COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 21, 2009

Members of Community Development Committee present: Leslie Kelly, Doug Joseph, Barth R. Cotner. Councilwoman Donna Shirey was absent.

Other members of Council present: Ron Stake, Fred Deskins, Jr., Mel Clemens, Council President William L. Hills.

Mrs. Kelly: I'll call the Community Development Committee meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Item No. 2 on the agenda is approval of agenda. Are there any questions, changes? Hearing none, they will stand approved.

Item No. 3 is approval of the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held November 2, 2009. Are there any changes, additions, deletions? Hearing none, they will also stand approved. Our next item of business, which I think is a very exciting item of business is Item No. 4 - Discussion: Agreement with Truro Township concerning operation of a Community Garden at 6305 E. Livingston Avenue. Mr. Shamblin.

Parks and Recreation Director Shamblin: Thank you, Chairwoman Kelly. What we have before you this evening is a request authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Truro Township for the city to organize and administer a Community Garden behind the Fire Department. When I started here, this has been one of my goals in the community and through the Brice and Livingston Task Force, we identified the spot and Truro Township has been very excited about this opportunity in working with us on this and we've had a lot of volunteers come forward through the Girl Scouts and Crosswoods Community Development Corporation, Sustainable Reynoldsburg. It's really been impressive the number of people who are excited about this. The High School, the Green Team so, at this time I can answer any questions.

Mrs. Kelly: Are there any questions for Mr. Shamblin? Okay, hearing none, I would like to move this forward to Council for its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Joseph. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion carries. Thank you Mr. Shamblin. I will adjourn the Community Development Meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Community Development Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2009

Members of Safety Committee present: Fred Deskins, Jr., Ron Stake, Doug Joseph, Barth R. Cotner.

Other members of Council present: Leslie Kelly, Mel Clemens, Council President William L. Hills. Councilwoman Donna Shirey was absent.

Mr. Deskins: I'll open the Safety Committee at 7:38 p.m. First thing on the agenda is the approval of agenda. Hearing no changes it will stand as written.

Item No. 3 is approval of the minutes of the Safety Committee meeting held December 7, 2009. Are there any changes to the minutes? If not, they'll stand as written.

Item No 4 - Discussion: Liquor Permit Request - New - Almonte LLC, 1922 Brice Road. Chief Suciu, do you want to talk to us about it?

Chief Suciu: Yes, Chairman Deskins. An investigation was conducted into this new permit application and we find no real reason to appeal this permit application through the Ohio Department of Liquor Control.

Mr. Deskins: Is this a new carry out, or a restaurant, or what kind of permit is it?

Chief Suciu: My understanding is, this is going to be a restaurant - restaurant/bar.

Mr. Deskins: Okay. Are there any questions for Chief Suciu? Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes, since this is in my district, and I think we have enough bars there, you know, really. We have a problem in that section of town and I hate to see us approving another bar, another to come in, you know, at that end of town.

Chief Suciu: I don't believe that's a good reason to appeal the....

Mr. Clemens: I know it's not a good reason to appeal, but I do want to make it known that, you know far be it from me, I mean, I've been known to tip a couple, but I think this is just something that I wish that we could put a hold on these type of things because it's not a good location for it. We have our problems in that end of town and things like this just add them on. I don't know, I guess there's nothing we can do. I know I've been before that board before and that kind of an argument doesn't go very far. But anyhow, I do want to express my opposition to it and that's why I spoke up.

Mr. Deskins: Thank you, Councilman Clemens. Is there anyone else that has any comments? Thank you Chief Suciu, appreciate your comments. I'll refer this back to the Clerk for her disposition of it and we won't take any action on the committee, but I do need a second to approve my motion to send it back. Seconded by Mr. Joseph. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). We'll send it back to the Clerk.

Item No. 5 - ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 55-02 PASSED JUNE 24, 2002 TO REFLECT PHASE VI OF THE SIDEWALK PROGRAM TO INCLUDE TWO SECTIONS- - -first reading 12-14-09. Basically what they're doing is separating this into two Phases, Phase I and Phase II.. Pam, do you want to say anything this evening on this?

Safety/Service Director Boratyn: No, it's pretty straightforward what we're doing. The only thing is, is we'd appreciate it when it does pass, if you would pass it on the second reading or if you do it on a third reading that you have it as an emergency at that time rather than letting it go thirty days. We expect to come back in January with a legislation to hire the consultant to procure the plans and specifications and it would be nice to already have this done before we, before you pass that.

