

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2004

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Beougher: The first item on the agenda is approval of the minutes of the February 17, 2004 committee meeting. Are there any corrections or changes to the minutes? (No response). Hearing none, they will stand as submitted. The next item is the approval of the agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda? (No response). Hearing none, it will stand as submitted.

Next item is the discussion of the Authorization of agreement with MORPC, update Reynoldsburg Planning Guide, and waive competitive bidding. And we have with us tonight, Bill Habig, the Executive Director of MORPC and Annique Van Kley, one of the planners I believe. And Bill, if you'd like to come forward. Thank you for coming.

Mr. Habig: Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of Council. What we'd like to do is spend a few minutes reviewing what we see in the current guide and then get your feedback on what you'd like to see in the update so that we can discuss that and try to come to some kind of a scope of work here. I think that's a goal in this. So I've asked Annique to review the present guide. She's going to go over some of those things and then we can discuss that and answer questions.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you.

Ms. Van Kley: Hi. Thanks for having us here tonight. Currently, you have a planning guide that was written in 1992, and we responded to a request I believe, that came initially through Council to city staff to write a proposal to update that existing planning guide. Currently, it's set up in 8 chapters and most of those need to be updated. It's been over 10 years and you've experienced some rapid growth. You are experiencing some pressure from Franklin County as well as within Licking, and there are some things that we need to look at over again.

Mr. Beougher: Annique, could you hold the microphone a little closer to you?

Ms. Van Kley: Sure. I can try. Kind of tall. Specifically, you have three chapters. A development concept, development policies, and development strategies, that over the past 10 years have grown somewhat out of date. There are a lot of new planning concepts that people have been talking about recently that could probably serve Reynoldsburg extremely well. We'd like to research some of those new concepts for you, possibly come up with policies and strategies that would serve the city better to help you guide your growth in a way that is good for you and good for your citizens. We understand that there's been some discussion about the proposal as it is right now. And we are open to suggestion if there are things that you'd like to change. If

you'd like to pitch this one and start over, that's fine. We're very open and really any suggestions, any feedback that you have, we're really interested in hearing at this point. So, I'd like to hear your questions and hear your discussion, and we'd like to answer anything that we can.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you. Are there any questions for Ms. Van Kley or Mr. Habig? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I don't know whether there's any questions or not, it's the updating of the study. I think it should be looked at and see whether we followed the study that was done as far as what we've accomplished in these years. Plus, the update we have, Pataskala has become a city, and a lot of that was in our planning guide. And I think we only have a certain growth area that we have left, and I think that's what we're interested in would be growth section east, which would be Etna Township. That would be my thought on what I would want to see on the study, on how you look at that.

Ms. Van Kley: The original planning guide has specific growth boundaries that are set out, and that's something that we would have to look at again. As I said, it's been over 10 years and that's something that you would want to look at, and boundaries would want to be re-established now.

Mr. Beougher: One of the recommendations that the original planning guide had was that we undertake a detailed planning study. And that has to my knowledge, not happened. And Annique, we had a conversation, and I asked you if this planning guide would provide the foundation or backup for us if we ever got into a legal tangle over one of our zoning decisions. And you weren't quite sure about that. And one of my concerns is, is this planning guide enough? Or should we undertake a more detailed comprehensive master plan process?

Ms. Van Kley: The planning guide will serve more as a backbone for any other structure that you come up with. A detailed master plan would serve as backup for zoning decisions. This planning guide, as it's structured right now, I don't think it provides you with that. This is designed to provide you with guiding principles in making zoning decisions and in any kind of growth decision. It's not designed to give you specific answers to specific questions. Does that help?

Mr. Beougher: Yeah. It makes me want to do more, but we may not be able to do that. Does that raise any questions with other members? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yeah. I have one as far as planning guide's concerned. And we talk about our growth would be to the east, which would be Etna Township probably, and they have Southwest Licking that was put in their water system and so forth, and we do our planning guide, or our master plan, which ever way you want to call it, and they continue to develop which ever direction they want to, and they've already developed. I mean, say they've got it on property that we're looking at or plan on annexing, how can we accomplish what we would like to see, even though it's not in the City of Reynoldsburg unless we cooperate or get cooperation with them as far as a long time planning guide is concerned? That would be my thought. It's a very sticky situation in these two systems.

Mr. Habig: I like that comment on the Licking County situation because, I've talked a lot with the City of Columbus about the water and sewer expansion and the issues there. And we had one meeting here with Etna Township, and every one involved in this whole issue some months ago. I think that like other cities that have contracts with Columbus, you'll probably want to go to the edge of your water and sewer potential. The gravity flow in the system, which is the part that you're talking about south of I-70 right now. And in our talks with Etna Township, I think they're opposed to any annexation, period. I mean that's my impression from listening to them, has been and is. So I think that what you need to do is, you need to decide if that's the area you want to go to, the edge of the sewer system flow. And then make your plan as to what kind of land uses you want in there and go get the annexation. You know that whoever owns the property will go to the annexation and you'll have your own guidelines and backup the services that go in there. That's pretty much what's happening in most of our cities that are going into the other counties. Notably, Columbus into Delaware County where that has happened. Or New Albany and _____ County. That would be my suggestion. And I know that there's a difference of opinion on zoning and density there. I know that the water and sewer there on Palmer Road, that it's not up to the kind of demands that the subdivisions would put on it. And there are other reasons that the developers, I've talked to Mr. Sipriano, one of the developers about it, and you know, there are issues that they have that prompt them to want to come into Reynoldsburg and that'll probably be true of others in that area.

Mr. Beougher: One question I have I guess is, we have an annexation that hasn't been submitted yet or applied for yet. We hear about it a lot. Hear about it a lot from my friends on the West Licking Fire Board a lot. What if we, through our planning guide process, decided that the area that they want to annex should be non-residential? Should be commercial or General Industry or even Restricted Industry. Through that process, does that give us a foundation? Does that give us the backup by going through a public process and doing this? Or what else do we need to do to control what type of development is annexed into the city?

