COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2004

Members of Community Development Committee present: Lane J. Beougher, Eric Gilbert, Mel Clemens, Ron Stake, Preston Stearns, Brett Baxter, Antoinette Newman.
President of Council William L. Hills was present as Acting Mayor.

Mr. Beougher: I'll call the Community Development meeting to order at 7:33. First thing on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of March 1. Are there any changes to the minutes? (No response). Seeing none, they will stand as written. Approval of the agenda is the next item. Are there any additions or deletions to the agenda tonight? (No response). Hearing and seeing none, they will stand as submitted. It will stand as submitted. Item 4 is Discussion of the Authorization of an agreement with MORPC, update Reynoldsburg Planning Guide and waive competitive bidding. And I would like to recognize Mr. Brandt who has an update to the update.

Mr. Brandt: Thank you, Mr. Beougher. Or President Beougher. Excuse me. The update of the update was passed out this afternoon. We received it from MORPC late today. And I'm sure after the committee reviews it, they may have some thoughts or suggestions and feedback for us that we could convey back to MORPC. In light of the fact that we wanted to down scale it if you will, to coincide with what is proposed or thought to perhaps be a large annexation, this would seem to be what, at least the information I was given and requested from MORPC to comply with that request. However, if there are any thoughts, ideas, suggestions, we can certainly go back and further discuss it with them.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you. Are there any questions from the members of the committee? Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Gilbert: I would urge the members to give this immediate consideration in light of recent actions by entities that are to our east in Licking County. To me, I realize that the members had some initial concerns due to the cost. There was some initial discussion as far as scaling down the scope of this particular study. I don't think there was ever a question as to the intent or the meaningful information that we could derive from this type of a planning guide. And I would also point out that this is, and thank Mr. Brandt and the Development Department for bringing this forward. This is a third party that will be participating with us in assessing the planned, or the planning and development of this particular area, which if you look at our map seems to be our only reasonable, geographically our only reasonable area for growth. And to me it's an ongoing effort of this city over the past three years to pursue responsible development with the tax payers in mind in terms of providing safe infrastructure for them to travel on, finding ways to expand our tax base. And I think it goes to contradict those claims that have been made against this community by those in Licking County and Etna Township. And would urge the members again, to give this immediate consideration and move it forward if you're comfortable with the financial obligation that has been presented this evening. And I'll leave it at that, Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Gilbert. Any other questions or comments from members of the committee? Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Beougher. Mr. Brandt, refresh my memory. How are we funding this? Is this in our budget?

Mr. Brandt: No sir, it is not in our budget. This was to be re-appropriated, or appropriated out of the General Fund from earlier conversation.

Mr. Stake: Okay. As you know, I've been supportive of updating the planning guide. I think last time I stated that I'd like to narrow the scope. I think this narrows the scope where I'd like to see it. And in light of what our neighbors are saying, I think this shows them that we're being pro-active here and trying to plan ahead. Thank you.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Stake. Mr. Brandt, I have a question. Schedule wise, what are we looking at? If we say go, how long is it going to take MORPC to react and begin the process and start working with us to develop the guide?

Mr. Brandt: Obviously, I can't commit for Mr. Habig and MORPC, but the indication is when I met with them last week down there, their ramp up time might be a couple of three weeks, then they'd begin the process. But I'd be happy to contact them tomorrow and get a more definitive date and give you or any of the members of the committee a call and let you know what they have to say.

Mr. Beougher: And if we let it go for three readings, we wouldn't pull the trigger until the end of April and then it would take a month to be effective. So I'd like to see us accelerate this. We've been discussing it for three months, and it's time to go. Time to fish or cut bait as they say. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I agree. Because I think it's a safety issue, and I think we've talked about this before. I think we have to make a move to the east. I think we have to do something to Taylor Road. I think it's a safety issue and it's a safety issue concern for Etna Township, Reynoldsburg, Licking County. Probably 80% of the people that drive on Taylor Road are Licking County. And we get nothing out there. We get a lot of mouth, but we don't get any money to do anything. And I think it's getting to the situation where it's got to come to a head. If it can't be done through cooperation, then I think it's, either they have to take care of improving this road to make it safe for everybody concerned, or Reynoldsburg has to start action to take some kind of move where we have to do it. I don't think we can just continue this discussion year after year and get no cooperation. And I think it's time to make, I think it's time to stand up for what we owe our citizens, and also owe the people in Licking County. We owe them safety on that highway. So I think it's time to make a move. And I support this here to start.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. Anyone else? Mr. Baxter.
Mr. Baxter: Mr. Beougher, thank you. I as well have supported this from the start as you know. And I am happy to see that we have focused on a particular area where we think we need to spend our money the wisest. So I would also urge Council to consider this tonight. Thank you.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Baxter. Anyone else? (No response). Alright. Hearing no more comments or questions, I would like to make a motion to send this forward to Council as an emergency with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency and refer it to the Planning Commission for an appropriation. Is there a second?

Mrs. Frazier: You said Planning Commission.

Mr. Beougher: I'm sorry. I meant Finance Committee.

Mr. Hills: We could try Planning and see if they could pay for it.

Mr. Beougher: Well, I'm not sure they'd know what to do with it and I don't know that they have any money so we better send it to Finance instead. Mr. Baxter with the second. All in favor of sending forward as an emergency and referring it to Finance, signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Any opposed? (No response). Motion carries.

And with no further business to come before the committee, we stand adjourned at 7:41.

Community Development Committee
- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
(Transcribed - Susie Smith)
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SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2004

Members of Safety Committee present: Mel Clemens, Ron Stake, Preston Stearns, Brett Baxter, Eric Gilbert, Lane J. Beougher, Antoinette Newman.
President of Council William L. Hills was present as Acting Mayor.

Mr. Clemens: I'd like to call to order the Safety Committee meeting at 7:42. The first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of March 1, 2004 Safety Committee meeting. Do I have any additions or deletions? (No response). If not, they'll stand approved. Next item is approval of the agenda. Are there any additions or deletions to the agenda. (No response). If not, they'll stand approved.

Next item is Discussion, Authorization of contract for construction of sidewalks Phase 4 and Phase 5, and appropriation of funds. This has been bid out and they came to us with legislation to move this forward as an emergency. The way I understand, the legislative request, McDonald's Construction Corporation Inc. was the low bidder at $747,897.60. Contingency cost was $74,102.40. And the total project is $822,000. Is that correct, Dave?

Mr. Parkinson: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: I think this is something that they'd like to move forward and get started as soon as possible. I think it would be said that this was high this year for some reason, which I don't think any of us know. As you'll notice, we only had two that run the 10% above the estimate, and I think it's about $67,000 over the estimate. I don't know if there's any reason why or not. Do you, Dave? It just happened to be that this is one of those things.

Mr. Parkinson: Yeah. I did not call around or try to understand why.

Mr. Clemens: But it is a project that, it does come out of the sidewalk fund. Then it will be all worked over and so forth, then part of it's paid for by the city and part of it's the assessment program which will come back to us later. Are there any questions for Mr. Parkinson? (No response). If not, I'd like to make a motion to move this on as an emergency for the first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stake. Nancy, does this have to go to Finance Committee?

Mrs. Frazier: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: And also recommend to send it to Finance Committee. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you, Dave.

The next item, Discussion, Authorization for contract for construction of foundation for salt storage building, asphalt pavement and earthwork, and appropriating funds and authorization of purchase of salt storage building and appropriation of funds. Larry and I have talked about this. It's been an ongoing process for a couple of years and we felt now is the time. It's going to snow tomorrow. We have been putting this off and I think a couple of years ago we bid it out and so forth, part of it. And the other part is the foundation work and so forth. I spoke with the City Auditor and he said there's no problem as far as the funds are concerned. Because we were concerned about this. Out of the Capital Improvement Fund. Larry, would you go ahead and explain it because I know there's, and make sure that what we got it in front of us and how we pass it the way that you want it?

Mr. Ward: Yes. Back in 2000, we bid out the foundation work. The type of building that we wanted, the structure is a unique structure. There's only one company that provides it. So we had to exempt competitive bidding to purchase this structure. Then to coincide with that is the foundation work, which it must match or be built so that the structure will sit on top of it. We bid it out back in 2000. Things got drug on until right up until the end of the year, and then Council decided to ask us to wait until after the first of the year to re-bid it. And for one reason or another, it's taken us until this year to get this accomplished. What we're asking for, we did bid it out last month and as with the sidewalk program, we only had one bid that was within 10% of the engineers estimates. It was The Nadalin Company. Which is 66,000 and then the alternate is for the silica flume which will help the concrete resist deterioration from salt. Then the second ordinance that's with that is to amend the ordinance that was passed in 2000 that waived competitive bidding and to update the cost on the structure which is only, it's only increased like $600 in the last four years for the structure. But the foundation work has increased quite a bit.

Mr. Clemens: Is the Keystone structures now, we have to appropriate $40,638. Is that the price?

Mr. Ward: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: I mean, that's with the additional? I mean, set one up a little bit so it's...

Mr. Ward: That's the total. Yes. The original was $39,785.

Mr. Clemens: So what we have to do on that, Nancy will this be two ordinances?

Mrs. Frazier: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. So we'll deal with the first one first. The first one is to award the contract to, who was it?

Mr. Ward: The Nadalin Company.

Mr. Clemens: The Nadalin Company for...

Mr. Ward: $79,63

Mr. Clemens: That's counting the contingency. Isn't it? The 79,000?

Mr. Ward: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: I mean the contract is...

Mr. Ward: I'm sorry. Yes. The bid amount was $66,000.

Mr. Clemens: $76,000.

Mr. Ward: 66,000. Actually with the alternate, it would be 69,300.

Mr. Clemens: 69,300.

Mr. Ward: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: So we will have a legislative request to enter into contract with Nadalin Corporation Inc., 13083 Adams Road, Plain City, Ohio, 43064, for $69,300 to do the foundation work, the pavement, and the concrete and so forth. Are there any questions for Mr. Ward?

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. Larry, what was alternate number two? Not that I want to spend more money, but I'm just kind of curious.

Mr. Ward: That was for some additional blacktop in the area around the building which would give us some additional storage because we will be losing the area where we have our dumpsters now. But that was our hopes back then in 2000. But now with the financial situation, we realize if we get the building...

Mr. Beougher: And we can do that later.

Mr. Ward: Yes.

Mr. Beougher: As we have funds available.

Mr. Ward: Yes, sir.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: I'm not a contractor but, Mr. Ward I look at this and when the foundation is 20% more than the building I kind of scratch my head. I don't understand why the foundation would cost more than the building itself.
Mr. Ward: The foundation will be the concrete footer plus a 6 foot high concrete wall on three sides. The structure has the arch beams and then it has a fabric roof. And the fabric is guaranteed for 25 years. So that's why we looked at this building. It's much cheaper to build than an all wood structure or some of the other structures that are out there. And it's tall enough that we can get salt trucks in there that will dump it. Dump the salt. We don't have to worry about paying extra money for a blower to blow it all into the building.

Mr. Baxter: So how much will we save by doing this?

Mr. Ward: Save?

Mr. Baxter: We're doing this for a reason. Why are we doing this? I wasn't here back in 2000 so

I don't know what got us here. So I'd like to understand what got us here and why.

