

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2006

Members of Safety Committee present: Brett Baxter, Ron Stake, Doug Joseph, Donna Shirey.
Other members of Council present: Preston Stearns, Mel Clemens, Antoinette Newman, Council President William L. Hills.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Baxter: The first item on the agenda is approval of the agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda? (No response). Hearing none, it'll stand as submitted.

Approval of the minutes for Safety Committee meeting held June 5, 2006. I ask if there are any changes or updates to the minutes as published? (No response). Hearing none, I submit that they stand approved as submitted.

Item number 4 is Discussion, Liquor Permit Request Transfer from One Maghreb Inc. to Donna Inc. dba Nishi's Market, 6505 E. Livingston Av., 1st Fl only, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. Do we have anyone here to speak on that? Chief or Mayor? It's the only item I have on the agenda. Hi, Lieutenant. Are you going to speak to this liquor permit?

Lt. Nuesse: Yes. We did an investigation and we didn't find anything negative. So we have no objection to the liquor transfer.

Mr. Baxter: Is this just a transfer of it, or what?

Lt. Nuesse: That's my understanding. That they're wanting to transfer the old liquor permit. And as I said, we didn't find anything negative in our investigation.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. I thank you so much. Then they'll have no activity on this at all then. Very good.

With that said, I have nothing else on the agenda, and I'll close the Safety Committee meeting at 7:32.

Safety Committee

June 19, 2006

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

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2006

Members of Service Committee present: Mel Clemens, Doug Joseph, Preston Stearns, Donna Shirey.

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

Mr. Clemens: I'd like to call the Service Committee meeting to order at 7:34.

The first item on the agenda is approval of the minutes of the June 5, 2006 Service Committee meeting. Do I have any additions or deletions to the minutes? (No response). If not, they'll stand approved.

Item 4, Discussion, Acceptance of annexation of .60+/- acres, Mendenhall, approved by Franklin County Commissioners on January 10, 2006, received by Clerk of Council on 4-13-06. And this can go to committee to begin the acceptance process on June 19, 2006, which is today. This is an annexation that's been proposed, and I think you have all received a plot of it off of Route 256. Is there any discussion as far as this is concerned from the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). If not, I'd like to make a motion to send this to Council for its first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Shirey. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

The next item is Discussion, Authorization to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for the installation of a 24" water main on E. Broad Street from Waggoner Road east to the Taylor Road Tank Yard and appropriation of funds. This is something we've been discussing for 2 or 3 years. And Mr. Kipp has been in touch with Columbus back and forth, and I think he feels that this is the proper time. This involves running a water line and Columbus building a new 2 million gallon tank. On the site, we already have a tank. So do you want to give an explanation on this for everybody, Mark?

Mr. Kipp: Sure. This will be a 24" water line. It would run from Waggoner Road along Broad Street to our water tower that we have at 14627 East Broad Street. When we bought that, when Columbus bought the land originally, Reynoldsburg built the first tower there. And the agreement was that Columbus would build a second tower. At that time, that we thought there would be two, 1 million gallon tanks, they've looked at it this time and they decided that they're going to build a 2 million gallon tank there. This water line, currently there is a 16" water line that runs out to this water tower that basically can't handle the demand. So we're looking at a 24" water line in addition to keep both tanks filled.

Mr. Clemens: Let me read the ordinance that's being requested. Request an ordinance authorizing EMH&T to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for the installation of a 24" water main on East Broad Street from Waggoner Road east to the 2 million gallon water tower Columbus is building adjacent to our existing 1 million gallon water tower at 14627 East Broad Street. We request that \$121,500 be appropriated from the unappropriated Water Fund to account to be determined by Auditor for preparing the specifications and advertise for bids. Information was sent on this to explain the situation as far as what it will cost, the estimation of the cost. It's close to one million, seven hundred thousand, seven hundred and some I believe. It's my understanding that Columbus will reimburse us half the cost of the water line.

Mr. Kipp: Half of all costs. Yes.

Mr. Clemens: I'm sorry?