Mr. Habig: Well, in that particular case, you're speaking of the area south of 70?

Mr. Beougher: Yes. Which I think currently shows up as industrial on the planning guide, if I'm not mistaken.

Mr. Habig: Well, first of all, the annexation is going to be driven by land owners and apparently, the land owners own part of it, at least half of it, want to do 3 per acre residential. That's what they've told me. If that's not what you want, then of course, you don't need to take it into the city first of all. I mean, you have to agree to the annexation. Secondly, you have the opportunity to talk to the developers now before they file it about other alternative uses that maybe you could help them work out some how. That would be my suggestion. Because annexation is land owner initiated, you can't just dictate the land use. If they don't want to develop that land use, they just won't annex the land and it will stay as it is in the township.

Mr. Beougher: And then get developed as three units per acre in the township.

Mr. Habig: Well, probably less than that in the township would be my guess. Probably two, one to two range, something like that. Yeah, the same kind of land use.

Mr. Beougher: Any other questions from Council or the Planning Commission? Mr. McGrath.

Mr. McGrath: My concern is that, and I don't know how this works, I'm not familiar with how much MORPC deals with the surrounding territory, etc. or with the State of Ohio. My concern is, are there any plans by the State of Ohio? Two of them specifically I'm interested in. Do they plan to ever make 270 an inner belt and perhaps build an outer belt which they spoke about 10 years ago or so? And if they can answer that, and they might, whether they can or not, I'd also wonder if there's any plans for another ramp in Reynoldsburg? That too would effect our planning as far as the Planning Commission handling things. Especially if there's a ramp in the Taylor Road area specifically. And that would open a lot more territory towards commercial or even industrial use. It might change the whole picture and the whole structure along Taylor Road. Those are the only two things I was interested in.

Mr. Habig: Well first of all, there is no plan for another outer belt. I'm very sure of that. If there were, it would probably be a 4 or 5 billion dollar project given how far out it would be. Secondly, I think that the new ramp that you got to 204 is probably the extent of additional ramps built in Reynoldsburg or that serve the Taylor Road area. There was an interchange plan at Mink Road you probably recall, some years ago. It didn't make it. There are several projects under way at ODOT that are going to improve the freeway. One is minor upgrade of 256 interchange to widen it and make it work better. That's coming back in to discussion right now. The second one is a project that Sharon Reichard just told us she was going to a meeting on Wednesday, which is a study from 270 through 256 of the whole freeway and the interchanges. And several of those interchanges are going to need reconstruction like Brice Road and 256. The freeway is going to need widening from 270 where it drops to two lanes in there. ODOT is going to study that and then they'll come up with a plan as to how that would be improved and what it would cost and when it would occur, which it would be several years off. But at least they're thinking about those things. And those are very much needed out here. I think down the road, 204 and Mink are probably going to need to be improved as well to serve that broader area as Pickerington and Reynoldsburg both grow into that area. But that's what I know about the freeway.

Mr. Beougher: Your understanding is the Mink Street exit was completely off the record, off the books? We heard that maybe Tollgate Road was under consideration or something like that.

Mr. Habig: Every once in a while another discussion occurs about an interchange out there. But what it would take would be somebody to come up with at least half the cost. Probably a developer. There don't seem to be any right now who want to do that. These interchanges can be 20 or 25 million dollar projects. We just got funding for a second one at Polaris that's 30 million dollars that's currently being planned to be built this year.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. Any other questions from Council or the Planning Commission? (No response). Anything else you'd like to say, Mr. Habig?

Mr. Habig: Well, we'd certainly like to help you with this. I think the work that we're doing in the seven county growth strategy. The continuing work we're doing with Licking County put us in a good position to help you deal with your growth area which is in that direction. Pickerington's a member of MORPC. We work with them closely. So the surrounding area, we're very familiar with the issues and have good relationships with the different elected officials in these areas. So I think we can be a big help to you.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, very much. Is there any further discussion? (No response). What's Council's pleasure? Do we want to tailor this or do we want to move it forward? Is there support for moving it forward at this time? (No response). I don't see a whole lot. Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Beougher, let me note if I could, and the Acting Mayor hat is on. I was involved in this planning guide in '92. As you look through some of the charts and that, it showed much of the anticipated growth and expansion of Reynoldsburg would be into the northeastern section of our geographic area. In other words, up near Broad Street. Basically, from about '95, these maps that we look at in there are somewhat discounted. I heard the reference to industrial. I'm not finding it. I'm looking south on Taylor and seeing that much of it wasn't even charted on this plan that was done in '92 because it was not within the Columbus water and sewer contract. It wasn't a boundary at that given time. So I'm not sure at how complete this is. I'm not saying this document isn't useful, but this document thoroughly overstates where we are today if you open it up and look at it, or where we ever could be. I have been advised that certainly people on, it sounds weird to say my staff, but certainly Building Department, Development Department, in their dealings with developers as they come in, it is nice to be able to have a planning guide saying, this is what it is and this is what we anticipate the use. I think with the current discussions we've got going on right now, any documentation that we can provide as a city that says, well we would certainly anticipate this track of land to be used in this way, makes our zoning discussions much easier from having a base to start with rather than dealing only with what the developer suggests. Does this planning guide need updated? In my mind as Acting Mayor, yes it does. I know my staff, the staff here at the city has expressed that to me and I certainly think it's appropriate. I don't have a vote. I didn't have a vote as I was President, but certainly I was very much in support this in '92. It's now 2004. It is absolutely outdated. I don't like to say any document is worthless, but if one who wasn't aware of Reynoldsburg, picked this one up, would be totally misled from where we currently are. So I would certainly encourage Council to work with MORPC. MORPC has certainly worked with us on other situations. They have worked with neighboring cities and I am more than happy to hear Mr. Habig indicate that they may be working more closely with Pickerington to finish one of our other projects very quickly, I hope in the spring. Which I think we're all aware of is the 256/70. And if it's back up on the table with as much support as you've presented previously, hopefully that would go through very quickly and is something that we definitely need here in the city. And it does make it viable to work with accurate documents, and from that standpoint I certainly would request that Council does send this forward for approval of updating. Thank you, Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I'm not saying I'm opposed to it. Don't get me wrong. I mean, I'm not saying I

was convinced this evening let's put it this direction one way or the other. I think it's something that we need to consider and I think it's something that we should look into. I don't see the necessity of voting on it this evening. But I think it's something we should look into and study it some, make a decision. I have no problem with doing it with MORPC if it's done. Don't get me wrong. I'm not sure it needs to be done. I've argued this before.

