

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2002

Members of Community Development Committee present: Sarah Cannella, Jim Wade, Ron Stake, Lane Beougher

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of the September 3, 2002 Community Development Committee Meeting were approved without objection.

The agenda was approved.

Mrs. Cannella: Mr. Brandt, I believe you wanted to introduce our guest tonight?

Mr. Brandt: Thank you Mrs. Cannella. We appreciate the opportunity to be here this evening and bring this unique opportunity to Council and to the citizens of Reynoldsburg and to fully explain it or at least review it. The gentleman who has brought this opportunity to us, Mr. Wade Steen, the Franklin County Treasurer is here this evening as well as his Deputy, Mr. Eric Richter.

Mr. Steen: Good evening Council. It's good to see you again. I was here once before and we talked about the possibility of doing the Linked Deposit Program. This evening what I wanted to do is highlight how the program is going to work and how it will impact Reynoldsburg and see what kind of questions Council might have because the program has now been approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The next step in the process is a resolution by this body to participate in that program. That would then allow us to make funds available to the residents of the City of Reynoldsburg. What we did about six months ago now was to take a look at property values across Franklin County by taxing district and look at those areas where property values were not increasing as quickly as in other areas. And Reynoldsburg was one of those areas that was identified where property values weren't increasing as quickly as other areas. It doesn't mean that it's not a good area. It doesn't mean it's a bad area. It just means property values were not increasing as rapidly as say, Bexley or Upper Arlington or Worthington. I then sought the approval of our Investment Advisory Committee to make 5 million dollars available to pilot this program. The municipalities that are involved include Reynoldsburg, Whitehall, Gahanna and the City of Columbus along with the Village of Urbancrest and some unincorporated areas. Shortly thereafter, Senate Bill 193 passed and we entered into a partnership with State Treasurer Joe Deters. And the upside is when I talked to this body last time I mentioned we would have 5 million dollars available in Franklin County. They're going to match that dollar for dollar. So we're going to have 10 million dollars available to make low interest home improvement loans in Franklin County. The program is pretty simple and straight forward. To participate, in this case one's home must be in the City of Reynoldsburg proper. They must not be delinquent on their taxes and its property value must be less than \$250,000. As we all know, property values have just recently been assessed. We might want to get that loan done before January 1st kicks in

because some values went up so some homes might not qualify. The intent of the program is to allow home improvements to be made that will raise the property value of that home and hopefully the surrounding area. This will help us to secure our property tax base. What I've noticed in my time as Treasurer is that most new home starts are happening outside Franklin County. We're in direct competition. Let there be no doubt with Fairfield County, Delaware County, Union County, Pickaway County for new home starts. Those property values are secure. Right now our property values are stagnating in Franklin County and in some areas. And those are the revenues that we use to provide various social services such as education for our children, to fund our library, to fund our fire service, to fund city government. And so we look at this as a program to help us safeguard our property values in Franklin County, to provide home improved money which will spur economic development, create some jobs, hopefully generate some sales tax in the City of Reynoldsburg. That's the program in a nut shell and I could talk for a lot longer about it because I'm pretty excited. But why don't I stop and see what kind of questions Council may have because that might be more helpful to all of you. President McCloud.

Mr. McCloud: Are there specific projects that fit the criteria. In other words, is there a criteria _____ you can add a garage or is it a roof, is it a window?

Mr. Steen: Good question. Yeah, there will be, it'll be improvements that improve the value of the home. It has to raise the value. It cannot be for luxury items. No satellite dishes, no pools, but we're looking at things like windows, energy efficient windows, new roofs. It could be for code type of situations where you want to rewire your home, put an addition on. I did speak with John Wolfe, the Mayor of Whitehall. He has a fair number of residents that are going to just, they've got the gravel driveway. I don't know what you'd call it but they're actually going to put a real driveway now because they've got gravel driveways and put decks on. Maybe put a garage up because they don't have one. The one step I left off is that the underwriting for the program done by the bank, the county is not involved with that at all. And one of the things I'm proud of, and I've been questioned about, and I do not hide, is there are no income restrictions. Because I was asked just today, this program doesn't focus on the needy and I said yeah, it focuses on the needy areas because I define needy as those areas where we want to try to spur economic development and not necessarily in terms of what ones compensation is. So you go into the bank, you apply for the loan, they approve it. They say, oh you live in the City of Reynoldsburg, you can get a 3% reduction on this home improvement loan if you participate in Franklin County's program. Here's the one page application. You check it off. There's interaction between the county and the city because we want to make sure that the work that's done in your city is done to code and then to accordance with your guidelines. So we'll be working with your Mayor and your city services to make sure they get a Building Permit. The works done to code and hopefully they pay income tax. As far as those workers in the city, that's one of the things that we want to make sure you get out of it. And if they're buying goods in the county we pick up some sales tax down at the county. So, there'll be some administrative work and not very much. And again, we want to try to make the program as friendly and easy to use as possible. But it's only for home improvements. Not for luxury items.

Mrs. Cannella: Mr. Steen, for instance, if there's an older couple that wants to take the loan and they need approximately \$25,000, even so you have a five year length of time on that loan, is

there a possibility of stretching that out further for those that can't afford the over \$400 a month payment?

Mr. Steen: Yeah, actually you can stretch out the payment to the term that fits your particular situation with your lending institution. But the rate reduction will actually be for two years. You'll get a rate reduction for two years. You can pay your loan back over five, or over ten. You mentioned an elderly couple. That's another group that can benefit from this program, is if you want to accommodate a home with a wheelchair ramp, or maybe you have an older mother or father and the cost of moving them into some other facility is too costly. But more importantly, we want to try to keep people in their home. I guess that's the simple way to put it. And if they need to take out a loan for 10 or 20 thousand dollars to accommodate their home, this program suits that perfectly. One of the other things the county can help with, and we're going to provide the information to the city, the State of Ohio has a matching program that if you're an elderly citizen and you want to stay in your home, they'll provide a 3% rate reduction. So you would actually be getting a 6% rate cut if you're an elderly person trying to accommodate a home for a mother or a father or other family member in those first two years. So it's not just a 3%, in certain situations you can _____ a state program and a local program. And I do know that there is one for the elderly to help accommodate a home for an elderly parent so someone can stay in their home.

Mrs. Cannella: And what is the change of rate after two years?

Mr. Steen: The change of rate would be, if market rate on a home improvement loan is 6 ½%, you would pay 3 ½% for the first two years. The county would absorb, actually the loan would be amortized at 6 ½%, we would absorb 3% of the interest. And you can amortize a loan as you can any other type of loan. Home improvement, car, home purchase, over any period of time. You could do it over two years, three years, five years, ten years, we will absorb that 3% interest rate for those first two years. So as an accountant, if your duration is shorter, if your payback period is two years, three years, you're going to get a bigger rate so to speak because I'm going to be absorbing a bigger percent of the interest than if you spread your payment over ten years. But that's for each individual taxpayer to decide how long they want to amortize their loan over.

Mrs. Cannella: Are there any other questions? Mr. Wade.

Mr. Wade: Yes, thank you Mr. Steen. I had two questions. First of all you said it was contingent upon this bodies approval. Did you mean us or did you mean the Franklin County Commissioners or both?

Mr. Steen: No actually this body, both. The City of Reynoldsburg now has to basically pass a resolution that you want to participate in our program. It's a two way street and so I'm here also to lobby you to please, pass the legislation so that we can make money available.

Mr. Wade: Even if we do that though, it's not necessarily available until the County Commissioners _____.

Mr. Steen: Correct. It'll be a couple of weeks until we get the administrative work done but the County Commissioners have already passed a resolution authorizing me to set up this program. They've also passed a resolution allowing the county to enter into agreements with particular municipalities and unincorporated areas. Reynoldsburg's been named in that legislation. It's already passed. So it's perfunctory that we take your resolution back to them. Then it's a matter of getting the rest of the administrative hurdles in place between the city and the county. When I say hurdles, we just want to make sure that we have communication between your Development Department, your Mayor and the Mayor's staff so that as people make loans, we want to have the ability to track and make sure the loan for the work I should say, is done to code in your city. And each city is a little different so we have to be sensitive to the local needs and that really won't take much time. We've been in contact with the Mayor's office quite a bit.

Mr. Wade: And how much of the \$5,000,00 is available to the City of Reynoldsburg?

Mr. Steen: It's a first come, first serve program. If you're the most aggressive and you get moving quickly, more than a proportionate share could end up in Reynoldsburg. And I will be honest, this is the first meeting I've had with a body like this, with a Council since last Tuesday's Board of Commissioners meeting. So you are definitely out front. And that, to commend your city staff because they're the ones who are keeping this ball rolling so that you're available, so that the money's available to your residents quickly.

Mr. Wade: And lastly, is the money available to the city for participation if the city were to use that money for improvements? Or is it just the homeowners?

Mr. Steen: Only the homeowners. One of the criteria I forgot to mention was, it needs to be owner occupied. It's not for investment type property. Although it can be a two or four unit building. As long as the owner occupies one of the units. But it's for owner occupied properties.

Mr. Wade: Thank you.

Mrs. Cannella: The other thing Mr. Steen is, one of the articles in here says that the city will be responsible for insuring that those who receive loans through the program actually do make improvements to their homes. How are you planning on letting the city know who took the loan and the cost to our city for checking that out?

