

MINUTES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 21, 2012

Members of Community Development Committee present: Leslie Kelly, Scott A. Barrett, Nathan Burd, Cornelius McGrady III.

Other members of Council present: Mel Clemens, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Council President Doug Joseph.

Mrs. Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The agenda was approved.

Mr. McGrady asked that, in the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held May 7, 2012, the number in his statement on page two (paragraph at top of page) read "...at least 4600 deaths..." as opposed to "...at least 46,000 deaths...". Mrs. Kelly moved to amend the minutes as requested; Mr. McGrady seconded; the amended minutes were approved with all voting "Aye".

Discussion: Future development direction for the city - *Chairwoman Kelly listed topic at request of Councilman McGrady* - -

Mr. McGrady: I'd like to initiate some dialogue for some future development here in the city as, you have a copy of my email here where I made reference to that...I had a meeting and after I left the meeting the question that came to me was 'how do I sell the city' to a prospective builder, or business. And then I asked Matt, I said, tell me about the incentives that you have here for the city, and he made reference to our schools, affordable housing, and 1-1/2% sales tax. And I said, 'that's it'? As a business owner, looking to come here - I said well, I think you need more cause I really don't see anything to come here as an incentive to move in here. And then I went on, and in my letter here, I make reference to the Olde Reynoldsburg section where its appearance it seems like they if it is the city's desire to maintain the Olde Reynoldsburg status why don't we look to Scottsdale where they incorporated the old Scottsdale, incorporated shops there, businesses, rerouted the main traffic from there, establish something here, establish something in this city where we can get more business, try to capitalize on the tourism that the City of Columbus is reaping right now.

And the other issue is, I've been here, and this...in Licking since '94, having grown up .. Boys Club, the YMCA, and with all the traveling I do with the military, from the east coast to the west, to include Italy and _____, they have a boys club there; so my question is, why can't...I understand the financial strife that the city is in, but we need to plan for the future; we need to establish some type of developmental plan for the future in the event a windfall comes in, we can put something these resources in place to nurture future development.

Getting back to the YMCA and the Boys Club, we need to, from my perspective, I'll say I, look to establish something for our youth here as opposed to bebop, rap, Colt 45s, and liquor hang-out. We need to establish some type of not hang-out, but culture for them to be mentored,

invest their time in. I see that the YMCA's been on the books since 2007, and again, I understand the financial strife that the city is in, but I still would like to develop some type of plan for the future, I'd like to see the committee establish some type of plan for the future of this city. And I'd like to open up some type of dialogue amongst the Mayor, the other officials here, Council...

Mrs. Kelly: Are there any other comments?

Mr. Barrett: I have a quick question, just, being new, who, I assume, Mayor, we have someone responsible for doing this type of planning right now, and my guess is you're it.

Mayor McCloud: We currently do now have a Development Director; we are currently outsourcing our planning and zoning function. To address some of those points, first of all, the municipalities in Ohio don't have the authority to impose a sales tax; that is purely at the county level and the state-wide level. There is an Olde Reynoldsburg Plan; it was unveiled, City Council approved this, I believe, last calendar year. A fair amount of work went into that, the stakeholders were local businesses, local residents, we had some experts who were willing to lend their expertise to it, so there is now a plan for Olde Reynoldsburg. Part of the challenge we had, and in addition to the numerous many, when we would get the occasional phone call about a potential development in Olde Reynoldsburg, the question inevitably would be asked, 'what does your plan call for?' And our inevitable answer was, well, we don't have one; we have now met that challenge. Obviously this boils down to money and the lack thereof. The YMCA Committee met for a period of years; a sight was located that was on city property, we thought it would be an easier sell, the committee did, to pitch this to the community if we already owned the dirt and didn't have to pay for the dirt. The proposal was the city would build the facility and the Y would run it, would operate it. It was tabled for a while, while the schools had their tax levy pending; it was revisited and then when the city experienced its need to seek additional funding, that was going to be one of things that would have allowed the Y to happen, and obviously that did not come to fruition. So the city doesn't have the bonding capacity to borrow more money and build it, and frankly, I would not suggest that even if we did, in these economic times. So I think there's a lot of good ideas there, certainly the devil's always in the details.

Mr. Barrett: Thank you very much.

Mr. McGrady: Mr. Mayor, one follow-up on that. The pursuit of a collaborative deal, to say with Wexner, the vacant lot up there, or say, Mt. Carmel, to say, look into a collaborative development, Boys Club, YMCA, Wexner Center of Reynoldsburg, Mt. Carmel Center of Reynoldsburg, that's something that - would that come from you as to the pursuit? Or would that be the Development Director, once brought on?

Mayor McCloud: Probably both. There was some discussion in the Y dialogue that was exploring the option of Mt. Carmel being involved maybe in a cardio-rehab portion of the Y; again, those were details that were just beginning to be sketched out, but that was part of the dialogue that once going on at that time.

Mr. McGrady: One final question - anything with the school, Mr. Mayor? Because they don't have a swimming pool.

Mayor McCloud: Oh, anything with the pool...

Mr. McGrady: Like I say, if we, if we...

Mrs. Kelly: You mean, with the school?

Mr. McGrady: Yes. Is there any dialogue with the Reynoldsburg School system, if we did come up with a YMCA, would the contract _____ out to them?

Mayor McCloud: Not that I'm aware of; I don't know that they, no, I haven't heard anything about that.

Mrs. Kelly: Anything else?

Mr. Joseph: Mayor, at one point, we created a R.E.D.I. organization and that the idea was to use that for economic development and then we just kind of really never pursued it - where are we at on doing anything with that?