Mr. Deskins: I was prepared to send it on to Council with recommendation for adoption tonight as an emergency if you want me to.

Mrs. Boratyn: That would be great.

Mr. Deskins: Are there any questions for Pam or anybody got any objections to what I? Okay, we, it had its first read on December the 14th so what I'll do is make a motion to send it to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Joseph. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Thank you. We'll send it forward Pam.

Mrs. Boratyn: Thank you.

Mr. Deskins: That is all we have before the Safety Committee tonight, so I'll close at 7:45 p.m.

Safety Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2009

Members of Service Committee present: Mel Clemens, Doug Joseph, Barth R. Cotner. Councilwoman Shirey was absent.

Other members of Council present: Ron Stake, Fred Deskins, Jr., Leslie Kelly, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Clemens: I'll call the Service Committee Meeting to order at 7:46 p.m.

The first item on the agenda is approval of agenda. Do I have any additions tonight or deletions to the agenda? If not, it'll stand approved.

Item No. 3 - Approval of minutes of the Service Committee Meeting held December 7, 2009. Are there any corrections or deletions to the minutes? If not they'll stand approved.

Item No. 4 - Discussion: Code Compliance- - -on 7-6-09 item held; on 7-20-09 item discussed and held; on 9-8-09 item discussed and held - - - 9-21-09 - *To be kept on agenda so committee can follow up and see results.* The items being discussed aren't complete yet, so I would like to hold this for another couple weeks. I'd like to make a motion to hold this for two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Cotner. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Thank you.

Item No 5 - ORDINANCE APPROVING SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT - (6529 E. Livingston Avenue; proposed use - eating and drinking establishment); applicant, Laura De la Torre- - -first reading 12-14-09, and I believe we have her here.

Ms. De la Torre: I'm here because I want to know if you have some question about this, approve this Special Exception. I can explain you, we have business. It's more family business. We don't want to make like a bar or something because _______or business hours is just 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. We don't want to make like our something like more bar or we don't like that thing. We had just a, we have a new space and we want to make a better space for the customers because we make food, Mexican food so we want another stages to have tables and the people can see and drink and eat with a better space because actually, they________we have is______more so that's why we ask him for the Special Exception but right now, I think they are holding the Special Exception because we have a Liquor Permit so that's why they think, maybe you think that we want to make like a bar or something different but actually we want to give a better space to our customers. I don't know__________.

Mr. Clemens: All right. That was what I was interested in because like I said before, we have enough bars in that section of town and I know your place and I've been by it and so forth. I do notice, you know, that now of course you're not open, you do have an awful lot of coverage on your, other windows of your store. What are you, how are you going to have on your restaurant part? Is that going to be open so you can see into it?

Ms. De la Torre: On the restaurant?

Mr. Clemens: I mean, are your windows going to be so you can look in? In other words, I noticed, you know, on your store part, now you have over-coverage really, which is not allowed, but I mean, you have too much coverage.

Ms. De la Torre: We can..........

Mr. Clemens: It's nice, it's for our Police to, when they circle around, to be able to look in and see how things are going on.

Ms. De la Torre: Yeah. Of course.

Mr. Clemens: You don't plan to cover up the windows with advertising___ and all that kind of stuff.

Ms. De la Torre: No. We have right now like that because it's closed, because.........

Mr. Clemens: I know it's covered now because you're working there.

Ms. De la Torre: Um-hum.

Mr. Clemens: But I meant the other seg, the other part of it.

Ms. De la Torre: We..........

Mr. Clemens: No, I have no problem with a restaurant that serves alcohol beverages in your location. It's just a...........

Ms. De la Torre: I want to say something. Like you know, right now, all the business is really bad. So we like six months waiting for this Special Exception so I want to, if you can approve this, we can work and make something better you know because the business is right now really, really difficult. So if you can see.........

Mr. Clemens: The ah.......

Ms. De la Torre: We have like three years with the Liquor Permit and we don't have any problem with that because actually, all the family works in the business so if we see somebody who want to drink more than two beers, we can't, we don't, we don't sell that beer.....

Mr. Clemens: Uh-hum.

Ms. De la Torre: Because we don't want like to have problems because all the family's in the business so we want just to give a good business, you know, and actually, in the same plaza, is another Chinese restaurant. They have liquor permit and they don't have any problem and also is Nishi's store. They sell, it's a carry out and they don't have any problem with that thing, so.

