

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2007

Members of Community Development Committee present: Preston Stearns, Donna Shirey, Antoinette Newman, Brett Baxter.

Other members of Council present: Doug Joseph, Mel Clemens, Ron Stake, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Stearns: I=ll call the Community Development Committee meeting to order at 7:30.

The second item on the agenda will be the approval of the agenda. Are there any corrections or deletions that anyone would like to have for the agenda tonight? (No response). If not, then we will proceed with the agenda that has been presented.

Item number 3 is approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2007 Community Development Committee meeting. Are there any corrections or deletions on that? (No response). Seeing none, then we will accept those minutes as they have been presented.

Item number 4 is AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: AMENDING SECTION 971.08 AProgram and Facility Fees and Charges@ OF CHAPTER 971 MUNICIPAL PARKS. The second reading was held on 9-24-07. Are there any comments, discussion on that at this time from the committee? (No response). Anything from Council? (No response). If there are none, then I will make a motion that we send this to Council for its third reading for adoption. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. All in favor, say aye. (All voted AAye@). Opposed? (No response). The AAyes@ have it.

And I will end the Community Development Committee at 7:32.

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SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2007

Members of Safety Committee present: Doug Joseph, Ron Stake, Antoinette Newman, Donna Shirey.

Other members of Council present: Mel Clemens, Preston Stearns, Brett Baxter, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Joseph: I=ll open the Safety Committee at 7:33.

The second item is approval of the agenda. Are there any additions, deletions, or changes to the agenda tonight? (No response). Seeing none, it=ll stand as submitted.

Item 3 is approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2007 Safety Committee meeting. Are there any changes to those minutes? (No response). Seeing none, they=ll stand approved as submitted.

Item 4 for tonight will be Reserve Officers. Listed at the request of Mr. Stake and myself. And Mr. Stake, since you asked to have this added, I=ll go ahead and let you take this item.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you, Chairman Joseph. I know this subject came up several weeks ago before this Council, and the Chief did take the time to put a memo together in regards to where we were on our Reserve Officer program. And I thought it would be appropriate to enlighten the public a little bit. Just to summarize the Chief=s memo, I think at the time, he had five Reserve Officers. I think at this time, there may be only three. Four? Lieutenant McKinley signaled me four Reserve Officers. And I know it=s, from what I could gather from the memo, it=s rather difficult attracting Reserve Officers and keeping Reserve Officers because number one, it=s fairly expensive for somebody to become a Reserve Officer. I believe it=s 2 to \$3,000 to go through the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy to become certified. And they do have to be certified to be a Reserve Officer. And then it=s 2 to \$3,000 for equipment, and the uniforms, and those kinds of things. And so that can add up pretty fast. I do believe the Chief did change a requirement, that there was in the past, a requirement for two years of college or an associates degree, and that no longer is in place. And the other thing that I=d like to point out, and I=m sure Lieutenant McKinley can enlighten us a little bit here as well, and correct me if I=m wrong, but I believe Reserve Officers work both without pay, and then sometimes they do get paid. Correct? Lieutenant McKinley go ahead and just expand on what I said, or fill in, or correct me if I was wrong.

Lieutenant McKinley: That=s correct, Mr. Stake. The Reserve Officers, in order to maintain an active status, have to do 12 hours of volunteer time per month. That=s a minimum. Once they=ve reached that number, it does put them in a category of being able to work special duty. And that=s a paid portion of their time.

Mr. Stake: Okay. So I guess, the impression I got previously when this came up was, that our Reserve Officers always work for free, or without being paid. And that=s not correct. They do, once they get their 12 hours in, they then will work special duty and they will be paid for that.

Lieutenant McKinley: That is correct.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Alright. Thank you, Lieutenant McKinley. Is there anything else you=d like to add in regards to this at all?

Lieutenant McKinley: I think one other item that I=ve seen over the years that, managing the Reserve program since I=ve been a Lieutenant, certainly is, a lot of these guys are motivated to become full time Police Officers. And while they may start by volunteering as a Reserve with our agency, we oftentimes will lose them to another full time agency as that is what they=re looking for in terms of a career. We=ve actually hired several officers that are still working for us from our Reserve pool. So sometimes that=s where they end up going.

Mr. Stake: Sure. And I can understand that. And the other thing I=d like to point out is, these other ones that are not, they may be trying to become a full time Police Officer, but they probably have full time jobs other places which makes it very difficult for them to maybe do some of the things that need to be done.

Lieutenant McKinley: That=s correct. I think all except one have full time jobs of the four that we mentioned previously that are current members of the Reserves.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you. Chairman Joseph, that=s all I had. If you=d like to open it up to any questions.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Yeah. Lieutenant, when they do, when Reserve Officers have completed their 12 hours and are being paid, what is the going rate for that?

Lieutenant McKinley: It=s \$30 an hour. And that=s paid by the organization or entity that=s hiring them for the job.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Are there any questions by members of the committee? (No response). Council? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you, Chairman. The questions I would have are, first off, how many do we have presently who are actively seeking to become Reserve? Do you have any applications right now?

Lieutenant McKinley: We do. As a matter of fact, we gave psychological testing to three applicants today. That=s the largest single number we=ve had in the pipeline to become Reserve Officers in quite some time.

Mr. Baxter: Well, that sounds great. Also, second question is, is this the type of position that you would see a retired officer wanting to stay engaged with the city taking on the role as a Reserve Officer after they retired?

Lieutenant McKinley: It=s certainly possible. Although, we don=t have anyone in that capacity right now.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Other questions? Comments from members of Council? (No response). Is there any type of action we need to take on this?

Mr. Stake: No. Chairman, my desire was just to make sure that people knew that the Chief did respond to us in regards to this. I thought it would be good to let the public know what we had found out.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Very good. Yes. Please step up to the mike. Your name and address for the record, please.

Mr. Sowell: My name is Bruce Sowell. I=m a long time resident of the City of Reynoldsburg. I live at 2003 Baldwin. I=m back in the city. I could give you some insight on the Reserve program having run the Reserve program, and been a part of it for a long time. First of all, when it comes to looking for Reserve Officers, you pick up the phone, you call the school Commanders, and they=ll gladly give you a list of people that will volunteer to come out here and work. Reynoldsburg has always had a good reputation as far as a good place to work. And I can tell you that 14 of the current officers that work in there now, used to work for me. There=s a few of the older guys that were Reserve Officers at one time too. I keep hearing this thing about expenses of what it costs to go to school. Yes, it does. But a lot of these people incur these expenses themselves because they want to be a part of law enforcement. When it comes to out here in Reynoldsburg, I do know a little bit about it. I know that the Reserve program out here is kind of self sufficient. It was for a long time when myself and Officer Dickson ran the department. There was a donation that was donated by a senior citizen out here who provided monies to keep things going. We also had pop machines and candy machines that also kept the division functioning. Also I noticed that a lot of the older equipment did come down to the Reserve Division. So this idea that it=s impossible to get people to work, and impossible to do this job, it=s not exactly being truthful. The Reserve Officers do know that they have to work holidays and special events and stuff like that. But if you=ve got a lot of Reserve Officers and a lot of things, you can cover these events. For a long time in the city, a lot of these events were covered by Reserve Officers. So you know, I can understand what you=re being told and what the Chief=s telling you, but it=s not exactly true. I have done that, and still do that, still volunteer, and I have been a volunteer almost 20 years. So I know what=s happening. It=s not anything new. And the citizens out here deserve the Reserve program. They do deserve it to be

manned sufficiently. That=s all I have to say.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you, Mr. Sowell. Any questions? Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: I don=t think anybody said that it was impossible. Bruce, I don=t want to debate you on this. I=m just going to make a statement. I don=t think anybody said that it was impossible to do this. I mean, the point is, that it is fairly difficult because there are people who are Reserve Officers who have full time jobs already. And many times when they do get to a position where they can go to a Police Department as a full time Police Officer, they do that. So there is a challenge. And again Bruce, I don=t want to debate you on this. But the impression that I got when it first came up was, I was real happy to see this memo. Because the impression I got when it first came up was, that you could get Reserve Officers to just go out there and work for free at these events, and that=s not correct. They=re going to be paid, most likely, at these events.

Mr. Sowell: Well, getting back to like the Fourth of July parades, and the fireworks and stuff, that was all handled by Reserve Division with no cost to the city. And it=s also cost effective by having Reserve Officers. Because now you have a pool of people that you can actually look at. And we have some sharp people that were in the Reserve Officers. That=s why we have 14 of them that used to work for me. We have current officers right now. Officer Bill Geng. Top DUI Enforcement guy in the state. Was a Reserve Officer. Tom Tharp was a Reserve Officer. A lot of them. The list goes on and on. It=s a resource that we should be using.

Mr. Stake: And I believe we are. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Other questions or comments from committee? (No response). Council?

Mr. Baxter: I just want to make one last comment. I think we=ve heard definitively that we are trying to grow the program. Correct? And that we are again, looking at people. We just looked at three today. And so I don=t think anybody said we=re not looking to do that. And we are looking to continue to grow. It=s just that it is a difficult process to bring people in as I think what was being explained. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you, Councilman. Okay. With no further action on this, we=ll move on to item 5. Discussion, Authorization of contract for ice control salt. Who=s going to be speaking about that?

Street Supt. Larry Ward: Good evening. We=re requesting for Council to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with American Rock Salt for the contract for this coming year. The bid price was 46.02 which is a dollar and twelve cents higher than last year. I gave you all the information from the co-op that bids out the contract. There are 105 government entities in the co-op. We were fortunate. Out of 105 entities, one had the same price as we did. One was ten cents lower. And one was fifty cents lower. So that means there was 105 entities that ended up with a higher price than what we did. So we came out very well on the bid this year.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Mr. Ward, how much of the salt did we use last winter? Because I remember that we didn't have a real rough winter. A few weeks in February were rough, but other than that, it wasn't that bad.