Mr. Steen: One of the things we'll do is that, it's really a relationship between the lending institutions, the County Treasurer's Office, and your city. Before we provide for the rate reduction, a report back to, let's just say it's Fifth Third Bank that you're seeking a loan through, one of the questions will be, what kind of improvement are you making and did you get a Building Permit. And there will be a check off, there will be an approval coming from the city that says, yes, they're putting a roof on at this address and they have a Building Permit. Because what we really don't want to have happen is someone to take a loan and go on vacation or buy a car or worse yet, to take a loan and not do what, basically you want them to comply with your local laws. And so we're forcing them to deal with you before they ever get to participate. We have to know that

they had interaction with your city and your city, I don't know if plans are needed for certain types of work. I don't know if you have approved builders, or approved people to do work. And that's where we leave it up to each city to basically help us with enforcement but it allows you to monitor the work going on in your community. Now one of the things we'll ask is that you help us track the types of improvements. My Board of Commissioners wants a report after a year about the results of this program. What kind of improvements were made? What was the average size loan? Where were they made? Those kind of things so that we know if the program is actually working and we're just excited to get it going. My big concern as we get closer to winter, ones ability to rip a roof off, as I had mentioned to our Board of Commissioners. I've done that before. Never in November and December and I don't think I'd want to so if you're going to replace a roof, you'd probably want to get going a little bit here so we're trying to move it quickly. As quickly as we can.

Mrs. Cannella: Thank you Mr. Steen. Anyone else?

Mr. McCloud: Just for a constituent to maybe understand Wade, is this financial institution specific or just anywhere that anyone might go to get a home improvement loan if there's a cooperation with the county?

Mr. Steen: Financial institution specific. Right now the county has certain approved depositories and one of the things that we're having them sign as an additional agreement, we want to make sure that there's no red lining of loans. That when they look at a loan that it's based upon the credit worthiness of the one applying for the loan. And there's no prejudice applied to one applying. And so Eric Richter of our staff is in charge of the project. We think we'll be fully functional right after the first of October. Get legislation like yours. Get the banks to agree to, basically what we want the banks to do is be fair. When someone comes in to apply for a loan, be fair with them. And if the loan would have been 7% you get a break then, you get it for 4. Don't raise the rate. You can't do those kind of things and so we had our County Prosecutor, Ron O'Brian assist us. Because we want to make sure that the banks, and I'm not implying that they would, but the program fails if they don't look at this as a normal loan that you would get off the street and then let us take 3% off the top for you. But the banks that we bank with, and actually you know what, I'll tell you the ones I know best, and I know you have reporters here so I hope I don't miss any and if I do Eric will jump up back here, but the banks that we have depository agreements with are Fifth Third, Huntington, National City, Bank One, First Star. Am I missing anybody else Eric?

Mr. Richter: The ones that have expressed the most interest are Fifth Third and Huntington.

Mr. Steen: That's a good point. The ones that have expressed interest are Huntington and Fifth Third. And they're ready to go. They're getting their material together. They're training their loan officers. So part of it, does the bank want to make these loans? All the banks that we deposit with are eligible but I think those two will probably be the two that are out front pushing this program and I assume they have branches in Reynoldsburg. Those two banks.

Mrs. Cannella: Mr. Steen, the other thing was, how are you getting this information out to the citizens so they'll know they can participate?

Mr. Steen: One of the things that we're hoping to do is we're going to be producing some collateral material to the county print shop. Hopefully, it'll be distributed to the residents and then it'll be available in the branches in Reynoldsburg. One of the things we've got to be careful of is you could have a resident of Reynoldsburg go apply for a loan, let's say in Westerville, and they might not if they're not paying attention, know that they reside in Reynoldsburg and are eligible for the program. So it's through forums like this, any free earned media that we can get, and I would also ask the city to help in getting the word out to your residents that this is available. The Commissioners did not and would not appropriate any money for advertising so to speak other than the brochures that will be printed for the program.

Mrs. Cannella: Yes Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: One of the programs we have here is a sidewalk replacement program and it sounds like this might be an applicable program because it would comply with the ordinance and some of the assessments are fairly sizeable and probably be paid off in a two year period. So this seems like a good match possibly for that. And I assume that would be an applicable program.

Mr. Steen: Yeah, as long as, again, as long as the improvement improves the value of the home and the quality of housing in the area, I would image that if you've got a sidewalk that a tree root has ripped up or it's just non-existent, now you've got a nice fresh piece of sidewalk, that made that home more valuable. So yeah, that's a good point.

Mr. Beougher: Well, the alternative is an assessment against your property tax so...

Mr. Steen: I'd rather make a loan than collect a tax.

Mrs. Cannella: Are there any other questions?

Mr. Steen: Council, thank you very much for having me this evening. Thank you.

Mrs. Cannella: Thank you for coming Mr. Steen. We appreciate you coming and letting us know all about the program.

Number 5 on our agenda is the discussion of the Youth Football Field. Mr. Wade. Oh sorry. I have to move this along. I'd like to move the Link Deposit Loan Program for a vote on Monday as an emergency. All in favor say aye. (All responded "Aye").

Mr. Beougher: Mrs. Cannella, I think you need a second on the motion and I would be happy to do that.

Mrs. Cannella: Second by Mr. Beougher. So this will be on the agenda for next Monday night. Thank you very much for coming in.

Number 4 is the discussion of the Youth Football Field. Mr. Wade.

Mr. Wade: Mrs. Cannella, I'm just going to hold that for two weeks. We're supposed to have a meeting on that this week so we will be able to bring it forward in two weeks.

Mrs. Cannella: And with that we will adjourn Committee at 7:47.

Community Development Committee
- -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
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SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES September 16, 2002

Members of Safety Committee present: Mel Clemens, Jim Wade, Ron Stake, Lane Beougher.
Other members of Council present: Sarah Cannella, William L. Hills, Council President Bradley L. McCloud. Councilman Eric Gilbert was absent.

Mr. Clemens: I'd like to call the Safety Committee meeting to order at 7:47. The first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of September 3, 2002 Safety Committee meeting. Do I have any additions or deletions? If not they'll stand approved. The next item on the agenda is the approval of the agenda. I'd like to remove item 7, Discussion, Status of Traffic Study. We've received the information on the traffic study so I'd like to remove that from the agenda. I'd like to add as item 3a, Resolution of necessity for Sidewalk Phase V. And I'd like to add as 3b, Federal Grant. This is for in-car computers at the request of Chief Miller. Are there any

other items anybody would like to add or delete? If not, do I have a second on the additions? Second by Mr. Stake. All in favor say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response).

The next item on the agenda is item 3a, Resolution of necessity for Sidewalk Replacement and Driveway Approaches, Phase V. Sidewalk program CIP #402. Either Dave or, Mr. Parkinson...

Mr. Parkinson: At Council's direction we completed the markings and the court house research and paperwork for Sidewalk V and gave that to the Clerk and other administration for their files and we are ready to proceed.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any questions for Mr. Parkinson? This will put them both about the same together. Is that correct?

Mr. Parkinson: Yes. And my understanding is that both 4 and 5 will go on the same time frame.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions for Mr. Parkinson? If not, I'd like to move this on to City Council as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Beougher. All in favor say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response).

The next item is 3b, Federal Grant, In-car Computers. Chief Miller.

Chief Miller: Good evening Council. Thank you Mr. Clemens. As you know, approximately two years ago you gave us permission to apply for what's known as a Cops More grant for in-car computers. Normally these grants are awarded just about this time in September of each year. Last year of course, after September 11, I came to you and told you that I did not anticipate that we would get the grant. In fact, that's exactly what happened. We've been notified in the last two weeks or so that we have been awarded this grant. This is a 75, 25 match. Seventy-five percent, twenty-five percent match. It means that the city, that the federal funding is to the amount of \$186,038. This means that the city's match, or local funding source has to come up with \$62,000. What this would do, it would allow us to purchase hardware and software that would give us the opportunity to do electronic reporting and have access to the LEADS and NCIC systems from each cruiser. I see it as an officer efficiency and an officer safety issue. I realize the city's current level of finances. That being said, we have done a couple of things. Number one, we have sent a letter to the federal government asking for consideration in our local match. We have not yet heard back from them so I do not know how they will respond. The second thing that we've done is that the Ohio Attorney General's Office has a 10% matching grant when a local municipality gets this kind of grant and we have applied for that 10% matching grant. If we were awarded it, that means that we would get \$18,600 which would take the grant level up to just over 200,000 and it would mean that the city, if the city doesn't receive any reduction from the federal government, we'd then be looking at approximately \$43,400. I have looked at my Special Law Enforcement Funds. We would still have to do, I need to talk to Mr. Turner and Mr. Whitney again just to make sure about some things but currently we are looking at just under \$35,000 and if we empty every fund that we have, we would be able to come up with just about that amount except for the DARE Fund. That is the one fund that we do not believe we could apply legally to this usage but all of our other Law Enforcement Funds, we believe we could do that and do it legally which would then

take the amount down to \$8,400 that the city would have to make a commitment to if we did that. I have some time yet to respond on accepting this grant and again, with Mr. Whitney's help we did send a letter to the federal government trying to detail some of our financial issues as a municipality that we are currently facing and so we are waiting to hear from them. But you have it in front of you. We've been awarded the grant. It is in my estimation a tremendous opportunity. This is technology that's been around clearly since the early to mid 80's and we don't have it and it puts us 20 years behind. It would give us an opportunity to really be more efficient, more effective, and again it's an officer safety issue.