Mr. Clemens: All right. Are there any other questions of the applicant? On this, Nancy, on this, could I ask for, go for a rules suspension like for adoption like for the next meeting?

Mrs. Frazier: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: That way, it would get approved, you know, much quicker if we do it that way.

Mrs. Frazier: That's correct.

Mr. Clemens: Instead of having to come back. I see no reason, I thought about a reason, you know, for the six months situation to look at it, but really, it's not, it would be up to the administration to keep a check on it. Make sure everything's going right. I just wanted to know really what it's about because, you know, we do have our problems in that section of town and anytime we start speaking about liquor establishments, why, it makes you think a little bit, but if there's no other questions, I'd like to make a motion we send this to Council with a rules suspension and for approval. Seconded by Mr. Joseph. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed, and this will come up for approval next Monday night.

Ms. De la Torre: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Item No. 6 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SANITARY SEWER EVALUATION SURVEY (SSES) AND CAPACITY, MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (CMOM) EFFORTS REQUIRED UNDER THE OHIO EPA'S DIRECTOR'S FINAL FINDINGS AND ORDERS (DFFOs); and APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE- - -first reading 12-14-09. Do I have any questions for our City Engineer pertaining to this? This is a study that we have to do. It's quite an expensive study, but it's something that's required. If there's no questions from Council, I would like to make a motion we send this to Council for its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Joseph. . All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Thank you and that ends the Service Committee Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Service Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2009

Members of Finance Committee present: Ron Stake, Mel Clemens, Fred Deskins, Jr., Leslie Kelly.

Other members of Council present: Doug Joseph, Barth R. Cotner, Council President William L. Hills. Councilwoman Donna Shirey was absent.

Mr. Stake: I'll call to order the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:51 p.m. Next item on the agenda is the approval of the agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda by Finance Committee? I have one change. I would like to remove Item No. 1 in Other Legislation. All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes. I don't think anything's going to be done with that by the end of this year. You can take it up next year if you want to. I'd like to leave the Finance Committee with a clean slate to start with next year.

Item 3a - Approval of minutes of the Special Finance Committee meeting held December 7, 2009. Are there any changes to those minutes? None being heard, they'll stand as submitted.

Item 3b - Approval of the minutes of the Special Finance Committee Meeting held December 14, 2009. Any changes to those minutes? None being heard, they'll stand as submitted.

Item No. 4 - Discussion: Appointment to Board of Zoning and Building Appeals. It's my understanding that Council has an appointment for 2010 and Mr. Feeney who is on that Board would like to remain. Any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee? Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I think that we should open it up for a, see if anybody wanted to be appointed. See if we have anybody else that's interested.

Mr. Stake: Okay. When is the next Board of Zoning and Building Appeals meeting?

Mrs. Frazier: The third Thursday in January.

Mr. Stake: The third Thursday in January? Okay, so that would give time to open it up if that's Councilman Clemens wish to open it up.

Mr. Clemens: I don't know whether anybody will apply for it or not, but you know I think it's the best reason. That way we can, do get samples of people if we ever need any, we've got a list of them.

Mr. Hills: Let me ask if I could.

Mr. Stake: President Hills.

Mr. Hills: If I could ask, I believe these are politically structured, are they not? So we may be, I don't have a problem opening it up, but if it has to be a Democrat and you have seventeen Republicans apply and it doesn't do us much good.

Mr. Clemens: Which one is it?

Mr. Hills: The detail I'd want I guess is, Mr. Feeney, do you know his affiliation off the top of your head Nancy?

Mr. Deskins: He's a Democrat.

Mr. Hills: So he is the Democrat and he'd have to be replaced with a Democrat, probably a Democrat. It can't even be an Independent, correct? Is that correct, Ms. Frazier?

Mrs. Frazier: I think they have two Independents and two Republicans other than that so you're going to have to have a Democrat.

Mr. Hills: So it has to be a Democrat. So if we're going to open it, we have to open it to Democrats who would have to express an interest by say what, January 7th or something like that? I don't know.

Mrs. Frazier: His term's up the 14th.

Mr. Hills: They meet on the 14th? Well they can always meet short if they have to, but there's no, I'd rather see that, we're not, it will be up to you all, but I think we need to set a time frame as to how quickly that could respond so, what would we have to have it by, January 5th, 4th I mean. Would that work Mr. Stake?