Mr. Ward: I understand. The biggest problem we have is, well, it will save us a dollar and a half per ton for delivery. The biggest problem we have is getting deliveries when we have a bad winter like last year. We went 6 weeks last year without a delivery. We got down to, twice I believe, that all the salt we had was what was on those 7 trucks that we have. And as you know, with Ohio and Columbus and the entire area growing, new streets being added everywhere, everyone's use of salt is up. And the biggest problem we have is getting delivery. And when you get the bad storms like we had last year, right when you need the salt is when you can't get it. This new structure will allow us to get 15, will store up to 1500 tons. And then plus 1,000 tons in the building that we have now, be the 2500 tons. That will get us through most winters without even having to order. We wouldn't have to worry about ordering every two or three weeks or every two or three days depending upon the weather.

Mr. Baxter: And just out of, I guess in the last 10 years, have we run into that situation? You said last year we were down to what was in the trucks. Is this a common occurrence?

Mr. Ward: I've been here 20 years and it's happened several times over those 20 years.

Mr. Baxter: So this is a safety issue in your mind?

Mr. Ward: Yes, sir.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. That's what I was looking for.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Hills has a question, Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I'm sorry. Mayor.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Clemens and Mr. Baxter, just so you can clarify, we as a city have done an outstanding job. The public is certainly, one thing we're known for in Reynoldsburg is working with the streets and getting them as clear as we can. And Larry and his people have done an outstanding job on that. And the public would be surprised at the number of times over the last 4 or 5 years we have been down to where the only salt is in the truck on the road. And as when the public does say, why didn't you get that intersection as early this week? It was simply because there was not salt there. So what this does is take our salt capacity, increase it by more than 100%, and saving $1.50 a ton because not having to blow it in, we can dump it in. It's something that, I know when back when I was on Council, we've been trying to do this since 2000 and it hasn't happened for some reason. So, I think this is the point that we have gotten through this winter and it has not been that extreme, but what we will be able to do with this is be prepared for the entirety of the winter, and as we see we're getting a pull in the early part, November, December, January, it'll be much easier to get the supply in before you run out. Before you hit those 7 trucks is all that we have. So certainly this has been something that's been on the planning table for a while. A

number of different structures have been discussed, and I think this was the one that was the most fiscally responsible is the one that's before us now.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Larry, a question I've got is, say you're going to have, once this new one is built, are you going to have the other building still there too?

Mr. Ward: Yes. Oh, yes.

Mr. Stearns: When you fill it, you're going to have to have some way to blow it in through there?

Mr. Ward: Well, yeah. We can. What we can do and what we have done in the past, because to get these blowers, there's only three or four or five of them to carry, to cover a two or three state area. What we have done the last few years, we ordered the salt in to get it dumped, then we take our front end loader and try to get it as high as we can. Then usually like this time of year when we know it's not going to be snowing any more, then we order it with a blower and get the building completely full. But with this new structure we can get it all dumped in and have quite a bit of salt on hand.

Mr. Stearns: Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Larry, you're going to make a poor weather man if you say it's not going to snow any more.

Mr. Ward: I'm just repeating what I've heard.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions for Mr. Ward? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. One more quick question. Do we have any worry about spoilage by having 15,000 tons sitting in there? That's not going to go bad?

Mr. Ward: No. No. Because with the structure, it'll all be under the weather and it'll stay dry. If it's there for a long time, it will cake over a little bit, crust over a little bit on the outside. But usually we can break that up with a front end loader and get it in the trucks and the spreaders.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Well, thank you. I have to agree with Acting Mayor Hills. You guys have done an excellent job. At least from what I've seen. I've been here for the last several years. To me that's several. You've done a great job and I commend you and all your staff.

Mr. Ward: I appreciate it. I'll pass it on to them. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions from Council? The way I understand it then Larry, Nadalin Corporation we want $69,300, DLZ $3,400, and the contingency, $6,930. Which brings it to a total of $79,630 to be appropriated.

Mr. Ward: Yes, sir.

Mr. Clemens: So I'd like to make a motion that we enter into contract with Nadalin Corporation for $69,300, DLZ would be $3,400, and the contingency, $6,930 for a total project cost of $79,630. And it passes as an emergency and also send this to the Finance Committee for appropriation. And you will have the number for us later? The account number?

Mr. Ward: I spoke with Mike Turner and he said yes. If Council decided to send this on then between now and Monday night, he could assign a CIP number for it.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. I'd like to make that motion. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Beougher. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Thank you.

Now let's get the second part of it. This will be a separate ordinance to enter into contract.

Mr. Ward: Well it would be to amend the original ordinance 107-2000 to make the price $40,638.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Had that money been appropriated or is it appropriated?

Mr. Ward: No. That money was returned back in 2000.

Mr. Clemens: So you want us to send an ordinance through to amend No. 107-2000 passed 9-25-2000.

Mr. Ward: Yes. And to appropriate the $40,000.
Mr. Clemens: To appropriate $40,638 for Keystone Construction. You want this as an emergency too and we'll send this to Finance Committee?

Mr. Ward: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: (Inaudible). And what this is, this is the structure that goes on top of the concrete. And the concrete structure is going to be poured concrete if I'm not mistaken. Is that correct?

Mr. Ward: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: The 6 foot high wall will be poured concrete. This is the structure that goes on the top of it. Are there any questions for Mr. Ward on this?

Mr. Beougher: Can you repeat the number that you wanted for this?

Mr. Clemens: $40,638. Are there any other questions for Mr. Ward? (No response). If not, I'd like to have an ordinance drawn up to amend the ordinance and appropriate the funds of $40,638 and pass it as an emergency and send it to Finance Committee this evening. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Beougher. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response).

Thank you, Larry.

Mr. Ward: Thank you, Mel.

Mr. Clemens: The next item is Discussion, Liquor Permit Request. It's a transfer from C S C 1365 Inc. dba Shooters Night Club to M&M Drake Investments Ltd. dba Shooters Night Club, 1365 Brice Rd. 1st fl. only, Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Is the Chief here?

Chief Miller: Good evening. Thank you. Mr. Clemens, the police department has done an investigation into this request for transfer of ownership. We've taken a look at the owner. We've taken a look at the location. We have a very low call for service to that location over the last several years. The gentleman who is going to be purchasing is a new owner but the background investigation reveals no issues that would create a request for an appeal. This is an established location. If you're not familiar with it, it's just south of Main Street on the west side of Brice Road in a small shopping or strip center. There are no schools. The library is across the street and down the road a ways, but there's no church, or school, or day care center or anything that would be impacted by this change. And we recommend that there's no need to appeal the transfer.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you, Chief. Are there any questions for Chief Miller on this subject? (No response). Thank you, Chief. If not, we'll just let it stand as is and not take any action.

The next item on the agenda is a Motion to advertise for 2004 Fireworks display. This is something that we do each year and I think it's the time of the year to start it. Mrs. Reichard.
Mrs. Reichard: That's right. And actually we're probably a couple of weeks behind the schedule on this one because these, a lot of people have already bid theirs and we're going to miss out if we don't get this moving. So unfortunately, I'm asking for an emergency. It has been to Mr. Underwood and approved as to form. So we would like to proceed with the bidding process.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any questions for Mrs. Reichard? (No response). If not, I'd like to send this to Council as a motion as an emergency. (Tape Change). Thank you, Sharon.

The next item on the agenda is Discussion, the addition of an Assistant Chief Building Inspector and appropriation of funds. Before Stephen speaks here, let me, I had taken this off our agenda and put it in Other Business and since then Mr. Stake and I had the opportunity to meet with Stephen, our Chief Building Inspector, and go over this and see how we could work it out and make it feasible not only for the city but also for the Building Department. And he came up with this and together we discussed it and, so I'll let you go ahead and explain what the ordinance says if you would.

Mr. Moore: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. After our first coming to Council with this, we went back and looked at the ability to change the amount that we were requesting. The concern was that we showed the $50,000, which we showed as mid-range and Councils' wishes were to see if we could bring this in at more towards the bottom of the range of the pay grade. We went back and looked at it and we were able to do that after discussions with Mr. Clemens and Mr. Stake. We came up

with the amount to add to the account was $6,798.20. But this does include, Council is going to put a 2.3% pay scale increase in. So Mr. Stake and Mr. Clemens asked me to add that in to show what the bottom scale would be when you make that change and we did that. And then we took that amount and we discussed adding a little more than that to it than just the bottom of the scale. So we came up with this amount, which you have attached in there. You'll see the comparison. So we went from the 50,000 to a $43,000 salary for the Assistant Chief Building Inspector. And you can see the benefits and everything there that changed that dramatically from the first proposal. And the one issue on this is, is we did ask, as Council asked us to, to remove one of the inspector positions as we fill this. So we're doing this as an internal, just move of people around. Due to the fact that I have two gentlemen that will be applying for the job, I am requesting that the other inspector position not be removed until I fill the assistant position where I won't have a place for one of the guys until they get the position.

Mr. Clemens: I think how we can handle this, we'll just move it on as first reading. We'll put the additional money in the budget and that'll give you time. Maybe we should work it out with Human Resources Director to go ahead and do the posting and so forth before we pass it because we're going to, it's up to Council. Are there any other questions? Yes, Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Stephen, thank you Mr. Clemens. Stephen, what additional certifications are the individuals going to be applying for this job? What will they need to fulfill this position?

Mr. Moore: Well they have to have their Building Inspector Certification. They would have to have either their building official or interim approval from the State of Ohio.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. Now is that something that they have to have, do they have to be in the position before they can apply for that?

Mr. Moore: No. No.

Mr. Beougher: Okay.

Mr. Moore: Actually one of the gentlemen has the full certification. The other one is waiting for the paper work from the state for his interim. So we have the, that is all in place. The only other thing that we'll probably be asking whoever gets the position to do, which I'm going after myself, is to get a Certified Flood Plain Manager's Certificate from the State Flood Plain Association.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions for Stephen? I would like to ask the HR Director Millie about this if I could. If we send this on, like for first reading, can you go ahead and be in the process of doing the work as far as getting the appointment done before we pass the ordinance? Because there is kind of a glitch in there.

Ms. Milam: I don't know. Are you saying am I able to post the position when it hasn't been created yet?

Mr. Clemens: Yeah. That's what we're talking about. Either you can or you can't. I mean if you can't, why then we'll have to work something else out.

Ms. Milam: I might have to speak to Mr. Underwood to see if that's feasible to do or not.

Mr. Clemens: The reason is, in case somebody would get it, we don't want to eliminate a position and lose a building inspector. And yet...

Mr. Moore: That's why I did ask that if we do this we can make it contingent upon the one goes away when the other one's filled. Kind of like what you did with the Assistant Service Director.

Mr. Clemens: Why don't I send this on as a first reading? And we'll look into it and if there's some adjustments to make at the second reading, then at our next committee meeting, maybe they'll be some adjustments as far as the legislation is concerned.

Mr. Moore: Okay.

Mr. Clemens: Okay?
Mr. Moore: Yeah. That sounds good.

Mr. Clemens: Would that be alright with Council? Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: You're not planning any vacations in the next two months are you?

Mr. Moore: No.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. So we've got some time.

Mr. Moore: Yeah.

Mr. Clemens: You're not going to go out in the snow tomorrow and catch a cold?