Mr. Clemens: Chief, do you know when you have to respond to this?

Chief Miller: I can get that date for you Mr. Clemens. I think I have 90 days from the date that they award, that they send us the letter.

Mr. Clemens: What I meant was, this wouldn't have to go as an emergency I wouldn't think.

Chief: No. No. Not right now.

Mr. Clemens: We can send it on to Council?

Chief Miller: Yes. You could have it for one reading and we are trying to stay in close contact with our Washington representative. Our contact that's down there out of that office.

Mr. Clemens: I have another question for you.

Chief Miller: Yes sir.

Mr. Clemens: On this, is there training? And how about the maintenance and how this is handled? Because I know we always come in on that maintenance problem on everything we do.

Chief Miller: Yes. There is a complete maintenance package and training built into the current grand dollars as you see them here. But after the first year or so, we would have to take a look at funding for ongoing maintenance.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you Mr. Clemens. Chief, would all the cruisers be equipped with these computers?

Chief Miller: There is enough funding here for 15 cruisers to be equipped. And the answer to that is yes.

Mr. Stake: Okay. And do you know what the life expectancy of these computers...

Chief Miller: What we would, the reason that the one computer that we're looking at is so expensive is it's called the Ruggedized Computer. It essentially is encased of some sort of special

metal that was developed by the military. It's supposed to withstand tremendous impacts. Please no comments about donuts or coffee. But they should stand, they should be, I mean I, I will tell you I was just talking to some friends in Detroit and original mobile data terminals that were installed in Detroit in the mid 80's are still being used there. All of 17 years later. If taken care of they should have a long life. But like all of computer technology it will continue to change and we'll be challenged continually.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Wade.

Mr. Wade: Thank you Mel. I have some concerns with this from the standpoint of first obviously financial condition of the city's General Fund and the outlook of economic improvements over the next couple of years and the technology as well and how fast that changes and how soon this might be obsolete and I think there's probably questions nobody knows the answer to. And so I'm concerned about that because I have to believe with a \$250,000 computer system that the maintenance and the upkeep of that kind of equipment is very, very high.

Chief Miller: They've improved it again, Mr. Wade over the course of the years. One of the things that you need to understand is that first of all if you read the grant, one of the things we are arguing is it would make our officers more efficient. So as the city grows if instead of adding personnel, you had an opportunity to add technology that would increase the efficiency of your officers clearly it's a way to go. The technology is changing. Yes it is. There's not anything I can do about that but I'll say it again, I'm familiar with many municipalities that have installed this and the system stays for a long time. I mean it's government and it's what happens.

Mr. Wade: Well, but that doesn't make it any less costly just because it stays around.

Chief Miller: No. No. But the initial impact of the quarter of a million dollars I believe, you know, we could reduce the actual General Fund demand to a very small amount of that, \$248,000.

Mr. Wade: And secondly, you bring up the issue of officer safety? How does this improve officer safety?

Chief Miller: Currently when an officer wants to, let's say is pulling over a vehicle, they get on the radio and call the dispatcher. The dispatcher puts that plate into the computer system in the communication center and waits for a response regarding the information from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and any additional information that would have been entered into the National Crime Information Center or the Ohio Law Enforcement Automated Data System which is our local criminal computerized data system. And officers don't, there are times when they are mandated that they must ask for that information. But there was a study that the Ohio State Highway Patrol did approximately three years ago now, where they installed this kind of equipment in County Sheriff's municipality cruisers and Westerville was the one municipality I remember that they installed. They were in Montgomery County and then they, a couple of State Troopers, and the statistics show that an officer with an in-car computer made an arrest off of LEADS information every 20 hours of every 20 work hours. An officer without an in-car computer made an arrest off of LEADS information every 100 work hours. So they become more

effective now but some of you could be saying, well if they're going to be arresting more people, we've got prisoner care costs which will come up later. You know, I'm not in, unfortunately my business is not one that makes money and it's the nature of my beast, if you will. But it gives the officers the ability to enter many more plates than they would otherwise.

Mr. Wade: Are they just running around, running peoples plates and basing their stops on what comes up from that information?

Chief Miller: Well, there's a possibility of that. Sure.

Mr. Wade: So they're just at random running around checking license plates?

Chief Miller: They could do that. Yes. Absolutely. They could drive through a parking lot of one of our hotels or one of our retail centers and put every plate, your plate is not a private record. Your plate is a public record and any information that that comes back attended to that is public information.

Mr. Wade: But we also know BMV information is oftentimes incorrect.

Chief Miller: Right. And so when the stop occurs...

Mr. Wade: They are going to be pulling people based on incorrect information and I would have a problem with that.

Chief Miller: Well, but what happens is when the stop occurs, any of that information has to be verified through the originating agency and that's when the officer notifies the dispatcher right away that the originating agency will be contacted to see for example, let's say that there's an outstanding warrant. Before an arrest is made, that information is verified through the originating agency. I mean they don't just go and make an arrest. We realize that there is a lag time with BMV information.

Mr. Wade: So that the officer protection comes from having more information.

Chief Millers: Yes.

Mr. Wade: I would say that obviously you can't put a price on their safety but I also don't think we can afford to just continue to throw money at it and I don't know that that is a big enough, you could do that forever and still never have them be completely safe.

Chief Miller: No. That's...

Mr. Wade: It's an infinite position.

Chief Miller: Yes. I mean, there is risks. I mean, think that that's a, there is risk. There will always be risk. I should never say always but, I should say always. There's risk.

Mr. Clemens: Chief, I've got a question.

Chief Miller: Yes sir.

Mr. Clemens: Will this help in the basis of the 10 minutes before quitting time pulling over for tickets and then going into overtime to write up the reports. Is this going to stop some of that or does that help?

Chief Miller: Well, we are certainly hoping for that Mr. Clemens. What it would allow for is for an officer to stay right in their cruiser out on the road, type up a report using the electronic form and then coming back and then offloading the information, the data, into the main system.

Mr. Clemens: And then hitting the door.

Chief Miller: And then hit the door. Yes. Part of the equipment that's being asked for here is actually a card swipe system where your license plate for those of you who have had a recent license plate renewal you know that there's a magnetic strip on the back of your license or your drivers license and that would actually allow, rather than the officer now having to write in your name and your address and your social security number and your height and your weight and your hair color and your eye color, your zip code, your telephone number. All of that would automatically go into the system. Of course we would verify that information but it would automatically feed into the entire system.

Mr. Clemens: I have one more question. And I'm one for having new equipment which I think we had in the past pretty much agreed on every state of the art equipment that comes through. But I always like to know, is how do we stand with other communities in the outerbelt as far as in-car computers? I don't want to be the only ones that have them. I don't want to be the only ones that don't have them but I'd like to know are there other, besides Westerville, how about Gahanna?

Chief Miller: Yes. Westerville, Gahanna, Dublin, Grove City. I'm not sure about Hilliard or Worthington.

Mr. Clemens: Any other questions? Yes Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Chief I'm going to ask the inevitable question that you're probably hoping I don't ask but are these, the LEADS program is web based? Is that correct?

Chief Miller: The LEADS program is.

Mr. Beougher: The program that they're using is web based so there's the capability of...

Chief Miller: You're going to challenge my computer technical abilities knowledge but go ahead.

Mr. Beougher: And I respect the force as a very professional force but I get frustrated with my

subordinates who are checking their hot mail accounts and things like that.

Chief Miller: Oh, no no no. No. No.

Mr. Beougher: There would not be any possibility of that?

Chief Miller: Oh no, no.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. Thank you. I'm sure you'd never let that happen.

Mr. Wade: That brings up a good question. Is this worked out off of satellite?

Chief Miller: It's, there are two ways to do it. One of them is with something that they call CDPD and I used to know what CDPD stood for and I can, be much more comfortable bringing a couple of people in that could talk about the technology. The Ohio State Highway Patrol is the LEAD agency in the State of Ohio that controls our law enforcement automated data system, LEADS which is interconnected to the National Crime Information Center, NCIC. NCIC and LEADS are very, very strict about the security on those systems because obviously we realize what a nightmare we could have if our criminal information systems were breeched. So there's only very, very specific things that we can do to access that system and there are only two ways we can do it. One of them is with CDPD, and I forget what the second way is to access the LEADS system. But that would be the important thing and then we've had discussion with a number of providers, EmergiTech locally regarding, they've gone and put out on the federal web site the fact that Reynoldsburg is being awarded this grant so we're starting to get a number of phone calls from vendors.

Mr. Clemens: This would be a bid out situation on the computer or what?

Chief Miller: Yes sir.

Mr. Clemens: Any other questions from Chief Miller on this subject? I'd like to move this on for the first reading and that will give the Chief time to work with Mr. Hills and we'll talk to her and so forth about the financing and see how we can get it worked down to, as far as financing is concerned and also other questions that Mr. Wade feels to ask and we'll have the opportunity to look into those and talk to the Chief again about them. And if everybody has any questions and they come up with any new questions, feel free to call the Chief and discuss it with her because there may be some things you want to discuss that you don't want to discuss here. That would be the correct way to do it. So I would like to move this on for the first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stake. All in favor say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response).

