

City of Reynoldsburg
Committee Meetings
July 15, 2013
7:34 p.m.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Chairman Kelly: Are there any changes or deletions? Hearing none, it will stand as written.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JULY 1, 2013.

Ms. Kelly: Are there any changes or deletions? Hearing none, it will stand as written.

3. DISCUSSION OF YOUTH CONFERENCE

Ms. Kelly: Our final order of business is discussion of the Youth Conference, which was held lots of times. We did get some information in our packets. Mr. McGrady.

Mr. McGrady: Thank you, Councilwoman Kelly. You have before you the MOU, filed version of the MOU between the Board of Education and City of Reynoldsburg. As I said previously, the Mayor, myself and the representative from the Board of Education, we sat down, we had this finalized. One question that was raised before was could this be approved without the Superintendent's signature. The document is also attached there showing that it's less than \$25,000 and the Superintendent can go ahead and sign off on it, then we'll get the Mayor, then we can move forward. Are there any additional questions?

Mr. Long: Thank you Council Chairman Kelly. Councilman McGrady, I'm a little confused. The total cost of the project all inclusive was \$16,650 and yet your MOU states that the total cost of the program was only \$9,475 total expenses.

Mr. McGrady: They did not include the projected costs to administer. They were looking – that's going to be through grants. That's what Trisha Moore had made reference to, the administrator.

Mr. Long: Okay. And I'm a little confused here. It said, "The Board shall coordinate the Reynoldsburg Youth Summit," so you're turning this over to the Reynoldsburg School Board?

Mr. McGrady: As I had made reference before, the – Reynoldsburg has the database, so we're going to implement everything through that database in terms of mail outs, the youth contact; but, Joe Brown will be a participant in this as well. We'll not be totally at the hands of the Board of Education, if that addresses your question.

Mr. Long: Well, yes and no. And the business plan that you submitted to us back in March is still labeled a draft. We've never gotten an official document from you on—

Mr. McGrady: Okay, let's discuss that draft, because documents have come before. I mean we just approved 160 which was in draft form, so what's the issue?

Mr. Long: The 160 legislation was not approved in draft form. There were amendments in a final version of that that was presented while we were discussing.

Mr. McGrady: No, I never got a final version. All I ever saw was the draft format.

Mr. Long: I have no further questions, Councilman Kelly.

Ms. Kelly: So at this – what would you like to do with this?

Mr. McGrady: I'd like a motion to move this from committee, move it to Council and pass it at its first reading so we can move forward, yes.

Ms. Kelly: Pass as an emergency? Is that what you're saying?

Mr. McGrady: Uh-huh. We're not expending any dollars right now. We want to move forward with the planning process.

Ms. Kelly: Mr. Clemens?

Mr. Clemens: I've got just one question on follow-up. I understand the money part but, to this point, and I've got to be honest with you, at this point I still don't know who's in charge of it. I mean who is going to actually run the association? I don't know. Is it the city, the school, or who?

Mr. McGrady: As I said before, it's a joint collaboration between the city and Parks and Recreation. Joe Brown's going to be one of the mentors in the process and in the planning process as well. Is that what you were asking me, Mr. Long?

Mr. Long: No. It states right in the MOU that the schools are going to be in charge of the program.

Ms. Kelly: Yes.

Mr. Long: There's no room for conjecture or, "Well, we think this, we think that." It says right here, Item No. 1, "The Board shall coordinate the Reynoldsburg Youth Summit for the 2013-2014 school year." So in the MOU it's stating that the school is going to run your program.

Ms. Kelly: I take it as, when I look at this, yes, I read it the same way that the Board is going to run the program, but I do think it talks about through their – that it's going to be a combined effort, so correct if I'm clarifying anything wrong, Mr. McGrady, that the school district is going to pay \$4,900 – the City, I'm sorry, \$4,900, the school board about \$4,500, but the board is going to – and I'm assuming by "board" you mean the school district—

Mr. McGrady: Uh-huh.

Ms. Kelly: --is going to be kind of the coordinator because they have access to the youth and the staffing that will be running that.

Mr. McGrady: Uh-huh, yes.

Ms. Kelly: So the school district is really going to be the coordinator and the city and the schools are going to be the partners.

Mr. McGrady: Yes, yeah, there you go, yeah.

Ms. Kelley: So what you're asking to go—

Mr. Long: Is that your understanding, Mr. McGrady, after the meeting:

Mr. McGrady: I think so, yeah.

Ms. Kelly: Okay. So what you're asking to go forward is the agreement to the MOU that would allow for the planning but, at this time, you're not asking for any money to be expended?

Mr. McGrady: Correct. As a matter of fact, I don't even need the emergency legislation. Just move it to Council so we can move it from Committee to go to Council.

Ms. Kelly: I think that's probably a better bet. Okay, at this time I would like to send this to Council. I have a motion to send it to Council for its first reading. Do I have a second.

Mr. Cotner: Second.

Ms. Kelly: Second by Mr. Cotner. All in favor say aye. (Five affirmative votes.) Nay? (One negative vote.) Okay we close the Community Development meeting at 7:41 p.m.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman Long: I'll open the Safety Committee meeting at 7:42.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Long: The second item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes from July 1, 2013. I'm sorry, the second item is the approval of the agenda. I do have one update tonight. We'll be removing Item 4 from the agenda and will hold it for two weeks. Are there any questions or objections to that removal? Hearing none, it will take us to Item 3.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JULY 1, 2013

Mr. Long: Any questions, changes or deletions as they were submitted? Hearing none, they'll stand as submitted.

And I will close the Safety Committee meeting at 7:43 p.m.

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chairman Clemens: I'd like to call the Service Committee meeting to order at 7:44.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Clemens: Do I have any additions or deletions to tonight's agenda? (No response.) If not, they'll stand approved.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MAY 20, 2013

Mr. Clemens: Are there any additions, deletions to the minutes? (No response.) If not, they'll stand approved.

4. APPROVAL OF 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: This is an ordinance pertaining to the piece of property-- Is Miss Croft here, please? Please give your name and address, please.