Mr. Moore: Well, I hope not.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Are there any other questions? (No response). If not, I'd like to make a motion to send this on to Council for its first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stearns. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response).

Mr. Moore: Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: The next ordinance has had its first reading. Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Amendment of Chapter 751, Home Sales by addition of Section 751.05, Spring Clean-up Period. It's had its first reading 3-8-04. What this does is it sets it for the time each year. For the same time each year so the residents will know this

is coming and we won't have to keep moving it around and keep passing the ordinances. Are there any questions concerning this?

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Clemens, I did speak to a couple of residents who indicated that the third weekend in June conflicts with the alumni event of some sort. They suggested that maybe we look at the first and second weekend and I'd like to maybe ask Sharon if that would be feasible or if there are other conflicts that we don't know about that maybe arrive at this date.

Mr. Clemens: I think the first and second weekend in June, I think it was discussed and I had brought it up at the last meeting, that's basically when we go through the graduation period and vacations and such things. I think that was involvement. But, Sharon do you have any other...

Mrs. Reichard: Yeah. That would be the issue. I don't know what you mean by alumni in terms of in June. Can someone shed some light on that?

Mr. Beougher: Joyce, can you help me out here?

Joyce Wolf: Yes. What he's talking about is, this really wasn't the most important thing, Mr. Beougher (inaudible). We had the Alumni Association for all of Reynoldsburg (Inaudible. Speaking off mike).

Mrs. Reichard: Well, you know, I'm not really sure. I suppose we could do this throughout from the beginning of May until the beginning of September and find a weekend that we're going to run into a problem. So we pick those that we thought that would work the best. But certainly it's up to Councils' wisdom as to when they'd like to move it.

Mr. Clemens: Why don't we move this on for second reading and then in the interim that would give us next week to discuss it? Yes, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Just a quick thought. Is there a reason we're just picking a particular range and we just can't say the first or all of June? Is there a real big deal that we could not just say each weekend in June, we're going to give this up for this possibility?

Mrs. Reichard: Well, there's always a concern about having a continuous garage sale for four weekends.

Mr. Baxter: We're talking four days.

Mr. Clemens: No. But we do the whole clean-up for the whole period.

Mrs. Reichard: We have to work with our waste haulers.

Mr. Clemens: And we let them have garage sales for the whole period.

Mrs. Reichard: Right. And the other thing is you know, the last time we talked about, where are

we going to do hazardous waste at the same time and I think I said we were and I was incorrect if I did say it. It is October 9. But what we are going to do is, I know Brett is working with _____ because they advertise. When this is going to be done it's advertised on the internet and their advertising in general. And we're trying, once Council, if Council sets a time period for us, we're going to, we're attempting to connect the two, and then next year you know, we'll be in all the advertisement too that that's also when we're going to pick up our hazardous waste.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions for Sharon? (No response). If not, why don't we move this on for the second reading and in the interim, if anybody has any questions they can talk to Mrs. Reichard and if there's any feeling of making a change to the date, we can always amend it at the committee meeting. So I'd like to make a motion we send this to Council for the second reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stake. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

The next item is Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Chapter 160, Employee Compensation, Section 160.02, Authorized Positions, Personnel, Classification and Pay Grade. This has been before the committee and we're working on the budget. I think that there's one thing that is to be removed from this to send it on and that's to remove two full time police officers. We've met with the Chief over this and so forth and she's reduced her budget. She understands the situation we're in and this is something we might be able to pick up later. But for the time being, we still have one position to be filled and a couple of Lieutenants to be worked on. So that I believe is the only thing as far as personnel is concerned, is to instead of being three full time police officers it would be one full time police officer. Do I have any questions on this? Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: It would be the one additional police officer but also by the court liaison's and hiring those, what we have done as the net effect is put two more officers on the street. So we did, are taking out of the three additional requests, Council's only granting one. But with the other move they're making, that's the second officer. So it's not, there are two new officers going to the street. Correct Chief?

Chief Miller: Yes, sir.

Mr. Hills: So we are increasing our patrol by a matter of two in this budget cycle.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you. So I'd like to send that on. Chief, did you have something?

Chief Miller: Only, are we clear on the classification for the part time court liaison? We've budgeted a certain amount and I don't know if you need to have that inserted in the legislation.

Mrs. Frazier: You need the pay grade.

Chief Miller: Pay grade, I'm sorry.

Mr. Clemens: I think it's been inserted in the budget. Am I correct, Bill?

Mrs. Frazier: You've got money in there but you need a pay grade in this ordinance.

Mr. Clemens: Okay.

Mr. Hills: I believe the money is in there at a police, at the contract amount which will need to be converted to a pay grade amount. Is that correct, Mrs. Frazier?

Mrs. Frazier: That's correct. Yes.

Chief Miller: And Mr. Hills, when we looked at it, what we were looking at was a pay grade that would match the introductory pay level for a police officer. Because we're looking specifically for retired officers and the pay grade would be a pay grade 13. That's the beginning of the grade.
Mr. Clemens: I'm sorry. What was it, Chief?

Chief Miller: It would be 13, sir.

Mr. Clemens: Pay grade 13. Alright. So I'd like to send this to the Finance Committee because really this is a three part ordinance between the Service, Finance, and Safety. And I believe that's the only correction that I have. And also we'll send it as a pay grade 13 for the two part time officers. Are there any other questions on this? (No response). If not, I'd like to make a motion to send this to the Finance Committee. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Baxter. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response).

The next item on the agenda, Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to purchase one 2004 Ford Ranger pickup truck for the Building Department. It had its second reading 3-8-04. Are there any questions pertaining to this subject? (No response). If not, yes Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Mr. Clemens, is this one of the replacements of the vehicles that were lost in the flood of this (inaudible). Or what?

Mr. Clemens: No. This is a replacement. Am I correct?

Mr. Moore: Yeah. This is to replace the Dodge Stratus that we lost. The insurance covered the other trucks, but this is the one vehicle that wasn't covered by insurance.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you. Are there any other questions pertaining to this subject? (No response). If not, I'd like to make a motion to send this to Council for a third reading for passage. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stake. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response).

I'd like to call the Safety Committee meeting over at 8:19. Thank you.

Safety Committee
- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
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March 15, 2004
SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
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Members of Service Committee present: Eric Gilbert, Lane J. Beougher, Ron Stake, Preston Stearns, Brett Baxter, Mel Clemens, Antoinette Newman.
President of Council William L. Hills was present as Acting Mayor.

Mr. Gilbert: I'll call the Service Committee meeting to order at 8:19 p.m. The second item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the March 1, 2004 Service Committee meeting. Are there any additions or deletions to those minutes? (No response). None being heard, they will stand as read. Item number 3 is the approval of the agenda. I have several changes this evening. The first would be to add to the agenda item #3a, a Resolution of Support of the extension of water and sewer service and boundaries with the City of Columbus. And then to hold items 5 and 6. Item number 5 (Discussion, Final Plat of Woods at Slate Ridge Section 5 Part 2) is to be held until we get an update from the applicant in regards to their compliance with our overlay requirements on their zoning. In particular, the replacement of the trees that were clear-cut in violation of this overlay at the beginning of this development. Item number 6 (Discussion, Amendment of Final Plat of Summit Ridge Section 5 to change street name of Marin Place to Marinette Place) is a name change and I'll be getting with the City Engineer to get some additional information on that. Any other additions or deletions to the Service Committee agenda? (No response). None being heard, I'll make a motion for these changes. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stearns. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 3a is a Resolution of Support for the extension of water and sewer services and boundaries with the City of Columbus. I believe the Administration, I think the Development Director was here at one point. The Administration had made this request to the City of Columbus several months ago. I was in receipt today, I want to thank Mr. Brandt for providing this copy of just a preliminary draft of what's been provided for from the Director of Public Utilities for the City of Columbus on this agreement. Mr. Brandt indicated this is preliminary. I'll make copies for the other members this evening. And the reason I added this to the agenda

this evening was to seek the support of the members to put forward a resolution in the positive. This request, and I did prepare some remarks, I'm not as eloquent off the cuff sometimes as Mr. Clemens, and there are so many issues that have been presented by our neighbors over the past two weeks in the form of resolution and with comments and actions that they have taken, that I think it's only fair that we take a little bit of time this evening to defend Reynoldsburg and to set the record straight. And as I stated, this comes in light of recent media coverage of the conglomerate formed recently by Etna Township, Kirkersville, Harrison Township, and Pataskala to block, there's no other way to describe it, to block Reynoldsburg growth and development as well as the resolution that all of us received from the Etna Township Trustees. And I think I can speak for all of us here at the table when I say that I cannot express enough disappointment in reading this resolution from Etna Township and the comments that were made at this first meeting of the anti-Reynoldsburg conglomerate. And I think at this point it's fair to say, in light of the current state of our relationship with Etna Township, these actions have taken a bad situation and made it worse. To oppose an issue on the facts and good faith is one thing. To ignore the facts and replace them with untruths and erroneous information is irresponsible. And I would like to respond to some degree to these recent actions by our neighbors and bring the facts out into the light. I do not wish to do this from the standpoint that Reynoldsburg has always been correct and right in our relationship with Etna Township. I think in reviewing our relationship with Etna over the past several years, there's an equal amount of blame to go around. However, when one entity steps in to block the responsible growth, development, and survival of another community, then we as elected leaders need to stand up and fight for the continued prosperity for our community. In the Etna Township Resolution, the trustees claim that an extension of our service area with Columbus would lead to rapid residential growth with little or no regard for the impact on schools, roads, the Southwest Licking Water and Sewer District, and the safety and general welfare of the citizens. They go on to say this extension would lead to severe over-crowding in Southwest Licking Schools. They go on to note that Taylor and Palmer Roads cannot accommodate the development that would result due to this extension of water and sewer services. At the anti-Reynoldsburg conglomerate meeting, an Etna official spoke of getting control of their own destiny. Other leaders commented they wanted assurances that growth in this service area would be handled responsibly. These leaders want to curb annexation it was noted. Licking County officials present commented that if development continues in its current form, the southwest part of the county would end up looking like Reynoldsburg or Gahanna. They suggested doing things differently. One Licking County official suggested leaving the guns at the door and putting differences aside. And this was to oppose us. They were never there when we were trying to work with Etna Township saying these same things. In another article, this one in the Pataskala Standard, it was noted that when land is annexed into Reynoldsburg from Etna Township, that the township loses that tax base. And once again mentioned the impact on Southwest Licking Schools. And to see these things at first glance, it would seem that Reynoldsburg has taken on a scorched earth development policy that leaves our neighbors in the dust. I don't think anything could be further from the truth. And I'll try and set it straight here briefly. A quick look at our cooperative efforts for this city with our neighbors over the past two years would indicate that our efforts to cooperate have been met with opposition. Efforts to initiate a cooperate approach to fixing Taylor Road have been rejected by Etna Township and Licking County. Issue 2 applications have been turned down. Developers money to fix this road has been turned down. And efforts to deed the road to the city have been rejected by the trustees. Negotiations to create