Mr. Beougher: I had a conversation with Kimberly Gibson, who's on the legislative staff, at MORPC today. And she indicated that there's no way that a private firm could touch this type of study for this cost. And I think that's the benefit of dealing with MORPC, and they know us, and they know our neighbors, and they know problems exist. And that would be wearing rose colored glasses if we said there were no problems. I certainly would think that this is an investment in our future, and if we don't plan it somebody else will, and we won't annex it and it'll be gone forever. And I would like to see this go forward. But I don't, if the rest of Council isn't with me on this, then I guess there's no point. Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Beougher, thank you. As you know, I chaired the Residential Zoning Ad Hoc Committee which you were on and this was one of our recommendations, that we did update this. However, in light of what's been in, well I guess the experience with Pickerington and what we want to do with the 256 interchange in that area, and how that all fell apart, and then in light of what's been in the press lately in resolutions passed by Etna Township in regards to the sewer and water being extended, I guess my inclination would be to hold off a little bit to see what happens there, and also talk internally here a little bit more to see how we might want to narrow down the scope of this plan.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I think a lot of it depends on Columbus' decision that we're waiting on as far as the water and sewer is concerned. I think that'll have a lot to do with what our decision would be. And I think, and like I said, I agree that I think that if we do go further ahead on this, I agree, I would like MORPC to do it. I have no problem at all in that. It's just that I think there's some decisions that have to be made that's important to our city on how we want to move and how we want to guide them before we jump into it.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. In light of what I've heard, I'd like to move to hold this for two weeks. Is there a second? Mr. Stearns with the second. All in favor, signify by aye. (All voted "Aye"). Any opposed? (No response). We'll hold this for two weeks and revisit it again at the next committee meeting. And I'd like to thank you for coming out and answering some of our questions and I'm sure we'll be in touch. And I'd like to thank the Planning Commission for staying around and hearing this issue as well.

Next item is, Discussion of a Resolution of Support for DSCC. And I walked out of my house this morning and thought I had all my stuff with me, but I walked off without it. Thank you Mr. Stake. Basically what this is, Whitehall, and Gahanna, and I think several other Central Ohio communities have expressed their support to their Congressmen and women, urging them to support the continued operation of DSCC, which does provide a number of jobs in the area and

there's an article attached that said 6,160 jobs in the area. They live in 66 different cities and villages and I'm sure that includes Reynoldsburg. I'm sure they spend money in Reynoldsburg, and what I'd like to do is see us move a Resolution of Expression to our three representatives in Franklin County. Any questions on this issue? Any comments? (No response). I'd like to make a motion to move this to Council for a Motion at the next meeting on the 8th. Is there a second? Mr. Clemens with the second. All in favor, signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Any opposed? (No response). Motion carries. Thank you.

Next item is, the Amendment of Chapter 160.02 (c) to add one part time Development Department Intern and appropriation of funds. This was held at our last committee meeting because Mr. Brandt was on vacation and he's on vacation in the hall way right now. So we'll wait for him. You're out John. So you say you want an intern?

Mr. Brandt: Good evening, members of Council. Yes. This was brought forward partly in conjunction with the proposal for the updated planning guide. And inasmuch as that may not go forward, then we can possibly discuss this at a later date, but we felt that there was sufficient work load and also the opportunity that other cities have utilized in these realms by finding an intern from the Ohio State University or some school of similar background that could fill in our needs. And we detailed it in a memo that hopefully you received on the 23rd, which would be to support the department, follow up on BZA and Planning Commission issues, and review current codes and things of that for update. And in addition, a couple of months ago, the building secretary that was previously assigned to helping out with the packets that many of you receive, Zoning Board, Planning Commission, and that was detailed as to how many of those go out, mailings as well, her services were removed from our use. Hence, the activities fell solely upon the Planning and Zoning person and Mrs. Bengel, the secretary in our office. And this has been a rather large burden at times because these things get rather voluminous, and the details, and the packets, as Charlie and those who are here can attest to, sometimes get pretty thick, and it's an issue that requires timeliness. And in addition, prior to going into this, when we submitted our budget for the year, we had reduced our budget activities to incorporate this position without actually going over, or exceeding the previous years budget. So we tried to look ahead and covered a few things in the previous year, and omitted them in this year in effort to accommodate this position without increasing our overall departmental costs, and in reality, our costs were less by including this as well. And inasmuch as it was originally submitted at a little higher level, it was reduced, and I think Mr. Stake we talked about it to a little less. And with time moving on for this calendar year, it would probably be even less. So, that's kind of where it came from.

Mr. Beougher: And you and I talked, and you indicated that this would be a position that would be filled only during the school year.

Mr. Brandt: It would be seasonal.

Mr. Beougher: We're into March which is the end of the quarter, spring break, spring quarter. They're looking forward to graduation, right? So we'd probably be looking at a person for fall quarter. Correct?

Mr. Brandt: That would be our plan at this point.

Mr. Beougher: Okay.

Mr. Brandt: We hope this fall.

Mr. Beougher: Well, we'll see. Are there any other questions from members of the committee? (No response). Any comments? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I only have one question, and this is another one that I'm not opposed to, but if we're looking for somebody in the fall quarter, right now we're working kind of stringently on the budget. I think this is something that we could consider 6 months from now. Is that what you're looking for, John? You're looking for somebody in the fall? You're not looking for...

Mr. Brandt: Fall. And inasmuch as our budget was actually less with this included than it had been the previous year. Because we reduced our budget trying to factor this in for early this year. Since we couldn't make it, it would be fall of '04 and spring of first quarter of '05, or first half any how.

