

City of Reynoldsburg
Committee Meetings
September 9, 2013
7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Male: So the question is, do you want to continual updates? I can if you want.

Chairman Kelly: I think that would be great if we had continual updates. Okay. And with that I will bring the Community Development Committee to a close at 7:33.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman Long: I'll open the Safety Committee meeting at 7:32.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Long: Are there any changes, additions or deletions?

Mr. Barrett: Question. Are we going to continue the Code of Ordinance discussion?

Mr. Long: I believe that the last was you had submitted a packet in reference to Commercial Code Enforcement to Mr. Burd in regards to your questions on there. Have you received anything back or have you contacted him directly?

Mr. Barrett: No, should I? Would he normally do that here?

Mr. Long: That's probably the most prudent way to do it. That's the way Nathan did it before. He was then able to go ahead and respond not only to you, but also provide all of us answers to the questions.

Mr. Barrett: I thought those answers last time came back in our packets with his response. Was that not how that worked? I was expecting the same thing to happen again.

Mr. Burd: I had a response to all those pictures I think a month and a half ago. Did nobody get that? It was over at the Clerk's office. It was really thick and big. I've got two copies here. I'll start handing them out tonight.

Mr. Long: We can add it to the agenda. I hadn't realized there was a response back to something that you had put together.

Mr. Barrett: Clearly we're not ready to do it tonight, so why don't we start on the next committee night?

Mr. Long: We'll add it to the next committee night.

Mr. Barrett: Thank you.

Male: Point of clarification. So the discussion that we're going to continue are the projected or perceived code violations that Mr. Barrett has presented?

Mr. Long: Mr. Barrett assembled a packet of commercial code violations that he had presented by Mr. Burd and we were then going to have it distributed to Council. If we did get it a month and a half ago, I'll check back through my stacks of stuff at home.

Male: Okay, because I'm going to submit some additional pictures that I've seen within the city the past several months and I'd like some discussion on those also.

Mr. Long: Good. I would appreciate it if you'd do it the same way that Mr. Barrett has, is present those photographs far enough in advance to Mr. Burd so that he can go ahead and adequately put together a response and then we'll discuss it during the Council meeting.

Male: Chairman Long, if I could request if you could include the address. It's real helpful if we know the address.

Mr. Long: Sure.

3. HELD UNTIL NEXT WEEK WHEN WE GET THE MINUTES FROM JULY 15, 2013.

4. DISCUSSION: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH NORTH AMERICAN SALT COMPANY, 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, STE. 100, OBERLIN PARK, KS 66210, FOR \$48.72 PER TON FOR AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF 3,000 TONS +/-, \$149,160. FUNDS WILL COME FROM THE 2014 APPROPRIATION FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT, 260.268.5253 AND THE STATE HIGHWAY ACCOUNT, 270.268.5253.

Mr. Burd: Thank you, Chairman Long, members of Council. This item comes from our Street Department and we are requesting authorization to enter into a contract with North American Salt Company as Chairman Long said, to purchase approximately 3,000 tons of salt. Their bid was \$48.72 per ton. As outlined in the memo I gave you, that's actually a very, very good price. It's \$9.75 per ton less than the previous contract. We don't need to actually purchase the salt right now, but by entering into this contract we'll go ahead and

lock in the bid price. We'll also be able to have the salt reserved for when we want it delivered and we need to purchase it. If you're comfortable with this item, I would ask that you consider passing this next week as an emergency so we can get the contract back to them as soon as possible. We typically have this ordinance done by July of every year. This is an annual thing that we do. We did not get the bid information back this year until after you had gone on August recess, so that's why we're here doing this in September, but everything should be fine. We'd just like to get the contract passed and signed as soon as we can.

Mr. Long: Do we know how much we've still got in our bins?

Mr. Burd: We've got a little less than 2,000 tons and that's going to get us through December/January/February, probably all of this upcoming winter. And then in spring is when we'll look to probably purchase what we do under the terms of this contract to prepare us for this time next year.

Mr. Long: So we're staying ahead of the winter season. Any questions from members of Council? Councilwoman DeBrock?

Ms. DeBrock: Are you saying that 2,000 tons will get us most likely through a typical winter.

Mr. Burd: It would be a very bizarre winter if we couldn't get through with 2,000 tons. We usually use about 1,700 tons per winter. So 2,000 is a safe amount to have going into the year. If we get to January and realize that we need to buy this quicker than we thought, we can do that; but I think that we'll be sufficient to wait until after this winter to go ahead and make that purchase, but we're locking in this price now if we go ahead and approve this contract.

Ms. DeBrock: I've got concerns with the fact that Reynoldsburg has a very tight budget and that we have a ballot issue going forward. I'm not sure I'm comfortable at this point of approving a purchase without that ballot issue passing.

Mr. Burd: This is like the basic of city government. I mean this is going to be funded without a ballot issue. It has to be, because it's a safety issue. We always do this a year in advance based on the timeline I just described to Chairman Long. So for us to pass on this, we may not get the price, we may be paying \$10 more per ton come next year and we could run into a situation where if we do have a very bad winter, we don't have salt and that's unacceptable.

Male: It could be just as believable that we could have a very light winter.

Mr. Burd: Yes.

Male: I've got to think that this is probably time, as much as we need to pay attention to doing some things for this city to build infrastructure, we ought to look at cutting back in some areas and I have to agree with that.

Mr. Long: Mr. Burd, this item was in the 2014 appropriation, correct?

Mr. Burd: We always have funds for salt appropriations in the annual budget.

Mr. Long: So it has been approved in the budget?

Mr. Burd: And the next year's will be in next year's budget request.

Mr. Harris: The salt is not bought with general fund money or income tax money. The money for the Street Department comes from gasoline tax. You can only use that for things with the street. The State Highway Fund, we are required under the Ohio Revised Code, to keep the state highways clean. They do give us money every year to buy this. You can certainly not switch that to something other than what it's intent would be. So these funds are very closely monitored, so this is not going to be in place of a police officer. You can't use the money that comes into pay this from the gasoline tax for anything other than streets and highways and the clearing of those is obviously very important for the safety of the community. So I don't think it's realistically as much of a budgetary issue as maybe you are concerned with.

Male: Can we use it to repair the streets?