a joint cooperative economic development agreement in light of the obvious benefits were rejected. To our south we offered up cooperation to repair and improve State Route 256 and to be an active participant in the improvement of that road project, and that was rejected by Pickerington. And these are just three areas. Not with Etna Township exclusively, but three areas involving a number of entities where this community has offered up its hard earned tax dollars to improve the situation for both communities. And I think that's an important part we need to get across when we send this resolution to Columbus. In regards to our development efforts, I think the comparison between Reynoldsburg and Etna Township speaks volumes. We recently completed a comprehensive review of our residential development codes. We reviewed our density to make sure it was in line with what services we could provide as well as the impact that could be handled by our local schools. Out of this discussion we have recently approved changes, or will approve changes to our storm water policies, our annexation policy, and tonight we begin discussion on the implementation of impact fees to offset the cost of new residential development to our Police Department, Recreation Department, and schools possibly. Also we are about to implement a planning review for areas under consideration for this water and sewer extension so as to have the best possible plan for any type of development. And as I mentioned earlier, we will be assisted in this effort by a third party known as MORPC. A very credible source for reviewing these types of situations. And I think it is even fair to say that those of us at this table are not convinced that the extension of this service to this area should be exclusive to residential zoning. The facts are indisputable that commercial and industrial development provide more revenues for the city and the costs of the services when put in comparison with the residential development. And we'll see that tonight when we begin our discussion on impact fees. And I think you will see that philosophy take root when this item comes before at least the Service Committee for discussion. Another area to be addressed is the impact of annexation on Etna Township. We are currently under a system of non-conforming boundaries which means when a piece of land in Etna Township is annexed to Reynoldsburg, while that land becomes a part of Reynoldsburg, it remains in the incorporated area of Etna Township. What does that mean in dollars and cents? As recently as two years ago, it meant in dollars and cents that Reynoldsburg tax payers and property owners generated over 48% of the revenue sent to Etna Townships General Fund. All of which they spend in the unincorporated areas of Etna Township outside of Reynoldsburg city limits. This does not include the taxes they will receive from the new Kroger development that is set to begin development this year. And the kicker, and wouldn't we all like to have this advantage, is that Etna Township is not required to provide any services to this area where they receive these tax dollars from. We provide the services. And in regards to how our development impacts our schools, I think it is important to note that in this area designated for the water and sewer expansion, this area would be serviced for new Reynoldsburg children by the Southwest Licking Schools and not Reynoldsburg schools. And with that in mind, I ask you to consider this recent comparison. Last week in the Reynoldsburg newspapers it was reported the impact that Reynoldsburg development had on our school district. Our TIF agreements, Brice Road, $101,000 to the schools above and beyond what we paid for the infrastructure services we were required to provide. Taylor Square TIF, I believe in excess of $290,000 that went to Reynoldsburg schools. Property taxes. This is money generated after we paid these infrastructure improvements to provide for the roads, waters and sewers necessary. In comparison, the Pataskala Standard ran two stories. One story reported another defeat to the operating levy of Southwest Licking Schools in Etna Township and the severe impending cuts to

follow. The revenue problems have originated from the enormous impact of residential development in Etna Township and Pataskala. Just beneath this article was the headline , "Corporate park flourishes in Etna Township." It goes on to report the new jobs and business at this corporate park. And I congratulate Etna on their success. However, what it does indicate is that any tax revenue for the schools at this development is deferred because of a tax abatement. Now I understand that Ohio Revised Code prevents a township from creating a TIF. However, one would think that future development and cooperation with Reynoldsburg might offset that inability for the township. But sadly that is not the position that Etna Township takes. And I think it is also ironic that Etna Township points to the impact of residential zoning in this extension area, yet has placed a multi-family zoning classification approximately one mile from these 385 acres. They also ignore the impact their own zoning has had in the creation of the problems they claim Reynoldsburg is and would be responsible for. Etna R-3 zoning allows up to 8 houses per acre. Reynoldsburg's, approximately 2.5. Etna Township allows their zoning to be driven by a debt ridden water and sewer district that need roof tops to pay down its debt rather than businesses. Etna has also ignored letters from the Licking County Prosecutor and the Licking County Planning Commission telling them that their zoning language is a serious problem. The Brandymills Development. Problems adhering to lot sizes. Detention ponds located in the wrong place. Cumberland Trails trying to classify a golf course as green space. Serious drainage problems. Pepperwood Development. Houses are not on the dedicated deed lots. Sump pumps draining into the sewage system. Cameron Chase. Backfilled wet lands. Property owners could not build fences until Licking County stepped in and issued permits for them to do so. And Longwood Crossing. The access point for the road put in the wrong place. And other recent developments have been faced with citizen referendums. I believe when given a review of this comparison, the City of Columbus will be able with good conscience to see that Reynoldsburg offers the best approach to development in this area of Southwest Licking County. And what is a shame is that our neighbors refuse to acknowledge that a cooperative effort could benefit all of our communities. Etna Township and Licking County have chosen a confrontational approach and once again shown they'll gladly take Reynoldsburg tax dollars to spend in other areas of the township and other areas of the county. But when it comes to cooperating to make our roads safer, our development better, and representing of the interest of the citizens that pay their tax dollars, they're conspicuously AWOL. Licking County officials could have stepped in to help forge a compromise on Taylor Road but chose not to. Licking County officials could have stepped in to forge a compromise on the CEDA but they chose not to. However, when it came time to show up for an anti-Reynoldsburg conglomerate meeting, they were eager participants. The service Reynoldsburg residents get for their money in Etna Township, Licking County, is for the fine men and women of the West Licking Joint Fire District. And thank God they do not have the same attitudes as the trustees. I believe we have no recourse at this point but to forge ahead and I think it's fair to point out in conclusion that when it comes to citizens and their well being, there is usually an unwritten rule amongst elected officials that no matter what the differences, you find a way to get to the common good. In this case, the benefit to Etna from Reynoldsburg development, happens in terms of dollars and cents without any effort. It's provided by the code. It just happens. And we're unable to build on this or any other type of cooperative efforts. And the anonymous victims here in this situation are the citizens. Some of these cooperative efforts that I mentioned were forged by citizens together. Reynoldsburg citizens. Etna Township residents. With no motivation other than the betterment of their community, the safety of their,

their safety on these roads. And how are these efforts rewarded? They were subjected to condescension and dishonesty from the paid professionals. They were all but ignored by some elected officials. And for three long years they sat on the hard chairs in Etna Township only to see the situation come to the point where it is now. And I think unless we as a body and as a city take action to force some type of positive result from this situation, we may be blocked from any further development and our residents will continue to travel on an unsafe Taylor Road. I appreciate the members providing me this time but I felt compelled that with everything that had been provided for in the newspapers over the past two weeks and the resolution that we were provided, it was important to set some of the facts straight. And I would appreciate any comments from the other members at this time. I would just note, that some of you have indicated to me there are some provisions in the preliminary draft from Columbus that we will need to address as far as them dictating the type of development that we would provide in this area. And I will note that within the resolution and would be open to your suggestions as we move this forward. The Clerk has informed me today that you don't need an exact resolution this evening, but some of the facts that have been mentioned can be incorporated into a resolution that each of you could consider at the Council meeting as a motion next Monday if you're willing to move this forward. And I'll open it up to comments and discussion at this point. Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Gilbert. I believe there comes a time to lead and a time to follow and I believe this is a time to lead. I appreciate the comments that you made tonight. Yes, I'm one of the ones that will not allow Columbus to dictate to us our development policy. So as long as that's in the resolution as well as the other things you had to say, I'd be supportive of that.

Mr. Gilbert: Very well. Other members? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: For once Eric you leave me speechless and that's hard to do. And I agree wholeheartedly with everything you said. I think it's time to move on. We have tried to cooperate. I think our Development Director's worked hard over these past years to communicate and they've not communicated with him or with any of the departments. And I agree wholeheartedly with everything you had to say.

Mr. Gilbert: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. Other members? Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Gilbert. Just for Council's knowledge, Mr. Burkholder did contact me as President Pro Tempore last week and asked if he could come and speak to us and try and convince us to see the err of our ways and withdraw our request from the City of Columbus. And I informed him that he might find a hostile audience. I'm looking at this resolution dated January 20, 2004. And I received a phone call on March 11 and that phone call should have been placed before this resolution was passed, before they gathered with our neighbors and formed a coalition against us. I do want to say one thing about Pataskala's resolution. I did read in the Standard that Bernie Brush voted against the resolution and he had the comment that it's none of our business. And he's right. Thank you.

Mr. Gilbert: Thank you, Mr. Beougher. Anyone else? Anyone from the Administration? (No response). Nothing being heard, I'll make a motion that we forward this resolution to Council

with recommendation for adoption. Do I have a second? Mr. Beougher with the second. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.
Item number 7, Discussion, Development impact fees. The members should have had it at your table this evening. Again, our thanks to the Development Department for providing us with some additional information. I'm sorry. Am I skipping a topic?

Mr. Baxter: Number 4 and number 5 are on hold.

Mr. Beougher: You're on a roll, Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Gilbert: This is when you blame the Vice-Chairman for not notifying you. Item number 4, and Mr. Kipp's even got a tie on. I should have known that meant something. Is the authorization to prepare specifications and bids for cleaning, televising, and root cutting.

Mr. Hills: I would note. He's had that tie on since 7:30 this morning.

Mr. Clemens: I think it's wonderful just to see him.

Mr. Kipp: I try to make an appearance now and then.

Mr. Gilbert: Thank you, Mr. Kipp.

Mr. Kipp: Thank you. This is just a request for the advertise for bids for cleaning, televising, and root cutting and the appropriation of the funds. We did this last year. I neglected to put it in my budget this year. Nancy pointed out that it would have been wise to put it in my engineering this year so that's what I'll do with it next year. But this year I still have to come and request the funds for this cleaning.

Mr. Gilbert: And this is an annual process that the department does.

Mr. Kipp: Yes.

Mr. Gilbert: I know you've been here each year since I've been here. Does this raise any questions from members of Service at this point? (No response). What's your time frame on this, Mr. Kipp?

Mr. Kipp: It can go the normal reading. I'd like to do it this summer when it dries out is when they'll do the work.

Mr. Gilbert: So it's not a seasonal issue at this point?

Mr. Kipp: The sooner we get it bid, the sooner they get it on their schedule. But it's not an emergency. No.

Mr. Gilbert: Okay. Very well. And this will need to go to Finance at some point in the three reading process. Correct, Mrs. Frazier? Or no, it's already allocated for.

Mrs. Frazier: It's got to go to Finance.

Mr. Gilbert: Okay. Well, I'll just make a recommendation that we do that this evening. We'll send it forward for a first reading and then send it to Finance for consideration tonight so that's out of the way and then we'll bring it back after next week.

Mr. Kipp: Thank you.

Mr. Gilbert: Thank you, Mr. Kipp. Okay. Item number 7 now is the discussion, Development... Oh. Can I get a second on that? Mr. Beougher, thank you. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 7 is Development impact fees. The members should have received several pieces of information. One was the fact sheet from the Ohio State University Extension Service. This was dated December 10. The other was a re-submission of the development impact fees. The example provided was Delaware, Ohio. These items were provided from the Development Department. And I would just also note briefly that the Residential Zoning Review Committee had reviewed the impact fee strategy and structure of other municipalities and had found that to be effective. And indicated in their report to Council that the fee structure should be based on the actual impact of development and not an arbitrary fee. Their recommendation to Council was to commission to study by a competent professional consultant to review our true costs, debts, and income related to parks, recreation, and safety services. They also had a speaker there in regards to this. And part of the justification evolves from a fact sheet put out by the Ohio State University Extension Service that indicates that members had read that the cost of residential development actually outweighs the revenues that are generated by that. And I guess at this point I just would appreciate some comments from Development Director Brandt on some of the information he's provided and maybe give us some guidance as how we could most efficiently move forward from here on this topic. Thanks for being here.

