

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2008

Members of Safety Committee present: Doug Joseph, Ron Stake (present at 7:34 p.m.), Leslie Kelly, Fred Deskins, Jr.

Other members of Council present: Mel Clemens, Antoinette Newman, Donna Shirey, Council President William L. Hills (present at 7:34 p.m.).

Mr. Joseph: I'll call the Safety Committee meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

The second item on the agenda is the approval of the agenda. Are there any changes, additions or deletions to the Safety Committee agenda tonight? Seeing none, the agenda will stand approved.

Item three is the approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2008 Safety Committee Meeting. Are there any additions, deletions or changes to those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes will stand approved.

Item #4: Presentation regarding Clean-Up Week and awards for Poster Contest. Mayor.

Mayor McCloud read a Proclamation claiming the week of June 6 - 15, 2008 as "Reynoldsburg Community Clean-Up Week." Mary Hudson gave the background of how the Clean-Up Week came to be; listed all the included activities; and invited everyone to participate. Mary Burcham presented the awards for the poster contest. (See attached document)

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Moving on to Item #5 - Discussion: Liquor Permit Request - New - El Manjar de Los Portales 1 Ltd., 6006 East Livingston Avenue, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. Chief.

Chief Suci: Thank you Chairman Joseph. Officer John Bock did conduct an investigation into this new permit and although the Ohio Department of Liquor Control has temporarily put a hold on this permit due to a clerical error on their - the applicant's permit, we found no reason to appeal this permit.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you. Any questions for the Chief from committee, or members of Council tonight? Okay, we'll return this to..yes, President Hills.

Mr. Hills: Yes, if I could, it was originally classified as a "B" and then they revised it; it says D-5, D6. Is that what the hold is?

Chief Suci: That's part of it; and also they listed a name that shouldn't have been listed originally.

Mr. Hills: Okay because what is a D5, D6. That's beer and wine?

Chief Suci: That's correct.

Mr. Hills: Then what was the "B"?

Chief Suci: I believe that's hard liquor.

Mr. Hills: Is that hard liquor? Okay.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Any other questions tonight. Seeing none, we'll return this to the Clerk with no action. That was the last item on the Safety Committee, so unless there's anything further, I'll close at 7:50 p.m.

Safety Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

6-2-08

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SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2008

Members of Service Committee present: Mel Clemens, Leslie Kelly, Donna Shirey, Fred Deskins,

Jr.

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

Mr. Clemens: I'd like to call the Service Committee Meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. The first item on the agenda is approval of agenda. Do I have any additions or deletions to tonight's agenda? If not, it'll stand approved.

The next item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes. Are there any additions or deletions to the minutes of the May 19, 2008 Service Committee Meeting? If not, they'll stand approved.

Item #4: ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 959 STORMWATER SERVICE FEE CREDITING MECHANISM- -second rdg. 5-27-08. Are there any questions for our Service Director pertaining to this? If not, I'd like to make a motion that we send this item to Council for the third reading. Is there a second? Second by Councilperson Kelly. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries and it will be sent to Council for a third reading.

Item #5: ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (sanitary sewer easement) (1.479 ac.) FROM DISTRIBUTION LAND CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation- -second rdg. 5-27-08. Are there any questions for the Service Director pertaining to this subject? Members of Committee, members of Council? If not, I'd like to make a motion that we send this item to Council for its third reading. Is there a second? Second by Councilperson Shirey. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries and it will be sent to Council for a third reading.

Item #6: ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (waterline easement) (.796 ac.) FROM DISTRIBUTION LAND CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation- -second rdg. 5-27-08. Any questions for our Service Director on this item? Members of Committee, members of Council? If not, I'd like to send this to Council for its third reading. Is there a second? Seconded by Councilperson Shirey. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries and it will be sent to Council for a third reading.

Item #7: ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (waterline easement) (30' wide) FROM TATA CORPORATION (Blacklick Office Park)- -second rdg. 5-27-08. Any questions for our Service Director on this item? Members of Committee, members of Council? If not, I'd like to send this to Council for its third reading. Is there a second? Seconded by Councilperson Kelly. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries and it will be sent to Council for a third reading.