Chief Miller: Thank you Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Next item on the agenda, discussion, Authorization of contract for road salt. Mr. Mussi.

Mr. Mussi: Thank you Mr. Clemens. The piece of legislation you have in front of you is our, which we have done in I guess the last few years with _____ program. That goes out, does the advertisement for salt throughout the state. As you can see this year they did it again for it, well for everybody, and low bid was American Rock Salt for \$3,189, which is again about \$4 cheaper than we got last year. So again, being multiple municipalities that get on this program, they saved us quite a bit of money and we got a better deal out of it. The standard program that we had, like I said, the last few years that we've had so there's nothing out of the ordinary in this program. We did, I did have Mr. Ward check with American Rock Salt to find out where they've got their stash piled and it's down there off of Gilbert Avenue. One of those piles is theirs. So we do have a local draw down there close by.

Mr. Clemens: The money's already in the account?

Mr. Mussi: Pardon me?

Mr. Clemens: You already have the money in the account?

Mr. Mussi: The money's in the account for 2002 for the salt contract and we are putting in the money for the rest, for the contract 2003 because the contract expires in October I think of each year the way it's written now.

Mr. Clemens: Do we have any questions? Mr. Wade.

Mr. Wade: Based on my memory, we should have a lot of salt left over from last year.

Mr. Mussi: Yes. We still have, our barn is full.

Mr. Wade: So this money is provided once that starts to deplete and you can replace the... So do you have money left in the funds from last year that was appropriated?

Mr. Mussi: I don't have that figure in front of me. I would have to check. I don't know right now. I'm sure we have some because we didn't use that much.

Mr. Clemens: Any other questions from Mr. Mussi? Do I have a motion to move this on for first reading? Is this an emergency? I'm sorry. Are you asking for an emergency on this? I don't have it in front of me? Do I have a motion from someone to move this on as an emergency? Mr. Beougher. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Wade. All in favor say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response).

Mr. Wade: I would like that information before we vote on this next week.

Mr. Mussi: I'll get those for you.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you Mr. Mussi.

Mr. Mussi: Thank you Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: The next item on the agenda, liquor permit request, transfer, from Tee L F Inc., Longbranch to SMX Enterprises Inc., Jillys, 6842-44 E. Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Chief.

Chief Miller: Thank you Mr. Clemens. We've conducted an investigation into this liquor permit application. Just for your information, for the last three years we ran a call through service history at that location. We don't get any calls for service for the party's purchasing this liquor license but we do get 64 calls for service to that address since July 13, 1999 which is just 21 calls a year. So it's not, a lot of those are just inquiries. The bottom line is that as we look at this permit it is as you know the old Longbranch and we have a recommendation that we not appeal this permit.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you Chief. Any other discussion on this? If not, we'll let it go then. We'll not appeal it.

Next item on the agenda, discussion, liquor permit, transfer, from Golden Store Inc., Dairy Mart, 7347 to Macs Convenience Store LLC, Dairy Mart #5304, 8860 E. Broad Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Chief.

Chief Miller: Mr. Clemens, we've conducted an investigation into this liquor license as well and the issue here is that the Dairy Mart is a part of a chain of 230 Dairy Mart stores. And according to the Ohio Department of Liquor Control this chain is changing over to this new name of Macs Convenience Stores all over the State of Ohio. There is no switch, or there is no concern out of the department on the part of the liquor department regarding the switch over. And we are again not suggesting, or we are not recommending any appeal to this application.

Mr. Clemens: Do I have any questions for Chief Miller? If not then we're not sending an appeal on this either. We'll just let it go. Thank you Chief.

Chief Miller: Thank you.

Mr. Hills: Mel.

Mr. Clemens: Yes.

Mr. Hills: If I could now that Mr. Wade came back. Jim I was trying to find it but you left the room ahead of time. I think there's around \$33,700 left in salt. It's about a \$70,000 budget and it looks like 33,700 and I'd want Howard to double check that but I think that's the latest report indicated. There is about half the original '02 budget. Does that sound about right to you Mayor?

Mayor McPherson: Yes. But I'd have to check it also. We'll get you the exact numbers on that.

Mr. Wade: If that is correct, what's the value of the salt that we have?

Mr. Hills: I can just show, that's out there now?

Mr. Wade: Yes.

Mr. Hills: I don't know. I just know how many dollars we'd appropriated, have not been purchased for salt.

Mr. Wade: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: I assume that we're full out there aren't we? We have quite a bit?

Mayor McPherson: Yeah, we're full.

Mr. Wade: How many tons do we hold? Do you know that?

Mayor McPherson: I don't remember.

Mr. Mussi: About 800 to 1,000.

Mr. Wade: So we have about \$40,000 worth of salt.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you Bill, Mayor.

Next item on the agenda, discussion, status of intersection at Graham and Main. I believe there was to be some information brought back if I'm not mistaken George? We were going to discuss this. Okay. Bob, I think you had mentioned something at the meeting we had Tuesday night that you might have some information on this.

Mayor McPherson: Yeah, as you recall we did get an estimate in from EMH&T and we did discuss the dollar amount. I have made a few phone calls to the Real Estate Division over at Franklin County and I'm waiting on a call back. Should be tomorrow as a matter of fact, regarding getting some assistance on the negotiations and the appraisals. If necessary, the appraisals. So I should be able to, if you want to table this for two more weeks, I'll probably actually be able to give you some information within the next couple of days but, you know, we're working with the county to try to reduce the (Tape Change) what we're going to have to do there.

Mr. Clemens: Okay Mayor. Anybody have any questions for Mr. McPherson. If not, I'd like to hold this for the next Safety Committee meeting and have a report from the Mayor at that time on this issue. Thank you Mayor.

The next item on the agenda is DARE Program. Chief, I want to thank you for the report you gave us and I think there are some questions on this if I'm not mistaken. Mr. Wade did you have some questions on this?

Mr. Wade: I did actually. Chief I'm just gonna beat up on you tonight. I ran through these

numbers and I think what you gave us, and I couldn't confirm with the information that you gave us, but I think what you gave us was the net salaries of those officers that's paid to them. Is that correct?

Chief Miller: Yes.

Mr. Wade: I think what's left out of that cost is the matching FICA, Workers Comp, Unemployment, and their benefits, which their benefit package is very expensive but I don't know what the dollars on that. Without the health insurance benefits, I came up with \$127,090.44 as opposed to the \$108,624, not including their medical benefits. And I'm not sure what the rate for unemployment is for police officers. I think it has to be very high.

Chief Miller: When I look at the salaries, my guess is the benefits would probably run about \$15,000. So when you look at those salaries if you add \$15,000 you're looking at \$130,000 for the two officers.

Mr. Wade: Right. That's including all their health benefits?

Chief Miller: Yes.

Mr. Wade: My numbers are not that far.

Chief Miller: Your number would not be far off at all. No sir.

Mr. Wade: Okay. And I guess, I just caution us that when we're looking at numbers like this and I've said it a lot of times in these meetings, we need to look at whole costs instead of what just appears on the surface. Because when you look at the grants that we get, there's no cushion there like there is with these other benefits. So the actual cost to the city is considerably higher than sometimes what we look at.

Mayor McPherson: Jim, I'll get those exact numbers to you. I just happened to run all those numbers in the past few days and I can tell you by the individual officer, the DARE officer exactly what the cost per year is. So I'll get those out to you tomorrow.

Mr. Wade: I'd appreciate that. And obviously, Chief, you've put some work into this but I was just running the numbers based on the information I thought was accurate.

Mr. Clemens: Do we have any other question for Chief Miller? Yes Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Chief, I know that you mentioned that the summer months they do other police work and I talked with Officer Mielke today about a neighborhood watch. I know that they both do other activities even during the school year. Do you know what percentage of the time is spent on DARE activities?

Chief Miller: I would say, I mean they're supposed to be full time DARE Officers. I would say

easily 85 to 90 percent of their time is devoted to DARE. I mean, they come on station, they may be squeezing in other responsibilities but their main thrust and full time attention is to teaching the kids in the schools.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Wade: Just a further comment. This is very hard to pinpoint the success of this program as you've pointed out yourself and apparently there are some people looking at that? Are you familiar with that?

Chief Miller: Yes, Mr. Wade.

Mr. Wade: Having said that, I think when we think about the cost of the DARE program and we talked about prisoner care and we talked about in-car computers and we talked about all of those other things, we need to be looking down the road at the unseen savings of having a kid that's not on drugs and not being arrested and I think that's also impossible to track.

