

MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
March 11, 2019

Ward 2 Councilmember Brett Luzader called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM

Call to Order - Roll Call

PRESENT: Luzader, Baker, Bryant, Skinner, Joseph

ABSENT:

Approval of Agenda

Agenda stands approved.

Approval of Minutes

a. Public Service and Transportation Committee – Committee Meeting – February 25, 2019

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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NEW LEGISLATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH OHM FOR THE ENGINEERING, PLANS, BID DOCUMENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE LANCASTER AND MAIN PARKING LOT--PHASE 2, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

Mr. Sampson: The purpose of this legislation to enter into contract with OHM advisors for phase 2 design services and preparation of bid specifications for the Lancaster and Main intersection lot. The total cost is \$22,000.00 for those bid specifications phase 1, included the demolition plans, layout, material plans, site clearing, drainage plan, sheath specifications. Phase 2 includes the creek <INAUDIBLE> structures, clay brick pavers, additional site clearing along the creek, gravel pass, signage and landscaping. And the work is anticipated to begin. We did some site clearing by the end of the year, end of 2018. We will continue that this year and they will begin the demolition in the next, 2 to 4 weeks, weather permitting, for phase 1.

Ms. Bryant: I guess I'm just wondering why this is being brought as an emergency, because its not like this is a new project. You know, we've had this in the works for awhile so why are we presenting this as an emergency.

Mr. Sampson: We had the phase 1, you know done for in 2018. Our intent is to be able to role from phase 1 to phase 2 quickly. Our goal is to have this done by late spring early summer. The entire project. Again, to allow for the landscaping.

Ms. Bryant: Is there some reason why we haven't had this up fro discussion before to avoid having this as an emergency?

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Mr. Sampson: We just got to cut the proposals for phase 2 from OHM, we have been working with them on a scope of services and what will be a logical fit for the phase 2 services. And again, working with <INAUDIBLE> our contract for the phase 1 services, they are scheduled for when they can proceed with phase 1 services. Were just trying to make it as seamless and fluid a process as possible.

Ms. Bryant: And I understand and appreciate that, I just, we've got an awful lot of emergencies that come through and this seems like this is something we could have discussed before.

Mr. Sampson: Well we have a very narrow window for good weather in the summer time and were trying to take advantage of that too, to have the landscaping in place.

Mr. Luzader: I think part of that too is we just got the proposal and the paperwork from OHM, two weeks ago?

Mayor and Mr. Sampson: Yes, that is correct.

Mr. Sampson: And again we have been working closely with them on the scope of services making sure that we have a proposal that reflects, you know what we envision in that area.

Mr. Clemens: Looking at the site plan, that water looks awful blue, so it looks good.

Mr. Spalding: Bluer than it is.

LAUGHTER

Mr. Sampson: You know the goal will be, if we could do it around, if we could begin discussing around St. Patrick's day it will be green.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 3/11/2019 7:35 PM
MOVER:	Brett Luzader, Ward 2 Councilmember	
SECONDER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember	
AYES:	Luzader, Baker, Bryant, Skinner	

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: AMENDING CHAPTER 741 SOLICITORS. --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

Mr. Luzader: I hope everyone had a chance to read this. This is something I have noticed a couple other communities have done. And I think that its something that could be very beneficial here to our residents. When I thought about this one of the things that really struck me was, sometimes the solicitors come to the doors and they talk fast. Try get you to buy, convert your gas services, convert your electric services, convert your cable services. And a lot of times especially the older folks that live in town here don't quite understand what they are saying. I think if we can get this enacted, its

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something that might cut down on some of the solicitors coming to their doors. One of my proposals is if this does go into effect, would be to actually print off some of the forms and take them to the senior center. And if they want to be bothered, encourage them to sign up for this no knock registry. I put it on as a discussion item just to see how everyone feels about it tonight. I drew up this here was an off shoot of what Whitehall has. It can be changed updated to suit our needs. I tired to change it somewhat to suit our needs I have talked to City attorney, he thinks its a good idea. I have talked to the mayor, he is in favor of it, the service director is behind it. Like I said I think its something that could be very beneficial to our residents. Like I said I just wanted to see how everyone felt about it tonight as a discussion item before we decided to go further. With that I'll open it up for questions, discussions, members of the committee. Ms. Bryant.