Mr. Ward: Last December, we used about 30 or 31 tons. But from January through April 8, we used 1600 tons.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. And you say both barns are full now?

Mr. Ward: Yes, sir.

Mr. Joseph: And typically, how far through the season would that get us?

Mr. Ward: An average winter, it would probably get us through most of the season.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Questions from the committee? (No response). Council? (No response). I guess there's no questions. Okay. And we can just go three readings on this? No problem with that?

Mr. Ward: Correct. Since the barns are full, we'll have the contract in January. So we'll be in good shape.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Alright. Unless there's any questions, I'll make a motion that we move this on to Council for a first reading. Is there a second? Second by Councilwoman Newman. All in favor, please say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion carries. Thank you, Mr. Ward.

Mr. Ward: Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Item 6, Discussion: Authorization to purchase replacement unmarked vehicle and appropriation of funds. Lieutenant, are you speaking to that?

Lieutenant McKinley: Yes. On August 31, two of our detectives returning from some training, were rear ended by a vehicle, and it totaled the unmarked 1997 GMC Sierra that they were in. The insurance company apparently found the vehicle to be a total loss. And I guess the General Fund was in receipt of \$6558.56. And we would like to have that transferred over so that we could purchase another replacement vehicle for that truck.

Mr. Joseph: Lieutenant, is that just the amount that showed here, you have \$6,558.56, that won't pay for an entire vehicle I'm assuming.

Lieutenant McKinley: No, sir. I believe the previous vehicle had been purchased for almost \$9900. It was of course, a '97. A used vehicle. We would like to get something that would be

similar to but maybe a year or two newer so that it could last for a few more years.

Mr. Joseph: How many unmarked vehicles do we use?

Lieutenant McKinley: Off of the top of my head, I would say we probably have four vehicles.

Mr. Joseph: Are there questions for Lieutenant from members of the committee? (No response).
Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Chairman Joseph. Just so I get this straight in my head, there was monies received from an insurance policy. Right? For \$6,558.56 which went into the General Fund. Do you want this back in the Police Department budget?

Lieutenant McKinley: Correct. We would like that to go to the 110.111 Fund so that we could purchase a replacement vehicle.

Mr. Stake: Okay. I just wanted to make that clear. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Yes, Councilman Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: The question I would have is, the replacement of vehicle is going to have additional dollars plus what we just spoke about. Do you have those dollars in the fund to be able to purchase a newer vehicle? Or are you going to come back to Council asking for additional funds?

Lieutenant McKinley: No. That vehicle, what we're asking for here is the \$6558. And then with what we have left in the fund we could buy a vehicle for ... a little bit more expensive than that.

Mr. Baxter: That's what I thought. Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Other questions from committee or Council? (No response). Okay. And I take it, you have it down as emergency. You'd like to have this move quickly I imagine so you could get back up to full strength?

Lieutenant McKinley: Yes, sir.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Is there a motion to send this on to Council and to Finance Committee as an emergency? Okay. Mrs. Shirey makes that motion. Is there a second? Second by Councilman Stake. All in favor, please say aye. (All voted Aye). Is there any opposed? (No response). Okay. We'll move this on to the Finance Committee and to Council for consideration.

Okay. Next item, number 7, Discussion: Authorization for application for Homeland Security Grant (interoperable communication). Lieutenant.

Lieutenant McKinley: Franklin County EMA brought to our attention, the existence of a grant called the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant. It actually comes from the Department of Commerce and the Department of Homeland Security for agencies to develop interoperable communications. We currently have a 460 megahertz radio system. That system allows us to talk within our own jurisdiction. However, we cannot talk to other Police Departments, other public safety, like the FBI, Secret Service, Parks, Fire Department. We, along with Gahanna and Whitehall are the three remaining suburbs that don't have, or are not part of the 800 megahertz system. This grant is a, they provide 80% of the funds. The city would then provide the remaining 20% to purchase equipment to be able to join that 800 megahertz system. Currently, the City of Columbus operates an 800 megahertz system as well as the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. If we decided to go this route and the monies were provided, it would enable us to purchase portable radios, mobile radios, and equipment for our radio room so that we would be able to operate on either the City of Columbus= or Franklin County=s 800 megahertz system. We would then have interoperable communications with other agencies. There are some additional pros and cons with this depending on who you speak to. Currently we own our 460 megahertz system. If we went with this new 800 megahertz system, we would then be leasing space off of either Columbus= or the Franklin County Sheriff=s Department system. We currently have a good portion, probably 30% of the equipment necessary from a previous Homeland Security Grant. We have 29 portable radios and 5 mobile radios. Mobiles go in the vehicles. Portables are the ones carried by the officers. Unfortunately, that=s not enough to enable us to be 100% able to switch over to the 800 megahertz system. So if we decided to go with this grant, it would probably cost somewhere in the vicinity of \$300,000 to get the additional portable radios and mobile radios to enable all of our vehicles to have the current equipment necessary to go on the system to get the equipment within our radio room to allow us to cross band over to the 800 megahertz system and have officers each have an issued radio that would enable them to talk on this system also. I don=t have any figures yet. I actually just placed a call to Mr. Dave Bordon with the City of Columbus Communication System to try to get some information on what the monthly cost would be generally for the city to go to this system. That would be outside the grant money. The grant money just pays for the hardware.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you. Is there questions? Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Now you said the grant money paid for 80% of the hardware. Is that right?

Lieutenant McKinley: Yes, ma=am.

Mrs. Newman: So that would be 80% of the \$300,000 you say you=d estimate it would cost?

Lieutenant McKinley: That=s correct. And again, those are rough costs based on some of the figures given to me by the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency, of about 5,000 per portable and 5,000 per mobile radio. There=s some extraneous gear such as additional radios and chargers that are kind of built into that \$5,000 per unit cost. So that \$300,000 cost is kind of

sitting down and using some rough estimates. But I think it would be somewhere in that vicinity.

Mrs. Newman: Okay. So do you think we will have the information on the rental charge?

Lieutenant McKinley: Soon as that gentleman Mr. Bordon calls me back. I've attempted to speak with him several times this week and just have not gotten the information back.

Mrs. Newman: We would like to have that I'm sure, as soon as possible to consider this.

Mr. Joseph: Other questions? Councilman Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Chairman Joseph. Lieutenant, with our current system, it's kind of antiquated right now, isn't it? Or getting antiquated? Isn't that why these other systems are becoming available and you're having trouble getting parts for the current system?

Lieutenant McKinley: That's correct. It is an older system. And like Whitehall and Gahanna, getting parts to maintain it and repair it becomes a little bit more challenging each year.

Mr. Stake: And one of the reasons these 800 systems are being made available through these Homeland Security Grants is, number one, we found out when we did have disasters, that many safety forces could not speak to one another. And that was a huge problem. So I guess Homeland Security, this is money that's trickling down from the federal government, correct?

Lieutenant McKinley: Correct. And a good example of that, our failure to talk to other agencies, we just had, Franklin County conducted a full scale exercise of interoperability with numerous agencies throughout Franklin County, and we provided our SWAT team to a simulated scenario, and our team was the only agency that was unable to communicate and had to be given radios by another agency so that we could speak to the other agencies that were taking part in the exercise.

Mr. Stake: And we've had this conversation a couple of times. I'm concerned also about the future cost of this. But the more I learn about it, the more I learn that our current system sooner or later is not going to be any use to us because we're not going to be able to get parts. And here we have an 80% grant that we could get a new system with.

Lieutenant McKinley: Correct. And another thing, looking into the future, the FCC just released the 7, or just made an announcement that the 700 megahertz frequency is going to be dedicated for public safety forces in the next year or two. The radios that we would get with this grant are programable digital radios and they are capable of being reprogrammed to accept a 700 megahertz frequency. So if we got the grant and purchase this equipment, not only will we be interoperable now, when the FCC finally does release that new band of radio waves, we would be able to reprogram the radios and go to that.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chairman Joseph.

Mr. Joseph: Lieutenant, how old is our current system?

Lieutenant McKinley: I=ve been here 15 years and it=s older than the length of time I=ve been here.

Mr. Joseph: How often do we have to replace parts on it?

Lieutenant McKinley: At least monthly in terms of, sometimes it=s small pieces of equipment. We=ve just recently had an upgrade of the repeater site. So there=s really no average month. It=s like any mechanical piece of equipment. It can go at any time and require a large cost, or it can run for a steady time without any big costs.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Other questions? Councilwoman Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I just have a comment. I think it=s ridiculous that we don=t already have this ability. And I think we need it desperately in this day and time. So I=m in favor of it if we can afford it.

Mr. Joseph: Other questions? Councilman Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Chairman Joseph. This is to replace what we have today. The equipment we have today. Not just to be able to get to the 800 and communicate with all others. But also to upgrade our existing radio systems. We will not be keeping the old radio system with this upgrade. Correct?

Lieutenant McKinley: Actually no. We would still retain the 460 megahertz system and the equipment that we currently own. That=s a good backup system to have. As with any system, you can=t count on that. Redundancy, especially in communications, is a smart thing to have. That=s usually the first thing to go in any kind of emergency, is communications. So we would retain the equipment we currently have and the ability to use that on the 460 megahertz system.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Great. Second question that I would have is, the \$300,000 estimate is for the portable and mobiles. Now I=m sure you would need to have something in the dispatch center, equipment in there. Is that covered in that \$300,000 cost? Or is there additional cost for that?

Lieutenant McKinley: There=s a piece of equipment called a crosspatch repeater that would go into the radio room that would enable our current system there to talk on the 800 megahertz. Getting a cost on that, depending on who you ask is kind of rough. But that is built into the \$300,000 figure that I just mentioned.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Very good. One last question. You did state that we already have some 800 radio, megahertz radios in our possession?