Mr. Brandt: Thank you, Mr. Gilbert and members. If I could, I'd like to say that your comments earlier with respect to our efforts on the eastern front if you will, were well taken and very well done.

Mr. Gilbert: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Brandt: The packet that you received, we included some information that had been previously submitted. The Delaware one, and I believe the Ohio State University one, inasmuch as we have some new members that may or may not have received the information when it was initially passed out. The Development Department brought this forward inasmuch as it really benefits from a financial prospective the Police Department, the Parks Department, possibly other departments. We may ask for a percentage off to replenish the funds that Mr. Hills removed from the budget but we'll work on that at a later date. I think there's a word of caution in that a lot of people see

opportunity in this, but as we put in our closing sentence, there are specific uses for the funds and it's not just to improve your General Fund. In addition, there are some administrative costs with respect to justification. As you can see by the Delaware example, they're using the funds with respect to Police, Parks Department, etc. There have been instances where the schools have been involved and other entities as well. And I guess probably the best description was given to me is, you can't take the money from one part of town and move it to another part. It's got to basically impact that particular area. My thought of this particular case is that we all put our heads together and look at it with the potential annexation which you've mentioned earlier. This could be a possible source of funding for additional road improvements that would be needed in the area above and beyond what the developer would be required to contribute to. And I think we can all figure out what that is. So I think it's an interesting subject as the, actually the interesting part was I ran across the controlling growth and supporting services issue in the Columbus Monthly. And I see in there, there's a number of communities that are looking at these issues as well. In light of the recent budget issues and with the results of the stock market today, it would appear as though the budget issues could continue for many people both publicly and privately. So I think it could be used for the future and to offset, and I think we should have to defer a lot of this to legal counsel inasmuch as possibly our police facilities, Police Department, and particularly in the Parks Department as well. As we already know, Columbus has a parks land set aside ordinance on developments wherein a developer can essentially buy their way out of contributing park land. They put it in the pot for the Parks Department to purchase property in an area where they deem it more suitable, and feasible, and acceptable than possibly where the development is being proposed. So I think, what I would like to suggest is, everybody that hasn't seen the material, digest it, and possibly in the next couple of weeks we find, one other area that has been used, and I believe Pickerington is looking at it or may have accomplished it, setting up a community development authority. That also is a possibility. However, I think that has specific boundaries and a little tighter guidance than what possibly a general impact fee would have. Wherein we have property in Reynoldsburg in a number of areas that is suitable for development either possibly single-family and/or multi-family both closer in the more established parts of the city just due to the vacant land issues that, as well all know, we've got a lot of property held by reluctant owners at this point to sell for obvious reasons. Taxes probably being the major one. Hence, it may make a more practical approach might be the impact fee issue as opposed to a community development authority. But I think that's an issue that we need to discuss a little further with the legal staff.

Mr. Gilbert: Okay. Mr. Brandt, just in, maybe Mr. Underwood needs to clarify this, it had indicated there was some discussion with the Residential Zoning Review Committee and then in the initial memo that it's almost required that you have a consultant provide your formula.

Mr. Brandt: It's my understanding that some third party has to justify the cost that your charging if you will, or adding to it so we don't get excited some day and feel that our costs are twice as high as what they really are.

Mr. Gilbert: Okay. And that's provided under Ohio Revised Code?

Mr. Brandt: I can't say that yes or no but I would image it probably is.

Mr. Gilbert: Alright. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: It's my understanding John, we looked into this many years ago and I think you stated tonight, the impact fee would have to be used on that section of town that the impact fee was charged. Am I correct on that?

Mr. Brandt: That's my understanding. Yes.

Mr. Clemens: You can't derive from it and fix something on the other end of town or something that doesn't pertain. You could do streets or you could do, if we need additional police in that area, or such things as that.

Mr. Brandt: I believe it, the Delaware one that I'm aware of, I believe they use part of the funds towards the police facility inasmuch as you've got "x" number of police officers and there's "x" number apply to a certain area and so on and so forth. It's a traditional mathematical formula as to the percentage thereof.

Mr. Clemens: Same way as street personnel or water personnel. _____ use in that section.

Mr. Brandt: I don't believe maintenance is covered under it.

Mr. Clemens: Is that right?

Mr. Brandt: But it is a complicated issue but I thought it was certainly one that we brought up I believe a year or so ago and in light of recent budgetary concerns and constraints, and a number of communities are visiting this issue as well, I think Mr. Barbash from Columbus was quoted in here somewhere as having said that we should get on with it as opposed to waiting two years for a study or something of that nature. It's in the article here. I remember reading it. And if we wait two years to get something done, then we're two years further behind.

Mr. Gilbert: The established, does Delaware to your knowledge the only community that already other than, I guess Pickerington, but they just recently...

Mr. Brandt: Well Pickerington I understand has either set it up or in the process as does the village of New Albany. They have a community development authority as well.

Mr. Gilbert: But Delaware is the example of just the impact fees.

Mr. Brandt: For local that I'm aware of that has been set up.
Mr. Gilbert: Okay. Have they reported any, or acknowledged to benefit that this has had for (Tape Change)

Mr. Brandt: Any development or the growth. And with the forecasted growth of Central Ohio

that Mid Ohio Regional Planning and other planning groups have indicated is going to happen in the next ten years, there's obviously going to be a disproportion of a number of houses built as opposed to possibly industrial commercial sites built with a lot of folks, home businesses, and with a lot of this computer activity and things of that nature, working out of the house if you will, and so on and so forth.

Mr. Gilbert: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Clemens, do you have a question?

Mr. Clemens: You don't have any idea I'm sure John but, could you look into it as far as what it would cost to have a consultant?

Mr. Brandt: Sure. If it's the committees wish, we'll be happy to check it out and report back.

Mr. Clemens: It's up to Mr. Gilbert but I didn't know if you had any idea of what we were speaking of. Because I think if we do it, I think we want to do it right. I don't think it's something that we did. I mean, it's hard for seven people to get together with three or four other people, or six or ten people and come to a decision that may be correct or not correct.

Mr. Brandt: Right.

Mr. Gilbert: Yeah. I'd like for us to look in it. Are there any other comments from, we'll go Mr. Beougher then Mr. Baxter and Mr. Stearns. Go ahead Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Gilbert. It was the finding of the committee in reviewing the materials that there needs to be a basis, a legal basis, so that it doesn't get overturned in court. That you're not charging more than you're actually spending on infrastructure and other fixed cost issues. One example that has come to light since the report was issued, is in Hilliard where they have adopted a $500 per residence impact fee. And I don't know whether it goes to any specific department. But they basically said, okay we're setting it low and then we're going to review it and it's going to be raised at some point. And Mel's shaking his head at me. Are you familiar with that?

Mr. Clemens: No. But it doesn't sound good let's put it that way.

Mr. Beougher: Well Tim Ward, the outgoing Mayor said that the actual impact was about three times the $500. So I mean, if you wanted to get started and start getting in the mode of charging impact fee, you know, we could do that. Just set it kind of arbitrarily low. But the issue is, will it be scrutinized by a judge or jury at some point?

Mr. Gilbert: Right.

Mr. Brandt: The article, the Columbus Monthly one references the Hilliard issue where Don Schonhardt which most of you are familiar with did some work for the city says in here that he expects to raise a fee by mid-year to more closely match Hilliard's growth associated cost. So that would kind of lead me to believe that they're planning on following the path you've indicated

Mr. Beougher in seeking professional guidance or outside information as far as establishment of the "best number you can get". It's defensible as well.

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you, Mr. Gilbert. Being the more ignorant person on this topic, I'll ask the dumb questions I guess. The first one I guess I would ask is, how are they assessed? Who is assessed and how often?

Mr. Brandt: Most of these from what I understand is in the building permit process. That's the best way you've got it. I mean, if you tell them pay me later, you know what's going to happen there.

Mr. Gilbert: And it's a one time.

Mr. Brandt: Right.

Mr. Gilbert: It's a one time fee for that particular property.

Mr. Brandt: Correct. There may be some other methodologies available that I'm not aware of. But I think this was just to give us all a flavor of what it's about and what's going on and what other areas they're looking at and considering as well.

Mr. Baxter: So this would be commercial or residential...

Mr. Brandt: Strictly residential.

Mr. Baxter: Strictly residential

Mr. Gilbert: Strictly residential.

Mr. Brandt: Right.

Mr. Baxter: And only to build a new home, or to add a deck on, or to add improvements?

Mr. Gilbert: This would be for a developer that would come in and have say, 50 lots. Each lot would have that impact fee placed upon it to make up...
Mr. Baxter: This is only for new development then.

Mr. Gilbert: Correct. Anything you wanted to add to that, Mr. Brandt?

Mr. Brandt: No.

Mr. Gilbert: And it goes on to the developer rather than the new home owner which that might be passed down I guess in a natural process. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: We know it'll be passed down. I think the reason we want to get a consultant, I mean, I don't go with this, there's still a flat fee and then worry about it later, because like our infrastructure. We talk about that. The developer does all that. We don't pay for any infrastructure. So when we talk about roads, unless we run a sewer to a, major sewer to some development and the city pays for. Something like that would be different. So you get into the infrastructure bit, that's all taken care of by the developer. I know a lot of people don't understand that and they think the city pays for it but we don't. So there's certain things we can get back of course. So I think that's something that we need somebody that's been involved in it so we make the right move and we don't get in the process of having to end up going to court and hiring a bunch of other attorneys to do our work and cost us all kind of money. So I think it's something we ought to look at real quick. I'd like to look at it quick. But I think it's something we really have to look at, we know what we're doing and do it correctly when we do it.

Mr. Brandt: Yes, sir.

Mr. Gilbert: Any other comment from members? Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Thank you, Mr. Gilbert. On this disbursement of the impact fees, you say that you can only use it for a certain amount in the area for streets, and the other would go to Parks and Recreation? Is that what I'm getting out as?

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Stearns, the one memo points out as an example, if you were to, it's Capital Improvement such as a sub-station say for a Fire Department or Police Department. Those funds could be used for payment on that Capital Improvement for that area if the impact was such that we put a station out there. Those services that are needed from the two particular departments that are specifically mentioned with these fees. The Rec Department would be the park land and the creation of the park. So I think it's specifically, from what I read from the memo, it's specifically limited to Capital type improvements.

Mr. Stearns: In other words, that money stays in that part of town? It won't be available for _____ usage all over the city? The limitations would be _____?

Mr. Brandt: Well, I think if it went into the parks and you know, if there was a park to the east and there was a soccer game there, they're not going to stand at the front door and say, you don't live in this area, you've got to go over there. It would be available I think what the implication is, that the funds that are derived, we'll say it's 20 miles to the east, couldn't be used on a sewer line down on Brice Road. But in the Delaware example, they use it inasmuch as the fire and police are both city operated entities. Police, Fire, and Parks Department. So in our case, we could possibly look at the Police Department. Of course, they don't generally need any money, but they always take it. So I think it's as, as Mr. Beougher and Mr. Clemens has indicated, I think it's one area that we could find the consultant that work with a number of other cities and give us a little more comprehensive overview of it. But I thought we'd bring it forward just to see what everybody's pleasure was before we did too much digging on it.