Mr. Harris: We do use it to repair the streets and every year the Street Program does have money taken out of it in order to pave streets. I think there's \$400,000 coming out of that fund this year for this year's street program. So those funds are restricted, I try to use them as much as I can for those kind of purposes rather than general fund money which we have a lot less restriction on.

Ms. DeBrock: As far as the restrictions, is the restrictions just on the State Highway account or the Street Department account?

Mr. Harris: The street fund is funded by gasoline tax. You cannot use it for anything other than streets.

Ms. DeBrock: We've got the documentation that shows that the funds will be coming out of the Street Department account or the Highway Fund?

Mr. Harris: They're both restricted. You can't use it for anything else. The State Highway funds can only be used on 256 and US 40, and the state gives you in that money to keep those clear, so you must follow state statute and clear those two state highways. The Street Fund can only be used for streets, so there's no other use other than streets for those dollars.

Male: Is it likely we have enough salt to keep those two roads clear? Then maybe we could take that money and fix our streets.

Mr. Burd: I would be very uncomfortable in drastically changing how we handle salt purchases, because I don't know what we would do if we had an emergency type situation, which we could have, and we're looking around wondering where we're going to get the salt from. The reason we get this a year in advance is to reserve the salt that we want to buy and make sure it's there when we need it. This is not something that's not a frill. It's not something that we do willy-nilly. And, frankly, this is much less money than we typically spend on salt. This is a good thing, not a bad thing.

Mr. Clemens: I do realize what the salt means and I understand that money's been appropriated. The problem I have with it and I've had it before and I'll say it again, is _____ an emergency. Now I understand that we had last month off. As I remember we've had probably four meetings this month if I'm not mistaken, four or five meetings, special meetings. Information came before I opened up my packet Friday and here it was, it's being done. These are the kind of things I don't like. I know it's important for the salt, don't get me wrong. I know it needs to be passed as an emergency now because it's gone this far in the season. But there's no reason we couldn't have had information as it went along. "This is coming before you, will be before you."

Mr. Burd: That's fair. We could have done everything tonight. I was holding this a regular Council meeting and if you don't want it to be an emergency, it doesn't have to be, but it helps us get the contract filed so we can—

Mr. Clemens: If it doesn't have to be an emergency, that's fine.

Mr. Burd: I mean nothing's going to change in the terms of it. If you want to have it go through the process, that's fine, but it's always helpful for us if we can act quickly on this and these have been passed as emergencies in the past.

Mr. Long: Any comments from Council?

President Joseph: I'd just suggest that let's let it stand for one reading, come back and maybe Council will be ready to move forward in two weeks at that point, after they've had a chance to ponder all the discussion here tonight and we can still pass it as an emergency at that point.

Mr. Long: Mr. Alexander, do you have a comment?

Mr. Alexander: Yes. I'd like to point out the fact that a few years ago, when I was still working for the Street Department, we got locked out on our contract and we ended up paying almost \$152 a ton for salt. I don't think you really want to do that again. That cost a lot of money then.

Mr. Burd: Is there any additional documentation you need from me? Is there historical – I mean what else can I give to show what this is about? What would you like to see from me between now and next meeting?

Mr. Long: I'm fine with the way you presented it, so that would basically be up to anybody up here who has heartburn about the direction that it's going.

Ms. DeBrock: Historical figures of what we've used, how much can we store, how much can our salt barn store?

Mr. Burd: About 3,000 ton. But I'll give you all that in writing.

Mr. Long: Hearing no further comments, I'll make a motion that we send this on to Council for its first reading. Can I get a second? Second by Councilman Cotner. All in favor say aye. (Six voted "aye.") (One voted "nay.")

With that coming to an end, I will close the Safety Committee meeting at 7:45.

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Clemens: I'd like to call the Service Committee meeting to order at 7:47.

1. MINUTES OF SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 7/15/13.

Mr. Clemens: The first item on the agenda is the minutes of the Service Committee meeting held 7/15/13. Do we have any additions or corrections?

Male: We need to have those held. We didn't get the minutes. They have nothing prepared, so we have to hold them for two weeks.

Mr. Clemens: Okay, that's fine. We'll hold the minutes for two weeks.

2. ORDINANCE APPROVING SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT, 1922 BRICE ROAD, PROPOSED USE, EATING AND DRINKING ESTABLISHMENT. APPLICANT: MARCELLA CROFT. ADDED TO 7/8/2013 REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA AND READ FOR THE FIRST READING.

Mr. Clemens: Do we have anybody here representing this use permit? (No response.)

Councilman McGrady: I have a comment if I can. I would just like to say I expressed my position on this last time it came before Council and I won't be here the next two meetings, but I'd like Council to take focus on the fact that whereas the young lady when she said before, "It was approved before and it should be approved again." That's not precedent setting in my mind, because whatever the situation of a safety issues were then when the previous establishment was established does not take into consideration the current conditions of the Brice Road corridor right now. And her argument is trying to establish a precedent setting because it was there before, you should approve it now. As I said to her and I say again, I'm not against development, but a liquor –

additional liquor establishments, permits in the city, I am. I urge Council to support me on declining this request.

Mr. Clemens: Any other comments from Council? If not, I'd like to make a motion to remove this from the agenda until we have further information. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. McGrady. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "aye.") Opposed (None.) Motion passes. It will be removed from the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT, 6748 EAST MAIN STREET, PROPOSED USE CHILD CARE. APPLICANT: RED CONSULTING. ADDED TO THE 7/8/2013 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND READ FOR THE FIRST READING.

Mr. Clemens: It had its first reading and this is the daycare center. I do have a speaker. Corticia, okay. Please give your name, address.

Ms. Corticia Sanders: My address is 1008 Lenore Avenue in Columbus, Ohio 43224.

Mr. Clemens: This was passed by the Zoning Board as a special exception use permit and I had it put on the agenda just to have discussion on it. There were certain situations we discussed as far as where it's at, plus the playground situation. You're here to explain it, so go ahead and give us your point of view.