Ms. Croft: Marcella Croft, 2857 Raphael Drive, Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. And as we talk and as you answer, you need to try to talk a little closer to the microphone. I have a hard time hearing anything – only what I want to hear and that's a difference. What this is here for is I brought it to the Council's agenda at the last meeting and it was passed for the first reading and sent back to Committee to ask you questions and so forth and discuss your eating and drinking establishment. Getting more information is one reason, probably why I held it is that this is in a district that we've been working on trying to improve and we've removed quite a few drinking establishments that have been there and, as of a month or so ago, we turned one down, a restaurant that wanted to have alcohol sales for drinking inside the establishment. So we've had problems with the bars across the street which are in Columbus. And, like I said, we've removed some in the City of Reynoldsburg. Our district that this is located in has been a problem that we're trying to correct and it's been a problem for our police department. So that's really why it is here and that's why you're here is to answer questions on what yours would be. I know there was confusion. As I read the minutes, there's confusion as far as the hours that you wanted to be open, or the hours that you thought you should be open and the hours that the Board thought you should be open. Those were some items that I didn't like, that I didn't especially like. That wasn't your problem or fault that they wanted you to close at 12, but yet you could stay open and serve – not let anybody in, but serve people that were in there until they fell off the barstool at 2 or 2:30, something like that. Those are the kind of things I didn't care for. But I want you to explain what you plan on doing with the establishment and so forth and I know members of Council maybe have some questions for you. Okay?

Ms. Croft: Sure. First of all, I would like to say I was never aware of any prior problems or I probably would never even have looked at this area. I just was never aware of any problems. I didn't know that there had been other restaurants trying to get in. I was never aware of that.

(Voice in background)

Mr. Clemens: Wait, no. If you want to talk, you have to stand up, give your name and address, please, at the mike.

Ms. Rose Overse: My name's Rose Overse. I'm the property manager for some of the centers around here and I'm the leasing agent for that center and there's never been a problem at that center. We actually had a restaurant with a

bar in it previously before she came to lease and it's my understanding that there's never been a problem in that center. So the centers you're talking about are in the Columbus area, not in the Reynoldsburg area and not under this owner.

Mr. Clemens: We understand we haven't had a problem as far as you're concerned. We have had a problem in the City of Reynoldsburg in our other areas of bars in the different shopping centers in that district, which we have eliminated.

Ms. Overse: I understand, but this is a restaurant and bar like Applebee's, like Classic Pizza, like BW3s, which you've had next to you here in the Reynoldsburg Center, and we've had no issues with. It's not a "bar" bar. It's a restaurant that serves alcohol.

Mr. Clemens: That's what we want to discuss. It's a restaurant that serves alcohol with a band. You go ahead and explain what you want.

Ms. Croft: Can I make a correction on the band? There will be times when there will be live entertainment, so it's not a regular every day, it's not a night club, it's not a bar. There will be times when we will offer live entertainment and most of that will be on Sundays and that will be gospel music with "churchie" events, you know, when people go to dinner after church. So it's not like it's going to be a band every night or basically a nightclub. It's actually a restaurant. And the reason for the hours was because I was looking at the hours of the other restaurants, Applebee's, so I wasn't thinking of anything any different. I was doing the hours of a regular normal restaurant hours that serve alcohol.

Mr. Clemens: Okay, thank you. Are there any questions for Ms. Croft?

Male Speaker: Ms. Croft, I'm just trying to figure out how you're going to intertwine the alcohol with the gospel music.

Ms. Croft: Well, of course, of Sundays I don't believe you can sell alcohol, so that wouldn't be a problem.

Male Speaker: Well, I'm just saying your establishment as a whole.

Ms. Croft: Well, it's not a bar. I'm not sure if you're familiar with – what the restaurant is doing is it's bringing music and food together. I don't know if you're familiar with F&M in Gahanna. It's pretty much modeled after the Gladys Knight Restaurant in Atlanta. There's a restaurant in Detroit. We don't have that type of restaurant here in Columbus and that was what I marketed after.

Male Speaker: One final question for now. You made reference to music after normal business hours. What is that?

Ms. Croft: What I was trying to convey in that proposal was that it wouldn't affect the surrounding businesses in that area. I think there's an Odd Lots, there's a store right next door. So I was trying to convey the message that it wouldn't interfere with their business. If there were to be music, it would be after those hours that they were open, which I think – well, I'm not sure, but I think the stores close at maybe 8-9 at the latest. I think maybe Odd Lots closes at 8-9. So my message was to convey that it wouldn't interfere with other businesses.

Ms. DeBrock: Could I ask how many seats there are that are table seatings for the restaurant versus seats at a bar?

Ms Croft: Actually I think the total capacity may be 175.

Ms. DeBrock: 175 in the restaurant?

Ms. Croft: I believe. I'm not sure. It's been some time since we've actually been inside to measure the actual booths and all that, but I believe the capacity is 175.

Ms. DeBrock: And what is your layout as far as how many are going to be sitting at the seats that will be set at tables versus customers that would sit around the bar?

Male Speaker: Nine.

Ms. Overse: I'd like to speak just real quick. In 1922 Bars was a restaurant with a bar and it did only seat 9 people at the bar and it was approved through the same circumstance and the owner took great care to make sure that things were ran right and when things weren't ran right, they were taken out and I was asked to lease this building. The owner's extremely responsible. He owns seven restaurant/bars himself and a Holiday Inn Express. He's been with this community for more than 25 years. He's had the Odd Lots center there and he's taken very good care of the area. He's as worried about keeping it up as you are. I think it's not fair to some of the people here that want to start a business and I think you have to consider, for instance, the BW3, the owner of that center, was getting \$7,500 a month. Ms. Croft's restaurant is about \$4,000 a month. Without her being able to sell any alcohol, it's most definitely that all these centers will remain vacant. Right now you have 12,000 square feet vacant in the Odd Lots center. You have over 25,000 square feet vacant across the street. I have at least 15,000 square feet vacant in the Reynoldsburg Center. And if the owners are to keep being not able to get people in to start businesses, it's a fact that they're not going to be able to afford that rent without a restaurant being able to serve alcohol. Most people who go out to eat, well, not most, but a lot of people want to have something and I think as long as we're watching it and we're

responsible, and we have never had an occurrence there, that says something for the owner.

Mr. Clemens: Okay, thank you. Are there any other comments?

Mr. McGrady: Ma'am, I appreciate your concern and understand your sales pitch in terms of your real estate there, but, like Councilman Clemens said earlier, that particular area there is generating a lot of attention right now. We're in the process – when I say “we're”, I'm talking about the City. We're getting ready to do a major construction there in that area in terms of road construction. We have two businesses that are there and we have to, just like you're protecting your interest in your real estate, we have to protect our interest as well. And our interest is redevelopment in that Brice and Livingston corridor. I'm not against development, just the alcohol. So I'm going to put it out there and then I'll move on. But we're getting ready to do major road construction there, beautification on that corner, and we have to address the issues that are there, the safety issues that are there. So I understand what you're saying, but understand my heart. If you want to put a restaurant there, I could go for the restaurant, but a restaurant with liquor I won't support.

Ms. Overse: I just want to comment on that. You've got Ginji's across the street selling alcohol, you've got Applebee's selling alcohol, you've got Ruby Tuesday's selling alcohol. You have restaurant in Reynoldsburg selling alcohol with their food and you have a restaurant that was just there, that just went through this process less than six months ago that was approved for that spot in 1922. It was monitored and you did not have a problem with it. Mamawanna's was there. It was approved by Council, it was approved by zoning.