Mayor McCloud: Yeah, if you recall, the part of the proposal in raising the bed tax income was to earmark a portion of that so that R.E.D.I. would have a funding mechanism. I think before the third reading there was some legal issues that arose, some stark economic realities came on the heels of that and it simply has not been revisited. If you'd like me to, I'd be happy to re-confer with the City Attorney and see if we can get that off dead center and moving forward.

Mr. Joseph: That'd be great, because if we are looking at economic development, that was the whole point to that and that'd be a good place to start, at least for the discussion point.

Mayor McCloud: I'll follow up with the City Attorney.

Mr. Barrett: Could we just clarify....what is that? The R.E.D.I. program?

Mayor McCloud: It is a community investment corporation, CIC, it is, the acronym is Reynoldsburg Economic Development Inc. A lot of municipalities used their CICs very aggressively, they purchase property, sell property, the money then goes back into the CIC; the, to be kind, the challenge with our CIC, it has no funding mechanism. There's just no money coming into it, so to offer a match of grant for renovation purposes or anything, we simply don't have a funding mechanism for it, so that's the short version of that....

Mr. Barrett: Thank you.

Mr. Cotner: Just real quick. R.E.D.I. does still meet; R.E.D.I. meets quarterly and Mary Hudson, who's here anyway tonight, is the President of R.E.D.I. so they are, they do meet regularly; they get updates from development, from the Mayor, so there are city officials that can sit in there and communicate with, you know, volunteers, and city representatives, so, like he said, the problem is there's no funding for it, so any plans are little more of talk than any action unfortunately.

Mr. Barrett: Probably keeps the meeting short.

Mr. Cotner: Believe it or not, the meetings last, they're pretty lengthy meetings actually. There's a lot of, again, a lot of talk, a lot of update, they're very good. The schools always come and give some information on their end too, so they're very useful, but, you know, again, unfortunately without any teeth to it, there's just no much happening with that.

Mr. Joseph: Are minutes maintained and distributed on that?

Mr. Cotner: Yes, they are.

Mr. Joseph: Okay, does anyone on Council get any of those?

Mr. Cotner: Nadine Morse, Development Assistant, handles that and keeps all the minutes and interestingly enough, I have them currently right on my phone, because I was reviewing them tonight just before this meeting. The last meeting was held January 26th and I was kind of looking back over some of the things and a couple of the pieces, for example, the C.V. Perry property that Cornelius McGrady mentioned, you know, there's some information and dialogue about that, so, again, there's some activity going on. The minutes are certainly kept and would be obviously available to all of Council pretty readily.

Mr. Joseph: It'd probably be a good idea for us to get them, like we get the other minutes from the various city boards and commissions.

Mr. Cotner: It would be. Yes, it certainly would be good, because like I said, they're good; they're very informative, so do show you that there are some things going on from businesses that are moving, a few new businesses coming in, the redevelopment. The last meeting shared kind of where we are on our vacant space, retail space, things like that, so there's definitely some useful information in there.

Mrs. Kelly: Okay, so who do we need to talk to, to make sure that we get the minutes?

Mayor McCloud: I'll make sure that happens.

Mrs. Kelly: Okay, great. Thank you. Any other comments from Council; I know I have two folks in the audience who would like to... Will you please come up to the podium and state your name and your address?

Bruce Sowell, a resident of the city, said the topic had been talked about for a long time, but nothing ever seemed to happen; that his suggestion would be, especially in his area of Ward IV, to partner with the schools and try to make sure that one or two of the gyms would be available for after school projects, such as midnight basketball, which would alleviate a lot of stuff that happens on the weekends.

Mr. Cotner asked Parks and Recreation Director Shamblin how much the schools partnered with the Parks Department and provided facilities, and asked what the hours were at the Field House. Mr. Shamblin said the department partnered with the schools to utilize their facilities to

run the parks programs; that the Field House was currently not open to the public - after their past levy, the schools did not open it back up to the public. Mr. Shamblin said he had met with the schools on multiple occasions, but on two separate grant opportunities, very specifically to look at after-school programming that the city and the parks department would play a role in, which was always an ongoing process. He said he looked at partnering with them for a 21st Century grant, specifically at Baldwin Road and Herbert Mills - they were going to apply for it and the city was going to be a partner; and he believed that the information did not get in, in time to apply for the grant.

Brian Frederick, 6563 Furth, suggested equestrian therapy could be something to be considered and perhaps properties that could be partnered with would be the Baer's property on Waggoner Road, or the vacant property west of Rosehill Road on Main Street that had a stables.

Mrs. Kelly thanked the gentleman, and said she thought he was trying to help Council think outside the box; that one of the organizations that did think outside the box was the Tomato Festival, which was the next item.

Discussion: Tomato Festival Beer Garden- -*had been sent to Council for first reading on May 14, 2012 but returned to committee at time of approval of agenda as proposed legislation still needed.*-

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Mayor McCloud: The Administration supports this proposal with a couple caveats and those have already, in my opinion, been addressed. This is not going to be an opportunity where someone can buy a beer and walk around the grounds; this is going to be cordoned off, it is going to be regulated, IDs will be checked, it will be done as it is done in the other festivals that do this in central Ohio. I first explored this with one of the directors of the Violet Festival in 2009 and I said, tell me, you've got to have had some problems. He said, Brad, in the eighteen-something years he's been doing it, he said we asked one person to leave; he said people don't come for that reason, if they do, we address it before it becomes a problem. There is a way to do this right and the tenor of the discussion I've heard so far is, I think this is being approached in the right direction; it can be regulated, and I just wanted to make sure that Council understood that the Administration is behind this proposal.