Lieutenant McKinley: That=s correct. Homeland Security had a grant earlier in the year in which we were able to obtain 29 portable and 5 mobile radios. So that actually enabled us to get about a third of what we need. But until you get everybody on the same system, it=s just there in an emergency in case we would have to issue them out for a large scale emergency.

Mr. Baxter: And so that again is my question, is how many are we looking to purchase to get the full stature?

Lieutenant McKinley: I believe there were an additional 13 mobile that would bring us up to the ability to have one in each of the cruisers. Two in two unmarked vehicles. And one in the command post. And I think it was twenty some portables to bring us up to the ability to give every sworn officer one, plus have ten for Reserves.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. Thank you, Councilman Joseph.

Mr. Joseph: Are there any other questions? President Hills.

Mr. Hills: If I could clarify. I=m not sure that I remember the last grant for 800 megahertz, but what sticks in my mind, I haven=t been here quite 15 years, or I don=t think I have, but there were other reasons that was discussed and decided not to do a few years ago, because of the potential leasing cost that can escalate each year or each month or something like that?

Lieutenant McKinley: There are certainly some cons to going with a program like this. The first is, as I mentioned earlier, we would not own the actual system. The system consists of the actual radio towers, which are several million dollars apiece set up through the county, with the City of Columbus, or the Franklin County Sheriff=s actually own. They own it. They maintain it. All the other agencies utilize it on a fair share pricing. That obviously is controllable by the City of Columbus or the Franklin County Sheriff. Is it feasible that they could double that cost from one year to the next? Possible. The other is, the system=s currently run by Motorola. Several people have mentioned to me that there=s been times in the past where Motorola has brought up a new system and have not stuck behind it and supported it. But I guess that could be true of any vendor. So it=s not 100% perfect solution. But I think going back to the primary public safety issue which is the ability to communicate with these other agencies, fire, Columbus Police. It=s a critical safety issue. But it doesn=t come without strings attached. Columbus would own the system, or Franklin County Sheriff, they could control that monthly cost. And like the water we purchase, we don=t really have much control over that.

Mr. Hills: Bottom line, we=ll own the hardware and they=ll basically own the software that lets it work.

Lieutenant McKinley: Correct.

Mr. Hills: If I could follow up. Will this also enable communication into the Licking County area? Is there an overlap or not?

Lieutenant McKinley: No. Unfortunately, the two counties, Licking County and Fairfield County operate on a very low band radio system that=s not compatible with the 800 megahertz. However, we currently are able to talk to them using our in-car LEERN radio. So we actually have better....

Mr. Hills: Which is one reason why we=re keeping the existing system we have?

Lieutenant McKinley: Correct. But that LEERN system=s actually separate than the 460 megahertz. The 460 megahertz has been in....

Mr. Hills: I remember getting that one.

Lieutenant McKinley: Yes. That=s the main police band. The LEERN is the Law Enforcement Emergency Radio Network, I believe is what it stands for. And that allows other agencies that either don=t have the 800 megahertz capability or the money to get the equipment. Usually smaller rural counties that operate on that.

Mr. Hills: In fact, you=re refreshing my memory. The one reason we didn=t go the 800 is because we went to LEERN instead.

Lieutenant McKinley: Correct. That did bridge a portion of the gap with the two counties to our east and south.

Mr. Hills: And I guess, if I could follow up with one more? If we already have some, is there a reason we sent the SWAT team without any? And had to borrow somebody else=s?

Lieutenant McKinley: Well, we actually really wanted to test our ability. The exercise took place on September 6. Some of you may have seen it in the papers. But it involved scenarios in Upper Arlington, Sharon Township, Westerville, Gahanna. A series of IED and terrorist related type of things we hope never happens here. But we wanted to really test and see how the safety forces operated with each other because....

Mr. Hills: I agree with all that. But if we have 800 radios, why didn=t we send them out? Are all of our 800's in use every day, that we have?

Lieutenant McKinley: Well, unfortunately we had just gotten the 800's the day before the exercise and we didn=t have time to train the officers on how to use them.

Mr. Hills: Okay. So the 800's you received had been newly received?

Lieutenant McKinley: Yes, sir. Probably in the last 6 weeks.

Mr. Hills: Was that grant approved this year?

Lieutenant McKinley: I'm sorry. Repeat?

Mr. Hills: Was that grant approved this year? Did that come through Council? Or was just that a, you all applied and got it?

Lieutenant McKinley: We didn't have to put any money out at all for that. That was a grant that we had submitted and were able to get those radios. I believe it may have even been submitted last year. But they called us and said hey, we've got these radios. They're yours.

Mr. Hills: Oh my gosh. I know who put that grant together. You do too, Mayor.

Mayor McPherson: It was done well in excess of a year ago. I don't remember who put it together but it was one of the police personnel....

Mr. Hills: I don't remember us having 800's. And now that we have some, we certainly need to either throw away the ones we've bought or go ahead and complete it rather than doing things half way. I certainly think there is some advantages to having 800's. But I just always am curious as it was said no, and here they are. So I'm just curious how we get these things. But sometimes it's best not to ask, isn't it Lieutenant?

Lieutenant McKinley: Well, as long as they're handing them out free. Actually, we did get them with the paperwork. So we got that part covered.

Mr. Hills: Okay.

Mr. Joseph: Councilman Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: I would only go to the next step is, then are we going to have to pay a lease to be able to have the 800 radios?

Lieutenant McKinley: My understanding is there's a fair share fee for the numbers of radios that you utilize on the Columbus or Franklin County Sheriff's system. I don't know what that monthly fee is. All the other agencies that don't own the system, pay that to Columbus. There are one or two smaller jurisdictions that own their own system. They took it upon themselves to build a tower to create that and they don't pay the fair share fees.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Yes. Councilwoman Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Well I=d just like to know, if we have these 800 megahertz facilities now, how can we use them? Are we paying rent to Columbus or Franklin County now?

Lieutenant McKinley: No. Part of the, when we got these current 800 megahertz radios, it was the understanding that there=s no fair share fee, but they can only be used in a multi-agency emergency such as a plane crash or a terrorist attack. So they kind of sit on the shelf until the interoperability need comes up. We can=t just kind of set up our own system and use them because there is no fair share fee to pay for that.

Mr. Joseph: Other questions? (No response). Okay. Unless there=s nothing further, I=ll make the motion to move this on to Council for the first reading. Is there a second? Second by Councilman Stake. All in favor, please say aye. (All voted AAye@). Opposed? (No response). Motion approved.

The next item, item 8, Discussion: Provision for more-extensive partial depth repair (Main Street) and additional appropriation.

Mr. DeBolt: Chairman Joseph, members of Council, over a year ago, the Council appropriated monies to work with ODOT to contribute approximately \$115,000 for our share of the pavement project. And during that time, the project=s been in the planning stages for ODOT, and we had the project pre-con meeting approximately two weeks ago. And during that time, we decided to have a walk through of the project, knowing that there were a number of areas that were in need of repairs that would have to be marked, for what=s called an either full or partial depth repairs on the project. And they take spray paint and mark those areas. So when they get in to do the planing, they know which areas need a little more work. Well it became apparent during the walk through that the project starts here at the bridge and goes out towards almost to Taylor Road, that we hardly got out of the downtown old town area almost to Graham Road, where we pretty much had all the areas marked that we knew there was money allocated for. So we still continue out towards the rest of the project and didn=t actually finish the whole project. Just because we knew there weren=t enough asphalt to do what we thought needed to be done. When I say what we thought needed to be done because at the time, I know Council knew they were going to do a 1 2" _____ of the road and for the money that was available at the time, that was acceptable and everybody agreed. But at the same time, based on ODOT=s recommendation, what they usually do when they see a road that bad, they try to do more partial or full depth repairs even. Well, we knew we didn=t have the funding, so we decided that we=d try to revisit the issue based on two facts. One, the Phase II Main Street Project did come in under budget and we did extend the termini for this project to pay for our share of the monies for the ODOT project. So in talking with Mr. Harris, we checked to see if we would have any additional funds that would potentially be available to go back in and reconsider doing at least partial depth repairs for the worse parts of US 40. I think everybody would agree, anybody that=s traveled the road over the past year that it=s gotten progressively worse. And our concern was, if we did go ahead and just add the 1 2@ of surface coating, which was planned in the original project, that how long would that road last us? And again, no scientific evidence could say a certain time.

But the best guess estimate of the contractor, ODOT Project Manager, our Street Department, is that we probably wouldn't get more than maybe 2 years by doing what we're doing. Whereas, if we went in and did at least partial repairs in addition to the worst areas, we could extend the life of the road. Again, no scientific evidence, but upwards, maybe 4 or 5 years over, and again, it depends on volume truck traffic. So we thought at this time, it would be appropriate to come back to Council to ask you to consider to go forth and let us purchase additional quantities of asphalt to at least do partial depth repairs on the road. So that's what we'd like to do at this time. Again, the asphalt quantities we're looking for is \$89,000. And we're asking for an amount up to 100,000, and we know it won't go any further than that. I did give you a memo to give you a brief synopsis of it. We've had some meetings to talk about it and we think this is the best way to go at this time.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Thank you Mr. DeBolt. Are there any questions for Mr. DeBolt from members of the committee? Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I don't see any approval on here from the City Auditor that the funds were available. Is there some reason why that's _____?

Mr. Harris: The funds certainly are available. There's still well over \$500,000 in the Main Street Phase II money. And there's certainly no reason they can't be used. Because the fact that the Council did extend the termini of the Main Street Project all the way out to Taylor Road, these funds are much more restrictive, so it's probably better to use these than it would be the CIP or the General Fund.

Mrs. Newman: Okay. Well why didn't you say so on this form?

Mr. Harris: They didn't give it to me to sign. I signed the yellow one here. They just didn't give you the copy that's signed.

Mrs. Newman: No. It isn't signed.

Mr. Hood: (Inaudible. Speaking off mike.)