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Brandt, I guess we could hold this for two weeks and if you could maybe provide us with just estimates of consultants. I imagine the level would probably be something we would have to bid. Just looking at some of the figures that Delaware had paid and if you could maybe inquiry with the City Attorney as to legal approach that Council would have to take to begin this process and just report that back to us at our next committee meeting. Would that be acceptable to the members as far as keeping this on track?

Mr. Brandt: That's fine.

Mr. Gilbert: Is that feasible for you?

Mr. Brandt: Yeah. I think so.

Mr. Gilbert: Okay. Very well. Then we'll hold this item for two weeks and I appreciate the information, your input Mr. Brandt, and from the members.

I'm almost afraid to move on to the next item because I think I forgot something. Item number 8 is the Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances. This is in regards to Chapter 1111, General Provisions, and the addition of Section 1127.11, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan. Are there any questions or comments from the members here this evening in regards to this item? (No response). It did have its second reading on March 8. None being heard, I'll make a motion that we forward this to Council with a recommendation for adoption. Do I have a second? Mr. Stake with the second. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 9 is Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City, Chapter 160, Employee Compensation. This is in regards to the request for a secretary for the Street Department and Storm Water Division. And I believe there were some changes to the classification and the request in the dollar amount. Mrs. Frazier, do you have the dollar amount change that that was in front of you?

Mr. Hills: I think I do, Mr. Gilbert. There was a reduction in the budget of $1595 in the Storm Water and also $1595 in the Street Fund. And that reduced that down to the beginning range.
Mr. Gilbert: Which was the 26?

Mr. Hills: It's 22,590 times two. That is with all of the benefits and everything else figured in. This is the one that's split 50% to Storm Water and 50% to Street Fund.

Mr. Gilbert: So that takes it down to 45,182.

Mr. Hills: I don't know that your piece of legislation will reflect it. But I believe the adjustment was incorporated after our meeting today. It will reflect it by next week if it doesn't now.

Mr. Clemens: What's the total?

Mr. Gilbert: The total is 45,182. Mr. Ward, did you have the new figures with you?

Mr. Ward: (Inaudible).

Mr. Hills: Some of the cuts didn't have the options of being discussed. They were discussed, but everyone might not have been aware of them. But those were discussed in a meeting we had this morning. Sharon Reichard, Mr. Stake, Mrs. Frazier, the Auditor, myself, and Mike, and it would have reduced, the numbers you have in the proposed legislation was at something other than the starting wage of that grade. And what was reduced down to was the starting wage and that will effect some of the other contributions in there also. I hate to tell you I don't even have that piece of legislation. Because it's being modified as you speak right now.

Mr. Gilbert: Okay. Just in comments, Mr. Stake, go right ahead.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Gilbert. Mr. Hills, are we doing the, we would do a full time secretary with the minimum pay grade?

Mr. Hills: That is what is in the budget. That is the way it is in the budget that will be proposed later this evening. Yes. So there has not been a change from that. If you want to make that change, certainly we could either adjust the budget accordingly tonight or at some later date do a credit for whatever may be done.

Mr. Gilbert: I think there was a compelling case from Mr. Ward as far as full time status and some equally sobering number that we had with the General Fund as far, and the impact that maybe this only being half time would have. And I think at this point in my discussions with many of you, the approach is to go with 3/4 time initially with the review at the end of this year as to the status and the work load. And if we need to we can move it to full time at that time if that's acceptable to the members at this time. While we don't have the 3/4 time numbers here, we could have them provide it for you prior to next Mondays meeting. Am I hearing any objections from that? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: The only concern I would have is if we bring somebody in 3/4 time, would they be willing to move up to full time a year from now? And if not, then would we have to replace that person because they don't want to be full time?

Mr. Clemens: If they're doing the job at 3/4 time, then there will be no reason to do it. The difference is, it gives them a chance to adjust to the job and see what the job load's going to be. Plus it doesn't put it under civil service. Plus it doesn't pick up any benefits.

Mr. Baxter: There's a lot of reasons to do this. I can see that.

Mr. Clemens: Yes. And if it's shown that it's needed, and as the year goes along and the person that we hire is doing the job, then as far as I'm concerned, 3/4 time would do it.

Mr. Stearns: Correction on the civil service I think.

Mr. Gilbert: Ms. Milam.

Ms. Milam: If you create a 3/4 time position, it's a permanent position, it's still under civil service.

Mr. Clemens: Yeah. That's correct. But I mean, we're not paying the benefits or anything like that.

Ms. Milam: That's correct. Part time position does not have benefits. But it is civil service.

Mr. Clemens: But any how, it gives us a better chance at it.

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Stearns, go right ahead.

Mr. Stearns: Is that one 45,000, does that reflect 3/4?

Mr. Clemens: No.

Mr. Gilbert: That's full time. There was $1595 reduction from the Storm Water portion and the Street, and I think it's Enterprise Fund portion. The figures that you had on the original legislative request. With 3/4 time, we're talking 10 hour basically, and maybe there's some more hours, but overall we're talking a 10 hour difference, 30 hours a week. Correct?

Mr. Clemens: I have no idea. I don't know what the figure would be. Do you, Bill?

Mr. Hills: (Inaudible).

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Baxter.
Mr. Baxter: Just one last question here. Just as a logistics point of view, we're talking about reviewing this again next year. Are there some metrics in place Millie, that could be reviewed at the end of the year to determine, is there a need for full time or is 3/4 too much? Is there some way we can metrics this to be able to review it with some logic behind it next year? Or are we just going to do this, it feels like full time.

Ms. Milam: I think in terms of the need for the position, I think you should speak to Larry. Because he has the work. Ample work to be done.

Mr. Baxter: I'm just looking for, is there a way to...

Mr. Clemens: I think that we would get a response from the Street Department Superintendent next year on how the job's progressing. I'm sure that he'll know whether he needs full time or not. Probably know before then and give us a chance to figure out. It gives us a chance to see what our budget's going to be next year.

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Hills, then Mr. Ward.

Mr. Hills: The notes we worked with this morning, this is a position where the pay grade 8, the beginning salary is 26,636. Okay, so the reduction was the initial budget, had 30,000 in there and that was reduced down. Now I can give you the PERS, medicare, workers comp, and group insurance on the 30,000 but your numbers if you're going to 3/4 time are going to be less. That breakdown would have been done by the Auditor's office today, and that's why it now is in at a beginning salary of 26,636 plus the benefits. And that would equal the 22,590 times two for the total package. As obviously you can see here, group insurance of 10,400. At 3/4 time, that will not be a cost to the city at that time. So there are certainly substantial savings above what we cut out to bring it down to the beginning rate this morning.

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Ward.

Mr. Ward: I really need a full time secretary. The additional cost, when we split it up between the two departments, isn't that much. I need someone that's going to come in here and is going to be here for several years. If we get someone in there at full time, and we don't know, maybe it's a married woman who's husband already has insurance and they won't need that extra money for insurance. We don't know. It could be a man. I don't know. But I can guarantee you that the work load is there and with the Storm Water regulation that's coming down, the amount of work that I will have to do this year just for Storm Water is just unbelievable. The amount of record keeping is phenomenal. And I've got to have someone in there that can help me to get these jobs done. And you're looking to say well, the extra 10 hours a week, but having someone there full time, someone that's going to be there for a few years that will be coming in on the ground floor of the Storm Water and learning all this stuff, and that will be here for several years on down the road, it's really going to be very important. Not only to me but to the city. And I just really, you know, if I have to get on my knees and beg, I really need someone full time.
Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Ward, help us out. Some members have expressed a concern as to the differentiating between the responsibility and role that EMH&T will have with some of these duties with the Phase 2, the Storm Water regulations coming on line as opposed to what you will have the new secretary be doing on the portion of time where she's doing the Storm Water work. Differentiate that for us so that it might help you with your justification.

Mr. Ward: EMH&T will be helping us with the technical part. Working with the GIS. Updating the maps and the GIS system and some of the other technical things. We have to maintain all the records on everything we do from day to day. With this other position, this Storm Water Pollution Technician, with the Soil and Erosion Control ordinance that we're passing tonight, and first Monday in April I'll be bringing down the Elicit Discharge ordinance, when these two ordinances are passed, the amount of work that will have to be done to comply with our permit is just going to be phenomenal. Once a week, under the Soil and Erosion Control ordinance, once a week, every construction site over one acre has to be inspected.

Mr. Gilbert: Is that something the secretary will do?

Mr. Ward: No, she won't do it. But the inspector will do it. But there's going to be record keeping and keeping track of all these different projects. Whether or not the inspector has time to

do it, we just don't know yet.

Mr. Clemens: That's why I brought this up. We are hiring an inspector that you say is going to do this type of work. And you told me that we're looking for somebody that can handle this, it's not just a laborer's position. Somebody that has to handle records and keep these kind of, and do these things. And yet you don't even know what it's going to be and how long it's going to take. That's why I'm saying, we're starting new positions. We don't really know how long anything's going to take. We're putting the new personnel out there for you to do this, to help you with all of this. We've got Evans and Mechwart doing the detail work. The maps and such as this, and the technological part of it, and you're doing the work. My problem is, is starting off new people and putting that much money into an effort that we don't even know what's going on yet. And you don't either until we get moving on it. That's why I say, why not start with a 3/4 person until the first of the year. This is pretty much gone out of this year, and see how we work out. We may not even need one. I don't know. I don't know what's going to happen or how it's going to happen. You don't know what's going to happen or how it's going to happen. Just to put one on and say you know that you think you're going to be busy and all this kind of thing, I know you're busy. Don't get me wrong. I've seen the work you have to do. But putting a secretary out there, to me it's somewhat of a problem in some respects any way. But I think a 3/4 person to start out, and if we see that this person is going to be capable of doing the job and you're satisfied with it, it's nothing that stops us any time from moving that to a full time position.

Mr. Ward: If you say a year from now we look at it...

Mr. Clemens: Any how, that would be my motion to make it 3/4 time person.
Mr. Gilbert: Okay. I'm going to let Mr. Ward respond.

Mr. Ward: You say look at it a year from now. Who's working...

Mr. Clemens: I didn't say a year from now. I said we're looking, that isn't going to be a year, this year's the third month going into the fourth. See how things are getting started. We'll start a 3/4 person, 6 months from now, 4 months from now you can bring it back and show us what's happening and why you need one. We can consider it then. We're talking about spending over $10,000 just on insurance when we can get somebody for 3/4 time and save these benefits. You're losing sick time. We've got to pay sick time. We've got to pay vacation time. All of this to start with. And I don't see any reason to do it to start with. I think if we can start a new position at 3/4 time, see how it works out, maybe it'll work out, that's all you do need. We don't have to go to any time to go to a full time position. I don't know. But I think it's worth a chance. We're getting you a position that you didn't have, period. And we're starting it out at 3/4 time.

Mr. Ward: One I've been begging for for 8 years.