Mrs. Kelly asked if there were questions of Mary or Greta.

Mr. Long: The questions I had last week were number one, who was going to be providing the security; and who was going to be serving the alcohol.

Mary Hudson: To answer your first question, the security we'd talked about being the Reynoldsburg Police; I have spoken with Terry Myer, who owns Columbus Detective Agency, and they are the group that we employ now to work security, nighttime because obviously we need to protect what's there, but I spoke with him last week...and he assured me they have done this before and that they will work with us. We also took a couple of your questions and since then we have spoken with a gentleman that owns the Crown Sports Pub on Main Street; he also owns five other facilities; Mr. Cochran spoke with him and he was absolutely wonderful. He told us if we wanted somebody professional to pour, he told us what he paid his bartenders, what it would cost if we were going to actually use somebody professional; he shared with us that he would be more than happy to have people come in and learn how to do it at his facility. He offered as a

community service, he would help us as much as he could. We also discussed with him the fact, I know you were concerned in regards to the checking of the ID, and I think his comment, he spoke with Mr. Cochran, was basically if they're professional, there's nothing, it doesn't matter if we're professional, if it's a community group, it's hard to see and that most of the time, and it's something like this: like the Mayor was talking about - this is a festival, it's a daytime and evening event; most people that are professionals, trying to sneak in, are not going to come to an outdoor festival. Then we also visited and spoke with a general manager of BW3, because we were thinking, well, if we also want people that are savvy with checking I Ds, or pouring, if we want to partner with them, and we checked with possibly having, they would have the exclusive wing opportunity. Well, that's not going to work because they're fresh; everything is right there fresh, so they, corporate-wise, they're not allowed to do that. But they were more than helpful also in saying if you need people to come over, we could, probably one staff person; his thought was during any time frame, you would really only need one person if you were totally concerned about checking I Ds. And he also shared with us, he gave us the drivers license guide, which you just take it and study it, and I mean, obviously there's fifty plus all these other countries, but it shows you what to look for with I Ds, and basically he told us the same thing; all we teach our servers is, the date. The drop-dead date, as far as watching that, so other than that, we've talked to some local businesses, we feel like they're there to help us, depending on what your needs, you know, what you think we would need to do. And also the fact, like I said, we will have Columbus Detective Agency, they will be there.

Mr. Long: So they are going to run the security for the beer garden?

Ms. Hudson: Yes.

Mrs. Kelly: Mary, just to clarify - for the beer garden, you talked about the Columbus Detective Agency, will there be folks from that agency stationed for the entire time in the beer garden?

Ms. Hudson: Yes, when the beer garden is open, yes, our plans as of right now, it would be from six o'clock until ten o'clock on Friday evening; and from noon until ten on Saturday.

Mrs. Kelly: So the person or people from detective agency will be stationed there; it won't be something where they walk around and they stop by and check in.

Ms. Hudson: No, like a lot of the other festivals where they keep it in one position, if you go to the Violet Festival, there's officers, they're right there at the entrance, so that's the nice thing; there's only one way in and one way out, so they would be positioned; they would be the first ones that you would go past as far as I D.

Mrs. Kelly asked if there were any other questions.

Mr. Clemens: As I've said before, I think I discussed it with you, I'm not really sure and I'm not happy where the location is. I don't think just because it's a beer garden, they deserve to be in a location where they can see the stage and so forth. It seems to be that, that's a family gathering for the stage and it's always with chairs and all the family's there and so forth. I would feel much better if it wasn't even on the property, if it was on the street of Davidson Drive away from the park

itself where the people walk around and the kids play and all this. That's my only problem with it; I'm not sure of the location; I have no problem with it being there; don't get me wrong, if it's run correctly, but I don't - I'm not really crazy about the location you spoke of and I think it'd be better to...

Ms. Hudson: We originally chose that location because even though you can see the stage, it's really off, you know, it's kind of back by the path, so it's kind of off the beaten path, I mean, to me, you're going to have to look for the beer garden. It is nowhere, it's not an in-you-face, it is nowhere near any of the children's games; it's not even near the regular concessions, but certainly, I know there's Davidson Drive, and then the grove with trees - is that private property or is that owned by the city?

Mr. Clemens: The city; that's a park.

Ms. Hudson: We're here to work with you, you know, to do the best, and to find out what we can do, so I'm, you know, this certainly isn't etched in stone as we go forward.

Mr. Burd: The concern I had last week or two weeks ago, was really about how or why should we alter our ordinance to do this. And I like this resolution that we're looking at now, that would basically allow us to waive that portion of our code for two days. And I just want to clarify with City Attorney Hood that that's appropriate to do it that way?

City Attorney Hood: I certainly think so. And in speaking with the Council Clerk and, I apologize for being absent the last time this was discussed, my Assistant City Attorney was present and indicated to me that Council's overarching theme of the discussion was that Council was to be the final arbiter to decide whether or not a variance, for lack of a better term, is issued in this instance, as opposed to the Administration, the Mayor, or the Parks and Rec Director. This mechanism, by resolution of Council, achieves that end. The only thing that needs to be amended is something that Councilman Clemens just touched upon; we will have to add some type of map to identify exactly where the beer garden is to be placed. But what this does is, it does, it creates a waiver of our standing ordinance that says no alcohol is to be consumed or carried, possessed in our parkland, for two days, for this purpose, for this festival, and no others. It does not create a permitting system, so my hope is we will not have to worry about another organization petitioning City Council for a similar variance. Additionally, this will require Reynoldsburg Festivals Inc. or whomever is running the Tomato Festival, if this is a venture they want to continue in the future, to reappear before Council once again, next year, the year after next; however, if this is successful, they will have to reappear on an ongoing basis, every year they want to petition Council to allow for this variance.