Mr. Hills: I'm sorry. If I could? Jed, you say there's a referral to the Finance Committee that's signed?

Mrs. Newman: I don't see anything.

Mr. Hills: If there is, we didn't get that either.

Mr. Hood: I apologize to City Council. I got it. (Inaudible. Speaking off mike.)

Mr. Hills: Maybe you got ours.

Mr. Hood: Maybe so.

Mayor McPherson: Mine shows it too.

Mr. Hills: Maybe I'll try to simplify, you got one too? Well, that's alright. Keep it away from Council. That's like those 800 radios.

Mr. DeBolt: Wrong copy I guess.

Mayor McPherson: These aren't free though. You've got to spend money on this one. Not like the radios.

Mr. Hills: I guess I ought to just simplify, because I had some meetings with Steve too on this, ODOT asked us to enter into contract on an estimate they had of the linear feet times an inch and a half. And then as they finally decided, let's go look at the project, they said, oops, that ain't gonna work because we've got some more work that you should be doing before we put the 1 2" down. Well, I'm glad that we did see it before they started the project so the project's not delayed. But I do believe, and I've been told by the Safety/Service Director and others, that some of the information has been relayed to ODOT or there were some possible flawed areas that may need some work. But they did not incorporate that in their initial bid. I think you've got one department of ODOT doing one thing, and another doing another. And bottom line, I think for those people who have been around for a few years and know Main Street, we have always found, in the resurfacing, there's usually some sections that you need to go a little bit deeper. And there are certainly some bad sections out on Main Street that are far past time to get repaired. So I don't know if that helps at all Steve, but it's not coming here because of a failure on our administration.

Mr. DeBolt: There was approximately \$14,000 in quantity for that partial and full depth repair included in the project. But it just became apparent once everybody got out there and looked at it, that wasn't going to be near enough to....

Mr. Hills: Which ODOT did say was just their swag number. They put that percentage number in on all their projects.

Mr. Joseph: Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes. In the ideal situation, you look at Main Street and all of you have, and I have, and we all have, is to remove the concrete and take the base down and put it the way it should be if we want it to really last. But we don't have the money to do something like that because you're probably talking a million bucks or more. So I think it's correct. I think Steve's correct and Bill's correct. We should do what we can, what we can afford. And I think putting the additional blacktop on, we'll do it. It'll help us for a few years. And eventually when we do

have the money, Main Street will have to be redone, and the concrete, and the base, and everything taken off and redone. I mean, it is in terrible shape. Probably as bad a shape as any street that=s ever been in Reynoldsburg, if you go out by the cemetery. I don=t know whether that=s because a curse goes out there so many times or what. But it=s as bad as I=ve ever seen a street in Reynoldsburg. And also the section that=s west of Graham Road is probably as bad as any street we=ve ever had. So I think in the short run, and the money that we have, I think this is something we should do.

Mr. Joseph: Other questions? Mrs. Shirey.

Mrs. Shirey: I just want to make sure I have this clear. It says on the bridge crossing Blacklick Creek, is that the bridge that=s right out here?

Mr. DeBolt: Correct.

Mrs. Shirey: What=s going to happen to the wonderful brick that=s placed on the road since we already paid for that?

Mr. DeBolt: The project has, in the plans, to preserve the bricks. So those will not be damaged during the paving. They have a process that they will cover them and protect them. They=re only going to mill up to, if you notice, look closely, there=s the brick that=s the red brick. Then there=s a, like a concrete brick on the side of it. So they=re only going to mill up to that concrete brick and kind of, but most likely angle up the asphalt up to that brick. And as a matter of fact, there is a concern that potentially the brick that=s more of a concrete type might get damaged in the milling. So if that happens, we will replace those that get damaged. So they=ll protect the brick that=s already been paid for so nothing will happen to it.

Mrs. Shirey: So if it gets damage, is it at our cost that we have to pay to put out repair?

Mr. DeBolt: Well, the goal is not to have damage. But if there is any damage, there are contingencies in the budget to take care of it. But again, they=ve done this before on a lot of projects that have the brick in old town areas. So that=s anticipated not to be affected. But again, they are taking precautions.

Mr. Joseph: Other questions, comments? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Only two questions here. I=ll start off with, I notice on page 2 of what we received, it says costs as per plan, partial depth repair, and full depth repair. So are we doing both with this? Or is that just the estimates that were provided to you?

Mr. DeBolt: The original plan was to do approximately 100 square yards of partial depth repair and 50 square yards of full depth repair which is really, in the scope of this project, very, very minimal. And the project engineer and both the contractor, indicated that, for this project, that

this condition of the road, that they wouldn't recommend doing anything other than partial depth repair. That by adding a full depth repair beyond the 1 2" and the 3" in the bad areas, is probably not going to assure us any further life span of the project. Therefore, we're going to eliminate any full depth repair. And any of the full depth repair that was calculated into the original plan, it's just basically going to be transferred into partial depth repair. So those calculations have been factored in to make it into partial depth repair.

Mr. Baxter: I thought that's what you were saying. I just saw that out there and I wanted to make sure it clarified. Secondly, I have a little concern that we keep dipping into that well. That well of the funds that we reached out for for Streetscape. And I'm not convinced, and I've seen memos from the Auditor stating, that there are still open purchase orders and invoices that have not yet even come in. So if we continue to reach into that well and spend those funds, and then those invoices come in to the city, where are they going to get paid? So I have a concern with, I heard \$500,000 still available and funds available to that, can we guarantee that we don't have \$500,000 worth of invoices still to come from Streetscape II, I, whatever?

Mr. Harris: There's \$500,000 of unencumbered money. Which means that's money over and above what there have been purchase orders open to take care of. All those purchase orders were being encumbered already. There's still at least \$500,000 of unencumbered funds. There are some things we are holding money back for. Like continuing to pay for ongoing litigation for the right-of-way ordinance out of that. Potential things with Insight. But those will not come to that. We've already opened a purchase order for expected payment of arbitrage. So I would say that there, we're getting closer to the end of that well of money. But there's certainly (Tape Change).

Mr. Baxter: My understanding was, when we talked about this a few years ago back, that any funds that were remaining that were brought back from under budgeting and great work that the city did and the project managers did, were going to be used to pay down that debt. Have we thrown that idea out now we're no longer considering that?

Mr. Harris: Any monies, by Ohio Revised Code, any monies that are with this project when the project is finished, must by law, go to pay debt service. But when Council extended the term, this is what was expected outcome, was that some of those monies were going to be paid.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. Alright. You answered my questions. Thank you. Thank you, Chairman.

Mr. Joseph: Sure. Any other questions? (No response). Okay. It's been requested to move this on as an emergency. So I'll make the motion that we move this to both Finance and to Council as an emergency. Is there a second? Second by Councilman Stake. All in favor, please say aye. (All voted Aye). Opposed? (No response). Motion carries.

The last item on the agenda tonight, number 9, ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE

OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: Deletion of **Subsection (a) and** Subsection (g) of SECTION 711.12 BILLIARD ROOM SPECIFICATIONS AND REGULATIONS OF CHAPTER 711 BILLIARD ROOMS. Second reading 9-24-07. Had been

sent for second reading with a recommendation for a rule suspension and adoption, but did not receive enough votes for a rule suspension. Item returned to committee for further discussion. I wanted to make a few comments on it before opening it up for discussion tonight. There's been some, I think misperception about what this ordinance does and what it doesn't do. It's been repeated in the local press that essentially, this is just going to open the flood gates for bars to move into the City of Reynoldsburg. Nothing could be further from the truth. This ordinance does nothing but allow existing establishments to have more than one pool table. That's all it does. Anyone that wants to have a bar or a drinking establishment in this town is going to have to go through the procedures and have a permit approved by this body. This ordinance, this legislation, will not do that. So again, I would like to plainly state that all this is doing is leveling the playing field for establishments that already have those rules for serving alcohol. We've not seen any evidence that having more than one pool table is causing a problem with crime or anything like that. So we do have two speaker slips tonight, but I'm going to open it up for discussion for committee before having those individuals come up. So members of committee like to make any comment tonight about this? (No response). Members of Council? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I've got two things that I'm interested in as far as this is concerned. That is, we have two ordinances floating around that pertain to pool tables and bars and such. And my thought would have been, since we have the two, is to combine them into one ordinance and get rid of everything and get rid of one ordinance out of the two. Because one ordinance pertains to pool halls with one pool table and no alcohol. The other one is coin operated pool tables. Which most of them have. I mean, I haven't been into, and I've checked around, I haven't been in any that didn't have coin operated pool tables in their bars. And that's legal. And you can have more than one. And that's not been a problem to our Police Department because they don't enforce it. That's handled by our Service Director. He gives out permits for it. So I was kind of hoping we'd have the two ordinances put together. Because I look at what we're doing. And if you look at it, by changing this ordinance, the way it is now, if you have an establishment that sells alcohol and has pool tables, it's a bar or lounge, or whatever you want to call it, now we're changing it to where if you have an establishment that has pool tables, you can have alcohol. And I don't care, that's a bar to me too. So it's the same principle. I don't know what the difference is. Because you could have a pool hall, and you could have an alcohol license, it's a bar. I don't care which way you look at it. Whether it's pool first, or alcohol first, either way, it ends up, if you have an alcohol license, and you sell alcohol, it's a bar or a lounge. Now that's why I would have thought maybe we could put them all into one ordinance, clean them both up, and get it passed, if we're going to have it that direction. And I didn't really see the reason for the hurry. And that's why I didn't vote for it the other night. But that's my main interest, is because any way you look at it we're creating, I don't care what you want to call it, pool hall or

whatever you want to call it, once you have an alcohol license and you're able to sell alcohol, I don't care if you have pool tables or what you have, it's a bar or a lounge. And call it what you want, but that's just another bar in my district that I don't think at this time that we'd like to see any more. And that's why I spoke against it and that's my feelings on it.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you, Councilman Clemens. And I understand your concern and position. But again, this ordinance is not going to all of a sudden, open the doors for places that don't serve alcohol now to be able to serve alcohol. They're still going to have to come back to Council and apply. And at that point, if anyone has an issue with additional bars or drinking establishments in the city, they can speak to that legislation should it ever be presented at this table. What we're talking about today, is talking about places that already have the ability to serve alcohol and cutting them a break. And if anyone else wants to expand their operations into serving alcohol, then they're going to have to come back here and make their case at which time may or may not have the support of Council. So I don't think that the legislation here tonight is in any way going to do that. And regarding making modifications to the other items you referred to, obviously we can take a look at that. The issue I have here is, I'd like to have this corrected for the short term since we have businesses out of compliance. And then we can go back and take a long look at what needs to be done. It might take weeks or even months to make the modifications we want. Meanwhile, we have businesses out of compliance. As we saw with the issue regarding the Mexican workers over in the Huber area, that's legislation that's a work at progress that's been going on for many months. This is another example that we may have legislation we may want to work on for many months and I would like to try to get this item cleaned up for the short run, and then we can take a look at a more long term solution should Council have additional issues with a broader picture.

