

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2003

Members of Safety Committee present: Mel Clemens, Ron Stake, Lane Beougher. Councilman Jim Wade was absent.

Other members of Council present: Sarah Cannella, William Hills, President of Council Bradley L. McCloud. Councilman Eric Gilbert was absent.

Mr. Clemens: I'll call the Safety Committee meeting to order at 7:37. The first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the November 17, 2003 Safety Committee meeting. Do I hear any additions or deletions? (No response). If not, they'll stand approved. The next item is the approval of the agenda. I'd like to remove item number 6 (ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Amending Section 505.03 "Animals Running At Large" OF CHAPTER 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL) from the agenda. It's been corrected. Are there any other additions or deletions to the agenda? (No response). If not, it'll stand approved.

The next item is Discussion, Authorization for three cruisers. Mayor.

Mayor McPherson: Chief, I believe this is your legislation on the three cruisers.

Chief Miller: Yes, Mayor. Thank you. The request you have in front of you is a request that would allow us to put in an order for cruisers. There's an issue with manufacturing and, I think it's something called an outdate, an outbuild, where they're looking for an order now. And if we don't get in now, we may not be able to, they may not deliver cars for the ones that we're looking for, for next year. There's not expenditure of funds, but obviously, we are anticipating looking ahead to 2004 and being able to purchase vehicles.

Mr. Clemens: And the money will be appropriated in the next year's budget, correct?

Chief Miller: In the 2004 budget. Yes, sir.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Clemens, if I could add, certainly the Chief, I know she talked with you and she called me, certainly everyone needs to know the police department did forego three vehicles in '03. Certainly they won't be doing that two years in a row. I don't think the force, the fleet can afford to do that two years in a row. It is my understanding that often times in January or February you could try to order a vehicle and they will have what they call, already build out. They build all the Crown cruisers, and this will allow us to go ahead and get those orders. It will be after the first of the year, I think you anticipate before they come in anyway.

Chief Miller: Oh, absolutely.

Mr. Hills: Whether they're coming out of the Capital Account or the Budget Account, certainly three cruisers for '04 is not going to be a question I don't think from anyone on Council in that they

have stretched three other cruisers one extra year. So I did want to add that if I could, Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you, Mr. Hills. Are there any other questions for Chief Miller? (No response). If not, I'd like to make a motion to send this to Council for the first reading as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stake. All in favor say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you, Chief.

Chief Miller: Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: The next item is, Discussion, Solicitation by Southeast Lions Club. We have an ordinance before us for the Southeast Lions Club to pass out their newspapers and we have this on here so we can get it passed for them as an emergency. They will be doing it, they want to do the annual charity paper sale on December 6, 2003 from 8 until 6 p.m. at State Route 256 and Taylor Road. And we do have a speaker. Jack Woodworth from Southeast Lions Club.

Mr. Woodworth: Thank you. Southeast Lions Roar, we've been doing a publication. This will be our 55th year. We've put over a million dollars and \$1,600 back into 1,600 different projects. Real quick, every year we do things like support the Central Ohio Radio Reading Service, pilot dog, we buy a pilot dog every year. We do numerous things. We fund complete little league programs and things like that. Last year I would like to point out, we were at the same place that we'd like to be this year. I had called and they said I had to give them information, which I did. They said that would be fine. And I asked about this year and they said just call. The reason it's now in such a quick state is, I did not know the change or that they were enforcing the things to get permits. We have submitted I believe everything that was needed including the insurance coverage which includes Reynoldsburg and things like that. All those forms have been submitted. I brought a couple of the publications if anyone is interested. The publication basically tells where all the money went this year. And 100% of our net profits on the paper go back into the community. And we are, I believe it's a 501c3 and I've probably got those wrong, but we have that designation, and you have all that information. And I will say also, we do not allow any of our people to be out in intersections when the lights have changed. They have to be in the mediums or the things, and when lights change they walk back up and start again. We effect people when they're stopped. We do not effect people say, turning to go in, we don't effect them. We effect people while they are stopped for a light, and only then. Are there any other questions?

Mr. Clemens: Are there any questions for Mr. Woodworth from members of the committee or members of Council? (No response). If not, this is an Ordinance authorizing issuance of a permit to Southeast Lions Foundation, Inc. for its annual paper sale in the City of Reynoldsburg on Saturday, December 6, 2003 and declaring an emergency. I'll make a motion that we send it to Council for its first reading as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Beougher. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). We'll send this to Council as an emergency for a first reading.