Mr. Burd: I appreciate that and I prefer that; I mean, it's nice to know that on August 19th, it would go back into effect the way it is. And then it would give you folks and us the ability to sort of recap out when assuming this moves forward...I just think that's a much better way to handle it than making a permanent code change. I just wanted to make that comment.

Mr. Hood: Not to belabor the point, Councilman Burd, but this also is the reason the map is going to be attached is, it does not grant a variance to any other person to possess alcohol or walk through the Tomato Festival or any other of our parks. It grants it specific to that place on that date and

time for this organization only. So we limited it as much as I possibly could.

Mr. McGrady: If I understood you correctly, did I hear you say that this ordinance is for this organization for this event this date period. These two days.

Mr. Hood: Yes.

Mr. McGrady: Now you make reference to the fact that if another organization wanted to come here and do the same thing within the city, did you make reference to that?

Mr. Hood: I did.

Mr. McGrady: Okay. Explain that. So my question to you is, how will implementation, how will this be implemented, and you may have touched it, but I need you to clarify it, how will this be implemented if another entity comes before Council and asks, makes the same request?

Mr. Hood: It will not, unless, they initiate that conversation with Council members, and a majority of Council concurring in a resolution to grant another variance. But the short answer is, hopefully, it will not.

Mrs. Kelly: We would have to approve it.

Mr. Hood: Absolutely. Council would have to approve it and once again, that entity would have to initiate the conversation.

Mr. Clemens: There was discussion on what do we do for families and what do we do for kids and so forth. This is a big family ordeal for the city; it's a lot of children and a lot of families; I went to both days and that's what it was, and that's what we wanted to be done. This enable them to make money to have it the next year because it's not city financed; it's not public funds. They make the money to run it, and if they don't make the money, it's not going to be there next year. I think it's a good benefit for the city, if it's handled correctly, and it should raise the finances that we're able to carry on the following year. And I think the public would like that, and it's not being used by public funds, so I think that's a benefit to the city.

Mr. Cotner: Just a couple questions. And I'm glad you're still up there, Mr. Hood. Not criticizing what you've got here, but it's very vague. Can we, and/or should we even put some stricter restrictions on this? Now I trust Mary, and I trust the committee, but this is still _____ can we require that they provide the security, can we require a little more of that?

Mr. Hood: I'm glad you brought that up Councilman Cotner. I think something's been lost in the conversation, and like I said, I apologize for being absent last time. This is merely a piece of the puzzle; this enables, if you concur, this will enable Reynoldsburg Festivals Inc. to apply for a state permit, a festivals permit specifically, in which they will require those things be drawn up and measured out before the state will grant them their permit for their festival. So like I said, the catch 22 for the festival folks, is they can't apply for their permit until they have your blessing to do this. They have to be able to have a place to hold the festival before they can apply. That was

one of the catch 22s that we identified pretty early in our discussions some time ago. So there are additional hurdles that they will have to go; I'm not sure if you have a specific concern about the vagueness, I believe that I've curtailed that as much as I possibly could. It is missing the map though to identify the specific location, but that's the only thing as far as I know is missing right now.

Mr. Cotner: Okay. Well I apologize then that I'm not aware of what the state requirement is, but I know that several people have talked about it and what I would certainly like to, at a minimum, see is a requirement of security, whether it's police, private duty, whatever, but I think that requirement we should adamantly stay to and as well then, and I'm sure that's part of it too with the state is the insurance issue and the liability issues, so...

Mr. Hood: I appreciate your concerns; those are both things that we have discussed internally before the Mayor and I decided to support this venture. This is not something that popped up overnight; we've had those conversations; I fully believe that they're going to follow through, and like I said, the final decision will be whether or not the state grants the permit, so this is merely one piece of the puzzle.

Mr. Cotner: And I'm sure they would follow through as well, but I still think it should be, make sure we know that, that's a requirement in there, I think would be important.

Mrs. Kelly: Mr. Hood, so I just want to clarify, do you know, is requirement of insurance and it's part of the state..

Mr. Hood: We require insurance for the festival to begin with regardless of the activities that are occurring in the parks, so that is covered, has been since Reynoldsburg Festivals Inc. has been in existence, and sponsoring the Tomato Festival.

Mrs. Kelly: And do you know if the state requires any training of the people who are serving?

Mr. Hood: To be honest with you, I do not know that off the top of my head; I do know that there has been some discussion; Ms. Hudson and I have discussed that before, in fact, I believe that the Dublin Irish Festival folks had offered to train their folks because they have an annual training for the folks that do that at their Irish Festival, so I believe that that was something that has been discussed. Whether it's a state requirement, I do not know.

Mrs. Kelly: Is there a way that if we pass this like this that we can establish our requirements that we as a Council are saying that it is mandatory that they get trained?

Mr. Hood: You can put in whatever caveats you like. I guess I would caution City Council at this juncture until I can answer your question fully. It may very well be a state requirement that I'm just not aware of at this point; I didn't do that part of the research, I was primarily focused on this resolution.

Mr. Cotner: I've worked at a couple other non-profits, showed up the day I was supposed to be there, and said 'have at it', so there wasn't anything further than that.

Mrs. Kelly: So can we as Reynoldsburg, can we add that as a restriction, saying that for Reynoldsburg, in order for this to happen, that Council is saying that anybody who's serving there must go through a training program?