Mr. McGrady: I understand what you're saying but, as I also said, at that time I was not on Council. And it's my position that I will not support any restaurant/liquor establishment in that Brice Road corridor.

Ms. Overse: When you have a restaurant that's 4,200 square feet with a rent of \$4,000. Any business person coming in to make that run would not be able to sell just food. They will have to have alcohol sales in order to – you can pay \$8, which is the lowest in the entire area plu _____. That is the lowest in the entire area.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you. Councilwoman DeBrock?

Ms. DeBrock: I've got a question for the Chief. We're talking specifically about the Brice/Livingston area. We have several bars that I believe have issues with calls to the police on numerous occasions. Have we, as far as restaurants that happen to sell alcohol, are we having runs to the Livingston/Brice area in the past year? Have we been having issues?

Chief: Not specifically for restaurants that sell alcohol, but I'm not sure that there's all that many of them within the Reynoldsburg city limits that we would respond to. Ruby Tuesday's, Applebee's, Genji's, the other ones that she referred to are in Columbus Police jurisdiction and I can't speak to the number of calls that they have regarding those businesses. At this point I'm not even aware of any of them that operate with a liquor license as a restaurant, maybe one on Livingston Avenue where the old Genji used to be, but, other than that, we haven't; but, again, we don't have many of those.

Ms. DeBrock: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions? (No response.) Ms. Croft, one reason I brought this up and it's basically because I read the minutes of the meeting and it didn't really make a lot of sense. It was in discussion of the hours and so forth. So it was hard to judge on when you wanted the hours and when you didn't want the hours and when you wanted to close and when you didn't want to close. And then it was brought up that you wanted to stay open until 2:30 and I can understand that if you're going to sell liquor and you're going to have people there. Then they wanted you to stay until 12, but you wanted to know if you could lock the doors. So that led me to believe that really you were a late hour establishment. You know what I mean? When you're discussing something like that, you are discussing music and you're discussing 2-2:30 and wanting to stay open that late, or keep people in there after 12:00 and still serve them liquor. So that threw me off and makes me wonder really what the situation is. Yes, Councilwoman DeBrock?

Ms. DeBrock: Just so I can clarify for myself, because looking at this, correct me if I'm wrong, but you plan on just staying open until midnight, correct?

Ms. Croft: That was the final, yes.

Mr. Clemens: That's correct, it was the final.

Ms. Overse: I attended that meeting. They did tell her that they would like her to close by midnight, but if people were in there they could continue finishing their food or their drinks, but she was to lock the doors at midnight. That was the Zoning meeting. And they did tell her that if it went well on the community and she wanted to come back and ask for later hours later once they felt comfortable, that they would reopen that if she proved to be a good restaurant with a nice crowd that they would consider that.

Ms. DeBrock: Well, I will tell you that I'm not necessarily opposed to a nice restaurant in that area. I do think that there is definite need for developing that area. I will say, though, that I have an issue with the people can stay in there past midnight eating their food and finishing their drinks. Because what if I finish this drink but I'm really not done, can I get another drink, and can I get

another drink? I think that's a slippery slope. So I think if it's midnight, then it's midnight. How I read that, no matter what was talked about at the Zoning, what it says on here is midnight is when its closing. It doesn't say midnight and then people can stay. It says midnight it's closed.

Mr. Clemens: Well, not really. We have to do it, not them. It has to be in an ordinance, which we can do. I have no problem with that if you want to have it and sell the liquor, I have no problem with the midnight.

Ms. DeBrock: I think midnight goes along very closely with what the restaurants like Applebee's and those types of things and I think that's where you keep yourself out of the idea of a bar, because I agree, I don't think there's a place for a bar in that area; but a nice family restaurant I think would be great for that area.

Mr. Clemens: I've been in Applebee's and I don't remember listening to a band or anything. That's the only problem, as long as you're going to do as you say. I mean it could be and we could put an exception in there that you have to come back in six months for a review, which we usually do, see how the operation's gone and if we're having any problems. If it's passed, that's the way we'll do it.

Ms. Croft: The other reason for wanting to stay open later was because of the clientele that we're hoping to attract. Most times when there's a play or a concert, when people get out there's nowhere to go to eat soul food and that was our reasoning for wanting to stay open. If a play's over at 11:00 p.m., then people usually want to leave and go somewhere to eat and there's nowhere to go to eat. So that was the other reasoning for the time.

Mr. McGrady: One other question then. You had mentioned earlier you wanted the music on Sunday and you were doing gospel music and things on Sunday, but you're also talking a lot about the music would still be played during the week, or is it only going to be played on Sunday?

Ms. Croft: No, what I was saying was if there's a concert at another establishment somewhere in Columbus or a play, it's usually out at 11:00.

Mr. McGrady: I understand. But you said it wasn't your plan to have music in the restaurant after hours, because you were talking about the other businesses that would close at 7-8 o'clock, so you were going to be starting a band or someone playing in your restaurant at 8-9 at night. Did I misunderstand what you were trying to say?

Ms. Croft: If and when we have those special occasions, yes, it could be 9-10:00, yes.

Mr. McGrady: So we'd be starting a band at 8, 9, 10:00 and having alcohol so, again, that's more of a club atmosphere and I think that's the concern in that district is starting a band at 8-9:00. We're not talking about just a traditional Applebee's where there's a bar there – or there's a restaurant that also happens have a bar attached to it. You're talking more – I think the concern is where it's more of a club atmosphere, people coming in to hear the band that starts at 8:00 on Friday night and it's open till midnight.

Ms. Croft: When I think of a club, I think of dancing. I don't go to clubs, but that's what I would think a club would be would be dancing and drinking.

Mr. McGrady: I'm just concerned because you started by saying it was only going to be church music, gospel music—

Ms. Croft: No, that's on Sundays when you asked me about the liquor sales with the church, that would be on Sundays.

Ms. DeBrock: I'm not sure who wrote this but it says, "All About Music – the Next Level Restaurant". And the sentence that I'm drawn to says "Good food in a family setting atmosphere. This is not considered a nightclub." And I would just go back to I think that the 12:00 helps limit that. Because if you're going to start a band at 8-9:00, if it was me I'd give some thought to starting a band at 8-9:00 and knowing I have to close at midnight. And thinking, too, about that whole idea of that family setting, because that is something that's going to be draw for that neighborhood and for that community and what we would be looking at, if it gets approved and you come back in six months, is what is that family setting atmosphere. You know, that families are wanting to come in and sit down and be there as a family in a family unit with children, etc. So that's where I think that midnight time has to be a hard line.

