

SPECIAL JOINT STREETS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 4, 2006

The Special Joint Streets and Finance Committee meeting was held on December 4, 2006 at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Denise Bobulsky, Vince Gentile, Don Willey, Larry Antoskiewicz, Kurt McKee, Robert Stefanik, Lisa Uffman-Kirsch, Karen Fegan, Clark Merdes, Don Ramm, Skip Mayer, Mayor Cathy Luks, Tom O'Donnell, Joanne DuMound, Don Harris, Nick Cinquepalmi, Ellen Cook, Lisa Wolfe, Gary Obenauer, Tony Sandora, and Barb Soggs.

Mrs. Bobulsky explained that after conferring with the Legislative Director and Law Director any motions recommending approval to Council should be made by that particular committee. Streets Committee being Bobulsky, Gentile, Willey; Finance Committee being McKee, Stefanik, Willey.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed 2007 Road Improvements

Mr. Gentile's memo of November 29, 2006 to Mr. Merdes and Mr. Mayer was discussed. Mrs. Fegan wanted Mr. Gentile to be aware that as the city moves forward on whatever road projects the bid specifications will reveal a lot of the information he is requesting. In addition, she stated that it is Council who approves the bids and will have ample opportunity to review the scope of the proposed project and what is accepted by the city. Mr. Merdes went on to explain in detail past asphalt improvement projects within the city.

Mr. Mayer stated that the proposed concrete projects will be done in-house, and clarified for Mr. Gentile that there were no concrete improvement projects last year. He stated with the proposed hiring of additional manpower he should be able to complete the proposed projects this year. Mr. Mayer reported that it is usually in February that he goes out to bid for materials for the upcoming repair season, and he would like to include \$21,000 for a concrete saw as well so the projects could begin the end of March, weather permitting. Mayor Luks stated that the city would not be borrowing for the concrete projects; they would be dealt with from the budget which Mrs. Fegan hoped to have completed before the end of March if not sooner.

Mayor Luks stated that the administration was proposing Drake, Edgerton, Wallings and Oakridge for asphalt improvements. She reported that after going over the lists of roads that are beyond their useful life these four were the worst, Mr. Merdes and Mr. Mayer concurred. There are still others on the list that are just as bad, but these four were deemed the highest ranking and then the process of what the city could afford with the amount of borrowing was taken into consideration. It was stated that the borrowing would specify that it was for road improvements and list the streets. Mrs. Fegan said she could do separate line items for each project to make it easier for all to track. Mr. Merdes stated that he would like to advertise the bid for these projects in April or May; it would be looked at how much engineering could be done in-house or to go outside and hire engineering services. It has been done both ways in the past few years. It was discussed that the Drake and Edgerton projects commence at separate times to alleviate some traffic inconveniences.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007 First Quarter Temporary Appropriation Ordinance (Proposed Ordinance 05-153)

Mr. Willey and Mrs. Fegan engaged in a discussion concerning the amount of borrowing, principle investment, principle interest and distribution, and general bond retirement fund. Mrs. Fegan stated that all debt is paid out of the General Bond Retirement Fund.

Mrs. Fegan updated the committee in terms of the cost estimates of the flooding projects; a previous memo had incorrect figures. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked for clarification of the figures presented for the Cedar Estates project. The Pamela/Parkdale project was discussed. Mayor Luks reported that Pamela/Parkdale was submitted to Ohio Emergency Management Agency for funding. The project ranking came in 6th with the top 5 being funded. However, OEMA applied to the state legislature for funding this project. The Mayor expected to be hearing soon on this funding availability. Additionally she was notified that there is yet one more opportunity to submit a mitigation project. The Mayor and Mr. Merdes have yet had the opportunity to sit down and determine if Pamela/Parkdale doesn't get funding, if there is another project that might rank higher in cost benefit that should be submitted. She stated that at least one might receive funding and the administration was going to explore all avenues. Mr. Stefanik asked if the cross connections were going to be addressed in the Pamela/Parkdale area. The Mayor responded that the city is waiting for the code updates, which is in Utilities, before implementing a cross connection program. It was stated that a citywide policy/program dealing with cross connections and spelling out city responsibility and resident responsibility was needed. A policy is needed on how to do the work if the resident refuses to do it or can't afford it.

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch questioned the catch basins on Cady Road, and it was stated that some may be able to be done in-house.

Mr. McKee questioned the Goodman Dr. project and the cost, Mr. Merdes addressed his concerns.

Mrs. Bobulsky asked if the flood projects would commence in the spring, the Mayor responded that they would be done as quickly as they could that's why they are in the temporary appropriation.

Mrs. Fegan stated that there are two amendments to the temporary appropriations, the first, \$21,000 for the concrete saw requested by Mr. Mayer for the proposed concrete projects, and secondly, to have funds added for the return of maintenance personnel at City Hall and the Service Center (\$2,500 in each of these departments per quarter). Mrs. Bobulsky stated that the temporary appropriations with the two amendments should be approved because due to the budgetary constraints last year a whole construction season was lost in terms of road repairs and another spring with additional flooding would be detrimental to the already affected residents, it was owed to the residents for passing the income tax. A poll of Council was taken and all recommended approval (Bobulsky, Gentile, Willey, McKee, Antoskiewicz, Uffman-Kirsch, Stefanik). Mr. Stefanik made a motion to **approve the Temporary Appropriation Ordinance (06-153) with the two amendments**. Seconded by Mr. Willey. **3/ yeas (Stefanik, Willey, McKee-Finance Committee) 0/nays. Motion carried.**

Mrs. Bobulsky made a motion **to adjourn**, seconded by Mr. Gentile. **3/yeas (Bobulsky, Gentile, Willey) 0/nays. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.