Ms. Sanders: Well, basically when I took over the facility, it was actually brought to our attention that it was already a daycare facility. And the reason why we looked for a daycare facility is because we have a bigger mission. We actually operate a nonprofit in the City of Columbus that houses homeless girls and their babies. So the reason why we have our daycare facility is to make sure that we create job establishments for them, which we have in the last five years. We've served 129 girls last year and able to have five graduate high school this year and three college grads based off of our daycare center that was in the old Techniglass Facility. After getting our license, we found out that there were a lot of rodents and stuff, so we had to move out of that daycare facility and look for another one. As we looked for a daycare facility, we had a sign put in the yard of that facility that it was already daycare, so we literally signed out lease and moved in the property and that's when we realized it was not a daycare facility at that time. So this is also a hiccup for our organization, not just for City Council. So that's why I came forward to – it's supposed to be the architect coming to these meetings, because they told us it was already a daycare and, because they have been, it's very important that we find an establishment to start our daycare facility, because it pays for our 10 bedroom, 4 bath house where our homeless girls live right now currently in Columbus.

Mr. Clemens: I believe that the last time-- Were you here for our last meeting?

Ms. Sanders: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: Did you speak at our last meeting?

Ms. Sanders: Yes, I did.

Mr. Clemens: Did you say that you had them in other places?

Ms. Sanders: That was the places that we had it. We had—

Mr. Clemens: How many other places do you have?

Ms. Sanders: We had it 711 Southwood, which is the old Techniglass facility, and then we moved it to a facility in Whitehall at 441 Yearling Avenue where we actually rented it from a church who found out they were behind in their lease, so Eastpoint, which is in Reynoldsburg, told us about another property. So literally we've moved our daycare center since March three times trying to get it started and back open with the hiccup of landlords giving us a perception that either was a daycare or we give the \$4,000 and then they were behind on their rent. So, yes, it has moved three times in the last year.

Mr. Clemens: The situation basically is here because of the position it's in and what you're going to do to it and so forth. We know that you have to improve it to meet the state's requirements. I personally don't care for the location being tied into a filling station on Main Street, ingress and egress and also that they sell gas and oil and diesel fuel, beer, cigarettes and all that. So I don't really care for the location. But also I think it was important as far as the business itself, the location as far as the playground. And I think, if I'm not mistaken, we were supposed to have been sent a copy of the layout of the playground. Councilman Kelly asked for that.

Ms. Sanders: Yeah, the layout of the playground was on the actual forms that they submitted the first time. When we tabled it, the Council was supposed to ride out and see where the playground was supposed to be set on the actual paperwork.

Mr. Clemens: Well, I understand where it's supposed to be, but the fence and everything we want to see it in the layout, how it's hooked into everything.

Ms. Sanders: Right, which was left up to the contracting company who, again, already said it was a previous daycare who already put the plans together, so you have exactly what I have. We were told that we weren't going to have to do any of the architectural work on it because they told us it was a daycare center already. So I have the same thing you have as far as turning in the plans of what it will look like. But I also took it upon ourselves to have a former fire — one is a former firefighter and one is a firefighter in Columbus to come out and look at it, because, again, we didn't know about the establishment being that close to the gas station until we took occupancy of it. We took them out there

and they didn't see anything hazardous based on the fact that we're using the rear as our front door and also that there is, inbetween us, there's another office before it gets to the gas station and that we're using the opposite direction of the gas station. The gas station is in the front. Our children and our staff and us go through the back.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Let's get back again, do you have a diagram of the layout that you're going to have for your playground like Ms. Kelly requested?

Ms. Sanders: I don't personally. The only diagram I have is the entire facility, which is what we gave to you guys last time.

Mr. Clemens: The reason I'm asking you this, cause we're sitting with two right now that Council passed that we okayed that were to have a place for the kids to play and fenced in and they are miserable wrecks to be honest with you. How it ever happened, I guess we don't check on things. Even though we pass it, I guess (inaudible tape) building permits and I can understand that. That's why I'm wondering if you do have—

Ms. Sanders: The only other thing that our organization came up with is we're working with a Christian organization off of East Broad Street in Blacklick who will come to provide bus transportation for us to take them to the nearest park, because we have that in code that we can actually not have a playground onsite, until we work out this mess of what should look like a playground, we will have them transported to the nearest park so that they will still get their outdoor 45 minutes play every day.

Male: The applicant here is Red Consulting, right?

Ms. Sanders: Uh-huh.

Male: Are they here?

Ms. Sanders: No. They are the architectural company that Larry, who was the owner of the facility, paid to create plans for us after I had a hissy fit because you told me it was a daycare and it wasn't, so they were creating plans to turn in to the building inspectors to make it a daycare.

Male: You guys have a problem there and I feel for you and you've got a good idea, I think, of what you're trying to accomplish, but really this is kind of their fight that they should be doing diligence to, whatever commitment you've made to them. I'd encourage them to be involved and tell us what's going on, because I really don't have anything on it.

Ms. Sanders: They were here last time, but they didn't come back. The architect stood up last time.

Mr. McGrady: I understand both entities, but let's get back to the-- So should the architect be here or should it be the business owner?

Male: She's got a contract essentially with the architect of the business, right? So they're the ones applying to the City of Reynoldsburg, so they should be here. Am I on base there, Mr. Roth?

Mr. Roth: Excuse me?

Male: Shouldn't the business that's seeking this permit, the landlord essentially and the architect, shouldn't they be represented here?

Mr. Roth: Yes. They are the applicant for this.

Male: That would make more sense. So the other point is the daycare and you made reference to the Ohio Revised Code where you have a contractual agreement with a faith-based organization to transport, so that would negate the daycare there for the facility. And if we ran into that same snafu with the other daycare on Brice Road, when the gentleman representing them pulled up on his Google and cited the code that stated that a daycare can operate without a play area as long as you provide transportation to a nearby park and she made reference to that. The other thing that you made reference to is the nonprofit entity, working with victims of sexual violence. How's the correlation between that and the daycare? Are there jobs or anything that you're—

Ms. Sanders: Basically we do job creation, but we also give a stable place for their children to come. In the last two years when we did have the daycare open, most of those girls were able to receive job training from us and also we utilized the Job and Family Service girls that have to work for their monthly benefits. Instead of working harsh jobs in factories, we allowed them to come into our organization and learn how to take on the responsibility of taking care of children to help them out. So the biggest part of our daycare is job creation, but also making sure that we can take care of our shelter home where our girls live.

Male: Is that in conjunction with ODJFS?

Ms. Sanders: Yes.

Male: Okay, so there's a program in place in terms of the criteria which they have to follow.