Mr. Clemens: I know you asked for full time, don't get me wrong. But we're giving you a position that wasn't there even. And I think it gives you a chance to work it out, and all of us to see how it works out and go from there. That's how I feel. But I'm here to save the city money if we can. Our budget's low. We've added an additional person for you to help you get started and

see how it works after you get a new person on there. I don't know what his job will be and you don't either. I mean, how much work he's going to do and how much he can help you in the office. Or whoever it is. Him or her or whatever happens.

Mr. Gilbert: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Clemens. Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Thank you, Mr. Gilbert. I'd just like to say that for a department head to come before Council to ask for something, you should know exactly what your department needs. And we as the legislative body, we should listen to what he has to say. And he thinks he needs a full time person, then we should really look into his request and just take it into consideration. If we're going to hire the person at the lowest level that we can, why don't we see if that will make some improvements to him and his responsibilities. I mean, he's been down here before and expressing concerns about this, and I think that it might be best for the city if we did get somebody, hired them off the street, and it might be somebody who, if you say it's going to be a full time job, you're going to get a much better quality of a person come before us to ask for the job instead of just a part time person. That's my opinion.

Mr. Gilbert: Other members? Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Gilbert. Larry, I appreciate your candor with us and I have no doubt that if you say you need a full time person, we need a full time person. But, and we do have some budget issues. But you know, we're looking at the Storm Water Fund and we're looking at funding it out of the Street Department Fund which is a Special Revenue Fund, so the General Fund revenue is not really impacted to as great a degree. And we're looking at increasing the equivalent residential units, and it looks like we're going to have funding. And I agree with Larry. I mean, we need somebody to go in there, learn the system, and EMH&T is going to set up the system, but we have to maintain it and run it. I hate to agree with you Mr. Stearns, but I agree that we need a full time person. So, nothing personal but you and I don't always agree politically and I just find it interesting to find myself on your side of the table tonight.

Mr. Stearns: Well, we've got to set politics aside here.

Mr. Gilbert: Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: I have a tendency to agree with Mr. Stearns as well. Because Mr. Ward isn't getting anything, I mean he may be in given another person to help him, but his work load has increased tremendously, or will. You know, and with all the reports they're going to have to file, I just think they really will need the help.

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: As always, I jump in with a dumb question. But it doesn't seem to me, we're talking about a secretary here. I keep hearing we want to hire a secretary but this looks like a lot more difficult position than a secretary. It's not just answering phones, is it? It's record keeping, it's learning a new system, getting to understand the business behind the Water and Sewage. So with

that being said, I think because the position is going to require more talent and somebody that's going to take some training, I agree with Mr. Stearns and I think that we ought to be at a full time. Secondary to the finances, I believe it is already funded. So I don't think we are again hitting the General Fund. So I would agree. That would be my position.

Mr. Gilbert: Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Could I make a comment?

Mr. Gilbert: Sure.
Mrs. Newman: Secretaries don't just answer telephones. They pretty much do what has to be done.

Mr. Baxter: I think the position I'm making here is that if there's a position that needs to be titled, maybe Millie ought to be looking at that and have the position titled for what it's intended to be rather than have it titled in something other than that.

Mr. Gilbert: Your point is noted, Mr. Baxter. And as well, Mrs. Newman. Mr. Stake, anything you care to add at this point?

Mr. Stake: No, Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Gilbert: I'm looking for the title. I guess my concern here is if you move this forward as a 3/4 time position in light of where the table stands, the item would not make it out of committee at all. And there's no legislation in reserve. So I guess what I would need to do is to move this out of committee as it stands with the reductions that Mr. Hills had put in place and next week if anyone cares to entertain an amendment at the table to move this to a 3/4 time position, that would be the time to do it so that it does get consideration at this point one way or the other. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Bill always told me you can count to four. If you can't count to four you forget it. Right Bill?

Mr. Hills: I don't have to count right now. I would note Mr. Gilbert, certainly made the points that are made, truly this is one of the enterprise accounts. This is split between the two enterprises. It is not the General Fund where we had to do our cutting to make our anticipated reduction of revenues was limited to the General Fund items.

Mr. Gilbert: Okay. Thank you for your help, Mr. Hills. No other comments, I'll make a motion that we forward this to Council with a recommendation for adoption and I will just note, it will need to be amended to the new dollar amounts at the meeting next week which we'll have a redraft date. Do I have a second? Mr. Stearns with the second. Do I need to send this to Finance as well?

Mrs. Frazier: Your money's in the budget. You don't have to do any money.

Mr. Gilbert: Great. So we'll just forward this for recommendation for adoption. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

And I'll adjourn Service at 9:23.

Service Committee
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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
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Members of Finance Committee present: Ron Stake, Mel Clemens, Eric Gilbert, Lane J. Beougher.
Other members of Council present: Preston Stearns, Antoinette Newman, Brett Baxter.
President of Council William L. Hills was present as Acting Mayor.

Mr. Stake: I'd like to call the Finance Committee to order at 9:24. The first order of business is the approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held March 1, 2004. Are there any changes to those minutes? (No response). None being heard, they'll stand as submitted. Item number 3 is approval of the agenda. And do we have any changes to the agenda? I have some changes. I would like to make 3a the Planning Guide, 3b the Sidewalks Phase 4 and 5, 3c the Salt Storage Building, the first part of it, the $79,630, 3d the second part of the Salt Storage Building. I guess that's to amend the ordinance to reflect the price. And 3e would be the Cleaning, televising and root cutting, Water and Sewer. I'd like to also hold item number 7 (Discussion, Clarification and evaluation of Smoking Policy). We just received some information recently from the City Attorney. Let the members to have some time to take a look at this. I'd also like to hold item number 8 (Adoption of the CIP). We're still working on the CIP. And hold item number 15 (An ordinance declaring improvements to certain parcels of real property to be a public purpose) per request of Mr. Brandt.

Okay. 3a is the Planning Guide. That came from Community Development. Mr. Beougher, do you want to refresh our memory on that?

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Stake. This came initially to us with a request for $25,000. We have narrowed the scope of the study to the area south of 70, north of the Franklin and Licking County border, and bound it to the east I believe at Mink Street or somewhere in that vicinity. So we've narrowed the scope and cut the money to $12,000 and that is what I would ask for to be

appropriated for this ordinance.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Beougher. That satisfied my requirements. One was to narrow the scope to that area. The other one was to reduce the price which is in line with what I was thinking. So I'm okay with that. Any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee? (No response). Questions or comments from members of Council? (No response). Okay. None being heard, I guess we would send this on for its first reading.

Mr. Beougher: It's with a recommendation for adoption as an emergency.

Mr. Stake: As an emergency. Okay. So the motion is to send this on for first reading with recommendation as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Beougher.

Mrs. Frazier: Mr. Stake, where are you taking the money from?

Mr. Stake: I believe Mr. Brandt says he has that money. Mr. Brandt?

Mr. Brandt: (Inaudible).

Mr. Stake: No?

Mr. Baxter: He has no money.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Mr. Beougher, where are we getting the money?

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Stake, thank you. In our discussion with Mr. Brandt, what, a week ago, a little over a week ago, we took the money out of his budget.

Mr. Brandt: Correct.

Mr. Beougher: You had 11,000.

Mr. Brandt: Right. Left 2.

Mr. Beougher: We left 2 and said that if this came back as a reduction we would then appropriate it out of the General Fund. But it was not an annual expenditure. This was a one time deal and that was our justification for doing that. And we don't expect another $12,000 study next year we hope.

Mr. Brandt: I wouldn't think so.

Mr. Stake: Okay. So Mrs. Frazier, we would appropriate this from the General Fund. Would that be okay?

Mrs. Frazier: That's fine. Thank you.

Mr. Stake: So then I guess I would change my motion to reflect the monies being appropriated

from the General Fund. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Beougher. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Glad we have Mrs. Frazier here to keep me straight.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Next on the agenda...

Mr. Beougher: We're all glad we have Mrs. Frazier here to keep us straight.

Mr. Stake: Yeah. I'm sure we are. Next is the, this came from Safety, this is the Sidewalk Phases 4 and 5 to authorize the contract for construction and appropriate the funds. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes. This is, total amount to be appropriated is $822,000 and it's from the Unappropriated Sidewalk Fund to account 420.030.5653.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any questions or comments from members of Finance Committee on this one? (No response). Questions or comments from members of Council? (No response). Alright. And Mr. Clemens this would go through the three reading process? We don't need an emergency on this?

Mr. Clemens: No. This is to be an emergency.

Mr. Stake: Emergency also. Okay. Then I would make a motion that we appropriate $822,000 from the Unappropriated Sidewalk Fund account no. 420.030.5653 as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion?

Mrs. Frazier: I have a question.

Mr. Stake: Mrs. Frazier.

Mrs. Frazier: I'd like for the Auditor to let us know if there's enough money in there for that whole thing. Did you check Mel? To see if the whole amount was there? Because the last time I looked, there was like six hundred and some thousand there.

Mr. Whitney: Latest report is a little bit under 400,000.

Mr. Clemens: I'm sorry?

Mr. Whitney: A little bit less than 400,000. 389.

Mr. Stake: Well, that makes it difficult then, doesn't it? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yeah. Why don't you, we'll send this on and then give us a week to come up with where we're going to come up with additional fund or if we are at the present time. Can we do that? Just move it on?

Mrs. Frazier: Sure.

Mr. Clemens: I'm sorry.

Mrs. Frazier: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: Move it on to Council and we'll get with Howard and see, or Sharon, Mrs. Reichard can get with Howard and see where we can come up with the additional funds. Now this, and I tell you what we should do, this will be paid back as an assessment. But a lot of it is going to be paid back through the city. So I think what we should do, is break down what the city's portion is and what the, can you do that Dave? Because a lot of it, we'll be paying for. Wheelchair ramps and such things as that. And find out what the city portion is and what the assessment estimate portion is and maybe we can figure it out from there and come up with something by the next meeting if we can. Or we'll hold it until the following meeting until we do come up with it. So I'll see that we get with Mrs. Reichard and get with Howard and see what we can work out by the Council meeting.

Mr. Stake: That works for me. Is that okay with the rest of the members of the committee? (Inaudible). Alright. I believe there's a motion on the floor. There's a second. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Okay. The next item on the agenda, 3c is the Salt Storage Building. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes. This comes from the Safety Committee and the total appropriation on this is $69,300. Account, contingency, and the engineering fee. And I think Howard's going to come up with the account on that. Am I correct? And the money's there, and we do have the money on this one. I think I was told we did. I mean, Howard you said we were okay on this?

Mr. Whitney: (Inaudible).

Mr. Clemens: Okay. They'll come up with the account number for us by next Monday. This is an emergency too.

Mr. Stake: Emergency also? Okay. Mrs. Frazier, it's okay to do this without an account number at this time?

Mrs. Frazier: Yes. This is okay. I'll get the account number from Howard.

Mr. Hills: The amount on that Mr. Stake, I believe was 79,230. Was that not correct?

Mrs. Frazier: 79,630.

Mr. Hills: 79,630? Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Okay. The first part of this I guess is to appropriate $79,630 for the Salt Storage

Building. And I would make a motion that we do so. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Gilbert. I'm sorry. Is there any discussion by any of the members of Council? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

And then 3d is the second part of the Salt Storage Building. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I even hate to bring it up because I don't know if we've got any money or an account number.
Mr. Stake: We're going to be shaving that budget down even further later, aren't we?