Mr. Kipp: Of all costs.

Mr. Clemens: Of all costs. But we have to pay it first.

Mr. Kipp: We're going to pay it up front.

Mr. Clemens: We have to pay it up front, then they'll reimburse.

Mr. Kipp: Correct.

Mr. Clemens: They'll reimburse half of it. Of all costs. Are there questions for Mark from the committee pertaining to this? Members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you, Chairman Clemens. The questions I have Mark, are dealing around the time frame for this type of project to begin. And when would it end? And what kind of disruptions would we be looking at?

Mr. Kipp: Well, we'd like to get it moving as reasonably as quick as possible because the design will take a little while to get it done. They're looking at starting on the Broad Street, the development, commercial development along there, in October. Now whether they make it or not, I don't know. We'd like to have ours designed, and probably it would be, I'll talk to Mr. Parkinson, but probably late winter, early spring that we'd start construction.

Mr. Parkinson: We could probably finish the design by the end of the year and bid it out, beginning, and the contractor could get it started in the spring. But the important, part of the important part is with the crossing of the commercial development on Broad Street, if we can pin down some things as to where the line's going to go, and how deep it's going to go at that particular point, we can have that developer put in some sleeves under his driveways and things like that so that we don't have to dig those up when we come in. We can just run our line through it. But we have to be able to tell him where it goes.

Mr. Kipp: This will also include, there will be tunneling under Broad Street from the north side to the south side and bringing that up. I did have one clarification on the letter that I gave Council dated June 7, 2006. I did a little cutting and pasting from Miss Roberto's letter, and it said in there that it would be built to our specifications. But since she wrote it, that's Columbus specification, and I should have changed it to it will be built to their specification since they will own it.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Do we have those requirements from Columbus?

Mr. Kipp: EMH&T does.

Mr. Baxter: EMH&T will have those as part of the design.

Mr. Kipp: Yeah. And they can work with Columbus also.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. The reason I brought up the question, if I could follow up, Chairman Clemens, is obviously we have the Taylor Road work being done, and Main Street being done, and then we're going to start something on Broad Street, and I'm concerned about the traffic and how people are going to get around. And what kind of disruption? That's why I asked about disruption is because I have a whole Ward over there that's going to be trapped is what I'm going to be hearing. And I'd rather hear from you saying, no that's not the case. We're not going to have that problem.

Mr. Kipp: Well this started in the spring. This is going to go off the road. It won't be in the road. So we wouldn't anticipate any traffic problems from construction.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. That's a great answer.

Mr. Clemens: Are there other questions from members of Council? Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Yes. Mark, I'm sure this is going to help increase the water pressure in that area of town. Will that have any affect on the whole city?

Mr. Kipp: Actually, it probably won't help the water pressure. What it will do, it'll be still set at the same elevation as our existing tank. But what it does, the problems we experience out in that area has to do with available quantity of water.

Mr. Hills: Lack of supply.

Mr. Kipp: Yeah. Lack of supply. So we're basically doubling the available water. Now it will help because in the summer, it'll keep.. the towers will be full so there will be better pressure in the summer. But over all pressure, it won't affect it in the city. It will be, for the future development that we look towards Summit Road, we've got to have this tower. There's just no way around that.

Mr. Harris: I think one of the things we might want to mention is that the existing tank is going to need some maintenance as well and you can't really do that maintenance on that until this other tower is built. Because you've got to have water some place.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Clemens, if I could, I think that this is one of those things, the time has come.

Basically, Mark has come before us the last two summers saying, hey, we're going to have to curtail some usage of water because we're going to have that problem. We've been fortunate enough that I don't think we had to do that for over 2 or 3 days. We did request some voluntary stoppage of watering yards and things. But as we've developed and we've grown as a city, then Columbus is growing also. And they need the storage facilities in order to supply not just our customers, but they have their own customers too. And with the debate of, well is our water going to them, and their's going to ours, it's called the Columbus contract. And all the water that's going into that tank is serving Columbus and Reynoldsburg off of that. So we've just reached the point with our growth, we have to do something to be sure that we continue to provide as good or better services. And it's going to take an investment and a working arrangement with Columbus. So I certainly am supportive of moving forward in trying to get it geared up and done. I'm glad to see that Columbus is moving forward on the tank.