Chief Miller: Prevention, you know, that you prevented something is difficult to quantify sometimes. One of the things that I'm a little bit frustrated with with the Ohio Department of Drug and, let me see, how do they call themselves, ODADAS, Ohio Drug Abuse Department, blah, blah, blah. Anyways, ODADAS went on record this summer in that Dispatch article being critical of DARE and said that there were better, more effective drug education programs. As I said to you, one of the first things I did was get on the computer and I e-mailed them and said, tell me what they are. I didn't get an answer. So I sent a second e-mail. I still didn't get an answer so I called. And they said, oh yeah, we've got your e-mails and we're answering you. Well, the way they answered me was to give me a web site of best practices. And I recently ran into one of the representatives from ODADAS who right away began to apologize and said, we're not allowed to specifically give you the name of something because that means we're endorsing the program. They don't hesitate to be critical of DARE. And the other thing that everybody that we talked to, including the folks from ODADAS say, well you're different in Reynoldsburg because you are doing your program. You're not just doing the fifth grade core curriculum. You're doing grade based education. So we start in the kindergarten and we do first, second grade. We do fourth grade. We do the fifth grade core curriculum. We come back and do a seventh grade block and then we do a tenth grade block. And so we're in all of the school buildings and they acknowledge that that's the way to do it. However, that is time intensive and personnel intensive which means that we've got two officers tied up doing that September through May and the beginning of June finishing up those programs.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you Mr. Clemens. Chief, you've been to many DARE graduations. I've been to a couple and I certainly can see that this is well worth it. And being a proud parent of a DARE essay contest winner and seeing his friends grow up and the impact that DARE has had on the kids that I know, I think it's well worth it.

Mr. Clemens: I don't think anybody here is being critical of the DARE program because I think we all feel it's well received but the only reason I wanted the cost which is \$130,000 is to show that the city is involved and it's a city project. It's not a school project. I mean a lot of people think that the school's putting out some money on this. They're not putting out any money. This is something the administration and City Council is doing to help the children and we're paying for it and I'd like the public to know that their DARE officers in the program is sponsored by the City of Reynoldsburg. Not by the city school system. And it is money that we take out of our taxpayers money and it's well worth it. I don't think there's any problem there but I think it's an issue that when we talk about our financial situation I do want the people to know that this DARE program is a city program that we institute in the schools for the school children and we pay for it and our police officers do it. Any other questions for the Chief? If not I have a speaker form.
Brookelyn Johnson, 7331 Victoria Court, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Ms. Johnson: Good evening ladies and gentlemen of City Council, Mr. Mayor, Chief Miller. My name is Brookelyn Johnson. I am an 8th grader at the Reynoldsburg Junior High School. I came here this evening to ask my City Councils support for a program that some people might say disappear from our schools. I believe that it helped me handle one of the biggest things that I had to handle ever in my life. It was one of the big experiences and I'm not sure how bigger they could get. And I would like to share this experience with you so maybe you will see how important the things are kids can learn from the program. The program I am talking about is DARE. My parents got divorced when I was seven years old. I lived with my sister and my mother. I used to see my dad through visitation all the time. Then all of a sudden he stopped coming to see me. He didn't even call any more and when we did get ahold of him on the phone he always had a cold and a stuffy nose. So he just couldn't see us. I know now why he had a stuffy nose. About a year ago my dad called my mom from jail and told her he was addicted to drugs. I cried and cried when I found out but I remembered some of the things I had learned in DARE from the time I was in elementary school and I started to realize I was strong. Just because my dad chose to use drugs didn't mean I would. I have watched the drugs take away everything from my father. He doesn't have anything left from his life. He doesn't have anything left from his life but his clothes. He has even tried to borrow money from me for drugs, the money that I earned babysitting. My mom wasn't the one to tell him no. I was. And I was able to do it because ever since I was young I think I was learning how to say no and be strong when I did. I feel good about it. I feel good about myself and I did tell my dad no. DARE said I would feel good if I said no and to this day I do. Please help however you can to make sure DARE stays in our schools. My dad went from our soccer coach for me to an addict to crack. I never dreamed I would be face to face with the lessons I learned at DARE. I thought it couldn't happen to my family but it did and I guess I was getting stronger and stronger every year that I had DARE. I just didn't know it until drugs looked me in the eye. I hope anyone from Reynoldsburg that has had DARE will be able to remember what DARE taught them because they had it in school and they will be able to stand up even to their own father and say no. Please help and make sure DARE stays in our schools.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you Ms. Johnson. With that, we'll end the Safety Committee meeting at 8:35.

Safety Committee

- Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

(Transcribed - Susie Smith)

September 16, 2002
SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2002

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

Other members of Council present: Sarah Cannella, Jim Wade, Mel Clemens, Council President Bradley McCloud.

Mr. Beougher: We'll call the Service Committee meeting to order at 8:35. The first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of September 3, 2002. Are there any corrections or additions to the minutes? Seeing none, they will stand as written. The next item is the approval of the agenda and at the request of the Chairman we will hold item 6, discussion, amend 1131.02 of Chapter 1131 Definitions. Are there any other additions or deletions? I would move to approve the agenda holding item 6 as revised. Is there a second? Second by Mr. Hills. All in favor signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). All opposed, same sign. (No response).

Discussion of resolution of services available to 14.66 acres in Etna Township, Douglas R. McCloud, agent. We've got a request to send this forward as an emergency. We have all the services except for one from West Licking Joint Fire District and we believe that will come, I know the Chief was on vacation last week so we're hoping to get that before the Council meeting. I will move to send that forward as an emergency. Is there a second? Mr. Stake with a second. Any discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). All opposed, same sign. (No response).

Item number 5 is a Motion to reject Taylor Ridge East and Leighton Village detention basins for improvements to bids and authorization to re-advertise for bids. I guess this would be Mr. Parkinson or Mr. Mussi. Okay. George.

Mr. Mussi: Thank you Mr. Beougher. The piece of legislation that you have in front of you, a while back we went out and requested to set bids for project that we have for our low channel flows retention basins. When the bids came in they were 10% over our engineers estimate. Had the City Attorney look at them and he rejected them. What we're asking for now is to reject the bids that we had. We only had two out of six and go out and re-advertise again to try to get the project done on schedule, or get the project completed, excuse me.

Mr. Beougher: In the City Attorney's letter he says that we should reject the bids and also check the funding and since this comes from the Storm Water account I assume there's funding available.

Mr. Mussi: The funding is still there and we would still like to proceed with the project. The Mayor is still getting complaints from these areas.

Mr. Beougher: And he also asks that we verify that the engineer's estimate remains the same. Dave, is that...

Mr. Mussi: The new estimate you should have attached to your package. There's a new estimate in there and based on the seasoned stuff and degrubbing as we call it, grubbing went up a little bit more.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. And the fourth item is to, can we perform it this year still?

Mr. Mussi: I believe in _____ it. I'd like to say we can. I might have to refer to, we've already got the specs, we've already got the plans, we just need to advertise it and award it.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. Well with that, I'd like to move this forward. I will move to send this forward as a Motion. Is there a second? Mr. Stake with the second. All in favor signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). All opposed, same sign. (No response). Motion carries. Thank you Mr. Mussi.

Mr. Mussi: Mr. Wade in response to your salt cost and monies available that we have on hand, in checking with the City Auditor we do have right now in that account this year \$33,734.85. The amount in the barn right now, I would have to get that number for you. Thank you.

(Mr. McCloud left at 8:40 p.m.)

Mr. Beougher: Moving to item number 7, the NPDES storm water permit. We have a legislative request for authorization of preparation of compliance items and appropriation of funds. Mr. Mussi, do you want to address this as well?

Mr. Mussi: Again at the last committee meeting Mr. Gilbert had asked for some information on the NPDES program and where we're at. I did indicate to him that I had a meeting with EMH&T on it. They've provided, which I have since provided for Mr. Gilbert, the draft Phase 2 permits and I don't know if you all got it. It's again, pretty thick. You may have a copy burned off for you. At that, also, initially they, EMH&T submitted to us a letter here a while back, when I say a while back I will give you that date, back in August, indicating that we had, that I asked them to review what their cost would be to put this together and to proceed forward with it and what you have in there is the letter to request to have them move forward with the program.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. What the Chairman asked that we do is send this forward for a first reading and then it would be referred to Finance before the second reading. So, is there any questions from Council? None being heard I would move to send this forward for a first reading. Is there a second? Mr. Hills with a second. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). All opposed, same sign. (No response). Motion carries.

The next item, number 8 is Ordinance pursuant to Reynoldsburg City Code Section 1119.08 modifying that portion of Smith Acres No. 2 Plat that is in the City of Reynoldsburg of record in plat volume no. 6, page 45, office of the Licking County, Ohio Recorder. This is dealing with the vacation of a turn around in the Wolfe property and does anyone want to address this? We're just going to send it forward for a second reading. Any questions from Council? Members of Service Committee? I would move to send this forward for a second reading with a recommendation for adoption as a rule suspension. Second by Mr. Hills. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed, same sign. (No response).

Motion carries.

Number 9 is an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio: Chapter 1181, Signs. We would like to send this forward to Council for a Public Hearing only. We'll just send it forward and the Council will set the Public Hearing. Are there any questions about this item? I would move to send it forward for a Public Hearing. Is there a second? Mr. Hills with a second. All in favor signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). All opposed, same sign. (No response). Motion carries. Yes sir.

Mr. Wade: I would like to if we could, get the administrations opinion on this _____ that Public Meeting so we, I know this thing's been tossed around a lot.

Mr. Beougher: Yes it has.

Mr. Wade: And I think it's very complex. It looks simple on paper but I think it's a lot more complex than that and I would like if the Mayor and Mr. Mussi could give us an opinion of what you think of this before that Public Hearing.