The next item on the agenda, Ordinance enacted by the City of Reynoldsburg, Franklin County,

Ohio, hereinafter referred to as Local Public Agency (LPA), in the matter of the stated described project. This is a planning study for the Development of Transportation Operations for the State of Ohio. This had its second reading. Are there any questions? (No response). If not, I'll make a motion to send it to Council for its third reading and adoption. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Beougher. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). This will go to Council as a third reading for adoption.

The next item, Ordinance authorizing E.M.H.&T. to provide professional engineering services related to the bidding of the yet-to-be-completed work associated with Phases 4 and 5 of the Reynoldsburg sidewalk and driveway approach replacement project. Are there any questions for the Administration on this? (No response). If not, I'd like to send this to Council for the third reading for adoption. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stake. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). I'd also like to send this to Finance Committee.

That ends the Safety Committee meeting at 7:43.

Safety Committee
- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
(Transcribed - Susie Smith)
December 1, 2003

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES December 1, 2003

Members of Service Committee present: William Hills, Lane Beougher, Ron Stake. Councilman Eric Gilbert was absent.

Other members of Council present: Sarah Cannella, Mel Clemens, President of Council Bradley L.

McCloud. Councilman Jim Wade was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m.

Mr. Hills: And as Vice-Chair of Service, I'd like to call Service Committee to order and ask for approval of the November 17, 2003 committee meeting minutes. Are there any additions or deletions to those minutes? (No response). Hearing and seeing none, they will stand as submitted. Approval of tonight's agenda. Does anyone have any additions or deletions? (No response). Seeing none, we'll move forward.

Item number 4 is the Discussion, Draft Report of the Ad Hoc Residential Zoning Review Committee. I'm going to waive reading the remainder of this. Talking to Mr. Gilbert today, he had asked that we hold this until after the Planning Commission meeting who have the other two sections currently before them. Does that raise questions with anyone on Service? If not, we'll just hold item 4 until that comes back.

Item number 5 is Ordinance accepting recorded deeds of easement for Phase I of the Reynoldsburg Major Commercial Corridors Streetscape Project. Do we have the necessary document back in yet? Does anyone know if we have that?

Mayor McPherson: I have not seen it. Unless it may have gone to Mr. Underwood.

Mr. Hills: Well, we sent this up once and sent it back. I'm not really too big on sending it up and sending it back again. So unless somebody has that document, I'd recommend we just hold this for another two weeks also. Any objections to holding that for two weeks? (No response). We will hold that for another two weeks.

And I believe that will complete Service at approximately 8:38.

Service Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2003

Members of Finance Committee present: William Hills, Mel Clemens, Sarah Cannella.

Councilman Eric Gilbert was absent.

Other members of Council present: Lane Beougher, Ron Stake, President of Council Bradley L. McCloud. Councilman Jim Wade was absent.

Mr. Hills: I'll call Finance to order at 8:38. And ask for approval of the Finance Committee meetings held on November 17, '03 and the special Finance Committee meeting on November 24, '03. Does anyone have any additions or deletions to those minutes? (No response). Hearing and seeing none, they will go forward as submitted, be accepted as submitted.

Approval of tonight's agenda. I do have an item being added. Item number 3a, which is EMH&T, Ordinance authorizing EMH&T to provide professional engineering on Phase 4 and Phase 5. Any other additions or deletions to this document tonight? We will add item number 3a, and I also am going to hold item number 6 (Discussion, Promotion to Lieutenant). It will not be discussed tonight, and we will see where it is in a couple of weeks. Anyone have any problem with that? (No response). If not, I would suggest we amend the, I would make a motion to amend the agenda appropriately. Is there a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). It will be amended.

That would take us to item number 3a, which is an Ordinance authorizing E.M.H.&T. to provide professional engineering services related to the bidding of the yet-to-be-completed work associated with Phase 4 and 5 of the Reynoldsburg sidewalk and driveway approach replacement project. And Mr. Clemens, you referred this to Finance. I suspect you referred it to here for money I take it?

Mr. Clemens: That's correct. Yes. \$20,000.