Item #8: ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (sanitary sewer easement) (15' wide) FROM TATA CORPORATION (Blacklick Office Park)- -second rdg. 5-27-08. Any questions for our Service Director on this item? Members of Committee, members of Council? If not, I'd like to send this to Council for its third reading. Is there a second? Second by Councilman Deskins. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries and it will be sent to Council for a third reading.

I'd like to call the Committee over...boy that was fast...at 7:53 p.m.

Service Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

6-2-08

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2008

Members of Finance Committee present: Ron Stake, Mel Clemens, Doug Joseph, Antoinette Newman.

Other members of Council present: Donna Shirey, Fred Deskins, Jr., Leslie Kelly, Council

President William L. Hills.

Mr. Stake: I'll call to order the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Item #2 is approval of the agenda. I have two requests, one by the City Attorney to put Item #8 into Other Legislation; and a request by the Auditor to hold Item #11. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Clemens. Any discussion? All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion passes.

Item #3 is approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held May 19, 2008. Are there any changes to those minutes? None being heard, they'll stand as submitted.

Item #4 - Discussion: Tax Increment Financing and Economic Development Reimbursement Agreement (extension of public infrastructure improvements to meet the needs of the proposed new Reynoldsburg High School).- -Just to refresh everybody's memory, this I believe, is something that was worked out with Development, the Schools, and the City last year, in the prior administration. We did receive this back on January 2nd. I saw no urgency to put this on the agenda since the school had not been voted on yet. It has been voted on; it has passed; and discussions I had with representatives from both the schools and the development group, I did say that I would be bringing this forward, putting it on the agenda, and it's on the agenda this evening. I guess there's not a lot of people in the room who know about this agreement. Mr. Dugger's probably the one who's been associated with it the longest, so maybe he can enlighten us.

Glen Dugger: Thank you Mr. Stake. My name's Glen Dugger, I'm an attorney, 37 West Broad Street, and I was thinking about this driving out here tonight, and I've been working on this project so long I think Eric Gilbert was still on Council when I started. This is hopefully, another step in the process. This property was annexed into the City of Reynoldsburg. We worked out with the schools last year providing for a new Reynoldsburg High School site on Summit Road. That site while it was the preferred site, it didn't have public utilities, sanitary sewer and water. So we worked out an agreement for those sewer and water services to be provided; however, they would be reimbursed to the various parties: the schools, the City and my client, the historic property owners, through a Tax Increment Financing mechanism. So this basically allows the parties to advance those sums and then get repaid out of the TIF. The TIF was, I think, Council used good foresight. Council in December of 2006 in the face of a change in the State Tax Increment Finance Law, ushered through fairly quickly the establishment of the TIF district, including this particular piece of property. So this legislation is the culmination of something we've been working on for a very long time. This TIF was I guess contemplated in the Fall of 2006 and this is the final agreement as to how the TIF proceeds are going to be allocated. So, if there are any questions, I'm more than happy to answer them and we're obviously glad that we've gotten to this point in the process. Thank you very much.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Dugger, I do have a few questions.

Mr. Dugger: Sure.

Mr. Stake: Who wrote this agreement?

Mr. Dugger: The agreement was originally drafted by me. The agreement was provided to the city through the former Development Director, Mr. Brandt. Mr. Brandt sent my agreement to the City's Bond Council, Squires, Sanders and Dempsey, Chris Franzmann; and Mr. Franzmann

essentially rewrote the agreement again last Fall. So the agreement was drafted by Squires, Sanders and Dempsey. I've obviously seen it; the School Board's Attorney has seen it; and Mr. Hood has obviously reviewed it as well.

Mr. Stake: And could you give us a short version of actually what it does, what it requires from the city.

Mr. Dugger: The short version is that there's a number of things that occur in the agreement, but I think the key ones in terms of dollars and cents are - my client is obligated to pay for the construction of a sanitary sewer line to service the new High School site at a cost of approximately \$200,000. Then that funding would eventually be repaid out of the TIF proceeds. The second, and I think more important to the City is that there was about a \$105,000 to \$110,000 water line extension that needed to be provided to service the new High School site and that was split three ways. About a third of that was my client, a third by the Schools. This would require the City to take on that \$35,000 obligation which would then be reimbursed through the TIF. So each of the parties is going to help pay for this water line extension to the new High School site.