Mr. Clemens: My understanding was when they first started discussing it was going to be music during the eating time. I didn't know you were going to have a band afterwards.

Ms. Croft: It will be music during the eating time.

Mr. Clemens: It's a different thing having a band start at 9:00.

Ms. Croft: But you can be eating at 9:00. I've gone to restaurants at 9:00.

Ms. Clemens: Yeah, but I'm usually asleep by 9:00.

(Several talking at once.)

Ms. Overse: How about jazz music? That comes all the time at any jazz place you go.

Ms. DeBrock: That's where I think the midnight time line is.

Mr. Clemens: Okay, we've discussed this. Why don't we move this on to Council for the second reading and that will give us time to think about it and discuss it some more and give you time to think it over. There will be restrictions if we pass it, but it'll give us something to think about. We don't want something to turn into what you would call a nightclub and—

Ms. Croft: Neither do I.

Mr. Clemens: I would go to one, don't get me wrong. I'm just saying that that district is not set for bringing people at 8-9:00 after they've been out other places drinking and come in to listen to your band. I know how it goes. I've been down that road even though now I go to bed at 9:00, but I didn't used to. I know what can happen. So these are things we've got to think about, because we're bringing people in from other districts at 8-9:00 to listen to a band and drink and that's what it is.

Ms. Overse: That's anywhere in Ohio if you have good music and good food, people will come. That's anywhere in Ohio. But I also would like to get some kind of decision made tonight. This has been held up for five months between the zoning and this. These shopping centers are setting vacant.

Mr. Clemens: It hasn't been five months for us. It's only been a week for Council to consider this.

Ms. Overse: But before that it was in zoning.

Mr. Clemens: I'll make a motion to send this to Council for the second reading. Do I have a second? Second by Councilwoman Kelly. All in favor say "aye." (Six voted "aye.") Opposed? (One voted "no.") Thank you.

The next item on the agenda is approval of the Special Exception Use Permit, 6748 East Main Street. Proposed Use: Child Care. Applicant: Red Consulting. Added: 7/8/13 regular Council agenda, read for the first reading. Is anybody here representing the client? Would you come up and give your name and address for the record?

Mr. Todd Dillon: Good evening. My name's Todd Dillon. I am with the owner of the property, GBS Reynoldsburg and we're located at 6475 East Main Street in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Female: You're the current owner? You're not the applicant?

Mr. Dillon: Our architect was the applicant, Red Consulting on it and we also have the tenant is presented as well. Tim Mechanic is with Red Consulting – No, Tim is with Red Consulting, the architect. The owner of the business is Jill Intish. I'm here – I went through the full zoning process, so if there were questions about zoning or anything like that, I'm here to answer them operationally.

Female: The person who wants to start the new business, are they here? Okay, thank you.

Mr. Clemens: It was brought to Council and there were some questions pertaining to different items. One of them was Councilman Kelly was concerned about and she would like to speak to the playground area.

Ms. Kelly: Yeah. In my packet it doesn't show me where the playground is going to be.

Mr. Clemens: I think Aaron's going to show it to us if I'm not mistaken. The other part I had brought up because I was not completely convinced that – and I've been there and I've gotten gas there and I've looked the situation over. I'm not really – I'm kind of concerned about a daycare center with 40-some children tied into a filling station, you know a section of filling station that sells gas, cigarettes, alcohol, such things as that and, you know, has a lot of traffic in and out. That was some of my thought, some of my problem, plus the vacant variance that you've had on the car wash deal and the different equipment that sits in the back, especially the fan situation and the electrical boxes and all that. It just doesn't seem to me as an appropriate use for a daycare center, but I want to come before Council and discuss it and that's one reason you're here. And I know Mrs. Kelly was concerned about the play area.

Mr. Dillon: Can you locate the playground on the map?

Ms. Kelly: I can't. I'm sorry. I'm learning that I think I'm going to need reading glasses.

Mr. Dillon: So if you orientate yourself, East Main Street is the front of the building and in the back is where we're concentrating the main entrance. Right next to that main entrance is the playground.

Mr. Clemens: In the play area, how wide is it and how long is it?

Ms. Kelly: Okay, I do have a question. When I'm looking at this, and thank you for the help, the existing fenced service area, that is part of the gas station and it's fenced in?

Mr. Dillon: That's basically the infrastructure for the building. That's the meter center, the gas meters and everything for the building. It's fenced in separately from the -- and it's a 6' high privacy fence, locked gate, separate from the play area.

Ms. Kelly: And then the playground is going to be fenced in with what?

Mr. Dillon: It's proposed as a 6' high solid wood privacy fence.

Mr. Clemens: How wide is it?

Mr. Dillon: I mean roughly speaking because we don't have a dimension on the plan I have in front of me, it's 876 square feet. It is 63' long-- I'm just guessing. I can get more dimensions, but I'm guessing the sidewalk's 5' wide, so based on that it's 15' wide at the skinniest. At the widest it's wider than 15', at the skinniest of the play area it's approximately 15'. There's a lot of landscaping back there. There's a lot of green space back there.

Mr. Clemens: I was looking at it this afternoon and it looked kind of tight to me. I didn't see that much area. I'll have to go back and measure it.

Ms. DeBrock: What kind of equipment do you have in the service area? Do we have any mechanical equipment making noise?

Mr. Dillon: There are conditioning units from the existing gas station, so air conditioner, yeah.

Ms. DeBrock: And all kinds of mechanical equipment will make different levels of noise and decibels and some would not be conducive to children playing in the playground. Has anybody had a reading to see what kind of noise?

Mr. Dillon: No, but it's a typical AC unit that you'd have outside your house. I mean it's a fan/compressor. It's not a huge system. Each tenant space has their own unit.

Ms. DeBrock: And has there -- and you guys may have already talked about this and if you did and I missed it, I apologize. But being a gas station with the fumes sometimes that can come from gas, has there been any conversation -- is that an issue or could that be an issue?

Mr. Dillon: The _____, which is the state regulation which regulates gas stations, requires the vents for all the tanks to be so many feet from the business, from the building. So they're actually along Main Street and they're elevated to a certain height above grade.

Ms. DeBrock: I know you can go to a gas station and you don't get overwhelmed with fumes, but I'm just thinking of kids who are there every single day. So there's not a concern of those kids being exposed to a higher level?

Mr. Dillon: We are a real estate development company. We have locations all over the City of Columbus. We have two other properties, strip centers like this with daycare centers in them and both of them are – this is actually probably the most secure one with access from the back of the building.

Ms. DeBrock: Do your other ones have gas stations?

Mr. Dillon: They do. Yeah, they both do.