Ms. Bryant: How would this work in conjunction with what we already have as requiring the solicitors, you know we have already got the requirement that's solicitors get a licenses to go out and knock the doors and I don't know that most people are aware of that. I think its a good idea, I guess I'm just wondering do we need both of these or I'm just spit balling.

Mr. Luzader: This would be in addition to the 741 that we have now where they would still have to get a permit, when they come and get their permit, there would be a list at the service directors office and each person that comes in a gets a permit would get a copy of that list and it would be up to the solicitor to go down that list, and my proposal when it talked to Mr. Sampson earlier today, would be to have that list in alphabetical order according to street, so that when the solicitors working this street he knows these addresses don't want to be bothered.

Ms. Bryant: So are you looking at having it as a completely separate ordinance or are you looking at amending the existing solicitor license ordinance?

Mr. Hood: This amends the existing solicitors permit, that's why its marked as such in this packet. What this does and just to make clear, this is the private property owner voluntarily asking to be added to this. So this is no different than someone putting their own no solicitation sticker on their window or their screen door. And say I don't want to be bothered. But we don't have a list that's compiled that are already doing that. What this does is has the City not only complies those folks but anybody else that would like to be added to that registry, when a business comes into the City and asks for a permit of our service director to solicit in the City, they would also be provided a list of these no knock door where they are not allowed to go and ask to sell their wares in the City.

Ms. Bryant: So who would be responsible for compiling this list and maintaining that?

Mr. Hood: Service Department. And I believe that the cost would be shifted to the applicants. So were going to do stickers, they will cost a little bit. Wont cost anything to maintain it, other than some man power hours. So but we talked about addressing that In the cost of the application of the solicitors themselves so there is no cost to the homeowners.

Mr. Luzader: Yea, if we did stickers or which ever, the cost of the postage and the stickers themselves would be included in the permit fee for the solicitor for the solicitor.

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Mr. Joseph: Yea I think that this is a good idea, it will compliment our current requirements for the solicitors. But I just want to clarify, that the stickers that are going to be distributed. Are they just simply going to say do not know or they say solicitors do not knock. I think there would be confusion by non solicitors that it means everybody. Not knowing the ordinance, not understanding what it says.

Mr. Hood: Yea it will be clear for solicitations only and the Whitehall prototype, if we do something similar to that. Looks like that already. You can find that news agencies picked up on their ordinance a week or two ago so if you can find it with a google search if you like. And we can talk about that. But yes it will be clear, its not a matter of their not welcoming folks to their door but they don't want to be approached by people selling wares.

Mr. Joseph: What about, since you spoke to this Mr. Hood. What about people who don't want anyone coming to their doors?

Mr. Hood: They have the right now to answer it.

LAUGHTER

Mr. Joseph: Ok, I just wanted to clarify.

Mr. Hood: <INAUDIBLE> 13 years, there are plenty of folks who do it.

Mr. Joseph: I have run into people like that, but yea ok. So, but they cannot just simply say, you know, no one right?

Mr. Hood: Well I mean, we all know that there are no solicitation signs on screen doors now. What were trying to do is organize that and also make it available to everyone. Voluntarily. So we can compile a list so when the solicitors come in and obtain their permits, which most of them do, they will also be provided that. I have no way of anticipating how popular this will be. I think its going to be pretty interesting to see how many people will voluntarily sign up to do this. The other thing I will tell you is and the Chief spoke to this. There are more and more folks that have those doorbell cameras on their doors, so they know exactly whose at their door and maybe they don't answer because of that, I don't know. But with technology there is another way to avoid any confrontation at the doors as well.

Mr. Joseph: It may also be beneficial if some were on this sticker, that it states that the homeowner is participating in a City sponsored program versus just a generic no soliciting.

Mr. Hood: Correct, Brett talked about that specifically and we want to make sure that we identify it as a City program.

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Mr. Luzader: And also, if the solicitor continues to knock on doors that has these stickers or are on the registry, than one of these proposals is also that they can have their permit revoked.

Mr. Hood: And potentially be fines if they continue to do it.