Mr. Clemens: Okay, let's get back to the daycare. How you handle your daycare, who you are, and how you finance it, that's your business. So if it's nonprofit, I don't care what nonprofit it is. What I'm interested in is the building that you're going to be in and what it's hooked to and if you are going to have a daycare outside. Either you are or you aren't.

Ms. Sanders: Well, at this time if we can't figure out-- I mean me being in childcare as long as I've have, I've seen, like you said, daycares that probably shouldn't have had a playground at all placed on their property, and then daycare centers like ours, if you actually see there is a spot in the back where we use as our front entrance, directly to the right side of the door. It's a green grass area that doesn't have any hazardous materials in it at all. That's what we were going to fence in, which at 65 square feet per child would have allowed us to have one class go out at a time. That would have gave us a conducive childcare facility playground. But, with that being said, because it's not in front of us, the only other option we have is the contract we have with the Christian organization who will come and bus our kids to a play space for 45 minutes a day.

Ms. Kelly: How far away would your play space be that you would be busing your kids?

Ms. Sanders: Basically you have to stay within a five mile radius, of course, so we looked at two locations. One on East Main Street, but going that way it's like four blocks up is a playground connected to a daycare facility that they do not utilize. And then we have East Broad Street where the church is. They're off of Broad and New Albany Road. She actually has a school and a farm and a playground on it where she would bus our kids to play.

Ms. Kelly: How many kids do you project – what do you project your enrollment to be?

Ms. Sanders: From what we've gathered on numbers, we are looking at not even a 48 enrollment. So if it says 48 with the building inspectors and Job and Family Services can come in and say 40. So we're not looking at a maximum of more than 40 kids in our daycare facility, which is a small number compared to – I just had a 8,000 square foot daycare that had 168.

Ms. Kelly: The organization that would be busing the kids, would they provide a van or a bus?

Ms. Sanders: Yes. They have two buses.

Ms. Kelly: And the liability and all that would go with them?

Ms. Sanders: Yes. Job and Family Services do not allow you to bus children without a vehicle inspection, without having a background check on the driver, and making sure where they're going to go and how they're going to get back. They're going to pay for the transportation but also that they're going to have insurance covering their buses and they have to because it's a Christian private school.

Ms. Kelly: Here's my concern with that, with the busing. If we approve this, and if I'm wrong on this, somebody please let me know. If we approve this

and, say, six months down the road that relationship with the Christian organization, or a year, however long the contract is, that goes south?

Ms. Sanders: Well, our goals right now, we just put in with Ricart Mega Mall, we just put in with two other organizations to get buses. One is a very potential because we just got a city approval from Columbus who backs our nonprofit, that they provide and they support Mothers Helping Mothers and Helping Hands fund an academy, so we're hoping to have our own bus within the next six months. We put in a budget for our own transportation because, again, the bus will not only help our daycare center but, after hours, it will help us transport the girls that live in our home to daily activities.

Ms. Kelly: I see a lot of potential and I think it's very noble what you're doing but, again, I just – it's a lot of "this is what our plan is, this is what our plan is." And what we're doing, if we approve this, we approve it and say you can run with it and you can do it. And what if the plans don't come to fruition and we've got a daycare center without anyplace, any way for them to play?

Ms. Sanders: Well, to be honest with you, for the last five years, based off of what I do in the City of Columbus, it has not been anything that I have put forth that I have not been able to succeed, including our 10 bedroom, 4 bath house that we did not pay anything for to get it constructed and made into what we were trying to do. So lately, by the grace of God, the things that I have put on the table and asked for have been received to us. We haven't had any curve balls except for getting a strong facility that we can utilize our childcare facility out of. We were professionally doing that for the last two years. We just happened to get Rumpke as our neighbor inside this huge facility on the south end of Columbus that made us move. In the last two years we were able to operate an 8,000 square foot daycare without paying rent on it, getting the landlord to purchase our cribs, getting people from the community to come out. We just had Jay Roberts from Channel 10 just did a big organizational community thing with us where we gave 100 clothes to homeless kids and we don't have income, but we still get that type of support. So our goal for our own van is six months and within six months, whether our daycare center's in Reynoldsburg, Columbus or Pickerington, we will have a van.

Male: The question for this council is do we grant a Special Use Permit to the applicant, all right? I would suggest that we-- Can we hold this and request the applicant come and answer – because ultimately-- You've got a great story and we believe in what you're doing and our heart goes out to you, but that would be the right thing to do.

Ms. Sanders: Okay.

Mr. Clemens: That's fine. I make a motion that we hold this for two weeks? (Motion was seconded.) All in favor say aye. (All voted "aye.")

I'll end tonight's Service Committee meeting at 8:07.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Cotner: I'll call to order the Finance Committee meeting at 8:08 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Cotner: Everyone has gotten the most recent agenda? I guess I should verify that first before we go ahead.

Male: (Inaudible)

Mr. Cotner: We added it today. So does everybody have the copy of the agenda that is up on the board, seven items? Okay. So we've added item 7, request that Council pass the attached resolution about the rates for Licking County. So I would like to add that item as Item 7. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Long. All in favor say aye. (All voted "aye.")

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 7/15/13.

Mr. Cotner: Again, we're going to hold those two weeks.

4. DISCUSSION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH OHM TO UPDATE THE ZONING CODE FOR THE CITY AND REQUEST COUNCIL UNAPPROPRIATE FROM ACCOUNT 110.585.510 SALARY OF ELECTED OFFICIAL AND DIRECTOR \$17,000; REAPPROPRIATE TO ACCOUNT 110.580.5339, MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACT SERVICES \$17,000.

Mayor McCloud: Thank you Chairman Cotner, members of Council. The request you have before you is just that, to allow me to authorize and enter into a contract with OHM to update our zoning code which has not been touched in any form in quite some time. It is problematic, it is contradictory within itself. These are not new funds, this is merely a reallocation of funds that this Council already appropriated earlier in this year. Aaron Domini with OHM is here this evening if you have any specific questions about the process.