Mr. Hood: I don't even know if there is...like I say...I can't answer that question right now. The answer is, you can put on whatever restriction you want to. I don't know a) if it's required and b) if there is even such a training. All I know is the discussion we had with the Irish Festival folks had offered to do .. they were going to do their annual training for the Irish Festival folks and they had offered the Tomato Festival folks to be there, if they'd like.

Mrs. Kelly: Right. My understanding from our last conversation is that the Irish Festival folks had offered training and the thought at that time was that some of the folks from the Tomato Festival Committee were going to go and then get the training, then come back and share the training. And now you have people from the community who are saying that they'd be willing to come in and train or have some of your folks go to their folks and get trained. So with all the training out there, it sound to me like we would have the resources available to say that, yes, anybody who's going to be serving, must show that they have gone through a training program, whether it's established they go to an hour of training, or two hours whatever it is that is determined to be. Does that sound correct?

Ms. Hudson: Yes, Mrs. Kelly, and also, Mr. Hood, Greta was the one that did the research, and I believe that...

Greta Stake, off-mike: Inaudible.

Mrs. Kelly: So we can still require our people to go through that.

Ms. Hudson: Absolutely.

Mr. Barrett: We might be better off.....I've volunteered through sports stuff at Nationwide Arena and to serve alcohol there, you have to complete an eight-hour course at the arena. They get you good, you know, and what they stress on the people that serve is, the personal liability assumed when you serve alcohol, so my guess is, we probably ought to do something along that lines, at least, I guess, do our due diligence to request some type of training.

Mrs. Kelly: Okay.

Mr. McGrady: We touched on the liability and from my perspective, kind of glazed over that, so tell me how the liability is. Is the City of Reynoldsburg removed from any liability in this? Or how is that taking place?

Mr. Hood: We require them to carry a, what is that, a million? A million-dollar policy where we are named insured on their Reynoldsburg Festivals Inc.'s policy and of course, we would be governed by sovereign immunity in all of our ventures.

Ms. Hudson: We spend a lot of money every year on our insurance, Mr. McGrady.

Mr. McGrady: Thank you both.

Mr. Barrett: I heard we're going to do the map, so that's going to be added.

Ms. Hudson: I apologize, Mr. Hood, when we passed out the information last time, we did give them a map.

Mr. Hood: Oh, okay.

Ms. Hudson: It shows where it was going to be, but like I said, going on Mr. Clemens' recommendation, we could certainly, you know, look at that.

Mayor McCloud: Just to be clear, you were looking for an affirmation that appropriate training will be provided, and appropriate security measures will be in place at site specific.

Mrs. Kelly: Yes, and that may be a review of location to see if there is, by the groves is a possible location.

Mr. Hood: Mayor, if I may, the appropriate venue for that may be our facilities use agreement; the Parks and Rec Director mentioned that to me a moment ago off-mike, as opposed to the resolution in support, so I mean that's definitely something that, it's a contract with Reynoldsburg Festivals Inc. - you shall do all these things, if you want to use our park, so that may be the appropriate venue, or avenue, as opposed to amending the resolution before you today. We can absolutely put that in the facilities usage agreement and the board of directors will have to agree to it.

Mr. McGrady: So let me back up now. If you put that in the parks literature...

Mr. Hood: The contract...with them specifically.

Mr. McGrady: Alright. Got it. Thank you.

Mr. Long: I'm sorry, Jed; I'm going to ask for clarification. So theoretically, you're going to place it into the agreement, which removes Councilmatic action and no need for the resolution?

Mr. Hood: No. I'm sorry. Only the two clarification points that the Mayor had just addressed with the training and security.

Mr. Long: Okay.

Mr. Hood: That way we would not have to amend the resolution before you, if that's agreeable to Council.

Mr. Clemens: I think it's good because I think the simplest way to do it, is the easiest way. I don't think that Council gets in, and you get too many ding-dangs in there that can be handled by the Administration; that's what the Administration's here for.

Bruce Sowell: As a citizen I was concerned since that Council would be approving this thing that whether the city was going to be on the hook in case something happened. That was my concern that if somebody got over-served, and went out and had an accident, something like that, as a taxpayer, I wouldn't want to be on the hook for that.

Mrs. Kelly: But we have that insurance. I would like to move this forward for its first reading, knowing, and as I'm adding this, move this forward as its first reading, knowing that we will look at the Parks and Rec Facility Contract to set out our stipulations. Do I have a second? Second from Mr. Burd. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye", except Mr. McGrady who voted "Nay") Motion carries. And I will close Community Development Committee, well should I say, I think we have three 'yeses' and one 'no', and with that I will close Community Development at 8:18.

Community Development Committee
- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
May 21, 2012

MINUTES SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 21, 2012

Members of Safety Committee present: Mel Clemens, Cornelius McGrady III, Nathan Burd, Scott A. Barrett.

Other members of Council present: Leslie Kelly, Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Council President Doug Joseph.

Mr. Clemens called the meeting to order at 8:19 p.m.

Mr. Clemens moved to amend the agenda by adding Item 5, Remove two vehicles from fixed

assets as an emergency; and Item 6, Purchase one motorcycle as an emergency. Mr. McGrady seconded the motion. The amended agenda was approved with all voting "Aye".

Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting held on April 16, 2012 were approved without objection.

Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting held on May 7, 2012 were approved without objection.