Mr. Clemens: And I can understand that, don't get me wrong. You keep saying that businesses now that don't conform. Do you have any businesses that don't conform to this now?

Mr. Joseph: My understanding is, any place that serves alcohol that might have more than one table could be out of compliance.

Mr. Clemens: No. Do we have any of those? Coin operated doesn't fall under this ordinance.

Mr. Joseph: I'm not aware how many are coin operated, how many are not.

Mr. Clemens: That's what I'm saying. What is the hurry? If we don't have any that fall under, that's the only point I'm bringing up. The ones that I checked, and if you read over the report that was sent back by Mr. DeBolt on the different establishments that have the coin operated, they're in business and they can have more than one. I mean, that falls under complete different ordinances handled by the Service Department. Not by the Police Department. And that's the only reason I brought that up was, do we have any that there is not enforced? I mean, I have not seen any. Now there could be. Don't get me wrong. I don't go into all the bars and I don't know whether they shoot pool. But the average of the, if you go into a situation in all the bars

I=ve been into, and I have checked on some of these, they don=t pass out a cue stick and a ball, and say you=ve got an hour to play because the place is packed with people. They have coin operated machines. And they get paid by these companies to put them in. That was the only reason I was bringing that up. Because we do have an ordinance that covers that, and it is being enforced, and that was my point on the whole issue. That=s all.

Mr. Joseph: Other questions, comments? Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I have been trying and trying to find out what the difference is between a coin operated pool hall and one that isn=t. So you=re saying that if it=s coin operated, they don=t have a cue stick and balls?

Mr. Clemens: No. If it=s coin operated, you put coins in the machine and the ball comes out. It=s a game of skill. And all your pool tables and that are in your bar....

Mrs. Newman: Did you mean just one ball comes out?

Mr. Clemens: No. Now, this is what I have been told. I=ve never been in a bar to look at them.

Mrs. Newman: Well, I haven=t either but I sure don=t understand the difference here.

Mr. Clemens: If you put your coins in, the balls come out and you can rack them up and you=re ready to go.

Mrs. Newman: So essentially, it=s just a difference in how you pay for the game.

Mr. Clemens: That=s correct. That=s it. If it=s coin operated.....

Mrs. Newman: I don=t see what the difference is then.

Mr. Clemens: Well, it does in our ordinance. We have an ordinance that says, games of skill. And a coin operated pool table, you can have as many as you want. And that=s what our bars have. They=re coin operated. You stick the coins in and you play. A pool room, which most of them, a pool room, are played by the hour. They=re bigger tables. There=s a difference between a small table and a big table. Different size tables for different size places. But we do have an ordinance that handles skilled games. And the pool table, and the lounges, and the bars are skilled games that you put coins in. And the ones I=ve checked are that way. Now I=m not saying we don=t have any that isn=t. But Mr. DeBolt handles that. They have to come to the Service Director to get a permit for skilled games. And a pool table falls under, am I correct, Steve?

Mr. DeBolt: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: A pool table falls under, and he sent us a list in here that gives the different

establishments that have coin operated, the different bars. And their list is Smokey=s, and whatever names that these different bars are. Now there could be some that don=t. Don=t get me wrong. Like I say, I don=t have the time...

Mrs. Newman: Well, maybe we should schedule a tour for Council to go out to all the places that have pool tables and see.

Mr. Clemens: ...I=m not saying there isn=t any. I doubt if there is. But maybe there could be one out of, how many do we have in Reynoldsburg? Forty? I don=t think we do. Maybe fifteen bars or something like that that have this. But that=s the only thing I was bringing up. When we change this, they could have more. They could have 2, 3, 4, 5 of them. So they are operating that way. Now when we change this, we=ll be changing it to where a pool hall that has 4, 5, 6 tables can sell alcohol so they=ll have a license. So if they can sell alcohol and have a license, that is a bar and a lounge. So it=s no longer a pool hall. So why don=t we put them all in the same ordinance and go from there? And Mr. Joseph, it=s your committee and I=m not trying to tell you what to do. I=m just telling you my thought on it. And he could be correct and there could be one that plays by the hour. I sure wouldn=t want to be the bartender trying to keep track on who=s playing 15 or 20 minutes, or half an hour. But there could be. And this could affect that one. This is not affecting the new ones coming in. They will be coin operated. All these games of skill are operated, handled by big companies to give you money to put these items in your shops so you make money off of them, and they make money off of them. They also give you money for this, and that, or the other. It=s handled like that. That=s the only reason I brought it up. I just felt that what we=re doing, we=re not any longer going to have a pool hall, we=re going to have a bar because it=s going to be licensed, it=s going to have alcohol license. So it=s no longer considered a pool hall. It=s considered a bar just like the rest of them any way we look at it.

Mr. Joseph: Mrs. Shirey.

Mrs. Shirey: I do agree with Mr. Clemens. I do feel that, I don=t see why we should be in a hurry to get this resolved at this point in time. I do feel that as far as pool tables being in bars, I don=t go to bars. I think having two would be a maximum for bars. I think that when there=s more than that and alcohol=s being served, you=re only asking for trouble. But I feel that this is something that shouldn=t be passed immediately or as an emergency. I think this is something that we really need to discuss in detail and hold on to it for a while.

Mr. Joseph: Other quick comments? Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Chairman Joseph, it=s not often I disagree with Mr. Clemens. But I do disagree this time. I would have been in favor of doing this the first time the gentleman came up and said he needed to have it done. Being in business myself, I know it=s difficult many times to stay in business. And he spent several thousand dollars on video surveillance. I believe he has people on the floor. And just because he charges by the hour to play pool, and the other places you put

coins in, I don't see why he should be penalized for that. He's clearly stated that his business will not survive under the current state, and that he does need to be attracting leagues to his establishment. So if we are going to have a drinking establishment, I'd like to see that type of drinking establishment rather than some place where there's nothing else to do but sit at a bar and pound down shots and beers. At least there's something else to do at this place. And from what I've seen, he does have it under control. But this doesn't necessarily mean he's going to be able to serve alcohol in there because I believe he will have to come back and get a Special Exception Use Permit. And if Council decides to grant them a Special Exception Use Permit, they can put a 6 month review on it and see how it goes. We have no reviews on any other place right now that I'm aware of. So this would be more stringent than any other place, and we can see if he lives up to keeping everything under control. So I'm ready to move ahead right now. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you, Councilman. Any other comments?

Mr. Clemens: Only one. Well, I respect Mr. Stake, because I realize if he had came before us with a Special Exception Use Permit and told me exactly what he was going to do, and he would not be back and ask for something else, I certainly would have gave it to him because I respect what Mr. Stake would have done. That's the end of it.

Mr. Stake: Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Mr. Baxter, yes.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you, Chairman. I remember sitting here quietly listening to where we have or have not operated coin pool tables where they were having more than one table. I remember the Chief standing up going, I think yeah, we have a few. Or it was one of the officers. I don't know if it was the Chief or not, and saying yes, we had a few that may have non-coin operated in the city. Nobody was for sure.

Mr. Clemens: Nobody knew.

Mr. Baxter: We do know for sure that we have a business who is trying to establish a family type of environment, who needs to be able to sell beer. Bottom line. And they need this ordinance as you have written now, to be passed to make that happen. And I for one would prefer having that type of business in that area that we're trying to revitalize, than having a bar. I don't see this as a bar issue, Mr. Clemens. Because it's not. As the same way you were saying that it's no different than a bowling alley is a bar because it has beer. It's a bowling alley. Because they sell beer doesn't change the type of business it is. It just has alcohol in it. So with that said, I too would be in favor of moving forward with this legislation. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Yes. Thank you, Chairman Joseph. I'm not a member of your committee, but I think we're dealing with a billiard, pool rooms right now. Is that correct? And you want to drop a couple of deletions of (a) and (g) sections on here?

Mr. Joseph: Correct.

Mr. Stearns: Well, that's what we're dealing with now. Is that correct? I see no reason, why not move it on because we're spending a lot of time here on something that probably could have been settled some time ago. So I would be in support of dropping these two items if that's the case to come before Council.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Thank you. Other comments? (No response). Okay. I have two speaker slips tonight. First is Bruce Sowell. Give your name and address again for the record.