Mr. Stake: Councilman Joseph?

Mr. Joseph: I was just going to point out, the third Thursday is the 21st of January, according to the calendar I've got here.

Mr. Hills: It's the 21st but we'd have a Council Meeting on the 11th and then one on the 25th so it would have to be appointed on the Council Meeting on the 11th, correct? In order to make that meeting. So, is there, by......

Mr. Stake: How do the other Finance Committee members feel? Councilman Deskins.

Mr. Deskins: I personally don't have any problem with Pat Feeney. I've known him for a long time and if he's willing to serve again, I think he's perfect.

Mr. Stake: I believe he is.

Mr. Deskins: He served as Chairman I think and he's a pretty good person I think. I've got a lot of confidence in Pat and respect him a heck of a lot but I also understand what Councilman Stake or Clemens said.

Mr. Clemens: Anyway, the point is our commission, we just keep pulling the same people over and over. I mean, maybe we could get a list. It's, I know him and it makes no problem one way or the other.

Mrs. Kelly: And I concur. I guess my question is, if we were to open it up, what would be the downside of that? Would there be an issue in taking longer to appoint somebody?

Mr. Stake: If nobody decides to put their name in and Mr. Feeney decides to withdraw, there might be, there could be an issue but who knows.

Mr. Hills: I think the issue is the timing thing. I don't know whether....

Mr. Clemens: I mean, is there more than one Democrat in the city or not, I don't know.

Mr. Hills: I think there's been quite a few more.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Somebody I thought would, you know. I mean, if it's causing a problem, I'll withdraw it. I just thought, you know...

Mr. Stake: Frankly, I have no desire either way. If it's the majority of the Finance Committee wants to hold it open, we can do that.

Mr. Deskins: I see no problem leaving it the way it is. I mean, if he's requested to serve again, I mean, that's the way I feel about it. I don't know why we, he's evidently done a good job or we'd have heard about it and why we've even brought it up...

Mr. Clemens: Maybe that's why I've asked_______

Mr. Deskins: That could be, I don't know.

Mr. Clemens: But anyhow, I'll withdraw it, so.

Mr. Deskins: That's okay.

Mr. Clemens: If it causes a problem, I'll withdraw it.

Mr. Stake: Anybody else object to sending Mr. Feeney on to Council with a motion for re-appointment to the Board of Building and Zoning Appeals. Then I'll make a motion we send it on to Council the appointment of Mr. Feeney to the Board of Building and Zoning Appeals to begin 2010. Seconded by Mr. Deskins. Any further discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes.

Item No. 5 - Discussion: Appointment to Planning Commission. It's also my understanding that Mr. Wall would like to continue to serve, is that correct, Mr. Haire, and this is a Council appointment also. Any comments, questions, concerns on that? He has agreed to serve another term. Okay, then I'll make a.......

Mr. Hills: The only question I have I guess......

Mr. Stake: President Hills.

Mr. Hills: Chairman Stake, it'd be appropriate on both if, it may be a Council appointment but if administration is pleased with the actions who run those committees, if they're pleased with the actions of the people or don't have any concerns, I mean are they endorsing the re-appointment of both Feeney and Wall?

Mr. Stake: I guess our Development Director will tell us that.

Mr. Haire: Mr. Wall's been Chairman of the Planning Commission since I've been with the city and I think he does an excellent job. We don't meet as often as they used to but my understanding is he's been a long term board member and he desires to serve again and I think we as administration desire to have him again.

Mr. Hills: And just to back up a minute, the comments towards Mr. Feeney, are they supportive of his efforts....

Mr. Haire: Yes.

Mr. Hills: And service?

Mr. Haire: Yes, very much so. Mr. Feeney's currently the Chairman of the Board. I know he, I know that he served, I think this would be his third term if he's re-appointed.

Mr. Stake: Okay, well I guess the administration's on board on both of those. Then I'll make a motion that Mr. Wall be appointed to the Planning Commission for a term to begin in 2010. Seconded by Mr. Clemens, I'm sorry, Mr. Deskins. Any further discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes.

Item No. 6 - Discussion: Amend Chapter 160 to address Health Savings Account payment when employee separates from the city. We did get a piece of legislation on our desk here tonight from the City Attorney, Mr. Hood. You want to go ahead and, I know I think this was requested from Council President.