Mr. Hills: \$20,000? Mrs. Reichard, can you explain what we need the \$20,000 for? Mayor, can you explain what we need the \$20,000 for? 10,400 is the number you had Mayor?

Mayor McPherson: (Inaudible).

Mrs. Frazier: You just need 10,400. You put the 14,450 back.

Mayor McPherson: Right. We're returning it and appropriating 10,400 out of a different account I'm assuming by looking at this.

Mr. Hills: From reading it, I think that's what it is. We're appropriating 10,400. Correct?

Mayor McPherson: Yes.

Mr. Hills: From the unappropriated Sidewalk Fund. And then authorizing the bids, and we're returning the \$14,450 in the Sidewalk Phase 4 account to that Sidewalk Fund. So we're returning \$14,450 from the fund, and we are taking \$10,400 from that fund into the Phase 5 project. So we're using some of the proceeds from Phase 4 to pay the engineering work in Phase 5. Okay. Does that clarify that we are, in essence we're transferring the money into the account and then appropriating it out for the work in Phase 5. Does that raise any questions? (No response). Mr. Clemens, I assume that you would like that transfer and appropriation to be made.
Mr. Clemens: That's correct.

Mr. Hills: And you did send this forward for a reading with recommendation for adoption. Is that

correct?

Mr. Clemens: Yes.

Mr. Hills: So Mr. Clemens does move that this be appropriated and sent forward for a third reading and adoption. Is there a second? Second by Mrs. Cannella. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). It will go forward with recommendation for adoption. Thank you.

Moving to item number 4, Discussion, Authorization for contract for city insurance. Mr. McPherson. Ms. Milam.

Ms. Milam: Thank you, Councilman Hills. As you know, I've been working with Councilman Stake on our property and casualty insurance. Back in October 14 of this year, we sent out proposals to 7 companies. We received proposals back from 2 of those 7 companies. The lowest proposal was from Berwanger/Overmyer which is our current carrier. The amount for that proposal for next year is \$184,001. That is an increase of 19% from last year. We have with us this evening Joe, who will be happy to speak to us from Berwanger/Overmyer and talk to all of us about the contract and any changes from last year.

Mr. Hills: Would you like to come forward please? And while he's coming forward, I would like to thank Mr. Stake who worked closely on this project to head it down the direction of where at least our goal was to open it up to a number of people to submit interests and give us bids. Obviously, we talked with 7 of which only 2 responded. All indicated they would at one time, and then sort of changed their mind. So it has been out and about. But, are there any questions for the gentleman? (No response). I don't want to be shy so let me ask you a couple. Section 2, excess liability of \$5,000,000. Is that what it was the last two years, or has that been increased?

Mr. Joe Urquhart: We increased it last year Mr. Hills, to \$5,000,000 umbrella.

Mr. Hills: We did increase it last year? And that was the second year of a two year contract?

Mr. Urquhart: I cannot recall where it was in the contract. But we did increase the umbrella \$5,000,000 last year.

Mr. Hills: Was that your recommendation or our request?

Mr. Urquhart: No. It was a change in the market place. It was what we had to do with the umbrella at the time.

Mr. Hills: Okay. And I do have, on your breakdown here, the premium summary. It's sort of a repeat of what I asked a couple of years ago. I notice we had a great decrease, which I'm always glad to see in Inland Marine.

Mr. Urquhart: Yes.

Mr. Hills: I wondered why we had so much in Inland Marine before. I didn't know how many boats we had. So I wasn't real sure what that was. Is that just a change in the market place too?

Mr. Urquhart: No. Probably what is different there is, it wasn't that drastic of rate reduction in Inland Marine. Probably what you're seeing is how we're allocating different premiums and what I think without really looking into it, it's probably because some of those premiums are up in a property premium now.

Mr. Hills: That's why property would have gone up \$10,000 because this one went down about \$8,000.

Mr. Urquhart: Exactly. And just without a guess again without looking into it, I would say it's probably we would call your DIC coverage. Flood, earthquake, and DIC. It was probably down Inland Marine last year and it's up in property this year. It's more of a property coverage.

Mr. Hills: Okay. And last question, law enforcement liability, I noticed it's up. Is that just a sign of the times?