Mr. McGrady: Where do I start? The only problem that I have with this, Mr. Mayor, is that-- First of all, I'll applaud you on this, because I've worked with the City Attorney to look at Entertainment Law, Establishments and Massage Parlors, because, yes, they're outdated and need to be reviewed. But just looking at how things are working right now with Aaron in terms of, let's just say when these businesses are coming in, there's so much disjointed information there in terms of these folks are coming in to do business here and I don't know where the disconnect is, but they're coming in here-- I'm making a long story to

get to the point. They're coming in here thinking that once they go through the zoning, everything's good to go. These folks are moving in and then somewhere they're missing the communication that they need to come here. My point is I view that as a simple process and if they're not effectively handling that, my question is do we give him another \$17,000, or to the organization, to address the zoning without the recommendations coming from a Development Director within, which we do not have, in terms of what they feel our needs are versus what they feel the zones need to be addressed. For example, are they going to put emphasis on the entertainment lounges? I would like to see that, entertainment clubs. I've been told you can't ban them on it, but I would like to see them banned out here. I don't want them here in the City.

Mayor McCloud: Entertainment clubs, what does that mean?

Mr. McGrady: Gentlemen clubs.

Mayor McCloud: The United States Constitution says we can't forbid those. We can regulate them, but we can't forbid them. If that was the case, everybody would.

Mr. McGrady: Okay, but I'd like to see that reviewed as well. But my main question is to look at it from the standpoint that we're having problems with BZA, they're not coming before Council and then Council has to make decisions on these individuals that want perspective businesses here. I feel that should be handled by Aaron, by BZA. So if they can't handle that-- My question is why would we give them another \$17,000 if they can't handle the first part?

Mayor McCloud: To the extent your supposition is correct, I'm not sure that you can blame OHM 100%. Maybe you can cite chapter and verse of specifics. But I can tell you during the six years that I've been Mayor, it's not been my practice to bring something to Council that I didn't think was the right thing for the City.

Mr. McGrady: I didn't say it was not, sir.

Mayor McCloud: I didn't say that you said that I did. I'm just telling you.

Ms. Kelly: Mr. McGrady, I understand what you're saying. We get Special Exemption Permits that come through from BZBA and we question why did BZBA pass that. But that is a group, that's not -- it's not the Aaron Show. It's a group. For me personally, from working with Aaron for as long as I did work with Aaron, I found him to be very organized and very effective in what he did. So, personally, I don't have a question with Aaron leading this.

Ms. DeBrock: I would totally agree that Design Codes need to be looked at, tweaked, coordinated and any issues brought forward so that Council can address them. But I, as a Council member, cannot go forward with my vote on this without a Development Director. I mean we can be updating all the zoning

codes that we want, but without a Development Director helping and leading our city into positive growth – and I would like a Development Director in place. I would like this to occur, but not today, because I think a Development Director needs to be part of the equation if we're going to spend money to review them. So I like the idea, but at the time I think we need to wait.

Mr. Clemens: I agree with the Mayor on one count. This is something we need, but it's my feeling on it and it has been – I think I've mentioned it to the Mayor, so I'm not bringing anything that's not. We do need a Development Director and we need one that would take over the zoning part of it too; eliminate the Zoning Department, make it part of the Development Director's business to operate because we're not that busy in either one of them; be able to pay somebody and get somebody that's worked in this kind of situation. I know we would have to pay them a good salary to do it, and then have them work with the organization that we hire to develop our new zoning code and work into it. I don't think the City's ever going to move ahead until we come up with a Development Director and, as I look into the zoning part and as I've watched it operate by contracting it out, and I was part of that, I don't think it's working that well. I think the company's doing the best they can, but I think we need it in-house, but I don't think we need two people in-house. I think one person could handle both positions. Now whether we want to – in the money that we're paying, contracting out would be part of the pay for the Development Director; whether we want to go to that before the issue on the ballot's passed or now, I don't know. But as far as I'm concerned, until we do get into a situation where we do have somebody in-house that would be the Development Director and the Zoning Officer also, to work with the company and put the time in, because I know that the Mayor does not have the time, the Service Director doesn't have the time and the Council doesn't have the time, but it's never worked out. I've seen all kinds of things that we've had other companies do and bring into us, then Council looks it over and picks it apart and so forth. We need somebody that's going to work directly with the company to review the zoning and then bring it to Council, but I think we need a full in-house person that would be a benefit to the administration to have, but I do know it's going to cost money. I know that's the drawback. Personally I'd like to see it done as soon as we could. If it would be better to wait until after we have an issue on the ballot, I don't know. Either way you're going to have to have it and to keep walking around saying, "No, we don't. We can contract this out," I've never seen anything work yet and nobody's brought anything to me yet that shows that we did anything as far as development's concerned by contracting it out. You have to have an in-house person that people can go to. I know it's difficult. It's difficult for the administration, it's difficult for us if we want to go to a person. It's difficult for the other administrative people in the city. I just have the feeling we need to fill these positions to make this city operate the way it should. Until that's done, you can't count on my vote to do anything as far as contracting out. I want it done correctly and I think the Mayor's correct in bringing it before us because I think it needs to be done, but I think we need to do it with a person in-house. Until that's solved, you can't count on my vote, as far as that's concerned.

Mr. Barrett: What they're going to be revising, is that the same codes and ordinances that our Building Department goes out and enforces or is that just new construction?

Mayor McCloud: It would not be-- The answer to your question, Mr. Barrett, is the code enforcement folks write notices of violations based on the International Property Maintenance Code. The contemplation is that we would not touch that. That's already a model ordinance that City Council adopted. So it would be more to the definitions and the things that we run into in terms of some of the things that we're dealing with now, but it would not be the set of ordinances that our city code officers enforce, if that's your question.

Mr. Barrett: So then what would it help?

Mayor McCloud: It would be that whole big book that spells out what kind of animals we can harbor, definitions of businesses, our community commerce districts, the definitions of our business districts, all those kinds of things.

Mr. Barrett: What will we get out of all this other than having a more modern version? Will this somehow equate to better property values, a better Reynoldsburg? I mean what's the vision?

Mayor McCloud: Well, what it would do for us-- Well, first of all, our code hasn't been touched in quite some time and, so, it is out of step with some of the modern day developments that have come about. It is contradictory sometimes within itself. One section says this and one section says this and that's because, as City Council through the years amended a portion of the code, frankly no one has had the time or taken the time to go through the entire set of ordinances and say, "Well, that's going to change this right here." So there are sections of it that conflict and we're left in the position of either picking or choosing and hoping that the law sides with us, or spending some time in a courtroom. So I don't know— Aaron, did you want to add anything to that?