Mr. Hills: Yeah, I'd be happy to give a little overlay of it. It came to my attention, that there was some concerns about this HSA and what happens with the employee that has, shortly after the contribution into the HSA, has decided that 'I'm not going to be here anymore' and I talked to the City Attorney about it. It seems like we ought to have some equitable way that if somebody decides on January 5th, right after they get their deposit, 'oh, by the way, I'm leaving' that we ought to be able to see if that was, in essence, your increase and now since you're not here, are you due that increase and that's where this bolded type was in and it's not to take anything from the employee that he has if he's legitimately spent those HSA dollars on medical expenses and that's fine and maybe I'll let Mr. Hood run a quick synopsis. I think what we're trying to do is say, what could we do to make this as equitable to everyone without encouraging people to say ' let me get my HSA money and leave'.

Mr. Hood: Thank you President Hills. That's correct. This is my attempt to address the concern that you brought to my attention last week. What I attempted to do was be consistent with our Education Assistance Program. It has similar language. You'll find that in Chapter 160 as well. I didn't include that in your packet but I used that as a guide and as President Hills pointed out, it is correct that if the dollars were spent on a qualified medical expense before the employee separates from the city, obviously, the city has no interest in trying to re-coup that money but in the instance that President Hills described before, this attempts to address that and I'll entertain any questions you might have.

Mr. Stake: Any questions from the Finance Committee for the City Attorney, Councilman Kelly.

Mrs. Kelly: I don't have a question. Just a statement. I'm glad that we're doing this. Not that you want, not that there's probably a running rampant of employees leaving but I think it's a really smart thing to do for the city and I commend the action.

Mr. Hood: There's not, but it's just one of those things where when we had adapted to this Health Savings Account with the high deductible health plan a few years ago, we're just in it's practice and it's a, we just find more and more things that need to be addressed, so.

Mrs. Kelly: Yeah, it's very smart.

Mr. Stake: Any other questions or comments from members of Finance or members of Council? Hearing none, then I'll make a motion that we send this on to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency so it can be done to take effect by January 1st, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Clemens. Any discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

Mr. Hood: Thank you Chairman Stake.

Mr. Stake: Item No. 7 - Discussion: Administrative reimbursement by Water and Sewer Funds to General Fund. Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris: Thank you Chairman Stake. Ordinance 22-04 which I included in the packet, is the ordinance that gives me the authority to charge the utilities for the work done by my department, administration, City Attorney and others. This was a formula that was worked out with the State a number of years ago. This amount has not changed since 22-04 although costs for payroll and other things have risen on the average 4% a year. What we're asking for is we'd be allowed to incorporate the cost of living basically into that number. It's about forty, it comes up to about $40,000 additional that would go from the utilities to the General Fund in order to offset the work done with payroll and payables and the City Attorney and Administration from the Service Director and those administrative costs.

Mr. Stake: Okay, thank you Mr. Harris. Are there any questions for the Auditor from members of the Finance Committee, members of Council? Is this an emergency?

Mr. Harris: No Sir.

Mr. Stake: No? If there are no questions, then I'll make a motion that we send this on to Council for its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

Mr. Harris: Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Next item - Discussion: Authorization of 2010 Franklin County Board of Health contract, including mosquito management services. This comes from Mrs. Boratyn.

Mrs. Boratyn: Thank you Chairman Stake, members of Council and Committee. I'm requesting that you authorize the Mayor to enter into the contract for our standard District Advisory Council contract with Franklin County General Health District. This is the same contract we always enter into every year. Typically, they give it to me on time so that I can send it down and you can have the three hearings and not be an emergency. That didn't happen this year, partly because the Board's been discussing its funding. Everybody's got some budget problems and how it was, whether it was going to increase any costs. They also and this time included the mosquito management services which I usually don't get until the Spring which I bring down for you just to approve that contract. The money is already included in the 2010 Budget to cover both of these contracts. The cost ____ change from 2009 to 2010 for our General Health Services Contract. It did go up. We were paying $.19 per capita for the mosquito program. We had been paying that for several years since we've been in this mosquito consortium. That went up $.10 more per capita so there was an increase to $10,261.65 from the $,6500 something that we were paying before but I did include that. Anticipated that they would come to some conclusion about what that cost would be. I had attended a number of meetings where they had talked about everything from not funding it at all and sending it back and letting cities do the whole programs or any range of numbers and ten cents was the lowest number that they had offered and had looked at and looked to their board and accepted, but I did include that in my budget to account for that possibility of $3,500 increase. If there are any questions, I'll be happy to try to answer them.