Mr. Stake: And what kind of TIF is this?

Mr. Dugger: It's a residential TIF. Prior to 2006, you could do Tax Increment Financing for both residential and commercial developments. They're essentially viewed the same way. In 2005 and then later into 2006, the state law was changed. The Sunset date on that was January 1, 2007 and what it did was, it imposed more restrictive provisions to residential TIF's because quite frankly, in other parts of the state they had been abused. As a consequence, what the City of Reynoldsburg did in 2006 was to approve the TIF under the old rules as opposed under the new rules. What that means is that there's about a - I think it's estimated about a 10% - 15% greater savings or more proceeds that flow back through the TIF for pre-2006 TIF's as opposed to post-2006 TIF's. Does that answer your question?

Mr. Stake: Yes, that was helpful.

Mr. Dugger: I try not to be confusing.

Mr. Stake: Are residential TIF's common?

Mr. Dugger: They're not as common as they used to be. This is a non-school TIF. What that means is that the TIF proceeds - I'm sorry that there are two components to Tax Increment Financing. One is the bulk of the tax funds go to benefit the City Schools. That's about two-thirds of a dollar in a real estate tax dollar. About one-third of that goes to pay for other agencies which are supported by real estate taxes. This TIF is only TIFing that portion that is the non-school piece. So the school would still receive all of the dollars that it's supposed to as a consequence of this test.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Before I open this up for other Finance Committee members and Council members, I would like to say that I have no intention of sending this forward this evening. I'm going to hold this for two weeks because there have been a whole lot of questions generated since

this has been placed on the agenda, but thank you Mr. Dugger. Are there any other questions for Mr. Dugger from members of the Finance Committee? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: We estimate the City's cost to be around \$35,000?

Mr. Dugger: I think the agreement was drafted so that the City's contribution to that water line was \$35,000. Yes, Sir.

Mr. Clemens: Because you know I wouldn't want to get into a situation where we're paying \$100,000 and I know how things can go.

Mr. Dugger: Right.

Mr. Clemens: Because really it's a benefit to the schools, not to the City, so I have no problem with the \$35,000 - it would be coming out of the Water Fund anyway and we're in good shape there, but we will be getting cost estimates as this goes along?

Mr. Dugger: Yes, Sir. It will go through the standard design process and the standard bid process.

Mr. Clemens: Will this be bid out by your company, or by the city?

Mr. Dugger: Yes, Sir, that's a good question, Mr. Clemens. I honestly don't know the answer. I think that's something...

Mr. Clemens: Whether it's a City project or a private...

Mr. Dugger: We do have to pay prevailing wage as part of the process, because it's part of a municipal infrastructure.

Mr. Clemens: Would we have to pay that...well it would end up as a private...

Mr. Dugger: It's eventually going to be dedicated to the City.

Mr. Clemens: Right.

Mr. Dugger: It's going to be a City line. For members of Council, we're in this spot I think as a policy decision that was made by prior Administration. I personally think it was a good one. The City Schools originally pursued...my client owned property on both the East and West sides of Summit Road. The schools initially thought that the appropriate place to locate that new High School was on the West Side of Summit Road. That would have backed up to 35 or 36 existing homes that currently have sort of beans growing in their back yard. That site was quite frankly too small and in discussions with the schools, it became clear both to the City, my client and the schools that the appropriate place to locate the new High School site was not on the West side of Summit Road, but on the East side of Summit Road. The challenge with locating it...relocating it from the West side to the East side was that the West side had immediately available sanitary sewer and water, but the property on the East Side did not. So this agreement was essentially

crafted to try and remedy the situation to move the High School to a much better preferred site with each of the various parties paying their fair share of the cost of relocating it from the originally anticipated West side of Summit Road to the East side of Summit Road.

Mr. Stake: Thank you Mr. Dugger. Councilperson Kelly.

Ms. Kelly: I just have a question. The newest sanitary sewer line that's going in by the High School - is there already houses and such around that area, or is that an area that could develop later on that could access this water line?