Mr. Clemens: I think that Howard said this is okay too. And we will have an account number for you Monday night or I'm not going to show up. One of the two. I've spent a lot of money we don't have. On my account. Any how, that's what it is. $40,638 and we'll have the account number Monday night. I make a motion that it be an emergency too.

Mr. Stake: There's a motion to appropriate $40,638 for that. Is there a second? Second by Mr. Beougher. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. Okay Mel, you're off the hook for a little while.

Mr. Clemens: Not very long.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Item 3e is the cleaning, televising, and root cutting of the sanitary sewers. Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Gilbert: This item comes from Service with a recommendation it just move forward for its first reading. It does need to go to Finance. My legislative request is buried underneath.

Mr. Stake: That's alright. We need to appropriate...

Mr. Gilbert: 1600?

Mr. Hills: 6200.

Mr. Gilbert: $6200.

Mr. Stake: $6,200 from the Unappropriated Sewer Capacity Fund to account no. 720.736.5331. And I'll make a motion that we do so. Do we have a second? Second by Mr. Gilbert. Any discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 4 is Discussion, Repeal of Ordinance #91-03 which authorized the Mayor to purchase a perpetual nonexclusive easement for the Pleasant View Heights Sanitary Sewer Improvement, and return monies to the Capital Improvement Program Fund (Estate of Lena Rose Clark). I believe this is to return some money back to the fund, to our General Fund. And we're going to unappropriate $3,000 from account no. 410.091.5622 and re-appropriate it to the Capital

Improvement Fund. And I believe we would like an emergency on this so we can get that money in there as soon as possible.

Mr. Beougher: Sounds like we need it.

Mr. Stake: Yeah. We need a lot more than this I think. Any discussion from members of the committee? (No response). Comments or questions? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Always good when we can put some money back. So I will make a motion that we do unappropriate that $3,000. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 5 is Discussion, Administrative Reimbursement by Water and Sewer Funds to the General Fund. And this comes from Mr. Whitney.

Mr. Whitney: Since we do provide administrative services to the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund, they reimburse us for the expenses involved. Back 9 years ago, these reimbursement amounts were set at $75,000 to the Water Fund. $60,000 for the Sewer Fund. They have remained unchanged since. _____ the expenses of administering these going up? Mostly the expenses being personnel expenses. Personnel expenses have been growing at about 4% per year. I used a simple model to allow those rates that were enforced 9 years ago to increase by 4% per year to the newly adjusted amounts if you will, which I recommend. 106,748 for the Water Fund. 89,399 for the Sewer Fund.

Mr. Stake: Okay.

Mr. Whitney: That represents a total increase of $57,147.

Mr. Stake: So the total amount we would be adjusting to would be...

Mr. Whitney: The green.

Mr. Stake: Okay. It would be $193,147. Correct?

Mrs. Frazier: You take the amounts out of each fund.

Mr. Stake: Okay. So 106,748 from the Water Fund. $85,399.

Mr. Whitney: That is correct.

Mr. Stake: And I think we might want to do this as soon as possible.

Mr. Whitney: Well, if we're going to use it as revenue for this year, yes.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Well I think we should do that. Any comments or questions from members of

Finance Committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Okay. I'd like to make a motion that we reimburse, we do the administrative reimbursement by the Water and Sewer Funds. Water Fund, $106,748. Sewer Fund, $85,399. And recommend that we send this on as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). Okay. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 6 is Discussion, Adoption of Model Pick-Up Resolutions (Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund), one for Police Officers and Sergeants, one for Senior Police Management. And I believe we want this as an emergency as well. I believe we have a deadline on this at the end of this month. Correct, Mr. Whitney? Do you want to address this? I know this comes from Peggy.

Mr. Whitney: I'm not equipped to address it.

Mr. Stake: You're not familiar with it?

Mr. Whitney: No.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Well, I'm familiar with it and basically we need to do this as soon as possible so we get the right amounts being provided to those funds. So I will make a motion that we adopt the Model Pick-Up Resolutions provided by Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Gilbert. Any discussion on this? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 9 is the Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Chapter 160, Employee Compensation (Tape Change). Pertaining to that position of Account Clerk I to the General Fund. This did come from the Auditor and I guess he's okay to go ahead and do this. We want to do this as an emergency as well so we can return those monies as soon as possible. Correct?

Mr. Whitney: That is correct.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any comments or questions from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Okay. I would make a motion that we adopt this ordinance as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Gilbert. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 10 is Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Chapter 160, Employee Compensation, Section 160.02, Authorized Positions, Personnel, Classification and Pay Grade. This is what we've been dealing with in both Safety and Service. And I believe we've, well I'm not sure what we've done. I know we had a lot of discussion on it. We're going to hire another police officer, two part time court liaisons, and we're going to do a secretary for Larry in the Street Department being paid by the Water Department I guess, and the

Street Department. And we're also going to do a pollution control technician.

Mr. Clemens: And we're going to move a part time dispatcher up to a full time dispatcher.

Mr. Stake: That's correct. Yes. Okay. Well I think this has been discussed pretty thoroughly in both Safety and Service. So I guess we can pass this on for its third reading. Do we need an emergency on this, Mrs. Frazier?

Mr. Hills: It may take us longer than that until we get everything _____.

Mrs. Frazier: Well if you, your money's going to be in the budget for these positions. So if you don't it's going to take another 30 days. So if this is what you want, you might as well put an emergency on it. It goes into effect then once its signed.

Mr. Stake: And we do need these people. So I guess the sooner we authorize these positions, the better. So I will make a motion that we pass this on for its third reading as an emergency. Is there any discussion, comments, or questions on this? (No response). Okay. I make a motion we pass this on as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Beougher. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 11, Ordinance to repeal and replace Ordinance No. 87-03 passed October 27, 2003 that waives competitive bidding for various exempted contracts and expenditures over $10,000. This had its second reading on 3-8-04. And we've heard about this before. Mr. Whitney, this I believe came from you. We've talked about these. Do any of the members have any comments or questions on these, on waiving competitive bidding on any of these vendors? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: No. But I'm glad that we're getting it done the first of the year this year instead of waiving the bidding after its all over with at the end of the year. So, we'll congratulate them on that.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any other comments or questions, members of Council? (No response). Okay. None being heard, then I would make a motion that we send this on for its third reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Gilbert. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 12, Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Chapter 958, Stormwater Charges, Section 958.06, Equivalent Residential Unit Assignment. We have a lot of information on this. I believe committee members and members of Council have had plenty of time to read through this. We're looking to change the rate from 1.25 per month per equivalent residential unit to $2. This will become effective after May 1, 2004. It had its second reading on 3-8-04. Any questions or comments from members of the committee? (No response). Questions or comments from members of Council? (No response). Okay. Well then I would like to make a motion to send this on for its third reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Gilbert. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response).

Motion passes.

Item number 13 is Ordinance to make a final appropriation for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Reynoldsburg, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004 and declaring an emergency. It was read for the second time on 3-8-04. And this is something we've all been working hard on. I would like to say thank you to Acting Mayor Bill Hills, Mrs. Reichard, all the department heads, Chief. Everybody has been very, very cooperative in this effort. Everybody's worked together. That was nice to see. I think what you see going on here tonight and some of our discussions, our finances are not what we thought they'd be. We've seen a lot of press lately about the economy not being what we thought it was. And we're all feeling this. So we sure needed to take a hard look at our expenditures, come up with some numbers that we thought would be realistic for this year. Also, my own feeling is that should we need to appropriate additional money during the year for certain things, if we can do it I'd be happy to consider it. I'm not, we're not trying to reduce things just to reduce them. I think there's some necessity there and if there's necessity to go ahead and provide funding for things down the road, I'd be happy to take a serious look at it. That being said, Acting Mayor Bill Hills, would you like to comment on this?

Mr. Hills: I would like to reiterate what you said. There are a lot of thanks in order to a lot of people. And we started off with our interim budget back on December 22, '03 and we said, okay everybody give us everything you wanted and they did that. And then Mr. Whitney gave us a $500,000 reduction in revenues. And so much of what people would have wanted became a necessity to remove. And with the efforts of Mrs. Reichard, yourself, Mr. Beougher, Mr. Stake, a number of Council people meeting with the directors, and every director has been very good working with this, quickly came up with around $400,000 in cuts and when we found out we only had about a week left to bring it forward instead of mid April it was the first of April, I went through and kind of spread some cuts with everybody to make up that other 100,000. And I will commend everyone here. There's been no real problems with that. I do reiterate what Mr. Stake has said. Certainly as we go through the year and we see that some funds are needed or appropriated or as we've seen over the last couple of years have been transferred in order to, within the accounts to keep from reappropriation. But bottom line, I think everybody's done a real good job and if you'll note, one of the key things to look at here is on page 3 that was handed to you. Certainly our budget request and the General Fund items are $11,263, 293 and their estimated revenue is $11,312,611. One of the key things to note is on the last page, the figure in the revenue which used to be 2003 appropriations and not spent. In our working through the last week or so, that number has now gone away. We have done some transfers as you've heard about tonight and some fundings and increasing some things. But the concern expressed by some people in administration and also by Council as to that, I didn't use it last year so let me spend it this year. Those numbers are not there and we are showing a balanced budget and I think there is, I do appreciate the work everyone has done. And it was, one of my goals was not to have Council take it away if we could all work together. And I think with the help of Sharon and the Administration and everyone in Administration and Council, we have been able to deal with the situation in the best way possible. And I do thank everybody for that.
Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Hills. I also would like to thank the Chair people of the committees. I know that myself and the Chairmen have met with some of the department heads and had some

talks with them and they were very reasonable. I do appreciate the assistance from the Chair people of the committees. I guess we are going to be doing some fine tuning on this between now and Monday on our budget. So are there any comments or questions from members of the Finance Committee? Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: I want to just echo your comments and Mr. Hills' comments. I had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Walsh and Mr. Brandt, and they both pro-actively came up with cuts on their own that exceeded the amount that we were asking for. And I'm sure the other department heads and directors did the same and I think they're to be commended for their efforts to help the city in this regard.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Beougher. Any comments or questions from members of Council? Mr. Stearns.

Mr. Stearns: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Stake. I just want to say that this is a great experience for me, the first time on Council, and to see how the budget is prepared. And I know that there's a lot of work that went into it. And as you said, I just want to echo everything you said and respect you for what you're doing. You kept us informed as to what was going on which was really good. Again, I just want to thank you for that.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Stearns. I appreciate it. Okay. Well, I guess we'll refine some of these numbers between now and Monday night for next Monday night so that we can pass this as an emergency. So I do make a motion that we send this on for its third reading as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 14 is Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Section 160.03, Salary Schedule, Subsections (a) and (b) of Chapter 160, Employee Compensation. It had its second reading on 2-9-04. And what this is, for people who maybe have forgotten, when we passed the Policy and Procedures last year, the Clemans/Nelson in there, we were to review the CPI. Get a number on what it was through a certain period and it was 2.3%. We were to review that and adjust our salary schedule accordingly. So that's what we're trying to do here. Are there any comments or questions from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). I don't believe we need an emergency on this one. Do we Nancy?

Mrs. Frazier: No.

Mr. Stake: We'll just go ahead and send it on for its third reading and let it run its course then. Then I would make a motion that we send this on for its third reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Gilbert. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes. And we will adjourn Finance at 9:55.

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