Mr. Spalding: But in fact that's already there, right? They can be fined if they continue to knock, are told to go away or no solicitors? So I mean all were doing is elevating and making sure we are going to legislate for these people. Here is where my concern is. And here is the part that bothers me. Because now the stickers getting to look like a plaque, all the things were going to add to it. We could cover up a window or two with it. Alright because we say here the City will send a notice to each registered <INAUDIBLE> on the main entrance door or window so that it is very visible for those approaching the premises. So that's fine, so here it is. Says no solicitors and all the other things we want to put on there. But my concern about that is, how many people, cause you mentioned these old folks, really? I see old folks every day and that is not even on their top ten concern list. People knocking on their door. If you could keep people from calling my phone, now you would be able to do something. But this is not, this is not really big. Because you know what happens, they don't answer the door. They just don't do it. So do they want a sticker because they are old people. No, they don't need that sticker at all. So, if that's what we think were doing, were going to help out of old people, you know go somewhere else, because that's not their concern at all.

Mr. Hood: I think this helps everybody. But once again, this is totally voluntary. So if they chose not to participate, they have no reason to participate, they don't have to.

Mr. Spalding: Sure, now they've put it up and a girl scout comes to sell cookies, guess what that girl scout she isn't on the registry list and you know what, she has every right to go up to that door and knock on it. But you know what some of the people that live there go hey see this sign? Trust me that will happen, no your not supposed to knock here, what are you doing here little girl. And that's going to happen, alright. The band, no no go away, you cant knock on my door, I got one of these stickers. You know, I just hate to see us legislating stuff that we don't need to be doing. This is way jumping over as far as I'm concerned. And that's simply an opinion. But it was being resented as something nice for older people, could be presented for something, this would be really good for our community. I don't buy it, I don't buy it at all.

Mr. Luzader: That's why I brought this up fro discussion. We don't necessarily have to have stickers. It would be a registry that will be given to the solicitors, its up tot hem to go down that list and say I don't knock on this address, this address, this address. We can also include a clause in there. That would preclude girls scouts, boy scouts, different tings like that. But that's why this is just for discussion tonight and like I said we can tweak it however we want or If we don't want to do it, that's fine. I jus think its something that would be very beneficial to the community as a whole.

Mr. Skinner: I'm not really sure exactly what the benefit is as opposed to me getting on Amazon and having a no soliciting sign in my door tomorrow morning. I don't know why, is there something different with these stickers than a no soliciting sign that I could by at Walmart right now. But I don't really understand how this is different than what is currently in place. As for a solicitor going

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door to door, I'm fairly certain no solicitor is going to get a list and then go down through the list, I think they are just going to go through every single house, see a sticker and then walk away like they do currently with a no soliciting sign. So I'm just trying to, I mean I could be totally wrong, open to that. I'm not sure though what exactly the benefit of this is, compared to what we already have in place.

Mr. Joseph: We currently don't give solicitors a list, correct. That's the big difference. Solicitors would get a list. Time is money. I think solicitors would look at it, I think they would say these people don't want me knocking on their door. I have a lot of other people to see. My view is if you stickers or no stickers, this compliments the current law by giving at least the solicitors information that these people want nothing to do with them and that they will look elsewhere to sell. I mean they can knock but I don't know what they statics are but I doubt if they are selling much to people that don't want them on their front stoop. So I think that's the big difference, more information for the solicitors. Whether you do a sticker or not.

Mr. Skinner: Right, I understand I guess that does make some sense. That they could probably walk down the street and look at the list but I think that's a matter of seconds. I'm not suggesting that they are going to knock on every door with a solicitation sign. I'm suggesting that they are going to walk up in view of the door, see the sticker and just turn around and walk the ten steps they've just took up the driveway. I don't think that that's really going to save anybody really a whole lot of time, I don't think that's going to save anybody a whole lot of dollars.

Mr. Hood: I think the thing that you may be overlooking Mr. Skinner is, some solicitors, not all but some take advantage of technology and they have an ipad with potential sales leads. And if they can remove those addresses from our list without actually walking to that street, they may be able to avoid that delay in its entirety. I don't, obviously my boy scouts don't do that but I think the more prevalent companies that employ sales teams like this do take advantage of that technology and these do not knock list are becoming more and prevalent across not only the county but our state as well. So they are adapting to them as well.