Mr. Stake: And these numbers are in our 2010 Appropriation Request, correct?

Mrs. Boratyn: Yes.

Mr. Stake: Are there any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee for Mrs. Boratyn? Members of Council? Would you like an emergency on this?
Mrs. Boratyn: Yes because the contract should be in place by the first of the year. Again, I apologize that it came so late.

Mr. Stake: Okay, if there are no questions or comments, I'll make a motion that we send on to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency, the authorization of 2010 Franklin County Board of Health contract, including mosquito management services. Seconded by Mrs. Kelly. Any further discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Thank you.

Mrs. Boratyn: Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Item No. 9 - Discussion: 2010 Appropriation- - -on 10-19-09 item held two weeks. On 11-2-09 item discussed and held until 11-9-09 where the Mayor's budget, and Council's budget were discussed during a special Finance Committee meeting; held until 11-16-09. Held until Special Finance Committee meeting on 11-23-09....will be further discussed in committee on 12-7-09. We've held this since October 19th; had our last meeting last Monday in regards to this. We did receive some new information tonight I believe. I do have a speaker slip regarding city tax savings and I imagine this would be the place to discuss that so I'll bring up Cornelius Mc Grady III.

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Mr. Mc Grady: Mayor, President Hills, Chairman Stake, on Tuesday, September 28th, the Franklin County Consor......, well, you should have a copy of this document I believe in your packet but on Tuesday September 29th, 2009 the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government conducted a Meet and Greet Reception for all candidates and the public at the United Methodist Church. At the gathering, a citizen noted that the city is paying medical insurance for eight part time City Council positions and if elected, would I double-dip the system and accept the insurance? I stated if elected, I would not accept the insurance and that time I did not know that declining insurance was permissible but this is an issue I would research. Panel members Burd and Long stated that they would decline the insurance as well. This would automatically bring about a savings of about $25,359.94 for the city if they hold true to their promise. The 2010 projected insurance cost for Council is $79,299 with an annual individual medical cost ranging from $1,059.72 to $12,679.92. This includes eight Council members, two full time employees and one part time employee. In keeping with my campaign promise, I found medical insurance to be at the discretion of the employee. The one part time employee declined the insurance and three current Council members appear to have a reduced insurance plan. I applaud the Council members and the city employees who have other primary coverage and are taking the time to reduce the cost to the taxpayers by reducing or declining the medical insurance. Probably by calling the remaining Council members who may have a primary care provider to assess their individual position if they have not done so, to determine the need for additional coverage to either reduce or decline the insurance paid by the city, at a maximum, this could be an additional savings to the taxpayer of $63,_99.66. Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Thank you. Any questions or comments for Mr. Mc Grady? Thank you. Back to the discussion on 2010 Appropriation. I know that we did get a memo from Mr. Harris here this evening where there would be currently a $40,000 legal bill in regards to the Southwest Licking Water lawsuit and that would be paid out of the Miscellaneous Contract Services for the utilities, correct, Mr Harris?

Mr. Harris: That's correct.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Does that raise any questions for anybody? President Hills.

Mr. Hills: I would like to note that in this packet, the 2nd page is the 2010 Budget Request which should incorporate those reflected numbers and we have a date and time on it so this page should kind of lay over that similar page and all of your other packets because it is now, is the correct numbers in the backup sheets would then comply to those numbers. Having the sheets dated, Mr. Harris certainly does help us try to keep track of these things and Chairman Stake, I would like to note, I think we also got I believe, you'd ask for a revenue summary.....

Mr. Stake: Yes.

Mr. Hills: And we did receive that in this packet.

Mr. Stake: Yes we did.

Mr. Hills: I didn't know whether that clarified anything or not.

Mr. Stake: No, it just shows me that the number on here is verified by the number on here.

Mr. Hills: I think your question had been whether....

Mr. Stake: Where all those numbers were coming from, right. Yes, it's nice to see that the numbers above add up to the bottom line there. Are there any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee in regards to the 2010 Appropriation Request or members of Council? Anybody else? Then I'll make a motion that we send this on to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes.