Mr. Kipp: Slowly.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions? Yes, Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. Mark, when was the 16" water main installed?

Mr. Kipp: About 1988.

Mrs. Newman: So it hadn't been that long ago? This is a level of growth I take it was a little unexpected that they decided they were going to put in a 2 million gallon tank rather than 1 million?

Mr. Kipp: It's almost 20 years.

Mrs. Newman: Well, for a water main though.

Mr. Kipp: It was more than adequate with what was developed out there at that time. And so our growth...we basically...everything's filled in out there.

Mrs. Newman: But do you feel that we're going to be getting 50% of the value from the cost of this as opposed to Columbus getting 75% and us 25 when we're paying for half of it?

Mr. Kipp: Currently, when they look at the water demand on the tower, 70% of the water goes to Reynoldsburg. Thirty percent goes to Columbus.

Mrs. Newman: And that's going to change over the years as they develop their side of Broad Street I take it?

Mr. Kipp: They're almost, they're running into the same thing we are. A lot of that is already developed, and in conjunction with that, this whole thing working, they're running a 30" water line down Waggoner Road. It's already from like Broad Street to Kennedy, it's already in place, and they're going to be connecting to that. So those people through there are going to be drawing off of a 30" water line as it's coming down there. So that's where a lot of their demand has gone, is in

the development of that area up through there.

Mrs. Newman: And Columbus put that in. Right?

Mr. Kipp: Yes, they did.

Mrs. Newman: Okay. What about these sleeves that are going to service, those are going to be put in to service the commercial side of north Broad Street?

Mr. Kipp: The sleeves are to put the water line in. If they're ahead of us, say they get a part where they're working through the winter and they put in their driveway approaches, they'll put a pipe, or a sleeve in the ground so it'll be there. And we'll just slide our water line through it so we won't have to dig up their approach.

Mrs. Newman: Okay. Alright. I guess that's all I had.

Mr. Clemens: Are there other questions from members of Council? Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Chairman Clemens. How are we going to pay for all of this?

Mr. Harris: I guess that's why I'm here.

Mr. Stake: I figured as much, Dick.

Mr. Harris: What we're going to do is, the Water Fund is going to be the fund it's going to be paid out of, and what we're going to do, it's going to fund the initial \$121,500 for the engineering. We won't be reimbursed for that from Columbus when the project is done. We're going to advance the money from the Water Fund and then we're going to do this through a private placement bond rather than a general bond. We're just going to go to several banks and negotiate the best rate we can. We'll go ahead and borrow the money, return it to the Water Fund, and then when Columbus pays that half, we'll pay that part of the bond off and we'll be left with a bond for whatever our half would be and use the Water Fund to pay it off. The Water Fund, in the next 2 or 3 years, actually has some debt coming off. So it will be a replacement for some of the debt. Mark and his folks have done a good job over the years to continue these projects so that they keep caught up on everything. And this is just part of a puzzle that they've put together for, they've had in place for a number of years and this was something that they knew was coming. Because they have that tank out there, and they're going to have to do maintenance on that tank and they can't do it obviously, until Columbus comes through if they supply water out there. Yeah. We're going to do it through a private placement and use the Water Fund to pay it off.

Mr. Stake: Okay. We've talked about this a few times in the past Mark, in regards to needing this. And I'm happy to see this get done before we do reach a point where our citizens don't have water. So I'm all for this.

Mr. Clemens: Mark, I would like to ask you one thing. Since this is an ordinance to advertise for

bids too, before we advertise for the bids, will you let us know what the estimate is going to be? Engineer's estimate is going to be on your advertisement? It's always nice to know.

Mr. Kipp: I can put a memo to you.

Mr. Clemens: That would be fine.

Mr. Kipp: Okay.