Mr. Clemens: I somewhat have trouble with them picking up work that was supposed to be held by the Building Department. The two departments inter circle. The Planning Administrator was hired to fill in a position of the Building Department when we didn't hire the Assistant Building Inspector to work together and so forth in the two departments. So I would assume, they do work together. I mean, that would be my assumption. Which I would hope they do. I'm not sure they do. But I would hope they do. But like I said, I'm not opposed to it. I mean, if the rest of Council feels that this is the time to pass it, I'm not opposed to it. If we're not talking to it until about fall, I don't see a great hurry.

Mr. Brandt: And there again, it was partly predicated on the other activity that was discussed earlier with Mr. Habig. In additionally, earlier in the year or '03, the planning person and I worked a good bit of time on easements and issues of that nature. Some that were pertained in voluminous, very satisfactory manner, and some we learned other ways to do it. But at least it was accomplished with very little outside source or expenses at that particular point.

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you. Mr. Brandt, so what you're saying is, you think this intern would be helpful to Phase 2 of Streetscape?

Mr. Brandt: I would think that would possibly give us some latitude. And it depends upon I think where we go with this possible planning guide update. I think there's a number of issues on the table, and depending upon which way Council selects for us to, direction to go in, it could be used in either capacity.

Mr. Beougher: Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Are you saying Mr. Brandt, that if we don't update the planning guide that you really don't need the intern?

Mr. Brandt: No. I wouldn't say that. Inasmuch as, one of the things that we lack at this particular juncture is any backup for the Planning and Zoning Administrator. Because when that process started, initially there was a commitment that we were going to hire a part time secretary, or administrative person, just as I said earlier, because of the voluminous amount of paperwork that that process generates. And currently right now, from a day to day flow, if we had a problem, there's no one down there that has a, shall we say, a working knowledge of what's actually being done on a day to day basis where the process is. So it's always nice to have, I wouldn't want to say it's a luxury, but it's always beneficial if you have someone if you encounter a physical or medical problem, or whatever, that's there that can step in and help out temporarily. And at this point, we currently don't have that.

Mrs. Newman: Thank you.

Mr. Beougher: Any other questions or discussion?

Mr. Clemens: Like I say, I'm trying to get it through to me, you're not planning on hiring somebody for 6 months? Is that what I'm talking about? Am I wrong? You said the fall. I don't know.

Mr. Brandt: Well, I think Mr. Beougher pointed out, with the time going by, and soon will be graduation so it will be time to start in the summer to look for somebody when fall quarter starts.

Mr. Beougher: You got somebody in, but they spend all their time looking for a job potentially.

Mr. Brandt: That's right.

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Brandt, how would you feel about if we remove this from the agenda and had you re-present it maybe before the summer break or something like that? Does that make sense to you?

Mr. Brandt: That would be fine.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. I would move to table this item indefinitely with the understanding that it would come back in the summer for a fall intern. Is there a second on that motion? Mr. Clemens?

Mr. Clemens: I would like to say something first. If we go with a planning guide, then you might want to move forward quicker with somebody. Would that be a good idea?

Mr. Brandt: I don't know how that's, why don't we see how that shakes out and then we go with the other issue. That would seemingly be the best bet.

Mr. Beougher: Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Just a reminder that we had considered the finances on this. And after conversations with the City Auditor, there's no funds out there showing an increase in revenue, and I don't see where we would have the funds to want to even consider it now, or even in the future. So I think it's worth addressing that if the money's not there at the increase of revenue, I don't see where we can afford to add another person. Even as an intern. I think that's worth being said.

Mr. Brandt: I agree with you.

Mr. Beougher: Is there a second to the motion? Mr. Stake with the second. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Any opposed? (No response). Motion carries. It's tabled indefinitely, and John we'll see you in the summer.

Mr. Brandt: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Beougher: Next item is the Ordinance authorizing engineering services related to the design of the private utilities relocation plan for the Major Commercial Corridors Streetscape Project, Phase 2, and appropriating funds therefor. It had its second reading on the 23rd of February. And basically what this does is, it appropriates \$38,000 for EMH&T to do the work that AEP could do, but would charge us more for. And it also does the title searches. Are there any questions on this? And I'm anxious to send it forward for third reading so I don't have to repeat that title again.

Mrs. Reichard: Mr. Beougher. If I may, this is not exactly right. There's 30,000 going to EMH&T and 8,000 going to well, Mr. Underwood's office if you will, to do the title searches for.

Mr. Beougher: That's correct.

Mrs. Reichard: So this reads that its all going to EMH&T and in fact it's not.

Mr. Beougher: Yes. I asked that question to Mrs. Frazier, and she indicated that it could be spent from this account through Mr. Underwood's office, and that's my understanding. And Mr. Whitney, maybe you can jump in and help us out here. Is this ordinance written to your liking? Can we spend money through the City Attorney's office for title searches through a 5659 account?

Mr. Whitney: Let me look at it and run it by Mike Turner.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. And you can do that before we go through its final reading and consideration on next Monday for packets on Friday. Thank you. Any other discussion? As I said, I'm anxious to pass this on for its third reading, and I would so move to send it to Council for its third reading and recommendation for adoption on March 8. Is there a second? Second by Mrs. Newman. All in favor, signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Any opposed? (No response). Motion carries. This will go for its third reading on March 8. And with that, I will

adjourn Community Development at 8:07.

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

March 1, 2004

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2004

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

Mr. Clemens: I'd like to call the Safety Committee meeting to order at 8:08. The first item on the agenda is the approval of the February 17, 2004 Safety Committee meeting. Do I have any additions or deletions? (No response). If not, they'll stand approved. The next item is the approval of the agenda. I'd like to add a speaker as item 3a. Do I have any other additions or deletions? (No response). If not, they'll stand approved.

I have a speaker, Mr. Scott Maddy. Would you come forward please at the microphone and give your name and address?