Mr. Dugger: There's approximately seventy acres on the East side of Summit Road which would be the new High School. There are currently no properties located North of that in the City of Reynoldsburg. There's any 80 acre tract South of that on the East side of Summit Road which is actually not tributary to that particular sewer. The study hasn't been done to determine whether the 50 acres on the West side of Summit Road could actually make use of this particular sewer. So to answer your question in a very lawyerly way - it kind of depends. The property on the East side - essentially no - we don't know what the study will tell us as to whether the residential property on West side would have access to this sewer extension.

Mr. Stake: President Hills, I believe you have a question.

Mr. Hills: Yes I did Mr. Dugger. I remember back in '95 when you were starting this stuff. There is some acreage there that you've been working on annexation for a number of years.

Mr. Dugger: Oh, we've been working on a lot of things Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Some successful - some not.

Mr. Dugger: Right, right.

Mr. Hills: But just to kind of clarify and put this in perspective, there was a deadline to get the TIF's in place prior to the end of 2006.

Mr. Dugger: Exactly.

Mr. Hills: And this was one of the geographic areas that a TIF was established for, but somehow it sticks in my mind that at that time, I'm not sure the school was really involved in it. It was my understanding that it was going to be commercial development of the TIF that was necessary for commercial development, residential development and I believe you and Mr. Gilbert years ago had talked about some public donation of land for a Fire and Police substation in that area. Are we talking about the same tract?

Mr. Dugger: Right, we are. That hasn't changed Mr. Hills. We haven't actually gone through the zoning of the property on the west side of Summit Road, south of Refugee. We've been working on obviously trying to get this part of the piece done. Quite frankly, there isn't quite the urgency that there was three or four years ago for additional, developable service property.

Mr. Hills: You're not building homes right now is what....

Mr. Dugger: Yes, right - exactly. There you go. With the real estate market the way it is, so that would come, that would follow as a part of the...we haven't walked away from the.....

Mr. Hills: There's a lot of people here that wouldn't remember that history.

Mr. Dugger: Right.

Mr. Hills: That's one thing I think we need to bring up. I appreciate the fact that there was some thought and dedication to try to do that. Because at the time we passed the TIF, part of that was with that consideration, and I don't believe that the school was a player at that time.

Mr. Dugger: No, they were not.

Mr. Hills: The School became a player after the land was annexed and then the school said we kind of like your land.

Mr. Dugger: That was exactly right. In fairness to Dr. Ross, they, the schools had been looking for another High School site for ages and every time, I probably think once a year, I'd get a call from Dr. Ross as to is there something out there that he wasn't aware of that would be a potential new High School site. You're absolutely right. When the annexation and the TIF enabling legislation for lack of a better term was approved in December of 2006, the schools were really not focused on this. They did however in the Spring of 2007, actually file the eminent domain action on the property on the west side. We had refused quite frankly to sell it to them on the basis that we believe that the property was too small and the wrong site. The schools eventually kind of came around to our way of thinking and moved it over to the east side. Dr. Ross takes credit for that now which I'm happy to give him.

Mr. Hills: And you built the Limited too, correct?

Mr. Dugger: Yes sir. The key focus, Mr. Hills, when we instituted the TIF legislation in the Fall of 2006, quite frankly was that currently Summit Road stops at Refugee. It moves 700 feet West and then it goes North again and so the idea behind the TIF quite frankly, was that would provide the funding to help straighten out, for lack of a better term - Summit Road. So that we would have Summit Road as you went North from Main Street, there would be a large "S" curve so that - currently you have fairly unsafe traffic situation due to the double 90 degree turns in Summit Road. So that was the primary purpose for establishing the TIF going back into the Fall of 2006.

Mr. Hills: Well, I'm glad to hear that there are still some discussions on something that would be beneficial to all the citizens of Reynoldsburg on the dedication of some property. But couldn't that have been 2005 rather than 2006?

Mr. Dugger: Could be.

Mr. Hills: Okay.

Mr. Dugger: I've been doing this longer than I thought Mr. Hills. You're right because it was January 1, 2006 when the new rules came into effect.