Mr. Clemens: So everybody knows what the estimate is going to be. I mean, we're talking about one thing. I'd hate to have it come in and be 2.5 million. I'm just curious what the estimate's going to be. Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you, Chairman Clemens. You said you were going to get a private placement bond. Are you going to get the full amount of what that project's expected to be including the contingencies, or were you planning on separating those? The two separate placement bonds. You could pay one off, and would you be able to get a better interest rate that way rather than getting a large one?

Mr. Harris: We're going to go negotiate with the banks and see which way is the best way to go on it. Because the one is going to be paid off when, we're going to have to negotiate when Columbus pays us their half, we're going to pay it off immediately. We'd be required to do that by Columbus. So whether we do it in two issuances or one issuance with a balloon payment that would be able to be paid off in a short period of time after, because we can't collect this until after the project's completed. So we'll have to have a date of expected completion.

Mr. Baxter: Right. So I would expect the interest to be at a position at a much higher, I should say a lower rate if you had a larger single issuance. That might be to our benefit to get it as a single. You're going to find that out.

Mr. Harris: Yeah. We're going to have to check and come up with several options just like they do have an Option A, Option B on a lot of contracts and say here's what we're looking for. So much money and this much will be paid off approximately this day, this much, this date. We'll go to 3 or 4 banks and negotiate a rate and see where we get the best _____.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. To follow up, Chairman Clemens, are you looking to have this as a long term issuance to pay it over 20 years? Or just a quick pay back?

Mr. Harris: No. It will probably be 10 years.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. Alright. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Joseph.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Kipp, did I hear you say correctly that this is going to be owned by Columbus?

Mr. Kipp: Yeah. The water line will be owned and maintained by Columbus.

Mr. Joseph: And what about the tower?

Mr. Kipp: The second tower will be theirs. We still own the first tower.

Mr. Joseph: If we're funding the money, then be reimbursed, why is that? Why aren't they paying for it?

Mr. Harris: Because they're paying for the tower.

Mr. Joseph: If it's their property, and we're getting the benefit obviously, but we're paying them for it, why do we have to pay up front and then be reimbursed? I don't understand the logic on that.

Mr. Kipp: This may be a surprise but, we could get it done faster is one reason why we're doing it. Now it's been around for a while, but we still get it done faster than they can. And the reason we're paying for half of it is for the benefit it is to us.

Mr. Joseph: And once it's operational, what's going to be the percentage break out for Columbus versus Reynoldsburg usage?

Mr. Kipp: Well, I don't know what it will, that will depend on development. Currently, last year, when I say currently, last year when we were talking about it, it was 70/30.

Mr. Joseph: That's the existing tower?

Mr. Kipp: Yes.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. So it's going to be obviously different with the new one in place.

Mr. Kipp: Right. And we'll have more development. They'll finish. I mean, they'll obviously have more development along Broad Street also.

Mr. Joseph: Do you think we'll still have the majority usage?

Mr. Kipp: Oh, yes. We have a lot more. That serves, that district goes all the way to 70. So like Slate Ridge Boulevard, and Farmington, and Taylor Square is all on that water tower.

Mr. Joseph: So you think this will take care of all future development we'll have in the foreseeable future?

Mr. Kipp: Well, it depends on how far foreseeable is. It depends on how development goes. As far as the volume of water, yes. Now whether, depending on how development develops farther east, we may have to have another water tower in that direction. Just depending on what's, how it

does develop.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Thanks.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: If I could add, and Mr. Joseph, as Mark knows, I brought up many of those same questions you did, and I think there's some reality we have to look at at times. It is the Columbus water contract that we get our water through. It is Columbus that puts the water in the tanks. We don't have the wells. We don't have other suppliers. However, a little bit of historical perspective never hurts at times. There's only probably two people in this room that were there at the time. When that water tank was put in, everybody looked at Reynoldsburg and said, why in the world are you putting in that million gallon tank out there in the middle of nowhere? And it's because of the foresighted administration, some Council members at the time, and EMH&T, before David's time. He wasn't there then. But because of that water tank is why we have the industrial projects that we have currently on Broad Street. There was no water north of Broad. Now there is water _____. Columbus is now north of Broad. They've broken the barrier to their annexation as going there. And it's going to mean, that as we have our neighbors, we're going to have to work with them. And in this case, the neighbors we're working with are who we buy the water from.