Mr. Urquhart: Yes. The sign of the times, and this is one thing we had to do different this year is, the umbrella, we did move umbrella carriers this year. Last year we placed it through a special program for municipalities and now it's no longer available this year. So we went back. St. Paul is writing the umbrella over everything except your law enforcement. And to keep all your limits the same, you have a total of \$6,000,000 over general liability, over your public officials, over your auto, they did not want to write the umbrella over the law enforcement. The law enforcement is with Scottsdale. So what I had to do then is, increase the law enforcement liability from \$1,000,000 to \$6,000,000 so you had all the limits the same. And that's why you see such a significant increase there.

Mr. Hills: Okay.

Mr. Urquhart: Do you understand that?

Mr. Hills: Enough. You've taught me about what I need to know about insurance, other than it's a necessary evil. Any other questions from anyone on Finance or anyone on Council? Ron.

Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Hills. This is a one year contract?

Mr. Urquhart: Yes, it is.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Yes. I see that the Senior Center is excluded from the property coverage. Is that

because it's in the flood plain, or what are we just talking about there? On page one of the proposal. Right before item number 2. It says, "locations excluded 1520 Davidson Drive". And it talks about Special Flood Hazard areas and 1520 Davidson Drive.

Mr. Urquhart: Yes. Which location is that?

Mr. Beougher: That's the Senior Center.

Mr. Urquhart: It must be in a flood plain then. The only reason I hesitated is because I was going to ask you if that was the, where we had the museum.

Mr. Beougher: No. That would be on Graham.

Mr. Urquhart: That's on Graham Road. Okay. No. It must be in a flood plain. I can double check that if you like.

Mr. Beougher: On the next page it says, "Senior Center _____ 1520 Davidson Drive".

Mr. Urquhart: Mrs. Cannella's saying it is in a flood plain.

Mr. Beougher: But is that excluding it from all coverage?

Mr. Urquhart: Oh, no. Just from flood.

Mr. Beougher: Just from flood.

Mr. Urquhart: Yes.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Hills: Other questions?

Mr. Urquhart: I had one other comment, Mr. Hills. We did offer as an option, and I think it would be good just for everybody to discuss it. Terrorism coverage. We did provide as an option. I think it is good just as a Council to discuss that and make sure you understand that it is not covered right now and you can add it to your coverage.

Mr. Hills: Is it included in this material that you provided to us?

Mr. Urquhart: Yes. It is on page 7 of the proposal.

Mr. Hills: We only have 5 pages.

Mr. Urquhart: Okay. They do not have the...

Ms. Milam: I believe we had talked to Mr. Stake about the terrorism coverage.

Mr. Stake: Don't we have to have over \$5,000,000 in...

Mr. Urquhart: Yes. It has to, what we're specifically talking about, the federal government passed a Terrorism Act after September 11 and there's a specific definition to, under the definition of the Federal Terrorism, and if it meets that definition, there's no coverage under your policy. There has to be a certain amount of loss. There has to be at least \$5,000,000 or more. It has to be done by a foreign body, or a foreign country, or a foreign person trying to coerce the federal government, da, da, da, da, da. There's a definition for it. If it meets that criteria, you have no coverage for it. And if you want that coverage, there's an additional cost and you just add the coverage, and now you have the terrorism coverage. The one specifically, just so you all, I think just, one, no it's not covered. Two, you can add it. Particularly on your law enforcement, you may want to consider it under law enforcement, property, that type of thing.

Mr. Hills: There has to be over \$5,000,000 damage?

Mr. Stake: In losses, I believe. What's the premium for that?

Ms. Milam: The total was going to be I believe, \$3,700 additional.

Mr. Urquhart: Here's the actual definition from the federal government. The federal government passed the Federal Terrorism Act after September 11 and it has to meet that definition to be a terrorism. So if someone just comes in here that isn't related to a foreign country and would perform an act of terrorism in this building, it's covered. If someone comes over from Iraq and something happens and they fly a plane into this building and there's over \$5,000,000 worth of damage, that's not covered.

Mr. Hills: I take it from this, the Mayor wasn't interested in having this coverage.

Ms. Milam: That is correct.

Mr. Hills: And I don't guess it had ever come to Council if anybody wants to take a look at this. I'll defer to anybody else to have comments. I think when I had made my statement that insurance is a necessary evil, I'm probably not the best to comment on that coverage.