Mayor McPherson: Just for information, I have tried to meet with Mr. Gilbert on several occasions and conflicts have come up but we haven't been able to meet. I would anticipate some time this week meeting with him. Next week at the latest. I don't know if he's on vacation, is that?

Mr. Beougher: I'm not sure. We found out late today.

Mayor McPherson: If he's here this week, we're going to try and meet this week. Otherwise, we'll make it next week. But I wanted to point out to him a lot of the things that this is going to create in the way of problems with banners and things like that so, and we will be more than happy to provide that same information at the Public Hearing. Because we do have some concerns as I've indicated before.

Mr. Wade: I think that's my point. I'd like to have that confirmation before that public meeting so we can address some of those issues.

Mayor McPherson: Sure. I'd be more than happy to.

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I have a question. I know this was brought to Council, I think by the Administration, and I think you asked to have it removed didn't you? If I'm not mistaken.

Mayor McPherson: Yes. I did ask it to be removed.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you. Mr. Wade, did you want the information, or the discussion to occur prior to the Public Hearing or at the Public Hearing?

Mr. Wade: I'd like to get some interaction with the Administration about this before we take it to a

Public Hearing because I think before it gets that far we need to revisit some of these thoughts in this before it gets there. I guess I'd rather see it held. I'm not on the committee and I'd appreciate the opportunity to speak to it. But I'd personally like to see it held until it has been given more consideration.

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I think if they set a Public Hearing, we'd still have time in committee. I think we have some committee meetings in before that Public Hearing.

Mr. Wade: But I think we could save all of ourselves some time by doing that before that, in tossing around a bunch of ideas with the public before we have scrutinized and made a judgment on what we think of this.

Mr. Beougher: Okay.

Mr. Wade: For what that's worth.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you Mr. Wade. I would mention that it is not being advanced as far as readings go so it's kind of _____ for being held in a sort of way.

Moving on to item number 10, Ordinance authorizing Mayor to enter into contract for sewer service with the City of Columbus. This had its second reading on September 9, 2002. Do we want to talk about this? I have a couple of questions but I haven't had a chance to discuss them with Mark, Mr. Kipp. This is the deal that we negotiated and there's, it's either basically we either approve it as is or there's no negotiating at this point.

Mayor McPherson: Well the negotiations took place over the past 2 ½, 3 years. And again, we had Mark here last time to address any questions. If there's going to be some questions, if you want to write them down or call us or something we'll be more than happy to answer them. No contract that's been negotiated is concluded until all the parties agree. Can you go back and open negotiations again? Sure we can. Will we get a better deal or a worse deal? Who knows. Mark in my opinion has done an excellent job. He's the expert in this area. He knew what we wanted. We feel at this point it's probably the best we're going to get but at this point it's Council's call. We've done all we can do and we feel it's the best we can get.

Mr. Beougher: Alright.

Mrs. Frazier: I have a question.

Mr. Beougher: Yes Mrs. Frazier.

Mrs. Frazier: Haven't we been without this since '93? Wasn't this the one since '93?

Mayor McPherson: That's correct.

Mrs. Frazier: Okay. Just checking.

Mayor McPherson: If you recall there was a period there that they didn't even talk to us about it. It was just there probably for five years or so. And then toward '98, '99 we actually started having meetings and started negotiating and this is the product of that negotiations.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. I guess I'll send it forward, move to send it forward for a third reading with a recommendation for adoption and we'll need to amend at the table to replace page 3 with the new page 3 that was received by the Clerk on August 26, 2002. So we'll do that at the table. Is there a second on the motion?

Mr. Hills: I'll second it.

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Hills with the second. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). All opposed, same sign. (No response). Motion carries.

Mrs. Frazier: Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Yes Mrs. Frazier.

Mrs. Frazier: On your banner legislation, did you, I want to make sure I have the disposition on that, it will go forward to set Public Hearing or are you holding it?

Mr. Beougher: It will go forward to set the Public Hearing at the Council meeting.

Mrs. Frazier: Okay.

Mr. Beougher: Well thank you for bearing with me my first time out and we will conclude Service at 8:46.

Service Committee
- -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES September 16, 2002

Members of Finance Committee present: William L. Hills, Sarah Cannella, Mel Clemens.
Councilman Eric Gilbert was absent.

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

Mr. Hills: I'll call the Finance Committee to order at 8:46. Approval of the minutes of September 3 meeting. Any additions or deletions to those minutes? Seeing none, they'll stand as submitted. Approval of tonight's agenda. We have in our packet a couple of ordinances that are from the Chief to Finance that apparently were dated in August but we didn't get them until September 9.

I'm not opposed to adding those. Both of them, they don't deal with items out of the General Fund so it makes it easier to deal with than the others. So with that I would like to add as item 3a the appropriation to 110.000.4612, for equipment for the Ford Crown Victoria, item 3a. And 3b is a payment to the Franklin County Court System. Also tonight I will be holding item 14, Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio employee provisions Chapter 165, addition of Subsection (b) to Section 165.04 "Longevity Compensation". I think there's probably others. As we hit we'll have just a very brief conversation to get an update. At least I hope. Everybody's Committee has gone smoothly and I'd like to see mine do the same thing and I'd also like to see the Ward Boundary people get home pretty quick.

So with that we'll move on to item 3a. Chief, this is the one asking for \$4,300 from account 110.000.4612 to equip your cruiser. Is this correct?

Chief Miller: That's correct Mr. Hills. This is the cruiser that the city won recently in the lottery for the "What's holding you back" campaign.

Mr. Hills: And it was the luck of the draw, right?

Chief Miller: It was the luck of the draw. We were there with nine other agencies but it was the luck of the draw.

Mr. Hills: And this is not from the General Fund. It's from account 110.000.4612. When is your cruiser due in?

Chief Miller: It probably, 6 weeks from now.

Mr. Hills: Any questions or comments from anybody on Council? Then I'd suggest we just go ahead and send this forward for first reading. Is there a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. All in favor state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). It will go forward for first reading.

Moving on to item 3b. Chief this is the payment of monies back out of Seizure and Forfeiture Account. Is that correct?

Chief Miller: Yes sir.

Mr. Hills: And I do thank you very much. We do actually have a bill from Franklin County this time so they've told us how much money they want.

Chief Miller: Sometimes we do and sometimes we don't. But we do this time.

Mr. Hills: And so this would be an appropriation from account 290.000.5292 in the amount of \$284.20. Is that correct?

Chief Miller: Correct.

Mr. Hills: And that is with 20% payment that they, a nice way of saying it, take off the top I guess.

Chief Miller: Yes.

Mr. Hills: Service fee right?

Chief Miller: Yes.

Mr. Hills: Okay. Any questions or any comments from anyone on Council? This goes along with the Seizure and Forfeiture Funds. If they assist in the prosecution therefore they share in some of the proceeds. If not I'd recommend that we send this forward for first reading. Is there a second? Second by Mrs. Cannella. All in favor state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Hearing none, it will go forward for first reading.

That moves on to item number 4, discussion, Ward Boundary changes. Mrs. Frazier, we have someone here this evening to address this. Is that correct?

Mrs. Frazier: Correct.

Mr. Hills: Mr. McGrath and Mr. Hoffman is there with him in the audience.

Mr. McGrath: Thank you Mr. Hills. The Ward Boundary Commission met April 24 for their initial meeting, organizational type meeting, and I was chosen Chairman, Sue Gilmore Vice Chairman, Tom Hoffman, Rod Scott and Patty Law comprise the rest of the Commission. We met again on May 14 at the city building and Mr. Derek Mair of EMH&T presented a Global Information System presentation to us on the various wards and we managed to bring the ward population, equal out the population to 2.5% which is extremely good. In fact it's probably one of the best percentages throughout the county. And that was our job. We did a study of the statistics of the population and we brought them into as even a boundary line as we possibly could and I request that you accept this as our final report. I believe you have the report with you don't you?

Mr. Hills: I believe we do. Has everyone had an opportunity to look over the maps and the spread sheets and this was, what we've done is sort of expanded 2 and 4 to the east, excuse 1 and 4 to the east. Everybody went a little bit east since Reynoldsburg is growing east. So that makes good common sense.

Mr. McGrath: Yes. Ward 3 will probably see the biggest change in the future. Right now I think everything is pretty substantially correct right now.

Mr. Hills: Okay. Does this raise any questions or comments from anyone on Council? Mr. Wade.

Mr. Wade: First of all I'd like to say thank you. I think you guys had a thankless job in this thing and it looks like you've put a lot of work into it and a lot of effort into it and we appreciate that but I don't understand why the whole thing's not blue. Just kidding. I did have a couple of questions on just a couple of items. There's a couple of small sections on there in looking at the map from the north to Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road in the older section of Reynoldsburg. I was curious as if that little section of red that intrudes into Ward 2 really made that much difference.

Mr. McGrath: We concentrate...

Mr. Wade: Just for the simplicity factor of squaring things off. I wondered why there was a couple little things like that but it looks like you've done a phenomenal job with it.