So in order to assure water for ourselves as we continue to grow, we need to move forward with that. We're very fortunate to have had the tank back in the late 80's because that did certainly help our city as it developed. Especially the industrial growth. Now as Mark says though, the spin-off is, it all flows clear down to 70. So it's a matter of as we grow, we definitely need more storage. So again as I say, I raised many of those same questions. It just didn't seem right. Why are we doing this? Well, we're doing this so our citizens continue to have water is why we're doing it.

Mr. Kipp: They have done, Gahanna and Dublin have also done similar type projects with Columbus.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Chairman Clemens, I'm sitting here scratching my head again because you've brought up some great points. And one of those points I'm seeing is, we're going to get value from this water line, right?

Mr. Kipp: Yes.

Mr. Baxter: And Columbus is getting value from this water line. Is Blacklick, or Gahanna, or Pickerington, or Pataskala, or anybody else going to be getting value from this water line and the tower?

Mr. Kipp: No.

Mr. Baxter: They won't be serviced by this water?

Mr. Kipp: No.

Mr. Baxter: Just Reynoldsburg and Columbus?

Mr. Kipp: Reynoldsburg and Columbus.

Mr. Baxter: And if we didn't do anything, would Columbus still need to put it in to service their new customers they're planning on putting down on Broad Street?

Mr. Hills: Not before our customers went dry.

Mr. Baxter: I don't know if I agree with that statement Mr. Hills. We already have water but I'm one of those people that drip.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Baxter, please read the Columbus water contract.

Mr. Baxter: I'm just saying, I'm one of those people that get the drip when it syphons during the summer and they turn that pump on. I understand what you're saying, President Hills, but I'm just still wondering, we're paying half of this project and our people are paying for half of it, and if the value is getting half, then I think it's the way to go. If we're not getting the value at least, and we're not going to own any of it except the consumption of the water, I just wondered if that's a good deal or not.

Mr. Clemens: I think you have to be realistic and read the contract. We don't have the water. Columbus has the water.

Mr. Baxter: Right.

Mr. Clemens: Columbus is in control of the water and of our sewerage. And our cooperation with them is the reason we do have water. That's why we don't have wells. So you might say we're at the short end of the street. And I think if you notice annexations and so forth like that, we do a lot of begging to Columbus. So I realize, and I've for the last 2 to 3 years, I'm like Bill, I've had all kinds of questions. But I do realize where the water does come from and I realize who turns the pipe on and who turns it off. And we have to be realistic about it. It is one of these situations where you don't have water pressure in the summer and I know that. And I know Mark is always worried about the situation. And if this will correct, for these neighborhoods, as far as having water and not having listening to you (Mark) come in here and telling everybody they've got to shut their water off and stop watering their grass, and stop drinking, and stop letting your kids bathe, and you know, stinking up the neighborhood and stuff like that. (Laughter) If this will help our people, I'm all for it. Not all for it, but I'm going to vote for it. Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Maybe this is the wrong time to ask this, I don't know. But we have a lot of discussions about the size of the water taps out there on that side of town. Does this have any

bearing on that? Have we ever settled that?

Mr. Clemens: Mark.

Mr. Kipp: I'm not sure what you're asking.

Mr. Hills: The taps I believe Mrs. Newman, were on the far eastern...the potential expansion of the Columbus contract into Fairfield County _____ on taps.

Mrs. Newman: That really doesn't impinge upon this really.

Mr. Hills: There may be more water available at the time and maybe the negotiations will be better because the supply may be increased if this water's flowing down to 70 also. But no. That was the extension of the Columbus contract into _____.

Mrs. Newman: Okay.