Mr. Luzader: Like he said its not new, its not a novel idea that we are the first ones to implement it. I think Whitehall just did it starting November or October of last year. They've already got over 1500 people signed up for it. Ms. Bryant.

Ms. Bryant: I guess its you know the idea of having a registry, I think fundamentally it is a good idea but just like the do not call list, you know there is all these exceptions to the do not call list and I don't know about any body else in this room but I still get just you know probably a dozen calls a day easily and I'm still on the do not call list. That being one thing. I suppose a sticker from the City could be an optional thing if somebody wanted it but as Mr. Skinner said, you could just as easily go to Walmart and pick up a no soliciting sign. And then Mr. Spalding's comment about the girl scouts selling cookies, you know this would be on of those exceptions just like, political campaigning and the Jehovah's witnesses and you know pretty much everything else. I think you know you will have some people that say how dare you girl scout knock on my door but then your going to have other people be like girl scout wait, I need cookies and why didn't you knock on my door. I think if were

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going to do this there needs to be some sort of understanding with the people that register that there are going to be exceptions to this and that they should expect that those exceptions are. You know most people aren't excited to have the Jehovah Witness' at their door because I think most of us have decided are religions and all. There are certain exceptions that we already have in place that I don't know that people are aware of. I think if we go through with putting a registry together, we need to have a clear understanding for the people joining that registry that your still going to have people knocking on your door, its just going to be instead of the whole world knocking on your door, it may be these exceptions.

Mr. Luzader: Well and that's something that we can put on the form, that when the folks fill it out to be part of the registry that these folks still have the right to knock on your door, you don't have to answer. You've always got that right. Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker: She basically, Council woman basically took my question about that making sure the people are aware of when you sign up for this, these are the people that are exempt and these are the ones that are not allowed to ignore you basically. When a solicitor comes to my door, I have no problem with just shutting the door in their face and going on about my business and I have done that a couple of times. No disrespect to them because I understand they are trying to make a living, however, your not selling something I want, that too. And I worry about not just the girl scouts but if some kid wants to go up and down the street, knock on the door trying to snow plow somebody's driveway or cut their grass you know a little summer job, I know people say well we don't see that much anymore. But I saw it a couple of times, I would like someday not affect them. You know as kids just trying to make a quick buck.

Mr. Luzader: Like I said this I just for discussion tonight, I think we have got some ideas of where we need to go and where we can tweak this. I'll get with the City Attorney the next couple weeks.

Mr. Hood: I think these are good comments and I think that an education component we we're talking about putting the lists on the form, to make sure the people understand its not a total prohibition. We also want to make sure that people that are in the City that are either talking religiously or talking politically or so on and so forth, they understand they are not prohibited. I mean I think that's a two way street. Yea this is certainly not an end all be all. I was thinking though maybe we could put on the sticker City of Reynoldsburg and then do not knock and then maybe unless you have thin mints, maybe, I don't know. Because I'm for that,

LAUGHTER <INAUDIBLE>

Mr. Hood: I think we can work on it, I think its a good starting point and it sounds like there is enough people in agreement we should at least think about moving this forward so we can work the language up.

Mr. Joseph: Yea, I have one more question either for Mr. Hood or Mr. Sampson, whoever might know the information. Do we have, what's the current number of solicitors that are registered with the City? Do you have that information?

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Mr. Hood: That's a Bill questions, would you know that off the top of your head Bill?

Mr. Sampson: I do not know that, I would have to get back to you.

Mr. Joseph: Ok, because I would like to know if were talking about a couple of dozen or hundreds or whatever. And secondly, do we have any kind of, do we maintain any kind of records of people who do complains? How frequently we get complaints of the City of people saying, I am being solicited, these people don't have permit or anything like that. Do we have any...

Mr. Hood: We can get that...

Mr. Joseph: Ok because it might be interesting to see how big a problem it is, who is registered who is not.

Mr. Hood: I, myself, I don't shut the door but I do ask if they have a permit and then they generally say well its down in my truck, which I know is not true. Yea we can get that information to you before the next meeting.

Mr. Luzader: I would like to just hold this for two weeks. I can get back with the City Attorney, and if you have got any other questions or concerns either get them to me or get them to City Attorney and we will see if we cant get them addressed and talk about it again in two weeks.