Mr. Aaron Domini: Yeah, thank you, Mayor, members of Council. I think one of the real issues is we're having a tough job doing our job and I had the same experience when I worked here full time. We don't have the tools to actually review applications. Daycares, for examples, we have no parking standards for a daycare, which is one of the main issues that brought that daycare before you that you just reviewed. So it's hard for us to keep some items even from getting here, which we don't control, that's the Board of Zoning and a number of items that haven't made it here, we recommended denial. Because the code is so outdated, it doesn't even reference current uses. I think the real risk is not doing something, because we're going to put ourselves at risk and spend more money later on potentially solving problems that could have been solved if our code was up-to-date. The proposal I gave the Mayor was not one of OHM doing this, it was the City doing it and that's facilitating this through a selected committee which, Mr. McGrady, you could serve on that committee. It's

an open committee and we wanted this to be an open process so that everybody's issues were addressed and we had the directors involved. I think, while we have the most intimate knowledge of this code, I've been using it now for over six years and know a lot of the problems with it, there are still a number of people who are up here who are experts as well as the director heads who are experts of what's happening within the City limits. So we really wanted to make that kind of a grassroots effort. I went through a similar effort when I worked here as well to create the two overlays which have worked, in my opinion, very well and have since been a model for other communities in Central Ohio to adopt. So I could go on and on and on. I've done an audit of the code. I've a number of issues that we need to address and I think we need to address them now to save the City time and money down the road. So I think this is a very important issue that needs to be addressed. My one last comment is if you do hire a Development Director, they're likely going to outsource this service anyway. I would also advise you to keep the Development Director's role and the zoning role separate. Most advisors who advise you on how to manage those things, that's a conflict of interest. You should have the Development Director focusing on development and the zoning focusing on zoning so that those two things don't get compromised. Now there are a number of firms who would tell you the same thing and who are brought to advise you on those. So it doesn't have to be done now, but it's a very, very, very important issue that we need to address.

Mr. Barrett: Thank you. Again, it's just one more thing on that long list of things that haven't been addressed for a number of years in Reynoldsburg and, again, with the budget issues that we're dealing with and the revenue unbalance that we're dealing with it's like, where are we going to get what's going to serve us best. I heard you say that it's really not going to improve property values, it's not really going to do anything for the—

Mr. Domini: I didn't say that. In fact I think it would improve property values. Property values are improved long-term by improving the quality of life within the community. That's what your code is supposed to do.

Mr. Barrett: So will that happen then once we give you the \$17,000 and it's revised? Will that be – we'll have to enforce it then, right?

Mr. Domini: We enforce the zoning code now.

Mayor McCloud: Mr. Domini, one of the things you and I have talked about when you used to be full time staff here, was working toward a master plan for the City. Could this be a step toward something – would this be one of the tools that would be a beginning instrumental piece of the puzzle like that?

Mr. Domini: There are two tools that you have to review any development decision are a master plan and your zoning code. The master plan is your overall blueprint for the community and your zoning code is the codified ordinances you have to rely on. I don't necessarily think it's a step toward creating a master plan. I think that's something else that should be done, but I

think those two things both need to happen and they need to happen relatively soon.

Mayor McCloud: And those are obviously long-term benefits for the City which, again, I think we have to be taking into account. What do you also feel the value would be of your firm working directly with a Development Director? I mean is that – we may not have that option, again because of limited resources, but would that influence how your company would be able to perform this task?

Mr. Domini: No. Typically a Development Director, and I'm updating code for a number of communities around Central Ohio, outsources this service. I am proposing and what I proposed to the Mayor is that process is done by a select committee of current employees and elected and appointed officials.

Ms. Kelly: Aaron, what I'm hearing you say and I just want to clarify, is that if we revise our Code of Ordinances around zoning, that it could potentially be a tool that would help and form development and could create – make things easier for those folks who want to come in and development in Reynoldsburg?

Mr. Domini: Yes, because it would set expectations a little bit more clearly, specifically I can cite an example about our uses. We don't clearly define what uses we want to come to the table, so we're left guessing because we don't have the tools to say yes or no to certain uses.

Ms. Kelly: So it would help avoid some of the confusion and then, thus, possibly avoiding Reynoldsburg getting a reputation as a city that has very confusing rules and laws and people who want to develop may shy away because of the confusion that we currently have because of the lack of definitions.

Mr. Domini: That very well could be the case, yes.

Ms. DeBrock: I must say that I've worked on several committees with Aaron and have enjoyed all of them. He has great thoughts and very organized and I would imagine that the plan to put together an organized zoning review would be very thoughtful, very thorough. My concern is I think we need a Development Director first. That is something that we are lacking. The city has stumbled for so many years with zoning conflicts. So whether it be a month, six months, it's whatever Council and the city decides as far as a Development Director. A Development Director could come from either the Council side or the city side. So it's up to the city to talk about a Development Director. The zoning would help anyone who wants to come in and say, "I want to be part of Reynoldsburg," because it will clearly define what they can and can't do and when they need to ask for special permission. That's important for somebody who's laying a lot of money out and time. And I think that's important for us to give developers and businesses that tool, but we don't have a master plan. So here's we're creating zoning without even a master plan, without a Development Director I think needs part of the review for the zoning. They're not the expert on

the zoning, but they need to be – they're the ones who are going to be the visionaries of the city if we hire a Development Director. They're going to be the ones that are going to help lead the city. They're going to take what Council's ideas and the city ideas, and that's the person that's going to move the city forward. The zoning ordinance is a tool. It's just a tool and it's a tool to lead the city into – it's to help the city. But with the Development Director and the master plan are really what we need. I like the idea of the zoning review, but I want to postpone it until whatever Council thinks is necessary for a Development Director or master plan, another idea, the big picture before we go to the small picture.

Mr. Domini: If I may, Ms. DeBrock? I would highly recommend that you not wait to update this code until you have a master plan in place. Typically a master plan, by the time you go out, find a consultant, go through the process, that's going to be at least 18 months. We have real issues in our code that extremely deficient now. And for the proposal we've given the city, we're not talking about, we're not talking about throwing this code out and we're not talking about changing uses which would be changed based on the master plan and where those uses are supposed to be within the city. We're simply talking about getting this code up-to-date and protecting the city against certain situations that could potentially be detrimental. And allowing staff to do their job better, because we now have a code which is clear and gives us direction how we're supposed to make decisions and recommendations to the elected and appointed officials.

Mr. Barrett: Aaron, when was it that you left full time employment with the city roughly?

