, and she does not call that sustainable; it's only sustainable when those in the next project gets the help as well. Mr. Rodgers asked about the carry over amounts for vacuum which is 1.6 million cheaper to build, then why is this different and not reflected? Mr. Markey stated vacuum costs are about \$1.2 million dollars cheaper and the loans are what they are, the total amount minus the assessments give you the loan amount. Mr. Markey stated they are close to the amount you would be borrowing. Mr. Rodgers discussed the ending of the rollback being about 2034 or so and asked what are those moneys then used for? Mr. Markey stated it is not in the model and can be used for other projects in the future. Mr. Rodgers asked how can we guarantee the citizens they would not be affected by this model and we aren't going to go where there are septic systems and put sewers to pay for this? Mr. Markey stated there is no guarantee with that, these are just projections; they will have to trust that neither the Administration nor Council will do that, there was never any intention to target neighborhoods. Mr. Tousley asked no matter if the 700 or 1400 is used and we sign an agreement with either of these numbers, is this a binding obligation within the MOU with Barberton? Mr. Markey stated no, adding that this model data is not a part of the MOU, only that it's a reference to a model that exists and will not be incorporated into the agreement. Mr. Grether stated the bottom line is that at year 2030 we fall short of new customers and we will need to find ways to pay for this. Mr. Rodgers stated that it seems like we the citizens are paying a lot for this model, and at the end of the day Barberton is collecting all of the revenue, it's like we are giving the store away. Mr. Markey stated this is what has been discussed in the MOU agreement since last August and if Council wants this changed we would have to renegotiate this agreement with Barberton.

Mr. Rodgers asked about cutting off the future development past 21 and Mr. Markey replied it will be finalized in the sewer agreement and the language needs to be worked on.

Mr. William Paluch, 3740 Shellhart Road, Norton, Ohio, stated that if you do not have the \$3,000 tap in fee, would it be able to sustain itself, no it would not. Mr. Paluch asked for better clarification between grant money which is free and low interest loans. Mr. Paluch stated that \$3,000.00 tap- in fee is not fair for the citizens to have to pay this.

Mrs. Pat Reese, 4052 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio, suggested if you redo that income survey you need to publicize what is expected and what it would be used for. Since there is such distrust in Nash Heights, the residents need to know what will be held private and held confidential. Mrs. Reese felt that the residents were not aware of how this would have helped them; maybe there would have been better responses. You have the Herald, the Post, the City website to spell it all out for them.

Mr. Jack Gainer, 3920 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio, agreed with Mrs. Reese on publicizing the need and what it all about, no matter that the cost. If the resident knew ahead of time about the income level threshold required, and those that have an income below that 70% we all stand to have a better chance of obtaining funding. Factual income reporting would be in the benefit of the residents and if they have no one to blame but themselves. Mr. Tousley stated an issue with any of the models is that we did not want to buy the Summit County Sewers, and now we are paying money to hand those sewers over to Barberton, which is difficult for him. Mr. Rodgers asked about the Barber Road sewer line, and questioned how were we paying for that before the roll back money came into play? Mr. Rodgers noted last week we had a first reading on the Property & Casualty Ins. And we had a BOC tonight where we had a few questions that we could not get answers to vote on. The Administration will be providing those answers for next week, and will need to waive the readings and pass next week. Mr. Grether stated the explanation got about the Norton Acres storm sewers two (2) years ago was that the storm sewers could not keep up with the heavy rains which. Mr. Tousley stated that unless there is an objection from Council he does intend to waive the 2 union contracts for Police and Fire, there were no objections.

**New Business:**

Ms. Whipkey discussed the two positions needed for the MAD. Ms. Whipkey stated that the Specific Board position requires that the candidates currently work for the City of Barberton, City of Norton, or the Health District within the MAD's area of operation and are resident electors of either Barberton or Norton. This position would be effective immediately after appointment by the DAC and officially upon being sworn in with the term ending July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. As the above "at Large" position requires City employment, I am requesting the opening be sent to all the paid Boards and Commissions for disbursement to the members. The second advertisement is a five year term for any resident elector of the City of Norton that would begin August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and end July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. As the City of Norton may actively participate and make recommendations for the opening, I am including it as well.

Mr. Rodgers discussed several calls over the past years about Oak Street and the residents are using this as a cut through and are coming through at high rates of speed. The neighbors are concerned with the children in this area and he is concerned with the widening coming up this could get worse. Mrs. Carr stated we cannot legally block this road, it is a public road. Mrs. Carr stated we can ask for more police presence in this area. If they are ticketing then this should stop it from becoming a problem. Mr. Pierson stated we need to step up the enforcement with tickets by our Police Officers.

**Topics for the next Work Session:**

Zoning Inspector Position

Sanitary sewers

**Public Comment-Agenda and Non Agenda Items:**

No one signed in to speak this evening.

**Public Updates:**

Mrs. Carr reminded everyone that this Sat. is Green Up Norton Day, and a honorary tree planting for Mrs. June Maier.

Mr. Messner reminded Council about the email from the State Auditor-pre audit meeting tomorrow at 9:30 AM.

Mr. Rodgers stated he had a resident call thanking the Service Dept. and Council for their work on patching the roads on Easton Road. Mr. Gainer also Hametown,

**Adjourn**

There being no other business to come before the Committee Work Session, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 PM.

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Rick Rodgers, President of Council

**\*NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM\***

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