Discussion: Liquor Permit Request - New - I K Gujrat Inc, dba Shell, 7820 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068- -on 4-23-2012 Motion passed requesting thirty-day extension. *Extension granted until May 31, 2012.*- -Acting Chief O'Neill said that after Officer Bock had completed his investigation, he recommended that a hearing be requested on two different fronts: Section 4303292 subsection a1c, stating that the applicant has misrepresented a material fact in applying to the department for the permit; and Section 4303292 subsection a1b, stating that the business owner has operated this liquor permit business in a manner which demonstrates disregard for the laws, regulations or local ordinances of this state or any other state. Acting Chief O'Neill further explained with various details. Mr. McGrady asked if the business could be closed. City Attorney Hood said the concern in front of Council was a request from Reynoldsburg Police Department to object to the issuance of the transfer, in which case he would prepare a case in the city's behalf, and go to the Liquor Control Commission. As far as shutting the business down, right now the Criminal Justice System was working its way through the system; there had not been any convictions of any wrong-doing as of yet. The city had seized all the illegal property and merchandise and was going to attempt to have that forfeited so it's not returned to the owner. Mr. Clemens moved to send a Motion to Council requesting a hearing on the matter. Mr. Barrett seconded. All voted "Aye".

Remove two vehicles from fixed assets as an emergency - -Acting Chief O'Neill explained the request to remove the old Chief's car, which was the black Mercury, and the DARE car, which was no longer in a state of operation, from the fixed asset list; and the cars would be sent to auction. Mr. Clemens moved to send legislation to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Mr. Barrett seconded. All voted "Aye".

Purchase one motorcycle as an emergency- -Acting Chief O'Neill explained the request to purchase a motorcycle off the State bid, and said funds were available in the Federal Forfeiture Funds. Mr. Clemens moved to send legislation to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Mr. Burd seconded. All voted "Aye". Item also will be considered by Finance Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Safety Committee

- -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

May 21, 2012

MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 21, 2012

Members of Finance Committee present: Chris Long, Nathan Burd, Barth R. Cotner, Mel Clemens, Leslie Kelly.

Other members of Council present: Scott A. Barrett, Cornelius McGrady III, Council President Doug Joseph.

Mr. Long called the meeting to order at 8:31 p.m.

Mr. Long moved to amend the agenda by holding Item 9 concerning the Income Tax Credit for two weeks; and by adding Item 13, referral from Safety Committee for the purchase of the Harley Davidson. Mr. Clemens seconded. The amended agenda was approved with all voting "Aye".

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held May 7, 2012 were approved without objection.

Discussion: Mowing assessments - Franklin County- - -Safety/Service Director Smith explained the request saying it was routine and a yearly function. Mr. Long asked if the city had ever gotten any money back. Mayor McCloud said he would get information for Mr. Long. Mr. Long moved to send legislation to Council for the first reading; Mr. Clemens seconded. All voted "Aye".

Discussion: Mowing assessments - Licking County- - -Mr. Smith said the request mirrored the previous topic. Mr. Long moved to send legislation to Council for the first reading. Mr. Burd seconded; all voted "Aye".

Discussion: Supplemental appropriation for Civil Service Commission for expenses related to search for a Chief of Police, promotion for a Lieutenant, Police Officer positions, Police Clerk position.- - -Civil Service Commission Secretary Billie Reidel said, "We always keep our budget as slim as we can, for obvious reasons, and this is rather unusual event to have every level of staffing needed to be replaced, so... Looking back to 1994, when we went outside and hired Chief Miller, we've got a pretty good idea of the cost, which of course will be somewhat more expensive at this time. Just the assessment itself that, that all of the, that the planning and the steps to be taken is around \$9,000. So if that gives you any indication of the, there's advertisement, and quite a few other things that come along that you need to pay for. The Police Clerk is a lot smaller amount; just for a written examination, it needs to be ____ from a testing company. We completed the Sergeant and the Police Officer exam and that's been paid for previously, but the additional expenses would include the psychological exams for the Chief, once the conditional offer is given; the Police Officer positions - there's two of those - everything's quite costly, \$8,000 each for those; the medical exams that have to be given throughout the conditional offer process as well, before they can actually be hired. So it all adds up to quite a figure and we are here to ask for that additional funding."

Mr. Long asked if there were questions, and noted that an emergency was being requested. Ms. Reidel said the emergency was being requested so they could get into contract for the assessments and begin advertising in early June. Mr. Long moved to send legislation to Council as an emergency measure.

Mr. Clemens: I was looking at the legislation that follows; if we're only going to have one Lieutenant, why would we test for another one?

Ms. Reidel: Well, when I sent this down, I was not aware of that. So, you could, that would be something that would need to be just simply not spent, or leave it in for a buffer, or deduct it, if that's what you choose to do, but at the time of working on this Legislative Request, we were not aware of that.

Mrs. Kelly: Correct me if I'm wrong, but the next legislation is not coming through as an emergency,

so we'd have to approve this one and then adjust it...

Mr. Clemens: Why would you approve and adjust it - adjust it now and not approve it. I don't know...and I'll ask the Mayor this...are we going to have a Chief; I mean, I don't understand the legislation.

Mayor McCloud: Yeah, my goal Mr. Clemens, is to have a Chief, a Lieutenant, a Safety Director. Not two Lieutenants.

Mr. Clemens: Okay.

Mrs. Kelly seconded the motion; all voted "Aye".

