

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

DECEMBER 13, 2010

Call to Order

Mayor D'Epifanio called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Fairfield Municipal Building, 5350 Pleasant Avenue.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Rhodus led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Johns called the roll of Council. Present members were Councilmember Abbott, Councilmember Rhodus, Councilmember Judd, Councilmember Snyder, and Councilmember Oler. Councilmember Rhodus, seconded by Councilmember Judd moved to excuse Councilmember Meyers and Councilmember Senger. Motion Carried 5-0.

Agenda Modifications

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to add an ordinance for sidewalk assessments to the agenda. Motion Carried 5-0.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to approve an executive session to discuss labor negotiations and personnel. Clerk Johns called the roll of Council. Motion Carried 5-0.

Public Hearing(s)

2011 Operating Budget - Finance Director Mary Hopton

The public hearing opened at 7:03 PM. Clerk Johns read the Public Hearing notice that was printed in the Journal News on Wednesday, December 1, 2010. Finance Director Mary Hopton stated the 2011 operating budget was presented to council on two separate Council-Manager Briefings held on November 22nd and December 6th. She further stated the underlying premise of the budget was that the economy is still in recession and as our revenues continue to decline the goal with this budget is to provide services while maintaining adequate financial reserves in order to maintain our city's bond rating of Aa1. She stated based on that premise of the economy our estimated revenues are down approximately 1% to 64.7 million that includes a 2% reduction in our income tax base, estimated expenditures were 63.9 million, an overall decrease of around 1%; however, the departmental operating budgets were trimmed accumulative of 3.1% in non-personnel related items. She explained within this budget all personnel costs are held flat based on the economy and as we go into pending negotiations with our unions. Ms. Hopton further explained 73% or 46.7 million of that budget is maintained for operations out of seven different funds. Mayor D'Epifanio thanked the City Manager and Department Heads for their diligence and making necessary cuts and not effecting services for citizens or losing any employees. Councilmember Abbott explained coming out of a retreat they did highlight three areas of focus they want to maintain which are the bond rating, the cash reserves and service levels. He congratulated staff on a job well done. Councilmember Oler thanked Finance Director Mary Hopton for her efforts and thanked City Manager Pizzano for the fantastic job in keeping city services running and keeping the city in a good state economically. Councilmember Rhodus echoed comments from citizens that are amazed at how well we do things like snow removal etcetera in the economic times of cutting back. He stated good job to City Manager and Finance. Councilmember Snyder commented going into the new budget year, our approach is that this is not a command to spend this much money, but it is a limit and throughout the year we will continue to sharpen the pencil and look for those opportunities so that hopefully at the end of the year we can even come in below that. City Manager Pizzano commented our staff and council it is summed up in versatility, flexibility and willingness to accept change. He further commented the staff is credited for helping key that up. He discussed good planning and willingness to be quick on our feet will help keep us afloat hopefully into the next year as well. He commented on staff's ability to embrace change and often times come up with ideas as well. The public hearing closed at 7:10 PM.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Tom Covert, 2096 Harrowgate Hill, commented on the great things in the community. He discussed the new statue that was dedicated to the firemen, policeman and paramedics. He asked if all the statues were really necessary. He discussed with the budget cuts and what he read in the paper about there not being enough money to purchase the houses in the flood zone and are we spending the money like we should be and what is the future with these projects. He asked how much was spent on these statues. He expressed his concern on what is really necessary for the future of Fairfield. He commented he doesn't want Fairfield to get into a budget crunch and allocate money for little projects that are not necessary. Mayor D'Epifanio explained money is still being raised for the public safety sculpture by the police and fire departments to offset what we may have put up front. He further commented we are still in the process of selling commemorative bricks and we will not have a total until all of this is finished. City Manager Pizzano explained to Mr. Covert that Parks Director Jim Bell could give him the information he needed.

Mayor/Council Reports

No reports were given.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of Special Meeting (Council Retreat) of December 4, 2010

Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 4, 2010 were approved as written.

- Regular Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2010

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2010 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Marty Judd, Chairman; Mike Oler, Vice Chairman; Tim Abbott, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the Exit 39 - South Gilmore/Winton Road Improvements referred to by ODOT as Ham/BUT CR239-9.49 (PID #83469).

Councilmember Judd presented the third reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Rhodus moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 114-10 ADOPTED 5-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Brian Brothers for interior work at the Public Works facility garages.

Councilmember Judd presented the third reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 115-10 ADOPTED 5-0.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mitch Rhodus, Chairman; Mike Snyder, Vice Chairman; Tim Meyers, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Contract with the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Rhodus presented the third reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Rhodus, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 116-10 ADOPTED 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Michael Oler, Chairman; Marty Judd, Vice Chairman, Mitch Rhodus, Member

Simple Motion: Motion requesting that a hearing be held on the liquor permit application in the name of Number One Restaurant and

Bar LLC DBA No 1 Suite W, 5353 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, Ohio 45014 (Permit Class: D5).

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to request that a hearing be held on the liquor permit application in the name of Number One Restaurant and Bar LLC DBA No 1 Suite W, 5353 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, Ohio 45014 (Permit Class: D5). Motion Carried 5-0. SIMPLE MOTION 26-10 APPROVED 5-0.

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mike Snyder, Chairman; Tim Abbott, Vice Chairman, Terry Senger, Member

Simple Motion: Motion approving changes to the Council Committee Assignments for 2011.

Councilmember Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to approve changes to the Council Committee Assignments for 2011. Motion Carried 5-0. SIMPLE MOTION 27-10 APPROVED 5-0.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Abbott, Chairman; Terrence Senger, Vice Chairman, Michael Oler, Member

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to read the following five (5) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 5-0.

An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011. (2011 Operating Budget)

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an ordinance for the adoption of the budget. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 117-10 ADOPTED 5-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CDW-Government for replacement of workstations and related equipment.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an agreement with CDW-Government for replacing workstations as part of our five year rotation and all items are being purchased under State of Ohio contract. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 118-10 ADOPTED 5-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Contractual Items) - \$49,300 replacement of computer workstations and related equipment.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the following contractual item: \$49,300 for replacement of computer workstations and related equipment. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 119-10 ADOPTED 5-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Non-contractual Items) - \$7,250 for software upgrade rights; \$7,500 for sanitary sewer manhole casting adjustments for 2011 overlay program; \$50,336 Exit 39 South Gilmore/Winton Project ODOT Compliance Review (Under existing contract); and \$6,000 for concrete work associated with Muskopf Road Pump Station Project.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the following non-contractual items: \$ 7,250 for vendor rights for software upgrades; \$7,500 for sanitary sewer manhole casting adjustments for the street overlay program; \$50,366 for the ODOT requirement for South Gilmore/Winton Road Project; and \$6,000 for concrete work associated with the Muskopf Road Pump Station Project. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 120-10 ADOPTED 5-0.

Ordinance providing for the issuance of \$145,138.95 of bonds by the City of Fairfield, Ohio, to pay part of the cost of sidewalk repair

in the City, and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an ordinance, that was added by Councilmember Abbott, for the issuance of sidewalk bonds. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to adopt. Mr. Pizzano stated these are still people that chose not to do the work directly and to use the City's contractor, so we go back and special assess people. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 121-10 ADOPTED 5-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Johns read the following meeting schedule:

Monday, January 10 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
Monday, January 24 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
Monday, February 14 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council adjourned to Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations and personnel at 7:24 PM.

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 8:15 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____