Mr. Stake: Are there any other questions. Thank you President Hills. Councilman Joseph.

Mr. Joseph: Thanks Chairman. Mr. Dugger, since you brought up the issue of the straightening of the road, of Summit Road, is that still something that's going to be done in conjunction with the development of the school on that site, or is that something that's off the pages at this point as far as straightening the road.

Mr. Dugger: What this agreement provides is, the first priority is the extension of sewer and water to the High School site. It leaves open for discussion and conclusion at a later date the use of TIF proceeds for the straightening of Summit Road. So this document neither requires it or eliminates it. It just puts off to another day the policy decision of whether that's a good use of those TIF proceeds. I would tell you that what it does do is put that improvement project third in line behind the extension of the sewer line to High School - the extension of the water line to the High School.

Mr. Stake: Councilman Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I don't think the extension of the road or anything like that would be done until there was something cemented or so forth as far as the problem on the west side.

Mr. Dugger: That's exactly right.

Mr. Clemens: You wouldn't know where it's zoned until it's developed and where it's going to go.

Mr. Dugger: That's exactly right - which we haven't done Mr. Clemens. We've prepared a good deal of that and I'd actually like to get that done this year, but we haven't actually nailed down the...the TIF issue is especially, with this type of development, it's a bit of a chicken and egg thing. We won't have dollars out of TIF until such time as that property develops so we still have plenty of time to make that decision.

Mr. Clemens: Could you tell me - and I haven't paid that much attention to the school property. Does it front on Summit Road too?

Mr. Dugger: Yes, Sir.

Mr. Clemens: Also, is it on the corner?

Mr. Dugger: It is not Mr. Clemens. It's the first one off the corner.

Mr. Clemens: First one off the corner.

Mr. Dugger: What was the name of the lady that you went out and talked to years and years ago. She chased us off the front porch, remember?

Mr. Clemens: That was a long time ago.

Mr. Dugger: Yes, that was a long time ago.

Mr. Clemens: She still has that does she - she still has that property?

Mr. Dugger: Yes, I believe she's still the owner, yes. So it would be the next one to the south of that Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I was hoping it was her property.

Mr. Dugger: No it's not.

Mr. Stake: Any other questions for...

Mr. Dugger: Oh, a Mrs. Schmidt.

Mr. Clemens: Yes, that's correct.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Dugger - let me just ask you one more question I guess, or maybe two more questions. The proceeds from the TIF will go back to pay for the infrastructure improvements, correct?

Mr. Dugger: It is reimbursing the three parties - the schools, the city and my client for the monies that they will have spent in the extension of first - the water line and then my client will have spent another two hundred and some odd thousand dollars, it will also go to that for the reimbursement of the cost that they expended to extend that, the money has to come from somewhere to extend those lines. What we're doing is - the city, the schools, my client are funding those pieces and they then get reimbursed out of the TIF.

Mr. Stake: Okay.

Mr. Dugger: By the way, for the most part, those dollars are not dollars that are coming from the city. I think it's important for everybody to understand those are real estate tax dollars that are paid as anybody would pay their real estate taxes and those dollars would end up being dispersed by the - in this case - the Licking County Auditor through the - primarily the Social Service Agencies in Newark that benefit from real taxes.

Mr. Stake: Okay, I did hear you say that there will be land dedicated for fire and police stations?

Mr. Dugger: Mr. Brandt had proposed that there be either commercial at the corner of the "S" curve for neighborhood service type commercial, or that as a part of that, we would also take a look at whether there was a necessity for a fire station in that area as well, at the time that property developed.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Councilman Clemens another question?

Mr. Clemens: At that time I know Eric Gilbert, myself and you and John - we had talked about a substation possibility for the Licking County Fire Department - if the Police Department was interested in having a small...

Mr. Dugger: The real issue I think Mel was whether the Fire Department wanted something there.

Mr. Clemens: That's correct, or whether the Police wanted it or not - that's what it was about.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any other questions or comments? President Hills.

Mr. Hills: I do appreciate you bringing it up tonight for discussion and leaving it for discussion purposes, because I think this has certainly pointed out there's a little more background and history to this that we all need to look at, because the only common denominator here with anybody's that playing in this deal is Mr. Dugger. Everybody else is...