Discussion: Splitting Safety/Service Department into two departments; amending Section 160.02 to include Director of Public Safety in Police Department- -Mayor McCloud said, "As my memo I think I sent to you alluded, the Charter called for originally a Service Director, a Safety Director, two separate departments. In 1988 City Council elected to merge those two departments; the legislative request you have before you would split those apart again. As I just mentioned to Mr. Clemens, my goal is to have in the Police Department, one Chief, one Lieutenant, one Safety Director. I think I've been here long enough to see that I think this would benefit all of us. The proposal you have before you will be budget-favorable and ultimately this will cost us less than our current arrangement."

Mr. Long: And you feel that the workload can be handled in that type of a setup?

Mayor McCloud: Yes, I do.

Mrs. Kelly: So would the Safety Director position be somebody from the Police Department?

Mayor McCloud: No.

Mrs. Kelly: So we would be reducing the Police Department by a Police Officer.

Mayor McCloud: Yes.

Mrs. Kelly: Cause we wouldn't be hiring a Lieutenant. They currently have two Lieutenants?

Mayor McCloud: That is correct.

Mrs. Kelly: So we wouldn't be filling that position.

Mayor McCloud: The person that I'm proposing to fill this position is a Peace Officer already; he

currently works for the city; he is a part time law enforcement officer, certified in the State of Ohio.

Mrs. Kelly: Does he currently work for our Reynoldsburg Police Department?

Mayor McCloud: No, he does not.

Mrs. Kelly: So we wouldn't be filling (inaudible)...

Mayor McCloud: Yeah.

Mr. Clemens: I think that this is an important position; and I think it's the correct way to go. It gives the somebody between the Mayor and the Police Department that can handle the problems without putting the Mayor in a spot of having to make the decisions and it puts the responsibility on the Safety Director, that's what it was in there for. We've never really had one that had the experience that's been needed and that's why it's been kind of a floaty job, really, because it didn't have any requirements. I think this is the proper way to handle it.

Mr. Joseph: Mayor, in looking at this document here that we have that shows how you're going to make the changes, dividing the Safety/Service Director, adding the Safety Director - there's no change made to the Lieutenant line here; it still shows two Lieutenants; is that going to be changed to one?

Mayor McCloud: It will be. Yes, there will be subsequent legislation to reduce that to one. Currently, Lt. McKinley has been activated; he's on military duty; he's coming back to us for one day in the Spring; it's a quirk of the retirement system. He has to come back, work one day, so between that day next Spring and now, there will be companion legislation to address this authorized strength of two Lieutenants, yes.

Mr. Joseph: Okay.

Mrs. Kelly: When we're looking at reducing a Police Officer, how do you see this Safety Director possibly taking on some of those responsibilities of the Police Officer? One of the things that concerns me about this is that we've talked about needing more Police Officers; that we don't have enough Police Officers. And we're looking at reducing a Police Officer; that concerns me.

Mayor McCloud: Good question. The Lieutenants could patrol; I don't know that, that happens with any frequency at all because their day-to-day is administration, budget, discipline, operations of the department. They are management. They wear a badge, they carry a gun.

Mrs. Kelly: But if there's two Lieutenants doing that job right now, what's going to happen to the workload of those two Lieutenants - is another person going to have to come off the street, or somebody have to be able...maybe that's something Chief, for you to answer, and what that's going to

look like. That's my concern, if we're taking a position away, and there's two people doing that position right now, how do we get that police work done in the meantime?

Mayor McCloud: The new Safety Director will assume some of those responsibilities. The two Lieutenants' responsibilities, one is over the operations, one is over the administration, and if you're looking at, Chief, did you want to....

Acting Chief O'Neill: Currently, well, under ideal circumstances we would have one of our Lieutenants that oversees, basically, everybody in uniform - the patrol force, the dispatchers, the S.W.A.T. team, that sort of thing; the other Lieutenant handles the Detective Bureau, what we call Support Services, which would be our DARE, Crime Prevention effort, that sort of thing, and our clerical staff, and normally the training. So those are kind of the internal workings. They also have a significant amount of input into, as the Mayor alluded to, the disciplinary process, as it works its way through the department, budgeting, purchasing, that sort of thing. I'm assuming and I'm not exactly on the inside of this, but there are areas of concern right now that are being handled within the Police Department, that the Safety Director would handle, as more of a hands-on effort than they do now, which would alleviate some of the extra-curriculars and you could probably combine the two Lieutenants jobs into one, if it came down to that. We're currently operating right now with an Acting Chief and an Acting Lieutenant and no second Lieutenant, so it can be done. You know, I would hate to tread water like this for the next five years, but I'm sure if you threw a full time Chief and a Safety Director into the mix, you could spread out the workload.

Mrs. Kelly: So do you think that, that would be a feasible thing. I don't like the idea of the treading water, because unfortunately I think in the very near future if something doesn't change, we're going to be really treading water. Do you think, with a new Safety Director taking on some of probably the more administrative-type things, which is what I'm assuming that you're talking about, by having a full time Chief and a first Lieutenant, that it would not adversely impact the Police Department?

Acting Chief O'Neill: You want me to say that we would prefer less people than more people, I don't think I could go down that road, but at the same time, I think, you know, it would probably force the Lieutenant and the Chief to maybe push some of the border-lined administrative stuff down to the eight Sergeants that we have. But I don't think it would have a tremendous impact on the day-to-day operations; I think you can do it. Lt. McKinley, from time to time, has been activated for up to eight or nine months on a stretch; we haven't replaced him with an Acting Lieutenant, so I know we've handled things over there with one Chief and one Lieutenant before, as long as we didn't keep going down that road, I think we would be fine.

Mr. Joseph: Mayor, currently what is the breakout for the current Safety/Service Director? How much of his time is Safety-related vs Service-related?