Mr. Sowell: The name is Bruce Sowell. I live at 2003 Baldwin Road, which is in Mel Clemens area now. Ward IV. Having lived in the city for a long time, there's been a lot of these establishments. The majority of them do have coin operated tables. We hear this thing about this family oriented place, but we want to sell beer in it. We've got enough drinking establishments in the city at this point, or places where you can buy alcohol. A majority of these pool places where the pool tables are located, they're located in Ward II, and also located in Ward IV. The people there are speaking about, in favor of them, don't live in those Wards. I do. And since this isn't here, also do. We're concerned about the crime and everything that's going on in the city in Ward IV. We don't want to contribute any more to it. The location of the establishment that wants to serve beer is located in an area that right now, is having a little problem with crime situations as it is in that area of town. I'm working, along with other citizens, diligently to try to clean it up. And I support Mr. Clemens wholeheartedly, along with Mrs. Shirey in the fact that, if we want to have a family oriented place, that's what it should be. But a lot of these places do not play by the hour. They're coin operated. If we have an ordinance on the book and we have somebody that's breaking it, all we have to do is padlock the extra tables until the ordinance is cleaned up. But I don't see that this is such an emergency that it should waste all the Council's time trying to figure out what to do with the pool tables. We have other important things in the city that's going on. So I would, I hope that Council would take, instead of just rushing this in, try to just pass it just for the sake of passing it, that they do take a little bit more time to review it and ask the citizens that live in the area. That's where you need to start at. That's all I have.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you, Mr. Sowell. The second slip is for Ken Wright. If you'd please give your name and address for the record please.

Mr. Wright: Yeah. My name's Ken Wright and I live in Reynoldsburg on Roselawn Avenue in this Ward IV. And I just wanted to make another comment on this issue. I think it's really important, it's really important for the neighborhood. And first I want to sincerely thank Councilwoman Donna Shirey and Councilman Mel Clemens for publicly stating their concerns

about adding evermore businesses that serve alcohol to our community. I believe that those Council members who would throw out our current pool table laws, have the ultimate goal of allowing owners of The Spot on Brice Road to serve alcohol. I'm opposed to The Spot serving alcohol. I too believe that adding more businesses that serve alcohol to our city, particularly to the Brice/Livingston area, is foolhardy. Now I brought something to show to Council tonight to help illustrate why I believe that adding alcohol at The Spot would be a mistake. This article here is, I'll give it to Mrs. Frazier, and then if she wants to pass it around in case anybody hasn't seen it, they can take a look at that and see what I'm talking about here. But this article is from the front page of yesterday's Columbus Dispatch. It is about crime in Central Ohio. The map on the top of the page is about property crime. The map on the bottom of the page is about violent crime. The top map illustrates that property crime in Reynoldsburg happens with approximately the same frequency as it does in many other suburbs surrounding Columbus. For example, Pickerington, Gahanna, and Westerville share our property crime rates. The lower map shows the violent crimes. Violent crimes are defined as murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. This violent crimes map shows that Reynoldsburg has more than double the rate of violent crime when compared with Pickerington, Gahanna, Westerville, New Albany, Groveport, Grove City, Hilliard, Dublin, Upper Arlington, and Grandview Heights. It is obvious that Reynoldsburg has a serious problem with violent crime. But I believe this problem can be managed and eventually reduced. Whitehall had the highest violent crimes rate in Central Ohio. Even higher than in Columbus. But Reynoldsburg does not have to become like Whitehall. We can fight it with sensible decisions from Council, from City Council and strong law enforcement from our City Administration. Changing laws in order to allow alcohol to be served in places where it has been prohibited for decades is most certainly not the way to move toward a more peaceful Reynoldsburg. And that's all I have. Thank you for letting me speak.

Mr. Baxter: Can I address one comment here?

Mr. Joseph: Yes, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Chairman, one of the things I wanted to make sure we recognize is, this legislation does not give the ability for any business on that road, Brice Road, in your Ward to sell alcohol. This legislation we're talking about here takes the inability for a business who does already own a license to sell alcohol to also play a game. Pool. And any business who has a pool hall, the right to go and request a liquor license without having an existing piece of legislation that we have in our city from preventing them from doing that. So this is not a prohibition, or removing prohibition issue. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you, Mr. Baxter. Any other comments? (No response). If not, I'm going to make a motion that we go ahead and send this on to Council for its third reading as an emergency item so it can take effect immediately. Is there a second? Second by Mr. Stake. All in favor, please say aye. (All except one voted Aye). Opposed? (Mrs. Shirey voted ANay). Motion carries.

And with that, I will close....

Mrs. Frazier: Mr. Joseph, on your Homeland Security, I just had a question. They had asked for a Motion to adopt that resolution and I don't know when the filing deadline is. Do you know when the filing deadline is for it? And you sent it for a first reading so, if that's what you want, that's fine, but I just wanted to clarify what the action would be.

Lieutenant McKinley: The deadline's tomorrow. However, we put in a placeholder basically, giving us the time to respond.

Mrs. Frazier: Six weeks for it?

Lieutenant McKinley: Yes. We gave the letter showing our intent. However, we can back out at any time.

Mrs. Frazier: So you want it to go first reading then?

Mr. Joseph: Yeah. We'll at least do that. We'll decide then from there.

Mrs. Frazier: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Joseph: With no other business tonight before Safety Committee, I will close at 8:43.

Safety Committee

October 1, 2007

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

(Transcribed - Susie Lyday)

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2007

Members of Service Committee present: Mel Clemens, Antoinette Newman, Brett Baxter, Donna Shirey.

Other members of Council present: Ron Stake, Preston Stearns, Doug Joseph, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Clemens: I'd like to call the Service Committee meeting to order at 8:44.

The first item on the agenda is approval of the agenda. Do I have any additions or deletions? (No response). If not, it'll stand approved.

The next item is approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2007 Service Committee meeting. Are there any changes to the minutes? (No response). If not, they'll stand approved.

The next item, I want to bring your attention, is the Special Exception Use Permit at 6537 - 6539 East Livingston Avenue. Present Zoning is CC. Proposed Use, State Licensed Daycare Facility. Applicant: Tammy Collins. If no legislation is introduced by October 8 Council meeting, the Special Exception Use Permit will stand approved. So if you get the opportunity, look it over, think about it, and if you feel like you would want legislation introduced, let me know and we'll introduce it. At this time, I have no reason to. So if you get the opportunity, take a look at it. Are there any questions pertaining to that? (No response).

The next item, is the discussions on the next 5, 6, 7, and 8 is Discussion: Authorization of extension of contract with Rumpke - processing of recyclable materials. And I believe the Mayor had sent a letter on this and got our contract extended with Rumpke. Am I correct on that, Mayor Bob?

Mayor McPherson: Well, yeah. We told them we were going to renew it for one year, but we still have to go through the Council process and get authorization.

Mr. Clemens: Correct: And this, our rates stay the same and the contract stays the same?

Mayor McPherson: Correct.

Mr. Clemens: And what we're doing, is extending it one year.

Mayor McPherson: That=s correct.

Mr. Clemens: Nancy, is this a one item reading? Is this just a motion?

Mrs. Frazier: No, you have to have an ordinance; and they=ve asked for emergency on all of them.

Mr. Clemens: Right. Okay. Are there any questions pertaining to this for the Mayor, or for myself from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). If not, I=d like to make a motion that we send this to Council for the first reading as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. All in favor, say aye. (All voted AAye@). Opposed? (No response).

Next item is Discussion: Authorization of extension of contract with SWACO - composting of yard waste. This is the same situation. This is extending our contract, and it=ll be the same cost that we have now for a year. Are there any questions for the Mayor on this subject? (No response). Any questions from the committee or members of Council? (No response). If not, I=d like to make a motion that we send this to Council for the first reading as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. All in favor, say aye. (All voted AAye@).

Next item, item number 7 is Discussion: Authorization of extension of contract with SWACO - disposal of residential solid waste. This is the same situation. This is an extension of the contract at the same price that we=ve had for another year. Are there any questions from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). If not, I=d like to make a motion we send this to Council for the first reading as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Baxter. All in favor, say aye. (All voted AAye@).

Next item is Discussion: Authorization of extension of contract with Rumpke - collection, transportation and delivery for disposal or processing of residential solid waste, recyclable materials and yard waste. This is the same item. This is an extension of the contract at no additional cost for a year. Any questions from the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). If not, I=d like to make a motion to send this to Council for its first reading as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Shirey. All in favor, say aye. (All voted AAye@). Opposed? (No response). Thank you. Thank you Mayor.

Next item is Discussion: Rezoning of 7961 and 7967 Oak Valley Road; from R-3 to CC; 0.648 acres; applicant, James L. Bates. Come on up Jim and explain what you=re doing, to the committee, to Council.

Mr. Bates: We have about 1.7 acres behind Wheelsports and the new funeral home east of Graham Road there. And we have .648 acres that is zoned R-3. We would like to have that portion of the tax parcel rezoned to match the rest of it which is zoned CC. There=s about an

acre that=s zoned CC that has all the frontage that=s on Oak Valley Road of this tax parcel. It=s all one single tax parcel. And we wanted to maximize the development potential of that parcel by making the entire parcel CC. So the rezoning is for the portion of it, 6.48 acres that is now zoned R-3 to be CC and conform to the rest of it so that we can develop it in accordance with the plan and the plat and the blueprints that we have submitted to Council. And we feel it=s very appropriate that the change be made and request your favorable consideration. And that=s about it unless you have any questions.

Mr. Clemens: Jim, this is the section that backs up behind Wheelsports?

Mr. Bates: Yes. It has frontage. It has a common boundary with Glenrest Cemetery. There=s a residential lot just immediately south of it that joins it. It doesn=t have any frontage at all on Oak Valley Road. All the frontage on Oak Valley Road is already zoned CC. All the portions of that tax parcel. So my son lives in the parcel south of it. He owns three quarters of an acre. We had applied for CC zoning for that and we=ve deleted that three quarters of an acre from the request that we made a couple of years ago. And we feel that the plan that we have is a good plan, a viable plan. It doesn=t create any new exits on to Oak Valley Road or any new driveways. And the whole thing, the whole 1.7 acres would utilize the existing driveway which now serves the funeral home. So that=s the essence of it I believe. We=ve got a good plan. It=s fully utilized. The potential of that tax parcel we feel would be a good, a very good asset. An important asset to Reynoldsburg to have that rezoned so that we can, it would be an asset if it were rezoned. Because we would be able to put in probably in excess of a million dollars worth of improvement there to make that a viable business location for a commercial office court. And that=s basically it. Is there any questions?