Mr. Maddy: My name is Scott Maddy. I live at 1749 Stouder Drive in Reynoldsburg. I more or less have a question because I've noticed that there is a piece of road kill on Livingston Avenue, and its been there for about 2 to 3 weeks. And my question was, who's responsibility is it to clean the streets of road kill? Is there an agency or a person who's supposed to do that? And if not, why isn't there one?

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Thank you.

Mrs. Newman: Can I ask a question? Where on Livingston Avenue?

Mr. Maddy: It's close to the entrance to Blacklick Park. I'm not exactly sure exactly where it is.

Mrs. Newman: Alright, thanks. I just wanted to be sure it was in the City of Reynoldsburg.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: As Acting Mayor, I will say, if the city becomes aware of the road kill, and if they're out and see it, and if it's reported in, I believe we as the Street Department do go out and attempt to pick up a road kill. If something's been there for a week, two weeks, four or five days, I'm hoping it's because nobody's let us know. But you certainly have let us know now, and Chief did you need to add anything to that? As your officers see, you let the Street Department know. Do you not?

Chief Miller: The Street Department or the Animal Control Officer will also do it. Because we may have some obligation depending upon the type of animal for its disposal. So I just, I need to know.

Mr. Maddy: It's a skunk if that's what you need to know. You can tell.

Mr. Hills: It is a skunk.

Mr. Maddy: It's quite fragrant.

Chief Miller: It's a flat skunk.

Mr. Maddy: It is now.

Mr. Hills: I have a feeling tomorrow, you won't see your flat skunk. I appreciate the fact that you let us know.

Mr. Clemens: I appreciate you bringing it to our attention really.

Mr. Maddy: Alright. Thank you. That's all I have.

Mr. Clemens: The next item on the agenda is, Discussion, Motion to authorize advertisement for bids on Dysar Ditch at Instone Drive. Mrs. Reichard.

Mrs. Reichard: Thank you Mr. Clemens, members of Council. This is the water problem we talked about last year, and we have done some engineering on it. We're ready to bid it and we have the money for it, we just don't have the authority to bid it. So that's the reason we've come before you this evening.

Mr. Clemens: I have one question. The plans and specifications and everything are done, so we'll okay it and you're going to bid it out.

Mrs. Reichard: Yes sir.

Mr. Clemens: That's fine. I have no problem with it. Does anybody have any questions? (No response). Is that a motion, Nancy?

Mrs. Frazier: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. I'd like to make a motion that...

Male: I have a question. How much money are we talking about?

Mr. Clemens: It's already paid for. It was in the sum of a job they did. It was 19,400. Am I correct?

Mrs. Reichard: Correct.

Mr. Clemens: And that included plans, specifications, and also bidding out the project and so forth. There's no money involved now that we have to appropriate. I'd like to make a motion that we send this to Council for approval. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Unless Mr. Beougher,

Mr. Beougher: I was going to second it Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: That would be nice. Mr. Beougher seconded. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Thank you. We'll send that to Council for adoption.

Next item is, Discussion, Establishing the Spring Clean Up Period. And what the Administration would like to have is it set for a certain time annually, which I missed the last time we approved it. So Mrs. Reichard's bringing it back this time. And she'd like to set it for the period that she stated on her information. What was it, the first week in June to the third week in June?

Mrs. Reichard: It would be actually the second weekend. It would begin the second weekend I believe.

Mr. Clemens: The second weekend of June?

Mrs. Reichard: The second weekend of June each. It's just for better coordination, working with Rumpke, working with the public, getting the publicity out. People can begin to think every year the second Wednesday of June we're going to have a 10 day period where we're going to have Spring Clean Up.

Mr. Clemens: I had one question, and it had been brought up to me. The question was, this is the time of year that school is being let out and we have a lot of things going on, graduations, and people going on for vacation immediately, schools let out, especially the week of June, and they wondered if that would have any hindrance as far as the public, or maybe change the date that would be earlier or something like that. That was brought up that it is right when schools out and everybody does take vacations, and we do have a lot of parties going on and things like that.

That's just, I just wanted your opinion on it because somebody asked me.

Mrs. Reichard: Well, I guess we can pick any date. But, mid June seemed to be the one that worked the best. Maybe because it is children getting out of school and people are cleaning things out and we find the biggest vacation time is July rather than June. But, it's Council providence to change it to whatever they want. We just want consistency.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions for Mrs. Reichard on this?

Mr. Beougher: So, I'm sorry, thank you Mr. Clemens. This would start on the second Wednesday?

Mrs. Reichard: The second weekend of June.

Mr. Beougher: I thought you said Wednesday.

Mrs. Reichard: No. I'm sorry.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. The second weekend through the third weekend. Is that correct?

Mrs. Reichard: Ten day period.

Mr. Beougher: Ten day period. Okay.

Mrs. Reichard: Ten day period.

Mr. Beougher: Okay. Thank you.

Mrs. Reichard: Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: This is an ordinance. So, we would like to make a motion to send this to Council for its first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stake. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Okay. We'll send this on for a first reading with a rule suspension. I'll bring it up at the next meeting and have a rule suspension.

Next item on the agenda is, Discussion, 160.02, addition of Assistant Chief Building Inspector. On this, I'd like to move this to Other Business at the present time. I haven't had a chance to speak with Mr. Moore on this and this is a subject that I don't feel is a necessity to discuss at the present time unless Council wants to. We are in the process of the budget and so I'd like to move this to Other Business. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stake. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

Next item, 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 had its first reading 2-23-04. I know that we've sent things

on, and there will be changes on this. But its had its first reading. I think we can send it on for the second reading and in the interim, work on changes that will be consistent with the budget. So, I'd like to make a motion to send this to Council for the second reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Beougher. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response).

Item number 8, Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to purchase one 2004 Ford Ranger Pickup truck for the Building Department. It had its first reading 2-23-04. I'd like to send this to Council for its second reading. Do I have a second on this? Second by Mr. Baxter. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). We'll send this to Council for its second reading.

That will bring conclusion to the Safety Committee meeting at 8:19.