Second by Councilman Baker to hold for two weeks all voted in favor.

RESULT:	ITEM HELD	Next: 3/25/2019 7:32 PM
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LEGISLATION FOR THIRD READING

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EMH&T FOR THE ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT OF SEWER LINE CCTV AND MANHOLE INSPECTIONS. --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

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SECONDER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember	
AYES:	Luzader, Baker, Bryant, Skinner	

SWACO PROJECT GENERAL QUESTIOS AND RESIDENTIAL ZONING CODE QUESTIONS

Mr. Clemens: There has been a letter sent out that Rumpke plans to pick up their red recycling bins and we have discussed and asked if you would explain to Council what that means if you would please.

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Mr. Sampson: We have a contract for the next three years with Rumpke to provide waste collection services, they will honor the red bins. We do have, I'll be coming back to council, we do have the roll out of the new recycling bins occurring in May. But residents will have the option if they want to continue to use the red bins or if they want to use a container of their own, Rumpke will continue to service those. There is a communication that's out that Mr. Clemens saw that they are going to offer a time that they will pick them up for residences that want to use my new bins, you know I no longer want to store or keep my red bins, Rumpke will collect those bins on one or more dates. But they will continue to service whatever container, for the next three years that a resident chooses to dispose of their recycled material.

Mr. Clemens: I have one other question, thanks Bill. I understand. And this would pertain to you. This is kind of an odd question. I have had a lot of conversation on it, a lot of people have contacted me on this one. I know it was handled right but it has to do with a piece of property in my ward. And it has to do with a piece of property that a house burnt down on a few years ago and this is on Retton, on the corner of Rosehill Road. The house that's being built, and I have checked I know they are doing the permits right, but the house that are being built is probably three stories high. It matches nothing in the neighborhood, period. And I wasn't sure and I thought maybe you would know, I don't remember everything, do we have anything in the building code that requires you when you come in to a subdivision, that you have to maintain the looks of what the subdivision is? Do you happen to know about that?

Mr. Sampson: We do not, that I am aware of, Mayor?

Mayor McCloud: Not that I am aware of Mr. Clemens and I have seen the property your talking about, let me confirm that and ill get back with all of Council. But not to my knowledge.

Mr. Clemens: Yea, I and I know they have permits you know they are sitting in the right place. It's just way out of bounds, lets put it that way compared to what the rest of the City <INAUDIBLE>

Mr. Sampson: I grew up in a Huber home, I know what your saying Mr. Clemens. The, you know we had both John Pazske our Chief Building Official and Emily, our zoning administrator, they both went out together to make sure that the building structure wasn't expanded beyond the zone of requirements for that particular parcel so the City has been following up on the progress of the construction.

Mr. Clemens: Yea, I have no complaints on that part of it, other than it looks terrible. If you would I would appreciate it, thanks Mayor.

LAUGHTER

Mr. Luzader: I wouldn't say it looks terrible just out of place.

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Mr. Clemens: Terribly out of place. Well I mean when you have people complaining about them looking in their windows <INAUDIBLE>

Mr. Baker: Yea you probably answered this already, when the new bins come, do we have to come City halls and pick them up or are they going to deliver them, I cant remember.

Mr. Sampson: We will deliver them. The staging area is in Gahanna. Our tentative day is May 3rd, its a 7 to 10 day window that they will do the roll out, they will bring them to your residence. There will be a serial number on the identifying them with your house and will log into our data base, our water department data base and but yes they will be brought to you.

Mr. Luzader: Along those lines Bill could you maybe just outline a step by step of what is going to occur and what's expected of the residents and give us a little update in a couple weeks or so?

Mr. Sampson: Yea that is our plan. We have been working closely with SWACO and were going to come and do a presentation for Council, there is also \$10,000.00 for a media, literature, that were going to be communicating with our residents. I'll do a public meeting, you know our whole point with this process is not surprises, we want our residents to be aware of what they'll be getting and when they will be getting it and what can be used and what cant be used in our recycling bin. That educational process will be unfolded in the next couple months.

Mr. Luzader: Instead of maybe just trying to wing it and give us some of these answers off the cuff...

Mr. Sampson: No, no we want everybody to go in eyes wide open, so that's our intent. And we will make sure that Council and our public are aware of all the details.