Mr. Clemens: I=m trying to get my mind straight here. Are you speaking about two buildings?

Mr. Bates: The potential would be for two buildings. Yes.

Mr. Clemens: That=s what it shows.

Mr. Bates: As of right now, we can put one building on there. The new building would be, one half of it would be on the existing CC and the other south half of it would be on the R-3 that we wanted to get rezoned.

Mr. Clemens: Right. That=s what I see. I=m trying to get your entrance figured out. I see the existing drive going up to the funeral home.

Mr. Bates: The driveway to the circle back there comes in off of that driveway along the south property line.

Mr. Clemens: I=ve got you now. It would go back and make a circle and then you would have the other one in the back.

Mr. Bates: That circle=s big enough for a large fire truck to go.

Mr. Clemens: I had seen the tree sitting there and I wasn=t sure that was your drive. It looked more like a basketball. I can understand. We=re not in the same situation we were before by adding another drive which was....

Mr. Bates: That=s correct. We think we=ve answered....

Mr. Clemens: And we=re not taking up the property that was in complaint the last time.

Mr. Bates: That=s right. And we also, we have a traffic report now that indicates that there would be no safety or traffic load hazard created on Oak Valley Road by virtue of this development.

Mr. Clemens: This would be right across from Mulligan Court. The entrance where it comes in now.

Mr. Bates: Right.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any questions for Mr. Bates on this subject from the members at the present time? Because this has to go to a Public Hearing and then to our Planning Commission. Am I correct on that, Bill? This rezoning. We have to set a Public Hearing. And then there=ll be quite a bit of discussion afterwards pertaining to this. Are there any questions from the committee at this present time you=d like to ask Mr. Bates concerning this? Members of Council? Yes, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Chairman Clemens. The question I have is, there was some issue about the original Planning and Zoning Department request, the application of rezoning. That has been resolved since then?

Mr. Bates: We withdrew that rezoning because there was some arguments that we felt were valid that were put forth by the residents. And we addressed those objections I think, effectively. And it should be in our opinion, beneficial to the neighborhood without any safety hazard, which was a major concern before.

Mr. Clemens: If I remember correct, at the last one, I=m just trying to remember. A lot of these things I don=t remember, but I=m trying to remember this. That there was additional driveway that went in off of....

Mr. Bates: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: And that was a concern. And also it was a concern that the building and so forth would be right across from a bunch of homes. That=s right next to some homes. The property that was vacant. Am I correct on that?

Mr. Bates: There are two homes that would be....

Mr. Clemens: And their children couldn't play over there on your property any more.

Mr. Bates: The property that's already commercial will have a building on it that is directly across the street from two of those homes. There are two homes that have been eliminated from that situation being directly across because we eliminated that acre and a half. So we think we covered those objections.

Mr. Clemens: I think the landscape would have to be, as I look at it, it looks good on here now. But it would have, I think that's something as we follow through on, if it's approved, would have to be with big trees to go along with this rather than the little trees.....

Mr. Bates: We're prepared to do that.

Mr. Clemens: To help buffer it from our residential district. Are there any other questions? Yes, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: And I remember speaking to a resident who's concern was with traffic volume. And that was a second issue, that that was addressed, how?

Mr. Bates: We have filed with the rezoning request, the traffic report that we've obtained from, as I understand is the most reliable party that does that in Central Ohio. And their conclusion was that, and you can read it in the report, that there was no additional, there would be no problems created by the road being able to handle traffic capacity. Or there would be no additional safety hazard created there. And the report's fairly extensive if you care to read it. I think you've got a copy in your file. That's a critical item I think.

Mr. Baxter: I think that's the point I'm making, is that you have received back from engineering stating that traffic is not going to be an issue.

Mr. Bates: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: I think one of the problems has been on Oak Valley, it's an extension of a road that at one time wasn't there, that goes to Palmer. And if you follow it around and curve around and so forth, that has added a lot more traffic to that road when people come from Palmer. And I think that was one of the problems. You've moved your entrance clear up now to where there is an entrance and not put another one back at that location. I think that's some improvement. I think Mr. Stearns had a question.

Mr. Stearns: Thank you, Chairman Clemens. Mr. Bates, have you had any discussion with any of the residents in the area?

Mr. Bates: I gave the major spokesman, who at the hearing that we had, a copy of the blueprints that you have, and told him, and asked for his opinion and how he felt about it. He said, well he=s still opposed. But other than that, he was very friendly and didn=t seem to, but I can=t speak for him. But the answer, that=s what I=ve done. And with the assumption that he would communicate with the other people that were involved in coming to the hearing and were concerned about it, that he would be aware of it. And of course, we=ve got a public publishing of the fact that we=re going to rezone it. Or try to rezone it. And there=ll be a new hearing. So I would assume that the word would get around to the neighbors that, I sent out maybe 30 or 40 letter last time to the neighbors with a plan that we had proposed at that time. I haven=t done that this time because I felt that I gave him that information. I think we=ve got a better plan. I think I=ve answered all the objections that they=ve brought forth effectively. So I haven=t really been concerned about giving them more notice than they probably already will get.

Mr. Stearns: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: This will be a Public Hearing. There will be notification as far as posting, and advertisement in the paper. And also, Planning Commission, and back to Council, and back to the Service Committee. So I=m sure that the word will get out. And rightfully so, we should have representation from the people in that community. I think it is a better plan than it was proposed last time because of eliminating the additional driveway and moving it over. But that will come and see at that time. What I would like to do is move this on for the first reading and ask President of Council to set a Public Hearing on it and we=ll start the procedure. And you can go from there and let Mr. Bates explain his proposal at the Public Hearing, and also to the Planning Commission, and also when he comes back to Council. So if there=s no other questions for Mr. Bates and committee, or are there questions from members of Council? (No response). I=d like to make a motion to send this on for a first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Baxter. I would like to ask President Hills to set a Public Hearing on it.

Mr. Hills: We=ll set that, I believe at the first reading.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. That would be fine. At the first reading. All those in favor, say aye. (All voted AAYe@). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

We=ll move on to the next item on the agenda. This is a discussion on the multi-occupancy of residents. And I have held this for a long time. Rightfully so as Mr. Joseph has said. Because we are working on it and we=ve had meetings on this and meetings with Columbus and so forth. There will be an ordinance before you at the next committee meeting. We are in the process of finalizing it and getting it in to Nancy and so forth. So it will be on the agenda and you will have it in your packet. And if I don=t get it ready to your packet, I=ll bring it to your house and make sure you have it. There will be an ordinance. It=s been a difficult situation. It=s not much of a change but there=s a lot of things we=ve been worried about. We wanted it to be enforceable in a way that it protects Reynoldsburg, but it doesn=t hinder the

residents that are here. Jed=s working on this real hard and we=re just trying to get it in such a state that Council will look at. And if they feel that there=s any changes, we can make them as we go. Any how, it will be presented to you at the next committee meeting. And if I don=t have it there, I won=t show up and Mrs. Newman can run the meeting. Okay. Yes, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Clemens, if I could, just address a few things that you could keep in the back of your mind as you=re putting this together. I=m certainly looking forward to seeing some verbiage around enforcement. Who would be the department that would be doing the enforcement? If it=s the Police Department or city services?

Mr. Clemens: We=re working on that.

Mr. Baxter: And then penalty phases. So I know you=re working on that and I just encourage you to keep working forward.

Mr. Clemens: These are the big things that we=ve been held up on. And I=ll see that those are there.

Mr. Baxter: Alright. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Clemens: And if not, you can question Mrs. Newman because I won=t be here.

Mr. Baxter: We=ll go to one of those bars and find you.

Mr. Clemens: I won=t be playing pool. I=m no good at it.

The next item on the agenda, ORDINANCE ACCEPTING TWO UNRECORDED DEEDS OF EASEMENT (sanitary sewer, water line) (Metropolitan Reynoldsburg, LLC). It had its second reading 9-24-07. Are there any questions from the committee pertaining to this? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). If not, I=d like to send it to Council for its third reading for adoption. Mrs. Shirey with the second. All in favor, say aye. (All voted AAYe@). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

And the meeting is over at 9:03.

Service Committee

October 1, 2007

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
(Transcribed - Susie Lyday)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2007

Members of Finance Committee present: Ron Stake, Mel Clemens, Doug Joseph, Preston Stearns.

Other members of Council present: Brett Baxter, Antoinette Newman, Donna Shirey, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Stake: I=ll call the Finance Committee to order at 9:04.

Item number 2 is approval of the agenda. I have two items to add to the agenda this evening. 3a would be the appropriation for the replacement of unmarked vehicle for the Police Department. And 3b would be the appropriation for the additional repairs on Main Street. All in favor, please state aye. (All voted AAYe@). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item 3 is Approval of minutes of September 17, 2007 Finance Committee meeting. Are there any changes to those minutes? (No response). None being heard, they=ll stand as submitted.

And item 3a is the appropriation, request for appropriation of \$6,558.56 from the unappropriated General Fund to account number 110.111.5632 which will assist in purchasing another unmarked detective vehicle. And this did come from the Safety Committee. Mr. Joseph.

Mr. Joseph: Yes. This came from the Safety Committee with a recommendation to do this as an emergency item so we can get that car replaced as quickly as possible.

Mr. Stake: Okay. I=ll make a motion that we appropriate the appropriation (tape change)
(Mr. Joseph seconded the motion; all voted AAYe@.)- -nf

Mr. Stake:additional repairs of Main Street from the Blacklick Creek Bridge on out just this side of Taylor Road. And this is an additional appropriation not to exceed \$100,000 for the additional asphalt. And this would be funded from account number 440.002.5659. And this also comes from the Safety Committee. Mr. Joseph.