Mr. Kipp: We are still working on that. It is moving along. Mr. Brandt's going to continue with that upon his return.

Mrs. Newman: Alright.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions for Mr. Kipp? (No response). If not, this is put down as an emergency.

Mr. Kipp: It can go three readings. We would like to get started on it over break if possible.

Mr. Clemens: So it can go three readings and then be passed as emergency.

Mr. Kipp: However many readings you need it to go. We would just like it to be signed upon the Mayor's signature.

Mr. Clemens: We'll send it for the first reading; maybe there will be more discussion; maybe Council members will have more discussion for you at the next committee meeting, and then we'll see how it works then. But I would like to send this to Council for the first reading, and also to the Finance Committee. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Joseph. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). I'd like to thank you.

I'd like to call this meeting over at 7:59.

Service Committee

June 19, 2006

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

(Transcribed - Susie Smith)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2006

Members of Finance Committee present: Ron Stake, Mel Clemens, Brett Baxter, Antoinette Newman.

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

Mr. Stake: I'd like to call to order, the Finance Committee, at 8 p.m.

The second item on the agenda is approval of the agenda. I believe we have an addition to the agenda - to appropriate the money for EMH&T to prepare the specifications for the 24" water main. I'd like to make that 3a. And then we have a, I have a speaker slip from Gregory Popper. I'd like to make that 3b. Are there any other additions to the agenda? (No response). Then I make that motion. All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 3 is approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held June 5, 2006. Are there any changes to those minutes? (No response). None being heard, they'll stand as submitted.

3a is the appropriation of \$121,500 to be appropriated from the unappropriated Water Fund to the account to be determined by the Auditor for preparing specifications and advertising for bids. Water Fund 710.

Mr. Harris: Mr. Stake. I've got an account number for you.

Mr. Stake: Okay.

Mr. Harris: 710.108.5621.

Mr. Stake: Alright. Thank you, Mr. Harris. Are there any further questions or comments in regards to this from members of the Finance Committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). None being heard, then I'll make a motion that we do appropriate \$121,500 from the unappropriated Water Fund 710 to account number 710.108.5621. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

3b is, topic title, Tax Abatements - Gregory Popper. Mr. Popper, if you'd come up, please state your name and your address please.

Mr. Popper: Yes. Thank you, Councilman Stake. My name is Gregory Popper. I live at 6488 Blackhaw Drive in Reynoldsburg. I'm not even sure if this is the proper forum bringing this before your Finance Committee. If it's not, please direct me to who I can speak with this about. It's basically an idea, and I know that everybody on City Council realizes that we have so many empty buildings in the City of Reynoldsburg; property that's not being used for anything. And I'm also sure that they're well aware of how tax abatements work when it seems like a lot of businesses, and I can think of one in particular, the Best Buy that was out on Brice Road, and when their tax abatement was up, they moved, they built another building over on 256 and everything over there. And I know that the store they had on Brice Road was doing very good business, but their tax abatement ran out. They moved and built another building over on 256 and I believe they have another tax abatement there.

Basically, this is just an idea that, isn't there any way that we can offer, or something can be put together for offering, a kind of tax abatement for a company that wants to move into an already existing building, rather than building another building? Now I'm not really sure how it could be drawn up. Maybe a matter of, they may sign a 5 year contract, and maybe one year of 100% abatement. And maybe the second year they would only pay maybe 25% of what a normal tax would be. I'm not even sure of the right way to draw it up. It just seems to me like there are so many vacant buildings in the City of Reynoldsburg that if we can offer something to someone or a business, bring a business in that could get some kind of tax break from moving into an already existing building, we could generate some revenues. Maybe not the first year. But maybe the second year. Maybe a little more on the third year to try to draw people to occupy these already existing buildings. And like I say, I'm not even sure if this is something that I should bring before your committee, or maybe you could direct me to who I could bring this idea to.