Mr. Urquhart: I just want to make sure I'm doing my fiduciary duty.

Mr. Hills: If that's what it was, a fiduciary duty, I think that you are certainly circulating your fiduciary duty, and the Mayor has indicated on the 25th that he's not real interested.

Mr. Urquhart: That's fine. Any other questions on any of the coverages or how it's set up?

Mr. Hills: Is there anything else we should know that we didn't get in our packet like that one?

Mr. Urquhart: There was that and again, I just wanted to explain how we were doing the law enforcement liability and the umbrella.

Mr. Hills: Okay. I appreciate that.

Mr. Urquhart: So, that was different from last year.

Mr. Hills: Questions or comments from anyone? (No response). If not, I would recommend that we authorize the Mayor to enter into this contract for a one year period beginning January 1, '04 with Berwanger/Overmyer who has certainly, you've been our carrier for a number of years and you are successfully going to be again and we do appreciate the close association we've had. But, I would recommend we send this forward for adoption as an emergency so that we can get the contract executed on December 31. Is there a second? Second by Mrs. Cannella. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). So it will go forward with recommendation as an emergency.

Mr. Urquhart: Last comment Mr. Hills, also just on behalf of Berwanger/Overmyer and also myself, I want to say thank you for the business and it has been a long term relationship and we do value that.

Mr. Hills: Good. Thank you very much.

Moving on to item number 5, Authorization for Health Services Contract. This comes from the Mayor. Is Sharon going to address this? Is somebody going to address this? I hadn't seen this. I didn't know it was going to be here until I saw it in the packet. But it's something we have to do because it goes into effect January 1 of '04. I would note peoples attention to page 3, section 5 that the amounts of this are not to exceed \$153,435.16. But Franklin County protects themselves real well because they take this out of our real estate tax settlement before they give it to us. So they sort of get prepaid for this. It's something that we have to enter into, a contract, but yet they take our money before we get it. So we're paying for this service. Mayor, is there anything you wanted to add on this contract?

Mayor McPherson: We did highlight the differences. 704, Vicious and Dangerous Animals, it was repealed 3-11-03, 708, Plan Review Regulations Food Service was covered under the Ohio Administrative Code, so they took that out. And Section 3, they provide a report monthly now. And the only other thing was the amount on Section 5.

Mr. Hills: It used to be monthly and now it's a quarterly report. Right? In Section 3.

Mayor McPherson: That's correct.

Mr. Hills: Okay. And Section 5 is they take their money up front.

Mayor McPherson: Yes.

Mr. Hills: Okay. Any questions or comments from anybody on Finance? (No response). If not, I'd request we have an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with the District Advisory Council and Franklin County General Health District for services from January 1, '04 to December 31, '04. Is there a second? Second by Mrs. Cannella. Send it with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Mrs. Cannella, would you still second that?

Mrs. Cannella: I will second that.

Mr. Hills: She does second that. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). It will go forward with recommendation for adoption as an emergency.

Moving on to item number 7, Discussion, 2004 Appropriation. I do appreciate, I got my packet Saturday afternoon sometime, and a number of responses to my questions were in there and I think some to also other people who had provided questions. Some of the answers certainly raise other questions that I think we will need to talk about at some time. I think we at best, still have a document in process. Some of the responses indicate there needs to be some changes made in the numbers. And also other responses where I don't have responses from all departments, certainly there's some that would seem to be some indications of changes and new hires and/or some wages. Which we all will have to sit down and talk about and work through. I don't know if anybody else has had a chance to read through all of those responses, but certainly we'll open it to any questions now that anyone may have if anybody would like to get into the discussions. Because I think what we have here, and Mayor, I guess correct me if I'm wrong, or Mr. Whitney, but we have a reasonably tight budget as it is dated on, whatever our last date was, 11-24 or, we had our revised sheets out. 11-17-03?

Mayor McPherson: 11-17 was the last cover sheet that reflected the changes within the document itself.

Mr. Hills: Right. And at that time, what we're looking at in '04 is revenues based on that projection where roughly I think the number's down to about 160,000 now, more than expenditures. And in response to the questions, it would certainly appear that there are a number of other expenditures that need to be considered in this budget. Some of which being new hires, and some of those new hires were not included in the list that I got. But I am assuming there was a reference in Parks and Rec of some new hires, but I didn't see it listed. And also it's my understanding that there needs to be some discussion on some potential police hires.

