

MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
July 22, 2019

Ward 2 Councilmember Brett Luzader called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM

Call to Order - Roll Call

PRESENT: Luzader, Baker, Bryant, Skinner

ABSENT:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

a. Public Service and Transportation Committee – Committee Meeting – July 8, 2019

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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LEGISLATION FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY NUISANCE COSTS (2018) FOR COLLECTION BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/22/2019 7:35 PM
MOVER:	Brett Luzader, Ward 2 Councilmember	
SECONDER:	Caleb Skinner, Ward 1 Councilmember	
AYES:	Luzader, Baker, Bryant, Skinner	

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY NUISANCE COSTS (2018) FOR COLLECTION BY THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

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SECONDER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember	
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ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: AMENDING CHAPTER 174 PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF DESIGN PROFESSIONALS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

Ms. Bryant: Mr. Hood, you had indicated last time that in regard to these contracts that there was a 90 day notice you can provide to get out of the contract?

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Mr. Hood: Yea, historically we have always had a cancellation clause in there. These particularly were 90 days. Other contracts we have with vendors are different notice requirements but due to the work that they have, I think a lengthier notice requirement is appropriate.

Ms. Bryant: Have we had, we haven't had any experience with them trying to opt out or us trying to opt out have we?

Mr. Hood: well not under an existing contract but we did choose to hire a City Engineer and forgo the consulting services and use them as a part time but that's been, gee... President Joseph, do you remember how long that's been? Its been six or eight years maybe.

Mr. Joseph: Yea, its at least been that long.

Mr. Hood: But never have we cancelled a contract in the midst of the term, if that was the question.

Ms. Bryant: Ok, I guess based on discussion from last that we were here. First I have trouble finding this an emergency and second given the 90 day notice option, I don't see a difference with the two year or four year because we have always got the option of providing the 90 day notice. I just don't see a benefit, but that's my personal opinion. I think there was some discussion last time where some of us had thought four years was a bit much but I just don't see how benefit to extend it.

Mr. Bowsher: Just recap real quick if that's ok. Thank you Chairman Luzader. I think where were coming from is because typically when were working on large scale projects, sometimes it can be multiple years and we don't want to change sort of the City engineer. It could be of course, I know Councilman Luzader had brought it up. Well what happens when you get to the end of the four years? Well, you had the three years before that you could do. Additionally, what happens when we bid it out every two years is, is cost of inflation, things are going up so they are re-negotiating their amounts every two years. If we do it at four years, were locking it in and were actually saving the City money by keeping them in a longer contract. We have basically had EMH&T since the seventies, other than the time that we had switched to a City Engineer. So if you take that into consideration and you work from there were actually saving the City money because we are locking in tat rate for four years instead of two years because we know every two years its going up. In addition we know that they get some stability, they are cost savings for them. Cost savings for us. And its less of a ordeal for us every two years to come up and make sure that were getting ten bids that come in were also wasting a lot of other smaller firms that don't have a lot of capital and I think its just good business to not do that to some of these other firms because they are thinking that the door is wide open and really its not.

Mr. Luzader: The only concern I would have a long those lines, and I know we have got the 90 day out, I think if we have somebody for two years and they know every two years they are going to have to come back and perform and make sure they perform to our standards, is on a four year term, they could do the minimum that's on their contract and were not getting the most bang for our buck. But we still don't have cause to say your not doing your job but we want you out of here in 90 days.

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And I think if we stick with the two years, like I said I can see your point, but I think if we stick with the two years, that gives up a little bit more leverage on the vendor as it would be.

Mr. Bowsher: I see your point. I would mention that there is also a back up on there. So if for whatever reason one of the firms that we would have, we feel that we would be getting slotting from, we could always move to the second one and in addition within 90 days, cancel that contract with that individual and find a different one.

Mr. Clemens: I agree with you. I think because we have been through this many many years and not had a problem. I see no reason to change really. It keeps it slowed down a little bit the way we go now and its never been a problem and I don't see a reason to change.

Mr. Luzader: I mean I talked to Mr. Bowsher this afternoon for quite awhile about this and I am still, like I said I can see both points. And I also agree with Ms. Bryant. I am not sure that I am comfortable sending this forward as an emergency. I think we still need to do a little more discussion on it, so if there are no other questions. I would like to make a motion that we send this onto Council for its second reading.

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LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EMH&T TO CONDUCT SURVEYING, DESIGN STORMWATER INVESTIGATION STUDIES AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE. --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EMH&T TO CONDUCT SURVEYING, DESIGN ENGINEERING & BIDDING SERVICES FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO DAVIDSON DRIVE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE. --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

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