Mr. Dugger: Well, that's not necessarily true Mr. Hills. You and I have both been around a long time, but I would tell you that I think that the original discussion on what we're all talking about tonight probably occurred between myself, Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Clemens...

Mr. Hills: I think you're right. I think Mr. Clemens pointed that out, but the only people who executed these documents...

Mr. Clemens: I don't know what you were pointing at, but don't mention it. (laughter)

Mr. Hills: We have an ex-Superintendent, an ex-Mayor, an ex-Development Director - it's nice for everybody to kind of just get up to speed before we...

Mr. Dugger: Absolutely, and I appreciate Mr. Stake for inviting me here tonight to provide whatever background, and I would offer to any Council members who have any questions or who feel the least bit confused by my somewhat circuitous explanation - I'd be more than happy to have them call me and I'll do the best that I can to hopefully make clear any questions that you might have.

Mr. Stake: Well Mr. Dugger, I know just by placing this on the agenda created a lot of questions so I would hope the folks that have those questions would get in touch with you, and the Administration would get familiar with what's going on here so that we can deal with this down the road. We do know there is going to be a High School there.

Mr. Dugger: Right and let's hope we can add some sewer and water to it, too.

Mr. Stake: Yes. Okay. Thank you very much. Any other questions or comments? I'll make a motion that we hold this item for two weeks. Do I have a second. Second by Councilman Newman. Is there any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries. Thank you.

Item#5. Discussion: Appointment of Authorized Agent to work with FEMA in

processing paperwork for reimbursement to the city for snow removal during March 7-9, 2008. And that's a late snow storm, 2008.

Mr. Harris: It certainly was.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Harris, you're the guy.

Mr. Harris: I'm the guy. Thank you Chairman Stake, members of Council. We were contacted about a month ago by the FEMA - and the OEMA about the possibility of being reimbursed for part of the cost of snow removal in that record snow storm that we had the 7th through the 9th. It was their preference that somebody from the Finance Department went and met with them so I guess that was me. We met with them twice. Mr. Ward and I went up and met with them at the Ohio office up at Strawberry Farms and the FEMA office up in Dublin. It looks like at this point - I got some documents today - we have turned in costs of around \$36,000 - \$37,000 for that snow storm and we will be reimbursed at 75% which will be about \$27,000. I do have to be appointed, however, as the person who is authorized to sign off on that - and that's the legislation that's in front of you and it looks like within the next weeks, if we get that passed, we can expect a check for around \$27,000 from the State of Ohio to be reimbursed to the State by the Federal Emergency Management Association. Questions, I'll be glad to answer.

Mr. Stake: I will say I wondered initially why the Auditor was doing this, but as I read into it, I found out that there's a lot of Auditor stuff involved.

Mr. Harris: It's mostly my stuff so I guess that's why they wanted me.

Mr. Stake: Also, if people don't recall, I think at the time, Mr. DeBolt was acting Safety/Service Director and he spent the weekend at the City Building kind of overseeing what went on there so congratulations to him and also the people who did the snow removal out there and all that stuff for keeping the City safe during that period.

Mr. Harris: I'm sure they appreciate that. Just a couple of words on what they will be reimbursing. They will reimburse on overtime paid. No regular hours paid will they reimburse on. But then there's also hourly rates on all the equipment that was used - there is projected amounts of salt that was used both on the sidewalks, on the parking lots, on the streets and the time it took - Administrative time to go to the meetings and to put all this information together for them. So, it's a pretty generous offer at 75% and it's better than nothing.

Mr. Stake: Absolutely. Are there any questions or comments for the Auditor from members of the Finance Committee, or members of Council? Hearing none, I'll make a motion, this only needs one reading, I'll make a motion that we send this forward, that we appoint the City Auditor, Dick Harris as the authorized agent to work with FEMA on the program for reimbursement of snow removal costs. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Joseph. Is there any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries. Thank you.

Item#6 - Discussion: Approval of Final Resolution for ODOT S.R. 256 resurfacing project and appropriation of city's share of funds. This comes from the Safety/Service Director, Ms. Boratyn.