Mr. Stake: Well, I think the Administration; the Mayor would be somebody you might want to talk with about this. Maybe if he'd be willing to do that. Sit down and identify which buildings you're talking about and then discuss some of these issues. I've thought about that as well. How to revitalize some of our old areas, occupy some of those buildings. What kind of incentives can we maybe use to get that job done. You know, it's certainly worthy of discussion. The Development Director also I think might be helpful in this process. Are there any other comments from members of Council or members of the committee?

Mr. Hills: I think you've pointed the best areas. Abatements would come as a recommendation from the Administration to Council. And I think Mr. Brandt also being involved, and I think the Mayor would want that. Certainly there are avenues, more than happy to talk with you about it and see if it may be viable or not.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Does that help you?

Mr. Popper: Yeah. I was just trying to get some kind of a ball rolling on it and I really wasn't sure who to turn to. So I just figured I'd bring it up before you and maybe you could direct me.

Mr. Stake: And I would be happy to sit down with you some day. Maybe over coffee or something and talk about it as well if you'd like.

Mr. Popper: Thank you very much.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Popper.

Item number 4 on the agenda is Discussion, Supplemental appropriation, Records Commission. Mayor, do you want to speak on this?

Mayor McPherson: Thank you, Mr. Stake. This is a request for an appropriation to contract with Robert W. Schultz and Associates. I think most everyone's aware that records retention has been an issue we read about almost daily in the paper. We have not updated our Public Records Retention Policy for quite some time. This is to both update and make changes that are necessary based on some of the laws that have changed, to provide our annual shredding that we do on toward the end of this year, and also to bring us into line with some of the new Supreme Court rulings that have been handed down regarding what we must keep, what we don't keep any more. So it's an update to our Records Retention Policy.

Mr. Stake: Okay. And I understand that the Robert W. Schultz and Associates does a fine job for the city in doing this. Correct?

Mayor McPherson: That's correct.

Mr. Stake: And this was not in this year's budget so we'd need to make an appropriation.

Mayor McPherson: That's correct. And we have asked for an emergency because we would like to get it rolling as quickly as possible so that we're not in violation of any laws whether we're aware of it or not. So we would like to move it forward as an emergency.

Mr. Stake: And I would imagine the penalties on this could add up pretty fast.

Mayor McPherson: Probably more than the \$7,000 for the study.

Mr. Stake: Okay. So one reading is what you're looking for?

Mayor McPherson: Yes.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you, Chairman Stake. The questions I have for the Mayor are, this is going to be a study that's going to give us information we need to be able to update our Records Policy. Correct?

Mayor McPherson: Actually, he's going to update our policy for us as part of the contract.

Mr. Baxter: Very good. So one of the deliverables that you're going to get out of this study is a document that says, here's your policy and what you need to do. Do you actually have a physical document? Or is there just going to be, I don't know. What are you going to get from this?

Mayor McPherson: You'll have a physical document. We would hope to have the document by the time you get back from recess. And it will be total.

Mr. Baxter: How often do we do this, Mayor?

Mayor McPherson: This has been probably 4 years. I don't know. I'll kind of defer to Nancy. Has it been about 4 years since we had this done?

Mrs. Frazier: Probably so. We already have a policy Mr. Baxter. This is just to update it.

Mayor McPherson: This is to update what we have. But you'll have the whole nine yards by the time you get back from vacation.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Are there any other questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Any problems with emergency language on this from members of Council? (No response). Well then, I will make a motion that we appropriate \$7,000 from the unappropriated General Fund to account no. 110.595.5259 for the, to be used for the Robert W. Schultz and Associates to review current Records Retention System, provide updates, changes in public records laws, annual shredding, and other Records Commission expenditures. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Baxter. Any further discussion? (No response). Also I want to make it clear to send this forward as an emergency. First reading as emergency. Second by Mr. Baxter still? Thank you. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you.