Item No. 10 - ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Section 192.02 "Imposition of Tax" of Chapter 192 Hotel Tax - - -second reading 12-14-09. This is an ordinance to raise the City Bed Tax or Hotel Tax from 4% to 6%. I am, as I think everybody up here is aware, I am not supportive of this. I did agree to put it on the agenda and move it to Council for a vote. I will be voting no both in Committee and I imagine there's three votes to bring it forward. If there aren't, I guess I'll vote yes at least to bring it to Council but I'm not supportive of this. Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: You want me to make the motion.

Mr. Stake: That would be great.

Mr. Clemens: Okay, I'll make a motion that we send this to Council for adoption.

Mr. Stake: Councilman Clemens moves to send it to Council for adoption. Seconded by Mr. Deskins. All those in favor say "Aye". (Mr. Clemens, Mr. Deskins and Mrs. Kelly voted "Aye") Opposed. (Mr. Stake voted "Nay"). Motion passes.

Mr. Hills: You had your opportunity to vote for a tax that you could vote against next time; that way you could vote on both sides of the coin.

Mr. Stake: That's why I'm not a politician, because I'm on one side or the other.

Item No. 11 - ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION SECTION 160.02 "AUTHORIZED POSITIONS, PERSONNEL, CLASSIFICATION AND PAY GRADE" SUBSECTION (a) "ADMINISTRATIVE"- - -second reading 12-14-09. This ordinance brings a full time position in the City Council Clerk's Office to a part time position and this ordinance authorizes that change. Do we have any comments or questions from members of the Finance Committee, members of Council. We do want this to be in effect for the first if the year, so we do need emergency on this, so I'll make a motion that we send this on to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Seconded by Mrs. Kelly. Any further discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes.

Item No. 12 - ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Subsection (a) of Section 192.02 "Imposition of Tax" of Chapter 192 Hotel Tax and adding a new Subsection (d)- - -second reading 10-26-09; held 11-2-09; held 11-16-09. *On 12-7-09 item was sent to Council for third reading with recommendation for adoption, but on 12-14-09 item was returned to committee at time of approval of agenda.* I guess there was a concern in regards to REDI, which is Reynoldsburg Development, Inc. having an agreement with the City of Reynoldsburg on how the funding would be spent so everybody knows this authorizes $25,000 annually to go to REDI which is an economic development arm that assists the city and provides the money for them to be able to do some things that need to be done. Can we, and I guess what we could do, correct me if I'm wrong, if we send this on to Council with recommendation for adoption, pending the agreement between City Council and REDI, would that be, would anybody object to that?

Mr. Hills: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Stake: President Hills.

Mr. Hills: We had the Mayor and the City Attorney ask that this be held in order to have that drafted by them and be sure the board is appropriate at REDI and the policies and procedures that they'll be following, need to be consistent with Franzmann's letter of November 19th. It's a follow-up to our discussion, reads that such legislation agreement should require that the monies contributed to the city, to the CIC, be used in furtherance of a statutory required plan between the city and the CIC. That statutory required plan to the best of my knowledge, has not been drafted yet. Mayor, has it been drafted?

Mayor McCloud: If it has, I haven't seen it.

Mr. Hills: So for us to do anything to circumvent that, I think we're moving forward before we need to. This tax that you are, aren't in favor of, is what's going to help fund that $25,000, is always going to a good point, but the letter that we then received from the Mayor was that he would like it held until the first committee meeting in February and we don't have what is documented and needed to move this forward, so why would we move a piece, I guess I'm as opposed to moving this forward as you would be to voting for the tax. Why do we go do something, contingent on something that hasn't happened, when we need to wait on that document before we do this?

Mr. Stake: Councilman Deskins.

Mr. Deskins: Councilman Stake. I agree with Bill with just what's been said with, it isn't going to hurt us to wait until February, I don't think, with what the Mayor's requested and the reasoning for it, so I agree with that.

Mr. Stake: Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes, as soon as it's drafted and so forth, I'll support and see that it comes to Council and we'll establish the $25,000. I'll support that.

Mr. Stake: Okay, well I can count. Then I will make a motion that we move this item to, I thought I was going to clean up the agenda, but I'll make a motion that we move this item to Other Legislation.

Mr. Hills: Add one and delete one.

Mr. Deskins: Almost.

Mr. Stake: Do I have a second? Seconded by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? All those in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) And that will end the Finance Committee at 8:19 p.m.

Finance Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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