Mayor McPherson: Part of the Parks and Rec was the Streetscape and the additional people that will be required for that. But there is, we just recently found out there is a requirement for the contractor to maintain a lot of that property during the first year. So we're going to revise that. That'll be coming to you. In a request also for the police department, we're just getting the final numbers on that now. Not only that, but you'll also, we'll be getting much closer, Mr. Whitney's indicated to me that he'll be indicating how much carryover monies that will be turned back into the General Fund. And I believe at this point you're looking about \$600,000. Is that correct? So that'll take that 180,000 up to about \$780,000 then. So, we have monies that we do not have in

here as revenue at this point.

Mr. Hills: And I guess that comes right back to our budget's still in pencil because we're going to have some expenditures in there, and there's some revenues, and certainly I think there's open discussion. I'm going to suggest to Council that I think we'll probably go into '04 on an interim budget. I want everyone to be assured, when you go in on an interim budget, pay days are still here. Howard, we may need to be working on how much money do we need for a 30 or 60 day period of time, whereas be sure that we appropriate the appropriate number of dollars to make payroll and make whatever mandatory expenses there are to be paid, vendors that need to be paid as we work our way through a finalized budget. And I realize there's a number of contractual obligations and things that we have to complete also. So rest assured, everybody is still going to be treated just the same. There won't be anything not happen other than we won't be passing a budget prior to the conclusion of '04. It certainly doesn't appear to be that way.

Mayor McPherson: Well I would say we have over a month left to work on it and I'm not sure that as you go through that, there's going to be any issues that's going to change significantly anything in the budget, if you go to the 11-17 cover sheet, you're going to be pretty, that's pretty accurate even when you go to all the different questions and things that you had that we've answered. The Auditor and I and Mike went over it. There's just minimal amounts of changes. The big issue is going to be the request for the hires, and the budget clearly can be passed without that. And then as the new hires are discussed, that would be an item that you could either appropriate the money for or not appropriate the money for in '04.

Mr. Hills: If it's a need in '04 why aren't we looking at it in the budget process? That was the whole desire of having the budget. Tell us what it is you are going to need. I've got a list of the appropriations. We have done an outstanding job in '02 and '03 of not appropriating monies from the General Fund. The breakdown on there shows how that's done, and that's why we're still in the financial condition we are in. We do have 3 ½ million dollar balance in the General Fund and I think that's a good place to be. Is it the 6 ½ million we had two years ago? No it's not but there's some justifications for those moving around.

Mayor McPherson: We moved those back in, Bill. You talk about 6 ½ million, I pointed this out in our work shop. We have a million dollars in debt that we transferred over out of General Fund that we just keep there now. We have a million and a half dollars in CIP. We have more than the 6 ½ million that we had two years ago. It's in a different place. I keep saying that. Nobody wants to hear it. The 6 ½ million that you refer to in almost every meeting Bill, is there and more, but it's in different places. If we go back and put everything back into that one line item that we put in there two years ago, it'll be over 6 ½ million dollars.

Mr. Hills: It's probably a good thing we did because we're not putting anything in there on a monthly basis and haven't been for over a year because of needing it for the operating costs in the Capital Accounts that we move the million dollars every year. I don't disagree that it's...

Mayor McPherson: Well no. We did. We put a million dollars in the Capital Account a couple of months ago from that windfall and then we've also, we have money still in there to the tune I

think, correct me if I'm wrong, but it's 2.98 million dollars or something still in Capital Improvements Budget.

Mr. Whitney: (Inaudible).

Mayor McPherson: 1.9? So you know, that money is still there. I just keep hearing that we don't have this money and that just is not so. We have it. We have it more than we had two years ago.

Mr. Hills: You read to me the same Moody's report that they watched the expense go down. They were glad to see it had turned around and they expected it to go back up. And I know your position and Howard's position is 3 ½ is fine to stay there and I think that's...

Mayor McPherson: My position of 3 is fine.

Mr. Hills: Well, we could debate those things forever.

Mayor McPherson: Absolutely.

Mr. Hills: But I guess the key thing here as we're dealing with this budget, I believe you and your staff are certainly aware of some additional expenditures that you anticipate having in '04.