Safety Committee

-- Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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March 1, 2004

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2004

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

Mr. Beougher: I'll call Service to order at 8:19. First item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the February 17 Service Committee meeting. Are there any changes or corrections to the minutes? (No response). Hearing none, they will stand as written. The second item is the approval of the agenda. Mr. Gilbert asked that I hold item number 4 (Discussion, Development impact fees) until he returns, and I would move to do so. That does not need a second. All in favor, signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). The agenda is approved as amended.

Item number 5 is an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Chapter 160, Employee Compensation, Authorized Positions, Personnel, Classification and Pay Grade. This is the other half of the item that Mr. Clemens just sent forward. We have a secretary who is shared between Storm Water Utility Division and the Service Department. Is that correct? Street Division. And we also have Pollution Control Technician. I believe that's it. Is that correct? And is there any discussion on this item? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: No. I don't think so. Other than I think there will be changes made to it and I think that we can move it on for the second reading for discussion and adjust it to the budget.

Mr. Beougher: Correct. Very good. Any other comments? (No response). Hearing none, I would move to send this forward for second reading on March 8. Is there a second? Second by Mr. Stake. Any further discussion? All in favor, signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion carries.

Next item on the agenda is Ordinance to accept an application for annexation of 5.21+/- acres in Etna Township, County of Licking, State of Ohio, City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Connie J. Klema, Agent for Petitioner Marlyn C. Day. And this item received its second reading on the 23rd of February. Is there any discussion on this item? (No response). Hearing none, this is going to be sent forward for its third and final reading and recommendation for adoption. And hearing no discussion, I would move that we send this forward to Council at the March 8th meeting and recommend adoption. Is there a second? Mrs. Newman with the second. All in favor, signify by saying aye. (All voted "Aye"). Any opposed? (No response). Motion carries.

And with that, I will adjourn Service at 8:20.

Service Committee

-- Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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March 1, 2004

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2004

Members of Finance Committee present: Ron Stake, Mel Clemens, Lane J. Beougher.
Councilman Eric Gilbert was absent.

Other members of Council present: Preston Stearns, Antoinette Newman, Brett Baxter.
Council President William L. Hills was present as Acting Mayor.

Mr. Stake: I'd like to call the Finance Committee to order at 8:21. Our first order of business is approval of the minutes. Any corrections to the minutes? (No response). The minutes will stand as submitted. Item 3 is approval of the agenda. (Tape Change). Motion by Mr. Baxter. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 4 is Discussion, Monies to be returned to various funds regarding COPS MORE '02 Grant for Mobile Reporting System with Supporting Software for the Reynoldsburg Police Department. This is some clean up that we have in regards to our fund. We had some money in the, I believe in the Grant Fund, and what we're going to do, monies to be returned to various funds regarding COPS MORE '02 Grant for Mobile Reporting System with Supporting Software. We had \$18,603 in that fund and we're going to return monies that we had appropriated last time back to the General Fund I believe. Chief, do you want to talk on this at all?

Chief Miller: Thank you, Mr. Stake. The mistake was mine. What happened was, when we applied for the federal grant, the Sergeant that was doing all the paper work on it suggested that at the same time that we apply for the federal grant, we apply to the state for a matching 10% grant. On other COPS, that's Community Oriented Policing Grants that we've obtained in the past, the state has always given us a 10% match on our grants. We applied for that grant. We received the 10% match. There's been so much time passed, that we forgot about receiving the 10% grant. And so when we introduced the legislation, part of the problem is that the Sergeant is not with us any longer. And the person who had taken over driving the process on this issue was not aware of the grant as keenly as this Sergeant was. So when we went to, when Mrs. Frazier went to the City Auditor's office, Mr. Turner said, well by the way, don't you know you've got this \$18,000 in there? So it's really an advantage for us. But it was just something that we forgot. And I apologize for the mix up. And thank you Mrs. Frazier and Mr. Turner.

Mr. Stake: So we'll be returning this money back to the General Fund?

Chief Miller: Yes. There was \$8,000 that we were going to have to take kind of on loan from the General Fund, and then a balance will go back to some of these special law enforcement accounts

that are essential asset forfeiture accounts, or they're special education accounts. They're things like we get funding off of court cases. We get funding off of things like that. And that's where we were taking some of those funds from. It's just an advantage. Once again, none of the money will be coming out of the General Fund.

Mr. Stake: And we want to do an emergency on this?

Chief Miller: If you could. I meant, it would get the money back into the accounts immediately and make it available for other things.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any questions from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Okay. Well then, I would make a motion that we return this money back to the various funds. 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.

Next item on the agenda is the, and Nancy you might have to help me with this one. I guess what we're doing here is, we're going to put the Reynoldsburg Code in line with the State Code.

Mrs. Frazier: Chapters 3 and 5.

Mr. Stake: Chapters 3 and 5.

Mrs. Frazier: Needed to be reprinted.

Mr. Stake: They need to be reprinted?

Mrs. Frazier: They have been and so you're accepting them.

Mr. Stake: Oh, okay. So we would be accepting Chapters 3 and 5. They've been reprinted. Do we have any discussion or any questions by members of the committee? Members of Council? (No response). Basically, this is a housekeeping matter. So I would make a motion that we accept this. 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.

Next on the agenda is item number 6, Discussion, Authorization to accept Ohio State Infrastructure Bank Loan for the Kroger Project. Mr. Brandt, I believe you want to speak to this.