Mr. McGrath: That was the easiest place to do the changes. There couldn't be a change in Ward 4. Ward 4 remains the lowest population of all the wards and it became very convenient since we needed to take from Ward 2 for Ward 1 that we work in that small section there because it was also a little bit of figuring Ward 3 that we had to, as you can see there, that _____ minimize the amount of change so we didn't have it spread out all over the map. It's a little bit easier to work with. Especially with the GIS system he gave us that we could concentrate on that we knew exactly how many people lived in each little small block.

Mr. Wade: Right.

Mr. McGrath: And it just became simpler to just move up, stay right in that area and play with that and make the least amount of difference in the map.

Mr. Wade: In the description you gave us it appears that you used center lines of all roads. Is that an accurate statement?

Mr. McGrath: Yes. We had several things we wanted to do. We definitely were not a _____ situation and we wanted to make sure that we weren't going to disturb any elected officials now or even their opponents possibly. We didn't want to feel like we're moving somebody out who has a lot of interest in a certain ward. And all this was very easy to do because of the location that all of you live right now. So that wasn't a problem to us in the first place. Still we particularly wanted to stay in that small quarter and make sure that we didn't minimize our amount of territory that we're going to change. And that was the only concern we had.

Mr. Wade: It looks much more simplified than it was.

Mr. McGrath: Well it was simplified mainly because of the assistance we got from EMH&T. All we had to do is sit there and yell at Mr. Mair and have him juggle the figures for us and it worked out very well. We're very satisfied with it.

Mr. Wade: Thank you Mr. McGrath.

Mr. Hills: Any other questions from anyone on council? Mrs. Cannella.

Mrs. Cannella: When does this go into effect? Immediately?

Mr. McGrath: When you pass the ordinance I assume. It goes to you now and the ball's in your court. You have to accept the report.

Mr. Hills: The action that has to be taken by Council is within 30 days of receiving your report and we received your report on 9-12. Because of the fifth Monday we would be recommending tonight that it go forward with one reading recommendation for adoption. If not we'd be, the next time we'd have the opportunity to vote would be past that 30 days. Now the actual effective date

of the change, Bill do you remember off hand?

Mr. Underwood: Don't remember off hand.

Mrs. Frazier: I'll have to look it up.

Mr. Hills: We'll have to look it up.

Mrs. Frazier: (Inaudible)

Mr. Hills: It has to be passed prior to the next filing deadline because that's what's going to dictate at that time as to where one lives within those boundaries.

Mr. Wade: Mr. Hills, does this go forward as a motion or a...

Mr. Hills: I believe it's an ordinance.

Mr. Wade: It is an ordinance?

Mr. Hills: Right. Does that say off hand? Certainly as far as the effectiveness from a candidates standpoint isn't until the next primary.

Mr. Wade: Right.

Mr. Hills: So it's not going to effect this General Election in any way, shape or form.

Mr. Beougher: We still vote at the same place.

Mr. Hills: Yes. You're still going to vote at the same place in November because they won't get it all reported and the precincts change don't they? So as far as it would go, I think it goes into effect immediately upon our adoption and then there's the administrative procedures within the counties they have to do to do their revamping and send out the new cards and the data that you've put together and reviewed will go down to them to sort that information. Is that correct? Aren't you glad that we certainly have more GIS and technology than we used to?

Mr. McGrath: Yes.

Mr. Hills: Tom Hoffman sits back there and looks. I think he's seen all these scrolls before.

Mr. McGrath: I'm beginning to feel like my father. My father said to me one time, he said, do you realize when I was born there was no electricity. Now we have jet planes. And I feel the same way. I think we've gone from no electricity to jet planes just working with this stuff. I'd particularly want to thank Mrs. Frazier while I'm at it because without her help none of this would have been possible.

Mr. Hills: Thank you. You all have done an outstanding job and I appreciate that. Any other questions? Mr. Wade.

Mr. Wade: One more comment on the GIS System. I think that's something that we approved funding for two years ago and it's nice to see some of the results of that because there was a lot of money spent not only by our city but by the county itself. So it's good to see results from that.

Mr. Hills: EMH&T appreciates that comment too. Okay. Any other questions from anyone on Council? If not I would like to send an ordinance forward adopting the report of the Ward Boundary Commission and reorganizing the wards accordingly in the City of Reynoldsburg. Is there a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. It would go forward with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency with Mr. Clemens seconding. All in favor state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). It will go forward. Thank you very much.

Mr. McGrath: Thank you Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Moving on to item number 5, appropriation to reimburse MORPC, administration costs for coordination of Round 15 (SCIP/SGF & LTIP), State Route 256, Waterline project. Mr. Mussi.

Mr. Mussi: Thank you Mr. Hills. Again, the piece of legislation you have in front of you is when we went to MORPC to get some funding for our Phase 2 of the State Route 256 project, MORPC does their work, and as you all know MORPC doesn't work free. So this bill came in unexpectantly that again, we weren't aware of and they don't send a bill until everything gets done. As you can see, their share and their percentages to us for providing the planning and preparation, coordination to the State CIP is in the amount of \$8,888 that we need to pay MORPC for their services.

Mr. Hills: Okay. And this does come from the unappropriated CIP fund. Balance wise we're in good shape Mr. Whitney?

Mr. Whitney: (Inaudible)

Mr. Hills: Any questions or comments from anyone on Council? This is reimbursement of some of the costs that have already been incurred. It's been a good working relationship and therefore, we do have an invoice here for the \$8,888 and it's dated 8-1 and I think it's probably why we have an emergency on this because they would like to be paid. With that I'd move an ordinance forward appropriating \$8,888 from the appropriated CIP Fund for the payment of this reappropriation to MORPC. Is there a second? Second by Mrs. Cannella. Again I, recommendation for adoption as an emergency, second by Mrs. Cannella. All in favor state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Hearing none it will go forward for one reading with recommendation for adoption.

Moving on to item number 6, discussion, Resolution accepting amounts and rates, Franklin County. Mr. Whitney. This is that thing we do once a year for three different counties, right?

Mr. Whitney: That is correct. So I would just recommend we do it and get it done with. We have to do it and it costs us nothing. We get funds from it.

Mr. Hills: It costs us nothing and all it does, this is not a rate base or anything that we're in any dispute with with any of the counties. Is that...

Mr. Whitney: No. This is strictly Franklin County here. You're thinking of Licking County.

Mr. Hills: No. I was just suggesting that some counties we have a little dispute over the rate base.

Mr. Whitney: That's absolutely correct.

Mr. Hills: Okay. Does this raise any questions from anyone on Council? Any comments? If not I'd recommend we send this resolution forward to accept the amounts and rates authorizing the necessary tax levies, Franklin County. Is there a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. All in favor state aye. (All voted "Aye"). And we would want this as an emergency. I'll modify that. Mr. Clemens if you would second that again.

Mr. Clemens: Yes.

Mr. Hills: Okay. And recommendation for adoption, second by Mr. Clemens. All in favor state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). It will go forward with reading as an emergency.

Moving on to item number 7, supplemental appropriation, miscellaneous engineering. We'd held this on 9-3. I believe there was going to be some discussion on some movement or holding some more or what are we doing?

Mr. Mussi: Well we held that I think based on the meeting that we had last week that the Mayor did explaining the budget and I haven't sat down with the Mayor yet to see where we were with some of these funds. If I could use the quote from Mr. Whitney, "hey just do it". No, but again, I haven't sat down with the Mayor. We're looking at funds and seeing where we can move some funding.

Mr. Hills: Do you want to just hold this for a couple of weeks?

Mr. Mussi: Just hold this for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Hills: I'd be happy to and I'm very pleased that we had the discussions and I think we all were looking around for what is the best way to juggle some things around to see where we are and I look forward to that continuing and I thank everybody that was involved last Tuesday night. I found it very informative.

Mr. Mussi: Yes sir.

Mr. Hills: Thank you George.

Mr. Mussi: Thank you.

Mr. Hills: And we will hold this for a couple of weeks.

Item number 8, discussion, supplemental appropriation, prisoner care. Chief.

Chief Miller: You have in front of you an amended request rather than a request for an appropriation. We are asking that you allow us to transfer funds from the two accounts that you

see in front of you to 5375 which is to help pay for prisoner care.

Mr. Hills: Chief I don't have that.

Chief Miller: Oh I'm sorry.

Mr. Hills: We don't have that.

Chief Miller: Okay. I apologize.

Mr. Hills: That's fine. And I'm glad that if you're working on that that's fine. That's good.

Chief Miller: What we are asking for is that we move \$11,000 from account number 110.111.5251 which is Gasoline and \$14,000 from account number 110.111.5632 which is our Vehicles account for a total of \$25,000 to account 110.111.5375 which is Prisoner Care.

Mr. Hills: Okay. We haven't seen that.

Chief Miller: I will see that you get it.

Mr. Hills: Okay. I guess I would ask just for clarification purposes and I think this is great. This is what, certainly I think we all need to be looking at, do we need any ordinance to be doing that? You're within the 110 funds. So I'm not sure...

Mrs. Frazier: You need an ordinance.

Mr. Hills: They're 111's and...

Chief Miller: It has traditionally been that we did not move...

Mr. Hills: 5630 and 5375. Okay. Because I'll be happy to, that's what I'm saying, whatever's the best way. We'll be happy to do the legislation if that's what's necessary to do it.

Mr. Whitney: Well I hate to say it again. You can just do it without any authorization.