Ms. Cortisha Cowen: I'm Cortisha Cowen and I'm the owner of the daycare center. I actually currently have two daycare centers, one which is in the techniglass where we built our televisions back in the day and it also had like areas where they used to build the televisions and I'm running an 8500 square foot daycare in there with no problems. I have one on Harrisburg Pike that's connected to a gas station as well. The reason why I close places that are either next to a car wash or a gas station is because they're actually safer than a daycare center next to a bar, which there are some in Reynoldsburg. So I make sure that when I look for daycare centers – I've been doing it since 2000 – I make sure it's in a place where it's conducive for the kids. Now the place he's talking about, if you go out there right now, it has two lighting. It is all grassed in. It's away from everything that makes noise, which is actually very quiet because it's next to a pizza shop which you can't hear anything either. So even though the gas station is there, it's really another facility in between us before you can get to the gas station. So you have the gas station, you have a little office building next to us, then you have us and then you have the pizza place. So we're really a significant amount of feet away from the gas station and we're using the rear of the building as our building so that it keeps us away from the gas station as well. So if you think about the back of the building, it's actually an empty car wash there before you even get to the gas station, because we're using the opposite side.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions?

Ms. DeBrock: I have concerns with – I know it's a relatively busy gas station, is having people in and out at rush hour traffic in the morning and afternoon, all trying to get into that entrance. I don't see it as a compatible—

Ms. Cowen: Well, I'm starting to be out there a lot more and that gas station – we've even talked to the owners, it's not as busy as we seem to think most gas stations are. Again, that is why we use – you have to go through the parking lot and go around to the other side. That is why we use the back entrance, because we're the only ones in the back half. If you come to the site

and look, the gas station is basically away from the daycare center, because we're using a whole other parking lot to get in and to get back out. So we're never even touching the gas station. Our participants and our clients will not even be over nowhere near the gas station area.

Ms. DeBrock: It's the entrance on and off of Main Street and you will have other traffic, because you'll have the car wash traffic.

Ms. Cowen: It's closed.

Ms. Debrock: It's a business that it is designed as a car wash. Unless it has been deemed as never being open again as a car wash, it has to be, as far as we are concerned, has to be considered that it could be a car wash.

Ms. Cowen: Okay, so even if it's a car wash, we do not use the entrance of where the car wash is. We use the further entrance away from the facility. You come in from the Main Street, but you go all the way around to the other side where you see those arrows. We not nowhere near the gas station or the car wash is on the opposite side of where the daycare even entrance – where the entrance would even be. So we're only using the beginning of where you come in at. You have to go all the way around to the top of the other side and come around to the back. So we're not even using this half of the building.

Ms. Debrock: It is the same entrance that people using the car wash would use, correct?

Ms. Cowen: No. The car wash comes in from the opposite side.

Mr. Dillon: Ms. DeBrock, you're correct about the car wash. A couple things about the car wash and I understand what you're saying about you have to assume that it could be there. The car wash equipment, the mechanicals, have been removed from the mechanical room and those bays. The other thing I think about is Domino's Pizza is only a carryout and they're not open in the morning. They open at 3:00, I think. Most of their business is delivery. I actually took some photos if you guys would be interested in seeing them. It was at like 8:30 in the morning and at 6:00 p.m. to just kind of show the conditions of the parking lot. There really is not a lot of traffic in general on the lot.

Ms. DeBrock: What do they anticipate with the car wash equipment out of the building? What is the anticipated use for the bays?

Mr. Dillon: We've had a couple applications in front of Zoning previously for general retail. There was a detail shop that was proposed at one point, but at this point we don't have anything specific. It's empty bays at this point.

Mr. Clemens: All right. It would be my recommendation that we move this on for a second reading and everybody drive down and take a look at it. Drive around back and see where the playground is and take a look at the situation and we'll discuss it next committee meeting. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Long. All in favor say aye. (All voted "aye.") Opposed (None). Thank you.

That closes the Service Committee meeting at 8:26

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Cotner: I will call to order the Finance Committee meeting at – I don't know, I may be going back in time, but I've got 8:22.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Cotner: The first item is approval of the agenda and I have got two items to add to our agenda this evening. Item 10, we got some information from our Parks & Rec Director, Joe Brown, so I would like to add that item as number 10; and then I would also like to add Item 11, discussion regarding the appointment of a public employee. Are there any other changes to our agenda this evening? (No response.) I need to make a motion that we amend the agenda. Second by Councilman Long. All in favor? (All said "aye.") Opposed (None.) The agenda stands approved.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 7/1/2013.

Mr. Cotner: Any modifications to those minutes? Seeing none, they will stand as submitted.

4. DISCUSSION OF MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO RECESS DURING AUGUST

Mr. Cotner: I think we just need to send that on to Council for reading. I will make a motion we send this to Council. Second by Councilman Long. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "aye.") Opposed (None).

5. DISCUSSION ON RETURN OF LIQUOR PERMIT REQUESTS DURING COUNCIL RECESS BY THE COUNCIL CLERK

Mr. Cotner: I need to make a motion to send that on to Council. Recommendation for adoption, second by Councilman Kelly. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "aye.") Opposed (None).

6. DISCUSSION TO AUTHORIZE OPWC PROJECT GRANT LOAN AGREEMENT SCIP AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF PROMISSORY NOTE WITH OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR THE FUNDING OF THE BRICE ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Byrd: Thank you, Chairman Cotner and members of Council. I will be brief, as I think you're all pretty familiar with this project by now. When we received this grant and we received news that we were receiving the grant, we knew that at some point they would be sending us an agreement from the OPWC for us to sign and formally accept the grant. That's what this is. This is standard language that all municipalities agree to when a grant is provided to the OPWC. Just to review the finances of this, the total cost of the project is \$4,813,570. Of that \$3,605,363 will be funded in the form of a grant from OPWC and \$1,208,207 will be in the form of a loan. One of the key things about this agreement is a Promissory Note that the City will sign saying that we will pay back that loan amount. The terms of the loan are good. It's 20 years, 0% interest, so it's a very positive thing for us. We are getting about \$4.8 million worth of work for about \$1.2 million, so this is a very positive development as you already know. I've marked this as an emergency. One thing I didn't put on the Legislative Request is that I would like you to consider passing this next week so that we can get this filed before your recess. Nothing in this is going to change, so the City Attorney has reviewed everything and it's good to go on it from our end. So I would just ask that if you see fit you pass this next week.

Mr. Cotner: Thank you. Questions for Mr. Byrd. (None) Okay, then I will make a motion that we send this forward to Council with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Do we have a second? Second by Councilman Long. All in favor, say aye (all voted "aye"). Opposed (none). Thank you very much.

There is a discussion issue: Look for Council appointments to the Planning Commission. Still seeking an independent representative for Planning Commission. So please keep your eyes and ears open and send them our way.

8. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTIONS OF APPROVING THE PASSAGE OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 191.02, 191.04 AND 191.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE CITY INCOME TAX BY 1% FROM THE CURRENT RATE OF 1.5% TO A RATE OF 2.5% BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was read for the first time July 8, 2013.

Mr. Cotner: Who wants to start with questions/comments?

Ms. Kelly: I would like to put out there the thought of tabling this or rewriting this. I'm not exactly sure of the whole process, but to look at putting this

on in the spring versus throwing it out there for the fall. The reason that I say that is a couple of things have hit me. Brad put together a memorandum we all got for proposal of some of the fundings which was part of the planning that I asked for and there are some great starting proposal in here and I think that it would give us some time to flush out some of the details to share and help our voters become more informed. Because if we're asking for people to give us more money, they want details as to what it's going to look like and what it's going to fall back on. Brad has, I think, a really great start of a plan here talking about economic development and aggressively pursuing economic development opportunities and how the additional money can do. Well, what will that look like? We talk about public facilities and one of the things that he put on here that we've talked about for quite some time is additional funding from this revenue source can be set aside for desired future construction or purpose of a public recreation community center. What would that look like? How long would that possibly take to make that happen? I think that's something that people in the community may value. So that would be a reason to vote. So I think if we had more time, we could flush out more of these details and help people have a clearer plan and feel more comfortable as to what we're going to do with the money we're asking them then to give us. With that also being said, I worry from some of the feedback we're getting that by rushing to put it on, it sends a message – or we may be in danger of giving the picture that we're just rushing to put this on because we have the tax credit to fall back on. So by taking the time to put it on in the spring, to put together a good plan, to be able to come up with a way to clearly communicate some of these great ideas that we've got started here, I think you need time and I think rushing – we're getting ready to go through recess. That puts us into September and October. I don't think that's a lot of time.

Mr. Cotner: What specifically are you asking for the tax increase or the credit reduction?

Ms. Kelly: I'm asking the tax increase to be put on for the spring versus throwing it up there in November, because we're going to in October clearly communicate, flush out all of these plans, come up with a good campaign strategy that we can honestly, truly say we put – did everything we could to make sure everybody understood what we're going to do, getting information out so that if what everybody's saying and what I heard everybody say is, "Well, we'll put it on there and if it doesn't pass, then we want to consider the reduction of the tax credit." In the Ad Hoc Committee it talked about that, but it also talked about making sure people are given the opportunity; to give them the opportunity to be informed. So if we try to just rush this in basically two months, I don't know that we're really giving them the opportunity. I really worry that it will come across as if we're throwing it out there because we said we would, but we're not really that concerned about it, because we know we're going to get the money through the tax credit. I think if we had time to really develop a plan and then put it out there,

we will know we have created a clear plan. I think we'll send a better picture out there, too, to people, that we're not trying to go through the back door.

Mr. Long: Mayor McCloud, I'd like to thank you, first of all, for taking the time in putting the numbers together of what would be proposed going into 2014 if the tax increase was passed on the ballot in November. That's what I was looking for. I understand that we go through a budget process each and every year. One of the things that I did as Finance Chair, we started passing interim budgets, because there were too many things that came through after the first of the year and we needed that three months to go ahead and flush things out. I believe that while the detail in here is adequate for giving us maybe not a microscopic view of what every single penny is going to be spent on, we do have the ability of addressing the areas that have been brought up here through discussion. Nobody up here is going to agree with 100% which is put before us on any document and you're not going to have 100% agreement on everybody who is up here. We're all individuals. We're all individually elected by the people. We all have our own opinions and our principals that we stand on. But I believe that this gives me enough to be able to sit back and tell the citizens of Reynoldsburg, "This is what we're going to the ballot with and I'm willing to share it with anybody. I'll sit down and explain it with anybody and everything else if anybody has any questions." So that's my two bits.

Mayor McCloud: Chairman Cotner, thank you. I understand Mrs. Kelly's comment. What I would caution against is too definite of a plan, because at a certain point if there's any deviation at all from a plan, which there's bound to be, then there becomes a credibility issue. What I submitted to you is very much probably what I would be submitting to you with some tweaks on Council's end and mine. Maybe it's four officers instead of whatever, but that's my concern is that to reduce this to something so tangible, so concrete, it takes away the flexibility of future Council's authority to respond and react at the expense of credibility. A rec center, what will that look like? I don't know. Would it be 100% funded by the levy? If that's what the people voted on, it would be. That's probably not my contemplation. It may be a partnership with a host of entities, some scholastic, some research, some medical. At a certain point we have to say we're going to move the City forward by improving our safety forces, our infrastructure, our City services and the efficiency by which we do those things and I think it can be – we talked about a slippery slope – to bind those in this room to a specific plan, I guess for lack of a better word, has a downside.

Mr. Cotner: Yeah, I think the openness of it is very well done. That way it does allow for the specific needs to be addressed when that time comes, but it certainly shows where some of those needs would be.

Mr. Clemens: I agree with Mr. Long. I think the document was well done by the Mayor. I think we all understand that any issue that we intend to present to the community, there will be changes, a little bit here and a little bit there. I

think we all – you can't-- It's something that you work on. We've got August, we've got September, we've got October. It wouldn't make any difference if you had six months. If you can't do it in the meetings that we can have in September after deciding through August and thinking about it, we shouldn't be putting it on the ballot anyway. This is not something new to us and I think it's something we've all discussed through the years and I think we all know in our mind what the City needs. The needs may be a little bit different for each of us, but we know what the needs are that we can get with the Mayor and have a document like this. Having said that and since I proposed it, I'd like to make a motion we send it to Council for adoption.

Mr. Cotner: Councilman Clemens moves adoption. Second by Councilman McGrady. Is there any further comment on the issue then tonight? Mrs. DeBrock?

Mrs. DeBrock: Do we need to tonight declare it as an emergency or is it part of the Ordinance already?

Male: (Off mic – inaudible.)

Mrs. DeBrock: We do need to declare it as an emergency? So I would request it to be amended as an emergency. It already is?

Mr. Clemens: It's already on it.

Mr. Cotner: So any other questions then or comments? Okay then Councilman Clemens moves that we send this to Council next week for recommendation as adoption as an emergency. Second by Councilman McGrady. All in favor say "aye." (6 voted "aye.") Nay? (1 voted "nay").

9. OBVIOUSLY GOING HAND-IN-HAND, HERE IS AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO, SECTION 191.15, CREDIT FOR TAX PAID TO ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY OF CHAPTER 191 INCOME TAX.

Mr. Cotner: Second reading June 24, 2013 and on July 1, 2013 the item was held for two weeks. I want to make sure I get to her. She turned in a slip this evening. If you would like to come and share your thoughts, Terry Acosta.