Mr. Brandt: Thank you Mr. Stake, members of Council. The application that was made with the approval of Council was to the State Infrastructure Bank which is headquartered in ODOT's domain. To my knowledge, the city had never taken advantage of this opportunity before. And in conjunction with the conversation I had with Mr. Whitney, our Auditor, we had, became part of the Kroger project that we had been working on for, shall I say, a rather lengthy amount of time due to the various sundry and assorted sundry issues in that. There's drainage ditches, there's our good friends at ODOT, which have seemingly got their issues worked out. And as you are aware,

you held the issue tonight with the TIF legislation that would pay for the public improvements that the city was going to make towards the project. And what we did was, went to the State Infrastructure Bank for a loan which would then be, the payments be augmented by the TIF payments coming in. And hence, the process hopefully would work out wherein the city wouldn't come out of any money out of pocket on the deal and it would seem as though it could be rather timely in light of information we've all received lately that the purse strings might be a little tight. And that was our reason for exploring this opportunity and quite frankly, we're pleasantly surprised that the state concurred with it and did tell us that they'd go forward. And it could be another source or opportunity in the future as we go along, keeping in mind that they do have their guidelines as far as state road. They're not eligible to be used on private, or not private, but city side streets and things of that nature. But in some other issues that come up over the next several years, it could be a good opportunity for some low interest funding. While free is always good, low interest is I've found some times close to being as good. And I believe the rate on this after the third year, the first two years there's no payment, the third year, and then it goes to the 3% level. So quite conceivably, that could turn into a good opportunity there for us.

Mr. Stake: Okay. And this will help out with the traffic signal at 40 and Taylor?

Mr. Brandt: That's correct.

Mr. Stake: And you'd like an emergency on this?

Mr. Brandt: I believe we do have a date but I don't have it in front of me, that we have to close with ODOT by the end of the month. They've given us until the end of the month. Because they've got their accounting cycles and basically what they do is go forward and the community accepts it. They lock it out if you don't close by a certain date, they throw it back in the pot and basically throw you out.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Well that's good enough reason I guess. Okay. Any questions from members of the committee? (No response). Any questions from members of Council? (No response). Okay. Well then, I would recommend that we send this on as an emergency so we can get this deal done and get moving on this. I think the sooner we have a traffic signal there the better. So I'll send this on as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Beougher. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Mr. Brandt: Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Next on the agenda is item number 7, Discussion, Amend 160.02(a) to eliminate Account Clerk I position, Auditor's returning monies to the General Fund. We don't see that happen very often. So, Mr. Whitney do you want to just explain briefly again since we held this last time what you're wanting to do here?

Mr. Whitney: We are overstaffed and we can easily get rid of a position. Why use tax payers money for a position that's not needed?

Mr. Stake: Okay. So the works getting done? The work will be done without this person in their position? There's no adverse effect to our customers or anything like that?

Mr. Whitney: Absolutely not.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Alright. Do we have any questions or comments from members of the Finance Committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Okay. Then I guess this can just run its regular course. Correct?

Mr. Whitney: Yes.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Then I will send this on for its first reading. 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.

Next on the agenda is item number 8, Discussion, Clarification and evaluation of Smoking Policy. This should be a fun one. Acting Mayor Hills, do you want to address us on this one please?

Mr. Hills: Well Mr. Stake, I'll give you a quick overview. I think within 2 or 3 days that I became Acting Mayor, an issue came up as to a memo in establishment of a policy which would appear to have been in place since 1-1-03. However, had not been enforced. And its immediate enforcement. And after some discussions with the City Attorney, it became very aware to me, and I believe also to the City Attorney that the policy itself was not clear on its face. And therefore, I did modify the memo that had gone out with it. I will apologize to you now, over the last two weeks, Mr. Underwood and I have not had an opportunity to sit down and talk. He hasn't been in town and when he was in town, I was not here. So my intent at the time was to clarify the policy. It is now to the best of my knowledge, there are four designated smoking areas anywhere around the city properties where the only smoking there can occur. And that includes visitors coming in, only have the opportunity to smoke there. So the portion of the policy that is very clear in my mind, which said that the Mayor shall establish areas, that's been done. And that is being practiced today. Then clarity comes as to the employees and volunteers in paragraph 2. I have not had any again, not talked with Mr. Underwood. I don't know what Council's feelings are. I think I do and I don't. But I don't know if you want to open this up into a large discussion now, or your preference would be submitted to myself and/or Mr. Underwood some of your concerns or let us come up with something that is clearer. I'd be more than happy to discuss it. I just am, I didn't feel as Acting Mayor it's appropriate to implement a policy that's on it's face is unclear.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I would think that we could hold it until Mr. Hills has had a chance to talk with Mr. Underwood to get some things clarified that he would like to before he presents it to Council. There are areas now that are available for smoking and non-smoking whichever you prefer, and I don't think at the present time it's that important value.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Mr. Baxter, did you have a question?

Mr. Baxter: Just a quick one. Are we trying to solve a problem that exists today? Because I know we addressed the issue of the first legislation and Mr. Hills had cleaned that up and would like to talk about that as well with Mr. Underwood. What are we trying to solve in the first place? Why are we even addressing it? Is there an issue we're trying to resolve? Is the existing policy okay or not okay?

Mr. Stake: The way I understand it...

Mr. Hills: It's my understanding, when it came to me was in essence, this is a policy that should have been in place all along and it just hasn't been enforced and it's being enforced now. Again, when I looked at that policy and then discussed the policy with the City Attorney, we both felt that there was not clarity in what the initial policy was. So the initial policy has absolutely been, and it was passed by Council, but I'm going to be the first to sit down here and tell you as Acting Mayor, you certainly passed these policies at the request of the Administration, and you may have had your hands in drafting some of them or a few of them, but you didn't write these policies. These policies were written by Clemens/Nelson and Administration. We requested that you passed them and you did. What we are finding is, occasionally as we go back through these, the staff is finding some that maybe aren't as clear as they could be and we're going to try to piece those back together. And I don't think it's appropriate to implement something interpreting how it was written 1-1-03 and all of a sudden in February of '04 saying, oh by the way this is what it says and you've been wrong for 12 months. If you've been wrong for 14 months and we didn't do anything, why don't we clarify why you're wrong before we take any action. And I think that's what it is. Mr. Underwood, do you have anything you'd like to add because we have not, our paths have kind of missed.