Mayor McPherson: That's correct.

Mr. Hills: And you're very close to getting those number together. Why wouldn't we as a Council who is looking at this budget, have the opportunity to see those expenses you anticipate having? You need to justify them. But we have to have them before us before they can be justified.

Mayor McPherson: I have never known personnel issues to be discussed and be adopted in a matter of probably two meetings. And that's the only thing left that we're talking about is personnel issues. That's why I said you can still adopt the budget and then discuss the personnel issues in the first part of '04. If Council chooses then to hire these people, or to allow us to hire these people, the money is still there to be appropriated for those individual discussions. My only question is, why would you want to hold a whole budget up over two or three personnel?

Mr. Hills: Well, I'm not sure that it is over two or three personnel. There's six personnel that you referred to in your responses to me that does not include personnel for police hires and Parks and Recreation.

Mayor McPherson: I don't understand what you are saying. Six people?

Mr. Hills: Six different comments about wages and new personnel. In response to my question number three, there's six different entries provided under question number three which is adding the personnel.

Mayor McPherson: I was not aware there were six. What are they?

Mr. Hills: They are wage increase, when we talk wages and increases, two of those.

Mayor McPherson: There were two individuals and I sent you the document.

Mr. Hills: A new person in the Street Department. A new person in the Street and Water Department. A Storm Water Utility new personnel on a rate increase that would indicate that one. Parks and Rec part time to full time or a new third, three quarter time. And those are the six different...

Mayor McPherson: All of those are not, the only one that's in General Fund out of that whole group is the part time Parks and Rec. The rest are out of the other funds. You know, Water, Waste Water, Street. Those are not General Fund issues.

Mr. Hills: Bob, if that's true you need to bring that forward and clarify when you're giving it to me. I worked with the data you gave me.

Mayor McPherson: Personnel in those departments have never been out of General Fund.

Mr. Hills: I worked with the data you gave me and that's where it lists out.

Mayor McPherson: I just assumed you knew that. I'm sorry. I'll break those out. I'll break those out for you.

Mr. Hills: I'm not sure whether it's known or not. I asked the question and you provided this data.

Mayor McPherson: Yeah, I'll break those out. Because the only one that's General Fund is the part time Parks and Rec. The rest of those should be Street, or Water, or Waste Water and those are out of agency funds. Is that correct, Mr. Whitney?

Mr. Whitney: That is correct.

Mr. Hills: Where are your police hires going to come from?

Mayor McPherson: The police hires, you don't have those yet. We don't have those to you as a recommendation.

Mr. Hills: No, I don't. But we're going to have those shortly?

Mayor McPherson: Those will come out of the General Fund.

Mr. Hills: I'll ask the other member of Finance, is there a desire to approve a budget that when we're talking about additional purchase of both equipment and personnel, do you want to approve that before the end of the year, or do you want to see those numbers? If they come in before the end of the year, we pass it before the end of the year.

Mrs. Cannella: That's what I was going to say, if we see them before the end of the year, why not pass it?

Mr. Hills: If we see them and approve it before the end of the year.

Mrs. Cannella: Yeah.

Mr. Hills: Yeah. But they're not here yet. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I agree. If there's additional personnel that's going to be hired or wants to be hired, I think we ought to see it. I think we should have seen it a long time ago. I don't know why we're waiting until right now to start with. But any how, I think we should have a chance to look at it. If it takes beyond the first of the year then let's hold the budget.

Mr. Hills: Okay. Any other questions from anyone on Finance? (No response). Anyone not on Finance but on Council that has any questions or comments? (No response). If not, we'll just hold this for a couple of weeks until we hear more information.

Moving on to item number 8, Ordinance authorizing Mayor to apply for an Ohio Department of Transportation State Infrastructure bank loan in the amount of \$250,000 to be used for traffic signal improvements, Route 40 and Taylor Road in conjunction with the Kroger project. It had a second reading on 11-24-03. Any additional comments from anyone on Finance? (No response). If not, I'd just recommend that we send this forward for a third reading with recommendation for adoption. Second by Mrs. Cannella. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). It will go forward for adoption. Thank you.

And we will adjourn Finance at 9:10.

Finance Committee
- -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
(Transcribed - Susie Smith)
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