Mayor McCloud: I'll be flip and say, not enough is devoted to Safety. To try to quantify your

answer, President Joseph, it ebbs and it flows; we currently have a number of discipline issues pending, so right now Mr. Smith is spending a fair amount of his time on those issues. I don't know exactly how to quantify that specifically, but it's not insignificant; obviously, this is the biggest department of the city; it is quasi-military, I mean, if people are a couple minutes late, there's a disciplinary action that ensues. It can be, and frankly should be pretty busy.

Mr. Joseph: And again, looking at, you know, basically you're still talking about the same number of people; you're just kind of re-designating what they do. Do you think it will be pretty much a situation where the Safety Director's going to be picking up pretty much all the administrative, and then the Lieutenant can focus more on the non-administrative things that he does now?

Mayor McCloud: That's my contemplation.

Mr. Clemens: The Charter says the Safety Director makes all rules and regulations for the Police Department; he's the top man, he runs it, so that's the way it is, if you go by the Charter. And it's been difficult before, because nobody's been in there knew what to do, because you know, they didn't have any police experience or anything like that, so having somebody in there that has the experience, that's what the Charter says, so that's how it should be run.

Mrs. Kelly: If the Charter says the Safety person is the top dog in the Police Department, is that in place of the Chief, or _____, it's not taking the place of the Chief?

Mr. Clemens: That makes the Chief mad. The Charter says the Safety Director makes all rules and regulations for the Police Department. Now, you ask any Chief and they're not going to like it, you ask Chief Miller how her and I got along? She didn't want to do anything I said, and when I said I am the Safety Director, I make all the rules and regulations, then she would smile at me. She'd do whatever she wanted after that. But, I mean, that's what the Charter says and we've got a Charter - that's what the Safety Director does. So...am I right or wrong, Mayor?

Mayor McCloud: No, you're absolutely right, Mr. Clemens.

Mrs. Kelly: Could you put together, just like a written job description of what this person would do

Mayor McCloud: Absolutely. I will have that in your packet.

Mr. Joseph: One more question. Currently the Safety/Service Director is the one position where the Mayor can basically hire and fire at will without Council having any input. How do you see this division with the new Safety Director, do you, are you asking for that same kind of authority? Or is it going to be something more where Council has...

Mayor McCloud: I don't have the Charter in front of me and I assume that is addressed in the Charter.

Clerk Frazier said the Safety Director and the Service Director paragraphs read the same in the Charter.

Mr. Joseph: So it would be two positions where Council would be not involved in that position.

Mayor McCloud: Yes.

Mr. Long: I'll move that we send this on to Council for its first reading. Can I get a second? Second by Councilman Burd. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") All opposed. (No response) Motion passes. Mr. Long also moved to include in the legislation, the proposed change in 160.02; Mrs. Kelly seconded; all voted "Aye".

Discussion: Ad Hoc Committee Report (2011); addressing structural imbalance; possible adjustments. (Chairman Long had item listed, as suggested by Mr. Barrett during special Finance Committee meeting 3-26-2012)- - *item discussed during committee 5-7-2012.*

Mr. Barrett said, "I kind of reviewed the Ad Hoc report in a little brief detail last time and I came out with three suggestions of what we might talk about, or what we might do in the future. And I wanted to just kind of correct one of them; I said it would be an idea to ask the Administration to bring forth some solutions and as I understand it now, that is in fact what happened with the creation of the Ad Hoc Committee, am I correct, Mr. Mayor?"

Mayor McCloud: Yes.

Mr. Barrett: And thus the results of that group were, in fact, the Administration's recommendations, so I didn't have that clarity; I want to make sure that adjustment was in place, which I think makes a lot of sense. So that leaves just two other ideas that I have brought forward; you know, one would be, getting the public more involved in this process and I think, Chris, you suggested, you know, these special meeting times and having...

Mr. Long: Yes, they will start June 1st.

Mr. Barrett: Excellent. And then, really, the only other thing would be we focus on those five areas, and again, this is just me as really for the whole group, but there's a number of suggestions in this Ad Hoc report that really come back to Council, and really how we shoulder the burden, a lot of it seems to come around the budgeting process, and how we move forward in that, so I'm not sure there's a lot of actions we can take away from that unless anyone else has any suggestions or comments.

Mr. Long: I'm sure that a lot of the interaction on the collaborative end of it is going to definitely begin to start after June 1st, once we have an opportunity to sit down and take a look at the tax budget and things of that sort and then I'll actually begin the budget process for 2013. Anybody

else have any comments or suggestions? Hearing none, we'll go ahead and leave this item on the agenda, and continue discussions and so forth.

Discussion: Agreement to use economic growth incentives for new jobs and investment- - *item discussed during committee 5-7-2012.*

Mr. Long said the item was an original discussion item from two weeks ago, and moved to permanently table the item. Mrs. Kelly seconded; all voted "Aye".

Discussion: Appointments to **Ward Boundary Commission**- - *item held 5-7-2012.*

Mr. Long said Council was in receipt of some resumes; that if anyone was interested, resumes could be submitted. Mr. Joseph said each ward had to be represented. Mr. Long also noted there could be no more than two members serving on the commission from the same political party.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: SECTION 160.09 "Group Insurance" Subsection (b)(1) OF CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION- -Mr. Long moved to send ordinance to Council for the third reading with a recommendation for adoption; Mr. Clemens seconded. All voted "Aye".

Referral from Safety Committee purchase of motorcycle - - - Mr. Long moved to include the funding in the legislation being sent to Council from the Safety Committee with recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Mr. Clemens seconded. All voted "Aye".

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Finance Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

May 21, 2012