Ms. Boratyn: Thank you Councilman Stake. As you know we were here a few weeks ago about redoing the curbs out on Rt. 256. Well, when we finish with those, ODOT's going to come through and similar paving and resurfacing across the same area and back in May of 2007, Council had agreed to participate in this resurfacing with ODOT of which we pay 20%. This is our final - this is our share of the cost of the resurfacing for Rt. 256 and it's \$72,912 and it would come from the unappropriated State Highway Fund and the account number is on there for you as well. This would be an emergency because the contract has to be to ODOT no later than July 11, 2008 so we'd like to send it on to Council - so we could vote on it and get all the paperwork to them because they will put the bid out July 23rd to have the room to get their bids out on who's going to do the work.

Mr. Stake: Okay. When is this expected to be completed?

Ms. Boratyn: This project? I think it's going to be completed by the end - the bids will go out - I think they plan to finish it by the end of this year - the resurfacing. We will be done with our curbs by the end of July.

Mr. Stake: Okay.

Ms. Boratyn: There's one point, 1.12 miles I think so it's not a long stretch from Main Street out to, it's 1.12 miles from Main St to the Fairfield County line.

Mr. Stake: Okay. And you would like an emergency on this because of time constraints.

Ms. Boratyn: Yes.

Mr. Stake: Are there any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee for the Safety/Service Director? Members of Council? Well, then hearing none, I will make a motion that we appropriate \$72,912 from the Unappropriated State Highway Fund 270 to Account # 270.117.5651 as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Clemens. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries. Thank you.

Item#7 - Discussion: 2009 Tax Budget. Just to refresh or enlighten a few people, I know we do have some new Council members here and maybe some people from the public, but there is a time line on this kind of stuff and we did start the process May 1st, June 2nd, and I know the Auditor traditionally does this, but really this is the Mayor's, I guess, presentation of Tax Budgets. It will also need a Public Hearing down the road on June 23rd, and then you are going to want emergency. We can have three readings and then if we would, just pass it as an emergency.

Mr. Harris: Thirty days afterward gets to be the problem.

Mr. Stake: Yes, we'll meet the statutory deadline so, anyway, if Council members recall, we received an initial Tax Budget from the Auditor and then we received a revised Tax Budget from the Auditor, and the Auditor's here to explain to us what he's given us.

Mr. Harris: Sure. Thank you Chairman Stake, members of Council. Just a little history for the new Council members on what the Tax Budget actually is. This is something that goes back to the 1920's when the State authorized the counties to have what is now known as inside millage on property tax. Inside millage was taken, the County Auditors then had everybody submit a Tax Budget to the County Auditor, the County Auditor divided up the ten mill inside levy and then sent it back to Council to pass a resolution to accept those rates. In the mid 30's sometime the County Auditors basically got tired of doing it and they made the 10 mills - they came up with a permanent solution rather than having one every year and it has stayed the same percentage however they still require this particular exercise and the passing of a resolution. Most of them, if you talk to them will tell you that it is a checkmark in a box and they do it because you're required to do it. The only thing that they do use here that we do use here is a Certificate of Available Resources. This is the total amount of money that is available to the city to be used for any financial situation that might arise. We initially did this budget as we had done before just basically taking a percentage up from what last year's was because they didn't have actual numbers. From working with Chairman Stake, President Hills, Mayor McCloud and Mr. Hood and I - we have come up with a set of what we feel are fairly accurate five year projections. On the second one I substituted the five year projection numbers into these budgets to make them more realistic rather than the fairy tale that we sometimes in the past have sent the County. I'll certainly be glad to answer any questions for it as Mr. Stake said, this has to be down to the County by July 18th. This will give you a chance to have three readings on this. A Public Hearing has to be set and certainly we'll be glad to answer any questions about it and any that may arise over the next few weeks.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any questions for Mr. Harris from the Finance Committee? Members of Council? I've got a couple of questions Dick. And this would be the last one that you submitted to us. The 2008 estimate that I'm seeing here on page three for the General Fund, it looks to be like almost \$800,000 in expenses over revenue. That was a 2008 estimate. We're looking at 2009 estimate. I know that's the amount you're filing, but how did you arrive at that figure for 2008? Are you using last year's estimate and you still have that on there or are you using up to date..