Mr. Domini: That's a good question. I think it was 3-4 years ago. I don't know the exact date.

Mayor McCloud: At that time you would have recommended this needed done then, so I mean we're now even four years later.

Mr. Domini: Yes, absolutely. There were a number of you sitting up there that I worked with when we had these problems.

Mayor McCloud: So we have an opportunity to do something with funds that are already in this budget for something that should have been done, if we could have, 3, 4, 5, 6, what, 10 years ago? How far out of date would our code be? Would you even venture a guess?

Mr. Domini: I wouldn't even want to publicly make that statement, but a long, long time overdue.

Mr. Clemens: Yeah, it's all a guess. I think if you get in the archives of a city, I don't know how many plannings we have done – planning ahead and so forth which have never been followed. So we've got to have a Development Director working with the Zoning Officer, or taking over both of them. The zoning that we're talking about and I think that the Mayor's talking about, we're talking

about the quirks that we bump into up here, the things we argue about like the chicken deal we went through, things like that. We're not talking about going out and zoning property. We're talking about getting rid of the quirks and trying to update it on what it should be so the BZ doesn't have their problems and we don't have our problems. I'm not talking about a master plan. I'll tell you, and Aaron could probably find them, how many master plans have we done in the City of Reynoldsburg in the last 20 years, 25 years? I mean they're there somewhere, but they get done and then they're still there and nobody follows them. That's just a big expense and they lay there. So I think that can be done, but you're not going to do it without a Development Director. You have to have somebody that organizes these things and gets it done. I'm not saying Aaron's company's not doing it, don't get me wrong. It's hard to work from the outside in. When people walk through that door, they want to know something and the secretary says, "I don't know." Where's your zoning officer? "Well, wait a minute?" We try to get him on the telephone or email him or something like that. That's not good. To me it's not good.

Mayor McCloud: I would completely agree, Mr. Clemens. I think that's part of one of our big problems and I think most of us would agree. We'd love to see a Development Director. I totally agree. We need those positions filled. I'm 100% in agreement but, at the same time, I also don't want to miss an opportunity to move ourselves forward to protect ourselves. I agree with you. I'd love to have the Development Director in place now and have them work directly with whatever.

Mr. Clemens: That's what I think. And if they can't work with Aaron, we'll get another company. It's that simple. You said the Development Director couldn't work with you, then we'll get somebody else. Anyhow, we try to operate this thing and if we're going to do it, do it right.

Ms. Kelly: Aaron, when you were here before, you worked really closely with our Development Director, correct?

Mr. Domini: Yes, still do, actually.

Ms. Kelly: So you worked really closely with our Development Director. Do you feel comfortable that you understand the development stuff?

Mr. Domini: I honestly believe I understand the development role within this community probably better than most, having worked with Mr. Haire for so long, the Mayor, and a number of you who I worked closely with.

Ms. Kelly: Right. And I worked with you on the Brice Road stuff we were doing, we even had the interns from Ohio State. So I know I am very comfortable with Aaron taking on this role. I believe he does have an understanding of the development needs in Reynoldsburg. He's been a part of that. This is something that we have seen evidence of confusion from our zoning laws. We've all seen that. So it's something that does need to happen. I have

the same fear. If we wait till we get a master plan, we wait till we find a Development Director, we wait till we have all of these things in place, the potential of what we could lose or situations we could find ourselves in is this large versus if we can start this process. So my vote would be that we move ahead with it.

Mr. Cotner: Okay, other questions or comments from Council?

Mr. McGrady: I agree it's probably a needed thing with a long list of other things that Reynoldsburg has ignored for a long time. So really it's a matter of where we're going to spend our money and, for some reason, I don't think \$17,000's going to get us where we really need to be. I think our time would be way better served focusing on revenue and balance that's been going on and it's really declining this city. So I won't vote for it.

Mr. Cotner: Any other comments from members of Council, Mayor or Mr. Domini? Anything else? No? Thank you very much and I will echo the sentiments of, you know, working with you, Aaron, has been – I believe you do care about what's going on in the City of Reynoldsburg and I appreciate that greatly, because that really is something that we need more than anything else is people that want to see Reynoldsburg succeed. So I appreciate the work that you've done and the knowledge you bring to this community, so thank you very much.

Mr. Domini: Thank you, Mr. Cotner.

Mr. Cotner: I will go ahead and make a motion that we send this forward to Council for a first reading. Is there a second? Second by Councilman Long. All in favor, say "aye." (4 voted "aye.") (3 voted "nay.") Okay, I'm not positive who said what, so we'd better do a roll call on that.

(Mr. Cotner voted "aye." Mr. Long voted "aye." Ms. DeBrock voted "nay." Mr. Barrett voted "nay." Ms. Kelly voted "aye." Mr. McGrady voted "nay." Mr. Clemens voted "nay.")

Mr. Cotner: So we have four voting against this issue, so it will die and we will close this item for now. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Mr. Domini.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Cotner: Moving forward then, our next issue, Item 5, discussion regarding Council appointments for the Planning Commission. We have been on recess, but, nonetheless, I'm assuming that the Clerk has not received anything of interest for the Planning Commission that you didn't share with us?

Clerk: No.

Mr. Cotner: So we are still seeking members to serve on the Planning Commission.

6. DISCUSSION TO REQUEST THE TRANSFER OF \$9,750 FROM ACCOUNT 110.449.5101, THE SALARY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DIRECTOR, TO ACCOUNT 110.340.5339, MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACT SERVICES WITHIN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Cotner: This money was in support of the 2013 Tomato Festival. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor McCloud: Thank you, Chairman Cotner. This is before as a request to transfer funds. This is not a request for a new appropriation. These funds were contained within the appropriation that this Council passed earlier this year and these funds, as was discussed previously, would go toward and support the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival.

Mr. Cotner: Okay, thank you. Questions from Finance Committee?

Mr. Clemens: I think the Tomato Festival did a wonderful job and they had a good one. If I remember right, this is something that was brought up to Council a couple months ago and it was decided – I don't believe anything was done if I'm not mistaken. It was my understanding that it was being paid for out of the Mayor's Fund. I thought it was paid for. I didn't know that we would do it without the money being appropriated. I thought the money was there. I didn't know that we were going to take it out of the Engineer's Fund and put it in Elected Officials Fund. I thought the money was already there and that, Mayor, you could spend it out of your appropriation.