Mrs. Carry Acosta: First of all, I'd like to apologize for the way I'm dressed today. I would normally dressed a little bit nicer for Council, but I took my son to the zoo today and it was probably as hot as it's ever been. I just kind of wanted to share that I had met with Mayor McCloud this week to discuss—

Mr. Cotner: Please first identify yourself.

Mrs. Acosta: I'm sorry, Carry Acosta, 6550 Olde Mill Run. I met with Mayor McCloud this week and there were two things that I really kind of came out of that with and I think you would agree, things that I had kind of suggested to him. One is that the information, especially that you got in your Board packets tonight, where you're going with this, all of that, be placed on the Reynoldsburg website. That you make it as easy as possible for the voters to find the information that they need. I would suggest a dedicated tab, something like that. Then the other thing I suggested as far as content for that would be almost allowing somebody to submit questions and answers. I know two of the flash points that I'm hearing about when I talk to people are the hanging baskets on Main Street and the dog park in the CIP and I think we're all well aware that neither one of those is going to make or break the City of Reynoldsburg, but those are flash points for people. So I think responding to those in an open and honest fashion I think would go a long way to the voters. Talking about where you want to put the money, I know there are people who would like to come to City Council but can't because they're working. So the information that they get is either from the local newspaper which I think is great, but I know I have benefited greatly from sitting and listening to discussions that go on in Council. I would even suggest putting up a Facebook page. Let the citizens of Reynoldsburg submit their questions and their comments. Obviously you'd probably have to moderate that somewhat, but I think that would be a valuable way for people to express what they think about this and in a way that they may not be able to do because they may not be able to make the Council meetings. And I think putting the information out there, I guess the concern I have is still the same and that is that if this does not pass, that regardless of why, that we may fall back on the income tax cut and my concern would be that it may not pass because the citizens of Reynoldsburg may not agree with the plan of where the money should go, or they may not agree that this is necessary, or that this benefits our community. So that's why I thought maybe opening a dialogue with people where they would be able to submit questions and answers and you all could respond, or the Mayor could respond to them and answer those concerns might be beneficial here.

The other thing I shared and I'm hoping this is what you're going to get to on one of the items you added, is it's my understanding that we don't have anyone in this City right now who's responsible for developing business in our community and I know there were reasons why that hasn't been done, but I strongly believe that if we want to move Reynoldsburg forward, that one of the ways that we would do that is to introduce businesses that make people want to visit and stay in Reynoldsburg. And I will tell you as a person 40 years old that I have a three-year-old, that there aren't a lot of places for us to go that we haven't exhausted within the first week. And I'm not specifically talking about three-year-olds, but I'm talking about in general. And there may be a lot more that we're not aware of, but I just think that there are certain areas – we just visited Creekside in Gahanna and there is a lot there that isn't necessarily – I don't know that you can go and do and spend time as a family and I think, obviously, the businesses

there have seen increases because people happen to be strolling by. They're spending time down there. I just don't see a lot of that in Reynoldsburg right now. I think the idea of having someone focused on business who understands your vision of where Reynoldsburg wants to go, I think that's critical. Otherwise it kind of seems to me like you have people come up and then everybody kind of discusses it, but there's no real – there's no one point person who can kind of cut through some of this and advise people and say this is what we're looking for and make those decisions. So I won't take up a lot of your time, but those were the two big points that I wanted to share with you because I didn't get a chance to see the proposal. I'm hoping that November is actually kind of a decision for everybody, that we understand where we stand now and why we stand there and I'm not getting that impression here. I share the concern that we may not have the time, but I think also that if you put it out there for people and all that information is available and so no matter if I'm up at 3:00 in the morning and I want to look at what City Council's doing, I can do that and I don't have to rely on word-of-mouth, which I think is where you might be getting hurt a lot, because the Telephone Game, it starts here as one thing, but by the time it gets down here we're doing something completely different with the money than was intended. Anyway, that's what I wanted to say. Thank you very much for your time. I appreciate it.

Mr. Cotner: Mr. Soul, you have a comment also?

Mr. Saul: I didn't get a chance to speak earlier, but I will. My name's Bruce Saul. I live at 6345 Ragate. When you talk about a vision for our City, all one has to do is just drive through the neighborhoods. We have a street called Davidson Drive. It's named after one of the famous residents of the City. But if you drive down the roadway, it's a disgrace. The roadway itself is cracking and breaking up. If you take a drive down Livingston Avenue or if you take a drive down Retton Road, it's easy to see where these bucks would be spent. There are a lot of things that, as the Mayor said, he can propose, but you guys are what we call the final say. As we look for you guys to improve the quality of life in our city, there are some pressing needs that we have to have done here. No doubt in my mind that we've got great safety forces, but the infrastructure part, things that need to be done as far as the city, we don't have to go back and forth to what the money's going to be spent for. I think it should be an interest of all Council persons, even if you're not in your Ward, to take a drive through your neighborhood and see what you're dealing with. Forty-seven years to repave every street in Reynoldsburg is not acceptable. A lot of what we do, and I sat there watched Mr. Harris give a detailed report of our city versus other cities located around, there's a wide berth of improvement for our city. As I look at quality of life issues, like for instance the bar and the way that the person came in here basically to try to buffalo us into accepting a bar, you talk about bringing other people in from other different areas, and when you had that you had a problem. There was a shooting over at a place called Cici's Chicken & Waffles. It's saying the same thing. It's supposed to be a family friendly area in a

shopping center, yet this occurred. What I heard from the presentation that was given tonight about what this was supposed to be, she didn't have all her facts together. We don't know the hours, we don't know what kind of entertainment, we don't know any of this stuff. I'm not anti-business. I think we should promote business, but we should also look at the quality of life that's in our city that we're attracting. In that area, within walking distance, you have five bars that are located in the Columbus area and you also have four bars on our side. We've got four carryouts. We've got one liquor store and we've got two gas stations that also sell alcohol. It's saturated. Like I said, I don't have a problem with businesses coming in, but this is a city in which I live. This person doesn't live in our city. I brought some people here tonight and we're concerned because we live here. We expect you to give us good vision on what our city should look like going into the future. Infrastructure's a big part of it, but we can't just sit there and say, "Well, we're only going to spend the money for this, we're only going to spend the money for that," and an emergency, as you know, always seems to happen. We've talked this to death. What we need to do is start putting down and moving this thing forward and let the people decide, but we still have to have our fall back plan on exactly what it that we're going to look forward as far as the future. So I'm looking to you, as you're making the final decision, as to where my tax dollars are being spent, I'm looking at the city in a positive light. You're fixing the infrastructure and everything. I have no problem with that. Improving our police department and safety forces, I don't have any problem with that. I don't think it's a message that can't be conveyed to the community, but all you have to do is take time to take a look. That's what I'm saying.

