

MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
February 3, 2014

Members of Finance Committee present: Barth R. Cotner, Chris Long, Mel Clemens, Leslie Kelly, Scott A. Barrett, Cornelius McGrady, III., Dan Skinner.

President of Council Doug Joseph was not present.

Chairman Cotner called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 1/21/2014 and the Special Finance Committee Meetings held 1/21/2014 and 1/27/2014.

Discussion: Council appointment of Pat Zollers to the Design Review Board for a three year term beginning February 3, 2014 and ending December 31, 2016.

Mr. Cotner: Questions/Comments about this? Motion to move forward to Council with recommendation to appoint to DRB, Second by Mr. Barrett. All voted "Aye" Motion Carried.

Discussion: Council appointment of Richard Donovan to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals for a three year term beginning February 3, 2014 and ending December 31, 2016.

Mr. Cotner: Questions/Comments about this one? Motion to move forward to Council with recommendation to appoint to BZBA, Second by Mr. Long. All voted "Aye" Motion Carried.

Discussion: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL OHIO CLIPPERS ORGANIZATION AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.—Referred back to Finance Committee on 01/27/2014.

Mr. Cotner: As everybody knows, we had some concerns and some adjustments on this so, I see our City Attorney coming forward to kind of elaborate a little bit.

Mr. Hood: Good evening again, you have the final draft in front of you this evening. Did have some concerns brought to our attention by Councilman Skinner, addressed those concerns in the body of the document before you now, I believe it's a clean copy, ready to go. As you recall, this is a boon for the City, so to speak, all we're doing is basically giving them access to fields that we don't currently utilize by our Parks and Rec department and in exchange, they're giving us portions of the registration fees, portions of tournament fees, portions of the sponsorship and some significant improvements at those fields. So, with that I'll stand for any questions.

Mr. Skinner: Thank you Mr. Hood. I agree with him. We've resolved what we needed to resolve. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: I have a question, and its fine, I agree with what you've done as far as that's concerned. It was brought up as, the question was asked last week, why has it been brought up as an emergency? I don't think we ever discussed that. Can you.** Joe and he's not here and can't answer the question, I'm sure the Mayor can.

Mr. McCloud: Yeah, the um....

Mr. Clemens: What I wanted to ask, he made a statement on the two items and why he wanted it as an emergency. One of them was so he could form the baseball leagues for the fall, ok that's one question. The other question would also be, you can start the fencing for the baseball fields now. I got 2 questions on that. I thought they were gonna.. I didn't know that the Recreation Director was going to be doing any work for the Clippers.. *** He said so, he said that's why he's doing this.

Mr. Hood: Thank you, as far as the 2 points that you brought up. It is my understanding Councilman Clemens, that one of the reasons is that time is of the essence in this agreement so that the Clippers know that they have a home in the fall and so they can start scheduling their tournaments with their travel teams that they're going to host in the City of Reynoldsburg. The second part is, and the agreement is very specific, that we will have control over the materials, amount and the size and scope of fencing that is placed in our parks. But they are going to be furnishing all the materials and labor. The City is not going to be undertaking any of that.

Mr. Clemens: that's what I wanted to understand because he said I have to do this. ***

Mr. Hood: and he meant I as in we. They are going to furnish that. That's part of the agreement with the City as part of ****

Mr. Clemens: ***** and have it done.

Mr. Hood: Yes sir, but we will have final say on the materials and scope, but they will be conducting the work and providing the materials.

Mr. Clemens: That's all I wanted to know, that we're not involved in it.

Mr. Hood: Yes Sir. Any other questions?

Mr. Clemens: I understand that, I'm just saying that what was said last week, was that I want to get this started and...

Mr. Hood: And I apologize for being absent. I think we're squared away now. Ok.

Mr. Cotner: Any questions regarding this agreement?

Mr. Hood: The only thing Chairman Cotner is that I ask for it to be amended to the redraft date this evening at the Special Council meeting following the Committee Meeting.

Mr. Cotner: Ok we'll amend it once it's there so..

Mr. Hood: That way appropriate language that I submitted today. Thank you all.

Mr. Cotner: Thank you. I make a motion to send this forward to Council with recommendation for adoption as an emergency, Second by Councilman Long. All voted "Aye" Motion Passes.

Discussion: Contribution Agreement between Columbus & Reynoldsburg for Brice Road Project.

Mr. Burd: Thank you Chairman Cotner, members of the Committee and Council. Back when the City of Reynoldsburg applied for the grant through the OPWC to fund our Brice Road project, the City of Columbus signed on to be a partner in that application and agreed at the time to fund \$66,000 worth of the improvements. We are getting very close to that project starting and so Columbus approached us a while back and said let's get an agreement together so we can actually give you those funds and that agreement is what you have. It simply allows us to accept the \$66,000 that they agreed to give us for some of the improvements on the west side of the road near 70 where you have a small portion of Columbus that's going to have some work done in it. This agreement has been approved by Mr. Hood, it's been reviewed by engineering for some design work, it covers standard things you see in these types of agreements, if we for some reason cancel the project, we give them their money back, we'll follow state and federal guidelines in hiring of contractors, different things like that and so, we would ask for your favorable view on this item. I did mark it as an emergency just simply so we don't have to wait to get the money if they wanted to cut us a check soon, but there is no need for this necessarily to be passed on one or two readings if you would rather take some more time to look over it. I'll be happy to answer questions.

Mr. McGrady: What is our projected start date on that project?

Mr. Burd: We're going to bid the project later this month and we're hoping to break ground the end of March so would be around March 31st. That may change a little bit depending on if there are issues between now and then. The project will run through the spring and summer and conclude sometime in the fall so it's a fairly lengthy project. We're hoping to get it started sometime the end of March.

Mr. McGrady: Outstanding.

Mr. Burd: I'll be back here soon with information soon on how the bidding process goes for a contractor so Council will be apprised of that before we get started.

Mr. McGrady: Thank you sir.

Mr. Cotner: Ok other questions? No? Then I will make a motion to send this forward to Council for recommendation for adoption as an emergency. Second by Mr. McGrady. All voted "Aye" Motion Passed.

Discussion: Agreement with EMH&T for municipal engineering services.

Mr. Burd: Thank you again Chairman Cotner. We don't have any action to take on this tonight. I just wanted to provide Council with an update on where we were at. We had some different firms submit to be engineer for the next 2 years so we had a lot of interest. Our Selection Committee which included Councilman Clemens, scored each firm individually and then tabulated everything together and EMH&T is the firm we are in talks with now to be our primary engineer for the next 2 years. EMH&T is very familiar to the City. I met with them last Tuesday to start talking to them about terms of what an agreement could look like. They got some language over to me at the end of the week, it's with the City Attorney now, he just got it on Friday so we can give him some more time to review that and make sure everything is appropriate legally. But I just wanted to give you an update on where we're at. I'm hoping to have a contract in your packets this week that we'll be able to talk about at the next Finance Committee Meeting. We are desperate to get an engineer available to us and we think we're making good progress and I wanted to provide an update and make myself available tonight or over the next few weeks as you receive this information in your packets.

Mr. Cotner: Ok.. Questions or comments for Mr. Burd? Alright thank you.

Mr. Burd: Thank you.

Adjourned at 7:41

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- - -April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council
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