Mr. Hills: Well that's the only thing I wanted to clarify. I'm not a believer in extra legislation but I do want to be sure everybody's comfortable with the legislation.

Mayor McPherson: Mr. Hills. If that's the case if we can just do it then we'll request to withdraw the request for Prisoner Care appropriation.

Mrs. Frazier: We've always had legislation to move it from one batch of account numbers to another. If you move them within the 200's that's fine.

Mayor McPherson: They just said we don't need it.

Chief Miller: That was my understanding also. That if I wanted to move money from a 200 account or a 600 account into the 300 account, I needed permission, authorization. It was not

something that I could move laterally.

Mayor McPherson: How about we do this, let's hold it for a couple of weeks and we'll look into it while we're, we found the money in other accounts and we'll get with you on how we need to do it.

Mr. Hills: Are you comfortable? Do you have the money to do that? Because I do look, and it looks like you've got, if I'm understanding Howard's most recent report which is just handy dandy type reports, in August you spent about \$18,000 and you have encumbered \$32,000. So you have, it looks like you have September and all or part of October encumbered now.

Chief Miller: Depending on the number of prisoners.

Mr. Hills: Depending on the number of arrests you have and (Tape Change)

Mayor McPherson: Right. Plus we also have to give prisoners now, instead of \$30 a day credit we have to give them \$50 a day credit. That was passed in July of this year. Toward their fines.

Mr. Hills: You're comfortable, if we take some action by mid October, you're comfortable?

Chief Miller: Yes.

Mr. Hills: Okay. Well let's just hold it then and we'll get some clarification at some of these meetings. I certainly, I'm happy to do the legislation. Sometimes if you need to make these transfers and it's whatever is most appropriate. I'm certainly hearing what Nancy's saying and I'm thinking Howard and Bill are saying, these often become, what do you call them, Tuesday morning conversations that go on in City Hall?

Mayor McPherson: That's what we'll do. Tuesday morning we'll try to make a determination.

Mr. Hills: So let's hold this for a couple of weeks and we'll see. Mr. Wade.

Mr. Wade: This may be way off track but Mr. Clemens said something to me that made a lot of sense, first time ever by the way, no, actually he did, he brought it to my attention and I'd like some clarification. What he said to me was, should we consider, and I guess it would be up to Mr. Clemens as Safety Committee Chair, but the way we do this process, and I think I understand it correctly, is when we have an arrest in the city, we have an option of sending that downtown for trial or leaving it here for the Magistrate.

Chief Miller: Mayor's Court.

Mr. Wade: Excuse me? If our Magistrate sentences jail time to one of these individuals, they're then taken into custody by our PD and then transferred downtown. And had they been in the Franklin County Court when they were sentenced, that wouldn't be our responsibility because Franklin County sentenced them.

Chief Miller: That's correct.

Mr. Wade: Is that an accurate statement? Because doing the math...

Mayor McPherson: That's not correct.

Mr. Wade: That's not correct?

Mayor McPherson: No. The County doesn't sentence anybody. If we file the charges under the State Code rather than our local ordinances, then we're not billed. But if we file under any of our ordinances, it doesn't matter if it goes downtown or if it stays here. If it goes downtown we still have to pay a portion of it. If it stays here, we still pay a portion of it. So there's fees both ways. The only time we don't pay a fee is if it's filed under a State charge and it goes downtown to Franklin County to be prosecuted.

Mr. Clemens: I think what he's trying to bring out is, if we do it, of course we're not involved in this, but if we don't have Mayor's Court and everything goes downtown...

Mayor McPherson: Then our expenses would just sky rocket. Because you'd have to have every case that's contested...

Mr. Clemens: You're talking about police going down there and so forth.

Mayor McPherson: Yeah, every case that's contested, our department would have to go down there, our overtime would be astronomical and we're still going to be billed for the prisoner care.

Mr. Clemens: And court time.

Mr. Wade: The only difference is the drive time to Columbus.

Mayor McPherson: Well, yes and no. A lot of times they stay on the road and work and if we need them we call them in.

Mr. Clemens: We still go down...

Mayor McPherson: If they're downtown we don't have that luxury.

Mr. Wade: I guess in summary, I would like to see an evaluation of that process because by this map we're spending a minimum of \$168,000 on jail cost. I know we're not taking that in in fines and we've got I think, over \$100,000 in salaries for the Magistrate and the Officers here. So we're looking at an easy a quarter of a million dollars in this process. And I guess I'd just like to see some summary of it and understand it...

Mayor McPherson: That's just about what Mayor's Court takes in. It's just about a wash.

Mr. Clemens: And not...

Mayor McPherson: But again we're not, we don't arrest and we don't adjudicate based on the dollars and cents. We just don't do that. We don't look at the dollars and cents. We're not supposed to look at the dollars and cents.

Mr. Wade: And I don't think you should and that's not what I'm suggesting at all. What I'm suggesting is that we review the process to see if it's potentially possible to eliminate some of these costs and put them in, if they're going to jail them in their jail and charge us for it, I think that, it makes sense that that be their decision. Not ours. And we're being billed for all of that.

Mr. Clemens: Plus we do have Assistant Prosecutors too that we pay.

Mr. Wade: Right. I would just like to review the process.

Mayor McPherson: Sure.

Mr. Clemens: We do have Clerk of Courts that we pay. So I mean...

Mr. Hills: If you could put some sort of a summary together what we think our costs are certainly that is the appropriate time to be doing that in a number of different areas. One of which is some areas we can't even do anything about what the fine may be. Other areas we may be able to and so it's just a revamping of, it costs more to do business whether it be good business or bad business and that's not always nice but it does.

Mr. Clemens: I know at one time we did this, and it's been brought many times, this is convenient to our citizens but if you look over the court records I don't know what percentage is our citizens any more as big as the city is and as many stops as we have.

Chief Miller: Yes, and...

Mr. Clemens: And if it is a violation why should it be a convenience any way? So I mean you've got too much to look at.

Mr. Wade: Mrs. Frazier, if we were to put this on for discussion at a later date, would that be through the Safety Committee?

Mrs. Frazier: Yes.

Mr. Wade: For that review?

Mr. Hills: Okay. Well we'll hold this for a couple of weeks and Chief I thank you very much for looking at this and starting that and very likely that we'll still be doing it the way you suggested but let's be sure we're all clear about that. Okay? Thank you.

Item number 9, discussion, ordinance to waive competitive bidding for various exempted contracts and expenditures over \$10,000. We've held this a couple, three times and Mr. Clemens, I think you were the one that specifically said we'd like to look and have this thing reduced some and have explanations given as for why those are here and I haven't really heard too much so I'm just going to hold it until somebody comes up and wants to start discussing some of these items because I would certainly think some of these people we don't even, I'm not aware of us using now so I'm not sure there's need to waive bidding. So we'll hold number 9 for a couple of weeks.

Item number 10, discussion, 2003 appropriation request. This has been on hold and I think after our meeting the other night, Mayor we can anticipate seeing a revised 2003 fairly soon.

Mayor McPherson: We're hoping to have it to you by the next committee meeting. If we don't it'll be the one after that at the latest.

Mr. Hills: Okay. And I'm sure we'll have some discussions on that between now and then but it is appropriate to note that it is not just sitting here without a reason. It is being revised and looked at. So we'll be holding that for a couple of weeks.

Item number 11, Ordinance authorizing Mayor to execute license agreement with American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. Anyone have anything to add to this? Any comments? If not I'd recommend we send this forward for the third reading with recommendation for adoption. Is there a second? Second by Mrs. Cannella. All in favor state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Seeing none it will go forward with recommendation for adoption.

Item number 12, Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Employee Provisions 165. Authorized positions, personnel, classification and pay grade "Subsection (b) Service Department (2) Building Division; and defunding amounts pertaining to position of Building Inspector. Does this raise any comments or questions? This title, I had talked up here at our last discussion is being, I would suggest that we modify the title and rather than use the word "defunding" because it truly is not. It is deleting the position and returning the funds that funded the position to the General Fund. So it's, I won't say it's semantics because I agree, that I never have liked the term "defunding" and it truly isn't doing that. It's just a position that it was there and it's not going to be filled and the monies that were going to be allocated to pay that position that was filled is no longer filled and they're returning to the fund. I talked with Mrs. Frazier and certainly she has done some checking. I think at first there was a thought it had to be "defunding" but "defunding" does not have to be in the title. So I would certainly recommend changing the title to removing the, deleting the position and returning the funds to the General Fund. Does that raise any additional comments or questions from anyone on Council? Anyone in the audience? Hearing and seeing none, I recommend we send this forward for third reading with recommendation for adoption as the title will be modified. Is there a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. All in favor state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Hearing none it will go forward.

Item number 13, again this has been held a couple of times. Mayor this is the CIP and I understand that there's been some revisions of that budget and you'll be getting us a copy of that pretty soon?

Mayor McPherson: The same time we get the budget in. We look at them at the same time.

Mr. Hills: Okay. Just as an update for Council members, so you didn't need to memorize all of this because it's been changed. And we'll see the changed data later. And so we'll hold 13 for a couple of weeks. We're already holding 14. Unless there's any other comments, questions or anything for Finance we will adjourn at 9:20. I thank you for your patience.

Finance Committee

- -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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