Mr. Joseph: Yes. As you said Chairman, we took a look at this tonight, and given the new information from the Safety/Service Director, we're recommending that we do the additional recommending up to 100,000 for this item as an emergency item.

Mr. Stake: Thank you. I'll make a motion that the Finance Committee recommend approval of this emergency ordinance of \$100,000 to be funded from account number 440.002.5659 for the additional repairs to East Main Street. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted Aye@). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 4 is Discussion: Authorization of items for sale at auction. I do see we received a new list here this evening I believe. So if members would attach that to the ordinance, the request. And this is a request for authorization to hold the city auction and dispose of fixed assets deemed not usable for municipal purposes. And then we have that new list. And this comes from Mr. DeBolt but I don't see him here. Oh, there he is. Anything to say about this?

Mr. DeBolt: We've had items for a period of time that we'd like to get rid of. Again, we have to identify the items that are on the fixed asset list within the departments in order to get rid of by auction. So we've done our best that we can to do that. We have other items as well that we'd like to get rid of. For instance, the Police Department has a lot of bicycles. That's kind of an advantageous thing to try to sell because we think that'll draw folks in in past history that would perhaps buy the other items that we have on the list as well. So we'd like to try to get this together before the snow flies and have the auction if we could.

Mr. Stake: Okay. I do notice that you request an emergency. I don't think it's going to snow next week though, or the next couple of weeks. At least I hope not.

Mr. DeBolt: That's true. But we felt like the fact that we'd like to do it before the snow does fly for one. Two, storage issue, again, these items are piling up. So although it's not a major emergency, if we can do it as soon as possible, that's what we're trying to do.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Have we truly identified everything? I notice a lot of this is computer equipment and, I thought we'd have to pay somebody to take this stuff.

Mr. DeBolt: I think so. We've given the various departments plenty of time to go over their lists and I think we're pretty thorough in doing so at this point.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any questions from members of Finance for Mr. DeBolt or the Mayor? (No response). Members of Council? Councilman Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Just to make note that the dollar amount that you're looking at on the documentation is the original purchase cost. Not the current value of that equipment.

Mr. Clemens: Or if it worked.

Mr. Baxter: Or if it is even functioning or not. It=s just the asset being listed and what it was originally purchased. So if somebody=s coming to this expecting a \$1900 and \$59 lap top, rethink that idea.

Mayor McPherson: It probably isn=t going to happen.

Mr. Stake: Just to clarify. Are you able to auction anything off that=s not on this list that we approve?

Mr. DeBolt: Yes. The items such as the bicycles aren=t on the fixed asset list. And there=ll be other items like something that=s definitely beyond repair that we could try to auction. So yes, we can.

Mr. Stake: There will be other things?

Mr. DeBolt: Yes.

Mr. Stake: Okay. I=ll tell you what, I=d like to know what those are. If you could maybe get us a list for next time. I would see one reading and then pass it at the second reading if that=s okay with everybody. And that would give us enough time to get it done by the end of October.

Mr. DeBolt: That would be fine. Again, if we can get this done the second week of November at the latest. That=s optimal, if we can.

Mr. Stake: Okay. That=ll give you enough time to get us that list and we could have that for the next committee meeting. And then the following Council meeting, I would recommend approval as an emergency. Councilwoman Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I=ve never been to one of these auctions. Are they held in the out of doors? Or does it require people to be outside? Or where do you do this?

Mr. DeBolt: Ideally, this one might be held out in front of the police steps.

Mrs. Newman: Okay. Then it would be a good idea to have it in nice weather to attract a crowd.

Mr. DeBolt: That=s the goal. We felt like, just the spacing, we could get more things if we do it outside. We tried to consider some places indoors, but there=s just not an ideal place.

Mrs. Newman: Well, but it is important therefore, to have it in nice weather.

Mr. DeBolt: That=s the ideal reason we want to do it as soon as possible.

Mrs. Newman: Okay.

Mr. Stake: Mayor, do you object to having another committee meeting and then passing it at the second Council....

Mayor McPherson: No. The main reason, and I think we've cited financial reasons, that we have a lot of equipment sitting around that we could utilize the money. Put it into our unappropriated General Fund. Having it for two more weeks really won't make any difference. The reason we're coming to City Council, the ordinance you passed, I believe November of '06, requests that when we have an auction, any assetted item, we brought to City Council. We didn't even think about bringing all the other stuff. You know, the broken staplers and all those other things we're going to try to get somebody to auction. But we'll get that list put together too. But this particular ordinance is about the assetted items only. And again, it was done because of the ordinance that was passed back I believe, in '06. But two weeks isn't going to make any difference.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Well, if you don't object to that, I'd prefer that. Okay. Are there any other questions or comments from members of Council? Councilman Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: I would just note, it appears that administration was trying to use their head and show us those things that were of value at the time they were purchased. So we appreciate that. So personally, I don't need to see the staplers. But I would definitely like to know if there's a copier going out the back door. That we know that there's an asset being identified in going out. So I think that....

Mayor McPherson: I know. And I'd like to know where it is too.

Mr. Stake: Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: We don't need the prices on the bicycles that are sold. I used to sell them for \$2 sometimes. You know how it went. But there will be a lot of bicycles. There will be a lot of good ones and things like that. Small stuff. Little stuff that people like to pick up. It's always a nice auction.

Mr. Stake: And you don't have to tell me, say we've got 10 bicycles or we've got, you know, that kind of thing. I just think that would be better.

Mr. Baxter: I think that's what I was trying to get at too.

Mr. Stake: Give everybody a better understanding. Councilman Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Yes, Chairman Stake. If and when all these items are auctioned off, what does that do with our insurance rate? Will that go down because of some of the values here, we're able to adjust it?

Mr. Stake: No. I'm sure we bought new equipment to replace all those other things.

Mayor McPherson: No. The insurance values aren't going to change. We have a set amount. Most of the things that we're auctioning, if you look at it, have absolutely no value. Have been replaced with newer equipment. Newer PCs. Newer everything. So the insurance values aren't going to change.

Mr. Stake: I mean, those computers on there, I bet some of them are real old. And like I said, I'm surprised we're not paying somebody to come and take them away.

Mr. Stake: Alright. Any other discussion here? Any other questions or comments? (No response). Then I'll make a motion that we send this item on for its first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Stearns. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted Aye). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

Item number 5 is Discussion: City Records Policy amendment. I know there is a Records Commission. And does somebody here from the Records Commission want to let us know what this is all about?

Mayor McPherson: This is the Records Management Policy that I think everyone's aware, we just recently had a change at the legislature. And we've had several meetings with our consultant Bob Schultz to bring all of our records into compliance with the new Ohio Revised Code law. This document does in fact, bring us into compliance. And we're just requesting that we go ahead and move it forward in order, I think everybody here understands, we're way, way ahead of a lot of other communities in records management. We've had a Records Commission in place for a long, long time. And we like to be ahead of the curve. This is a law now and we'd like to implement it, pass it, so that we in turn, can comply with the law.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you, Mayor. Are there any questions for the Mayor from members of Finance Committee, members of Council? (No response). Okay. Since we should come in compliance with the law as soon as possible, I will make a motion that we send this on to Council with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted Aye). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 6, Discussion: 2008 Franklin County Board of Health Contract. This is just for the approval of the contract. We would not be funding this until the 2008 Budget Appropriation. Correct?

Mayor McPherson: That is correct. About the only difference you see on this is, we're bringing it to you in October instead of December. If you'll recall, this is one of the contracts that we usually get last in the year. We've highlighted any of the changes in the contract from last year

to this year. They are not significant. The major change that you will see is in the rate structure and the total amount that we're going to owe in 2008. And we have listed that on the face of the legislative request.

Mr. Stake: Okay. And this can go the three readings. Any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Then I'll make a motion that we send this on to Council for its first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Joseph. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted Aye). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 7, Discussion: Resolution accepting amounts and rates, etc. (Licking County). Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris: Thank you, Mr. Stake. Since we had so much fun with this two weeks ago with Franklin County, Licking County has now added, sent theirs over and asked that it also be passed accepting the amounts and resolution from the Tax Commission. This is part of the tax budget process that we start every year in May. And this is just the final piece of it.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any questions or comments for Mr. Harris from members of the Finance Committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Okay. And I don't see any emergency here with this.

Mr. Harris: They made us wait. We can make them wait.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Then I'll make a motion that we send this item on for its first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Stearns. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted Aye). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you, Mr. Harris.

Item number 8, Discussion: Extension of contract with Triad Architects - professional architectural and plan review services. And I guess they have agreed to renew their contract at the same rates for another year. Correct, Mayor?

Mayor McPherson: That's correct. This is the backup architect too. I don't recall ever having to use them, to tell you the truth. But they've agreed to the same rates as the year before.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). I'll make a motion that we send this on to Council for its first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Joseph. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted Aye). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 9 is ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT (TAYLOR ROAD SEWER LINE EXTENSION). This had its

first reading on 9-24-07. And this does come from the Auditor. Are there any questions or comments for the Auditor from members of the Finance Committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Hearing none, then I'll make a motion that we send this forward for its second reading. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Stearns. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted Aye). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 10 is ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT (BROAD STREET WATER LINE EXTENSION). This had its first reading 9-24-07. And this also comes from the Auditor. Are there any questions or comments for the Auditor or anybody else from members of the Finance Committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Okay then, I will make a motion that we send this on to Council for its second reading. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Joseph. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted Aye). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

And item number 11 is ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT (PHASE II MAIN STREET CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION PROJECT). This also had its first reading 9-24-07. Are there any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee for the Auditor? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Okay then, I will make a motion that we send this on to Council for its second reading. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted Aye). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

And I will adjourn the Finance Committee at 9:21.

Finance Committee

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-- Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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