Mr. Cotner: Thank you very much. All right, comments, questions from committee?

Mrs. DeBrock: I think we've had some great comments tonight and I really liked the comments regarding activities that are available in our city, trying to entice families and, yeah, as three-year-olds it's hard to find things, but wait till they're teenagers. Even harder to find things you can do in the city for a teenager. Creekside is a great reference. We don't want to become Creekside, but we do want activities and businesses. Gahanna partnered – they did a public/private partnership in order to and had a vision for Creekside and I think all of us up here desire to have an area where we can have businesses and families and we want businesses to be profitable. We want families to have entertainment and to want to not only shop in the area, but to hang out and enjoy the spaces. Not only do we need a Development Director, but it takes a budget to do that. One of the things we're talking about tonight is the tax credit reduction. If we get to the point where voters vote down a tax rate increase, the tax credit reduction will just probably be enough for our infrastructure. I mean it won't be able to move the city forward. That's the information we've got to get out to voters to know that the tax rate has a lot of positive things in it and I think we can get the information out. Social media we do have to be careful about, because I think everyone knows there are people that hide behind it, but I do

think there's great ways to get out there and be positive and get the information out. It's really about getting the facts out and having open dialogue, whether or not it's a phone call, emails, the Mayor's office as you know is accessible. So I applaud the information you brought and I do think that the Mayor's plan is very good. It's the starting point and it's the discussion and I think it does allow us to think and move forward.

Mr. Cotner: Anyone else? (No response.) So with Item 8 already moving forward for adoption, you also want to move Item 9 forward as well?

Mr. Clemens: I make a motion we move Item 9 forward for adoption.

Mr. Cotner: Forwarded by Mr. Clemens, second by Mrs. DeBrock. Any other questions, comments on that one? (No response.) All in favor of moving Item 9 forward to Council for a second reading say "aye." (Voting indiscernible.) Okay, we'll call the roll.

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

Mr. Cotner: We'll move that forward to Council then.

Mr. Clemens: It will be the third reading.

10.

Mr. Cotner: Item 10. Mr. Brown and Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris: A few weeks ago the wind event that we had destroyed some things over in Huber Park. There was a tree fell and there was some damage. We have gotten checks from the insurance company to pay for the repairs caused by that, however, as with everything else, when we get revenue in, we can't spend it without an appropriation. So what he's asking you for is an appropriation in order to let him make the repairs that were necessary from the monies that we got and asking for emergency, cause he'd like to get it done sometime before you guys get back in September.

Mr. Brown: Yeah, it was a great game tonight, 11/11, it was a tie. For Parks & Rec purposes, that's a great game. Everybody went home happy. Yeah, we had a lot of damage that most of you guys are aware of. The backstop was smashed at Spangler Park, around \$10,000 in tree damage making that trail accessible, it's really a danger to community members, and the drinking fountain was smashed. So we've gotten quotes on all that work, ready to go. So as soon as we can appropriate these funds, we can get that whole park addressed and working the way it was.

Mr. Cotner: Is this enough? Does this cover everything?

Mr. Brown: It sure does.

Mr. Cotner: Councilman Long as a question.

Mr. Long: Auditor Harris, granted the money came from an insurance company on a claim that was filed, over \$20,000?

Mr. Harris: There was fencing, there's plumbing work, there's tree planting, so it's not all one thing. There are three different contracts involved here. None of them are over \$10,000.

Mr. Long: Okay, never mind.

Mr. Brown: The fencing's just under 10 grand, the trees are just under 10 grand, and the drinking fountain's just over 2 grand.

Mr. Cotner: Other questions from committee? Mr. Neff, do you have a question for one of us or Mr. Brown?

Mr. Neff: That's correct. My name's Gary Neff. I live at 1741 Graham Road. I want to know what they're going to do in Huber Park with Spangler Field.

Mr. Brown: Well, the answer to that would be play baseball on it.

Mr. Neff: If I wanted a comedian, I would have gone to a comedy club. I know what they play there.

Mr. Brown: Well, the answer is baseball. We put in over 100 hours of work on that field this spring getting it ready to go. We have a temporary mound put out there. The kids are pretty excited. We've got the scoreboard ready to go and then the tree smashed the backstop which we could not play any game so we all had to offset that league and move the league to Huber Park. It's a beautiful park. We'd like to play our _____ baseball there moving forward and we're planning to do that moving forward as well. So it's a great, great place to play baseball (inaudible – bad tape).

Mr. Neff: So back to my original question, we're going to repair the backstop at Spangler Field and continue to use it as a baseball field?

Mr. Brown: That's correct.

Mr. Neff: Thank you.

Mr. Cotner: Okay, anyone else have questions or comments for Mr. Brown? Seeing none, I'll make a motion that we send this forward to Council with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Second by Councilman Long. All in favor, say aye. (All voted aye.) Opposed? (None.)

11. DISCUSSION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.

Mr. Cotner: Certainly not an item that I had ever hoped to be discussing this evening, but we received notice that our Council Clerk will be retiring as of July 31, 2013, so we will be losing Mrs. Frazier and we'll be seeking somehow, someone to fill her shoes. Comments from Council tonight to start this process?

Mr. Long: I'd just like to say that Nancy Frazier's been an incredible help over the almost four years that I've had the opportunity to work with her. There are going to be some big shoes to fill, but she has assured all of us that she has put provisions in place as far as policies and procedures, that if you have an individual in the audience or in the public, somebody that you know would like to be considered for the position, there are provisions that have already been put into place to where there'll be a short element as far as a learning curve in it, but she's assured us that if an individual will apply themselves, that they could be applicable to the job.

Mr. Clemens: I think it's something that we have to work on quickly. We should have started tonight. We'd like to get it in the newspapers. We are open to people contacting us for appointments and we hope by next week set up some interviews. We're also going to check with other cities and communities, check for their assistance, Clerk of Council and also Council people. But we are going to advertise this. We want to do it as soon as possible is the thing. I'm not good at these things but I know Leslie is and probably Monica and the rest of you. But the object is we want to make sure that at least by next week we're pushing forward. We want to hire as soon as we can find somebody capable that can do the job and that can learn quick. They don't necessarily have to like us all – that would be impossible. They need to be able to do the job and be able to communicate with us is the situation and be able to stand us. Anyway, we will be interviewing, we hope, as soon as possible.

Mr. Cotner: Anyone else? Comments? Questions? (No response.) I will just say one time and I will repeat this at some other point, but I think Nancy Frazier has been one of the biggest assets to the City of Reynoldsburg in her 26 years here and does more behind the scenes than anybody could realize and, again, there will be big shoes to fill and I have appreciated working with her for so long. So I'm very grateful. And with those comments, I will go ahead and close our Finance Committee meeting at 8:59.