Mr. Underwood: The policy when it was adopted, I think everybody was reading it in light of the then current practice. They could go to certain areas and smoke. Everybody was happy. So I don't think we caught all the nuances. The reasons for the policy as stated are that second hand smoke can be harmful. Then we go on to ban all tobacco use. Not just smoke. State Code is that you can ban smoking in the buildings, structures, in vehicles used for transportation. And that's pretty much what the city had done before and provide designated smoking areas for the smokers to go smoke. I think we need to probably bring ours in line with the State Code and clarify it because it is susceptible of a couple of readings. And I think since we're reading it in light of the then current practice, nobody really picked up on it. I know I didn't. So it's just something we need to clarify.

Mr. Stake: Okay.

Mr. Underwood: Because you're not going to keep people from smoking in the parks or out there with the kids playing and doing things. I mean, you couldn't police it. We don't have the staff to go out and police smoking in our parks and other places. But it's meant for the second hand smoke, and the buildings and structures are enclosed, vehicles are enclosed to alleviate that harm. Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Underwood. Also I believe there's an issue of whether somebody is

on duty or not when they're on their break. And I guess maybe we should get that clarified in our conversations here.

Mr. Hills: That is a secondary issue Mr. Stake and that will be addressed also, as to what truly, if our policies don't define duty, certainly it ought to be amended to define duty so we have an understanding what is or is not on duty.

Mr. Stake: Or we can define it. You know, my preference would be that somebody's not on duty, if they're on their break, if they want to have a cigarette out in a designated area, that's up to them. That would be my feeling on that. Okay. Any other comments? Questions? (No response). Alright, then I would like to make a motion that we hold this until we hear back from the Acting Mayor and the City Attorney on this. Do I have a second on that? Second by Mr. Beougher. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Next, item number 10. This one's been around through Safety and Service. Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Chapter 160, Employee Compensation. This is part of our budget discussion and we're still working on those. So I would just do as the other two Chairman have done, just send this on for its second reading. Is there any questions or comments from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? Acting Mayor Hills.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Stake, this may be an appropriate time to note, and I know you and I had a discussion last week and you had talked to some of the directors. I did. There was a staff meeting this morning and I advised the directors that based on some new numbers presented by Mr. Whitney, all departments are taking another look at their budgets now. My goal would be that you don't have to take the money from the budget. That we work a mutual give and take and all come down to work with only the dollars that we think we're going to have available due to the recent \$400,000 reduction. So certainly I've asked the staff to take a look at reducing expenditures. And when I say that, that's a reduction of expenditures and/or an increase in some appropriate revenues that would equal about a half a million dollars. And I think then we're at a better spot. They won't have those numbers for you tonight, but I'm hoping within 2 weeks we'll have some concerns. I would ask, if as you look through the budgets, if there's some areas that you have some specific concerns, check with either the department head, myself, or Sharon Reichard and point those out. I don't think everybody's shooting with bows and arrows, but I think we all need to work together to get to the point where, as we are in '04, that certainly our anticipated expenditures are less than our anticipated revenues.

Mr. Stake: Thank you. Okay, I believe there's a motion on the floor and a second. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Next on the agenda is 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. It had its first reading on 2-23-04. And unless anybody has any comments or questions, this is something we've seen before. I don't have any problem with any of these. Anybody have any questions? (No response). Alright, then I'd like to send this on for

its second reading. I'll make a motion to send it on for its second reading. Do I have a second on that? Second by Mr. Clemens. All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Next item on the agenda is the Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Chapter 958, Stormwater Charges. We've had a presentation on this already. I read the information that's been submitted to us. I see that our new range, or our new fee would be in about the medium range. Several other communities are quite higher than us. We have been quite lower. I believe we have some added expenses we're going to have in the future and this would pay for those. So I would be inclined to send this on for its second reading. Are there any questions or comments from members of the Committee? Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: I have no comment because I agree with you. It's something that should be done. But I would like to ask Mrs. Reichard or Larry, could you send Council a copy, and it's been so long ago I can't remember, of the study we did on the listing of projects that we wanted to do? We had a study done.

Mr. Ward: Yes. That was part of the CIP projects for the Storm Water.

Mr. Clemens: It's been many years ago.

Mr. Ward: Yes. I can send you the original copy. Sure.

Mr. Clemens: I know we had it listed out on which is the correct preferred first, second, third and so forth. I'd just like to take a look at it again.

Mr. Ward: I'll get that to you.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Clemens. Any other questions or comment? (No response). Alright then, as I said, I'd like to send this on for its second reading, so I'll make a motion that we send this on for its second reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. 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. This is our budget that we're working on that everybody's been hearing about. I do appreciate the effort by Acting Mayor Hills to get with some of the department directors and let them know of some of the conversations we've had with the Auditor's office and our revenue projections. I think I stated before that our Tax Administrator believes that our net profit taxes are going to be down by about \$400,000. If you look at the information that you've received, our tax transfers are going to be down about \$800,000 from last year. Our actual expenses last year out of the General Fund were \$10,229,062. Our current budget request is \$11,777,365. Our estimated revenue is \$11,612,594. So we do need to, as Acting Mayor Hills said, we do need to take a look at about \$500,00. I would leave it up to the department heads, or any suggestions that the committee chairs of the various committees that oversee these departments have. I know myself and Mr. Clemens in my view, had an excellent meeting with the Chief and Mrs. Reichard last week in

regards to the police budget. At least I saw it that way. I'm not sure Chief, if you saw it that way. But, I thought it was a good start. We are working on this diligently. I think everybody in the Administration is. I know myself and the department chairs are, and I believe the rest of the members or Council are taking a close look at it. So we just need to get things in line with what we can afford for this year. If there's some things we need to leave out, we need to do that. We can revisit things later in the year. I'm open later in the year to suggestions if we have the funding available if our revenue projections change. So at this point, I would entertain any questions or comments from members of the committee or Acting Mayor Hills.

Mr. Hills: Just one, Mr. Stake. Don't feel too bad because I haven't been invited back to the next staff meeting either after the one today.

Mr. Stake: Are there any questions or comment? (No response). Well then lets, if we could send this on for its second reading. I make a motion we send this on for its second reading. Do I have a second on that? Second by Mr. Beougher. Any further discussion on that? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

With that, we will adjourn Finance Committee at 8:46.

Finance Committee
- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council
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