Mr. Harris: That was the estimate that Council passed last year.

Mr. Stake: It was?

Mr. Harris: Uh hum - generally what has been...

Mr. Stake: You changed from you first one you submitted. I mean it was \$810,901 and now it's \$797,758.

Mr. Harris: I'll have to go back and look at the other one. The only thing I changed was the '09 estimates to make them closer to what we had agreed upon as far as the five year projections.

Mr. Stake: I guess when we do, and I'm confused, when we do the Tax Budget here, we're just going from numbers from last year; we're not updating our 2008 when we're doing the tax budget for 2009.

Mr. Harris: No, we're not.

Mr. Stake: Okay, could you let me know how we got those two different numbers from those two different, I mean they're not off that much...

Mr. Harris: _____ I'll take a look and see. The only thing the County looks at at this point is '09, and '08 is what we initially..

Mr. Stake: I understand that, and I think I recall last year when had this same discussion, you mentioned that this is really, kind of gets you going for next year, planning for next year, and I would, I guess, maybe I'm a little naive, but I guess when I'm seeing numbers, I'm looking towards accurate numbers so we know what we're dealing with down the road. Council has to plan for next year's appropriation.

Mr. Harris: That's why I went through and changed the 2009 estimate to more closely match the figures that the five of us met on several times and worked on and kind of had an agreement upon so the original '09 estimate showed a large deficit as well and the reason they do this is because the estimated availability of resources. If you get too aggressive with these then you have to come back and readjust them so our certificate of availability remains accurate with the County.

Mr. Stake: Yes because your original estimate was \$834,000.

Mr. Harris: Basically all we did with that was take the same percentage as we always have in the past, but this time, because we did have the estimates, I went ahead and took the time and changed these to more closely match, and if you see on this one, revenues do not, revenues do exceed expenditures.

Mr. Stake: By a little bit. I guess what I'd like to do is to get with you here in the future to kind of get an idea of where we're at on expenditures this year, because I am a little concerned about that number; and if you can show that we're not there, I don't know why we would put that down if that's not what we're expecting in 2008.

Mr. Harris: On this, this is just what we've prepared for the County. This does not have anything to do with, there's no actual numbers ever go in this.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Well...

Mr. Harris: That's why it's a waste of time.

Mr. Stake: Well, we're going to discuss it three times up here so I mean, I guess I...

Mr. Harris: The County doesn't even require this any more. They don't even want it.

Mr. Stake: Franklin County's behind the times?

Mr. Harris: Some counties want both parts - some counties don't want any of it. Licking County doesn't want this, but they do want you to pass the resolution. Fairfield County wants this and

they don't want you to pass a resolution, so every County Auditor's at a place where they can do what they want to do with this, and frankly just because the Ohio Revised Code has it, is the only reason they continue to do it, because nothing changes. We're going to get the same percentages that we've gotten for the last 60 or 70 years.

Mr. Stake: I've got no issue with all that. I guess the numbers are what I'm a little concerned about.

Mr. Harris: If you want to meet and go over these, I'd be glad to.

Mr. Stake: I would like to.

Mr. Harris: Okay.

Mr. Stake: Any other questions or comments from members of Council? I'll make a motion that we send this forward for it's first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Joseph. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries. Thank you.

Mr. Harris: Thank you.

Item#9 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY GRASS AND WEED CUTTING COSTS FOR COLLECTION BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR- -first rdg 5-27-08. Are there any questions or comments in regards to this item from members of Finance Committee? Members of Council? I'll make a motion that we send this on for it's second reading. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Newman. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries. Thank you.

Item#10 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY GRASS AND WEED CUTTING COSTS FOR COLLECTION BY THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR- -first rdg 5-27-08. Are there any questions or comments in regards to this item from members of Finance Committee? Members of Council? I'll make a motion that we send this on for it's second reading. Do I have a second? Second by Councilman Clemens. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries. Thank you.

I'll adjourn the Finance Committee at 8:34 p.m.

Finance Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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