Item number 5 is Discussion, Supplemental appropriation, Election Expense. Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris: Thank you, Mr. Stake. This is an ordinance requesting an appropriation of \$25,000 from the unappropriated General Fund to account 110.595.5371 which is Election Expense. This money will be needed to pay the cost of the special election which the Franklin County Board of Election has scheduled pursuant to Resolution No. 40-06. And this can go for a couple of readings, 2 or 3 readings and then I need it effective prior to when you folks go out on break so that when we get the bill from Franklin County, we can pay them.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any questions or comments for Mr. Harris? (No response). This is something that we've discussed in the past. Any problems with the emergency language although it's going to have a few readings? (No response). Okay. Then I will make a motion

that we send this forward for its first reading, appropriate \$25,000 from the unappropriated General Fund to account no. 110.595.5371 Election Expense, and this money is to be used in the special election, which Franklin County Board of Elections has scheduled pursuant to Resolution No. 40-06. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

And item number 6 is Discussion, Police, and Parks & Recreation Impact Fee Study. This was added to the agenda on January 17, 2006. It's been moving rather slowly. The last time it was held was last committee meeting on June 5, 2006. And I understand that the City Attorney has been working with folks at EMH&T and some other folks, and maybe would like to give us just a little brief update at this time.

Mr. Hood: That's correct, Chairman Stake. I've met one time with Dave Parkinson _____ with moving the project forward to try to get a final draft document to you. Since that time, we've moved the document forward and EMH&T had additional comments. Ms. Kim Keefer contacted my office last week. My Assistant City Attorney Matthew Roth and I have both worked diligently in preparing the answers to those comments. And when we submit those comments this week, hopefully EMH&T will get back to us with the final draft so we can present it to Council.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Hood. So we are moving forward on this rather slowly. Mr. Baxter, did you have a question or comment?

Mr. Baxter: Yes, sir. Chairman Stake, I heard Mr. Hood say final draft. I was under the impression we were looking for a final document. Not a draft.

Mr. Hood: Well, it'll be a, I'm sorry I may have mis-spoke. But I consider it a draft document until you approve it. So that's what I meant by that.

Mr. Baxter: Alright. Thanks for the clarification, Mr. Hood.

Mr. Hood: That's what I meant by that.

Mr. Stake: But there'll be a final copy from EMH&T?

Mr. Hood: Yes, sir.

Mr. Stake: And then we would decide what to do with it at that time.

Mr. Hood: That's what I meant by draft.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you. So I guess we can keep this in a holding pattern at this time unless there's any other questions or comments from members of the committee or members of Council. I'll make a motion that we hold this item. Do I have a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

And item number 7 is RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was read for the first time on 6-12-06. Public Hearing is set for June 26 at 7:15 p.m. here in Council Chambers. Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris: Thank you, Chairman Stake. This had its first reading a couple of weeks ago. There is a Public Hearing which we are required to have, set for June 26. That's Monday night at 7:15. And if anybody has any additional questions, I'll certainly be glad to try to answer them for you.

Mr. Stake: Are there any additional questions for Mr. Harris from members of the Finance Committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). None being heard, I will make the motion that, we can send this forward again can't we, for a second reading? Then I make a motion that we send this forward for its second reading. Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Thank you Mr. Harris.

Item number 8 is ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FROM TAYLOR SQUARE SCHOOL TIF FUND FOR OBLIGATION TO SCHOOL DISTRICT. Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris: Thank you. This has had a couple of readings. As I said earlier when we collected some additional money from a business down in the TIF district, it made the necessity for an additional appropriation in order to pass the money from the rest of the year onto the schools as we are contractually obligated to do. With that, I will need the additional appropriation. This is not money that's coming from the General Fund. It's not money from the city. It's a contractual obligation we have with the Taylor Square TIF in order to pass the excess money onto the school district as we are required to in the TIF document.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you. And I'd just like to point out that this will be in the amount of \$125,000 in the unappropriated Taylor Square School TIF Fund. And hereby would be appropriated to account no. 970.002.5527. Are there any questions or comments for Mr. Harris?

Members of the committee, members of Council? (No response). Okay. None being heard, then I'll make a motion that we send this on for its third reading with recommendation for adoption. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, please state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

I'll adjourn the Finance Committee at 8:15.

Finance Committee

June 19, 2006

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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