Mayor McCloud: Mr. Clemens, the issue is that we did not put a line item in the budget for this amount, so I just need to move money. It's below my contract authority, but I don't have a place to take it out of the budget. We didn't create a line item for this issue.

Mr. Clemens: I understand it was under \$10,000. That's why I didn't object to it, but I thought the money was there and under the line item that Council wouldn't have to take any action on it was my thought on it. I thought it was done and that was it. Before we get into this, could I ask one question? Are we going to go ahead and put a permanent—

Mayor McCloud: Yes. The short answer's yes. We actually took measures to see if we could get it in in time for this year's festival and we simply couldn't. But, yes, that is absolutely the goal for next year.

Mr. Harris: The money has been appropriated. The Mayor's not asking for an additional appropriation. Council has appropriated this money into one of the Mayor's budgeted items, so he's just asking money to be transferred from one place to another. He's not asking for an additional appropriation.

Mr. Cotner: Okay, right.

Ms. Kelly: Mayor, when we're talking about doing the permanent electrical stuff in Huber, we discussed earlier that would be coming out of the electrical aggregation money. Is that correct?

Mayor McCloud: That was discussed that that might be an appropriate way to couch this expenditure in that we are going to receive over \$100,000 that we did not make any plans for.

Ms. Kelly: Okay, and then this money for the Tomato Festival, if I'm remembering correctly, my thought was that that money was in the Parks and Rec Department already, that budget? I'm trying to figure out we're moving it of Salary of Elected Officials Director. Who's salary elected officials director? What is that?

Mr. Harris: The Engineer, City Engineer salary.

Ms. Kelly: So we have budgeted, just so I can make sure I understand, we have a line item in our budget for the engineer, but since we don't have the engineer, it's like that money is there in a bucket and we're taking money from that bucket and we're going to put it in Miscellaneous Contract Services' bucket?

Mayor McCloud: Yes.

Ms. Kelly: Yes.

Mr. Barrett: When do we get that aggregate money?

Mr. Harris: There's no specific time for them to do it. We have not received it yet. Two years ago when we got this the first time, it came in November, but there's nothing that says it has to come in November. It could come in earlier, it could come in later.

Mr. Barrett: Well, I'm like Mr. Clemens. I don't remember us having to take action on this. I thought this would be something you could do.

Mayor McCloud: With all due respect, Mr. Barrett, if I didn't have to come to City Council—

Ms. Kelly: Mr. Cotner, this is for Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris, you said this was already appropriated. Is it appropriated because you said Council did that. Is that because we have already set aside and approved the money for the engineer that it is appropriated?

Mr. Harris: The engineer was part of what was in the amount that Council appropriated. The appropriation's the authority to spend. You've given the

Mayor authority to spend money. He has asked now that that money be moved from someplace where he does not have an employee and may decide he doesn't need an employee, to another account.

Ms. Kelly: So we have already appropriated the money in the engineering bucket.

Mr. Harris: That's correct.

Ms. Kelly: So what we're being asked is just to move the money from that bucket to another bucket?

Mr. Harris: That's right, from one account to another account.

Ms. Kelly: Council did not appropriate money for the Tomato Festival. We're appropriated the money for the engineering bucket and he's just moving it.

Mr. Harris: Council doesn't appropriate by individual item on anything. You put money in an office supply account, it doesn't say in that office supply account you have to buy so many pens, you have to buy so many paper clips, you have to buy so much paper. You give the departments and the administration the authority to buy what they need and use it how they need it to do the best job for the citizens of the city. The money was appropriated, the engineer's gone. The engineer may or may not be changing. They go to a different way of providing engineering services for the city. The money is out there, the appropriation is out there. He would like to move it to another account.

Ms. Kelly: How much money is in that fund? How much is in the fund for the engineer's salary? How much is left?

Mr. Harris: As of June 31st there was about \$34,250.20.

Ms. Kelly: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Clemens: I understand the whole process, but why wasn't the process done before we spent it? That's the only thing.

Mayor McCloud: I probably didn't handle this very well, Mr. Clemens. What occurred to us with my discussions with the City Auditor was this was below \$10,000, so I could do it. However, I didn't have a line item and that was something I didn't figure out until later, so that was my mistake. I thought under \$10,000 I can do this, however I didn't have any place to take it from.

Mr. Clemens: Okay, that's fair enough. I just wanted to know why it was done that way.

Mr. Cotner: Any other questions? (No response.) Okay, I will make a motion that we send this forward with a recommendation for adoption as an

emergency. Is there a second? Second by Councilman Long. All in favor say "aye." (All voted "aye.") Thank you very much.

7. DISCUSSION TO PASS THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES

Mr. Harris: There are actually two of these. This is something we do every year back when we pass the tax budget in July. They go to the individual counties who send – two of them send us back this nice little form, saying "Here's how much money you get from your tax levies," and they also come up with a number for me of what the city is able to spend. It's interesting if you look at these, it shows you what we get from the tax levies – property tax levies. Both Licking County and Franklin County, we get four-tenths of 1 mil for the General Fund and three-tenths of 1 mil for the Police Pension Fund, for a grand total of seven-tenths of 1 mil. In Franklin County the milage you pay is 111.9 mils, which means our share of your property taxes is 63/100 of 1%. I don't know what we do with all that money, but that's what it is.

We were talking about the tax budget we passed in July. They send us back – we are required under law to have these back to the counties by October 1st. There is not one coming from Fairfield County. They don't require it. I have two of these here, one for Licking County, one for Franklin County and they have to be back to them by October 1. So if you want to pass this either at the next Council meeting or the following Council meeting as an emergency, I will need to have those downtown Columbus and downtown Newark prior to October 1.

Mr. Cotner: Questions for the Auditor? (No response.) Then I will make a motion that we send this forward to Council with recommendation for adoption.

Mr. Harris: There are two different ones you have to send, one for Licking County, one for Franklin County.

Mr. Cotner: We will start with the Franklin County issue first. Second by Councilman Long. All in favor say, "aye." (All voted "aye.") Okay, thank you.

And I will make a motion that we send forward the Licking county tax rates for recommendation as adoption as an emergency also. Second for that one? Second by Councilman Long. All in favor say, "aye." (All voted "aye.")

And with that we will close the Finance Committee meeting at 8:49 p.m.