

Minutes of Perrysburg Finance and Economic Development Committee

Meeting Held March 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chairman Mark Weber.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Mark Weber and Jonathan Smith. Committee member Tim McCarthy arrived at 5:41 p.m. Also present were Amber Rathburn, Finance Director, Khayla Trego, Deputy Finance Director, and Brody Walters, Planning and Zoning Administrator/Economic Development.

APPROVAL OF 02/14/2023 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting were approved 2-0.

APPROVAL OF 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASES

Ms. Rathburn stated that there are two Then and Now payment requests. One is for cleaning services for Police and the other is for RecDesk software. There being no objections, this was recommended 2-0 to City Council.

SURPLUS ITEM - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Ms. Rathburn stated that this is for a 2008 Sterling Acterra dump truck from the Service Department and with approval it would be put on GovDeals to sell at auction. Mr. Smith asked if all surplus items come to Finance Committee or if they will go to the Committee where the purchase originated from. Ms. Rathburn responded that it has gone both ways in the past. Mr. Smith prefers that they go to the Committee they originated from. This item will be forwarded to the Service Committee.

RESOLUTION REGARDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND

Ms. Rathburn explained that the Ohio Municipal League, is asking municipalities to pass resolutions in support of full restoration of Local Government Fund (LGF) payments from the State.

Committee member Tim McCarthy arrived at 5:41 p.m.

The current LGF provides for 1.66% of the state's General Revenue Fund to be distributed to local governments. This percentage was established during the state's fiscal crisis over a decade ago and replaced the previous level of 3.68%. Mr. Smith stated that if they were to increase this, he would like to see if we could reduce the burden on the tax payers in some other ways. Ms. Rathburn added that there is another issue, House Bill One, which looks at changing how taxes are collected. She will keep

the committee apprised of details on how that could impact the City, as they become available. The Committee agreed 3-0 to have the first reading at City Council.

FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY TO PROMOTERS OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Mr. Weber stated that the Committee wants to narrow down the list of main events that benefit the citizens as a whole. Mr. McCarthy asked for an update on the Farmers Market. Mr. Smith stated that it will continue for this year through Visit Perrysburg and Allison Pittner will be running the Market on Thursdays. Mr. Smith added that they could identify the events and who runs them, so if the event organizer changes, they would re-evaluate charging fees for services at that time. The three big events are the Thursday Market Days, Winterfest, and Perrysburg Homecoming Festival/Parade. Mr. McCarthy asked about the Memorial Day and Holiday parades. Mr. Weber stated that the fees are already waived for those two events.

Mr. McCarthy asked how much this will cost the City. Mr. Smith noted that there is a way to potentially offset some costs because the biggest amount of refuse is from the food trucks on Thursdays. He suggested internally increasing the fees or having a special permit fee for the farmers market. The Committee is recommending that the City not charge for the Police and Service fees for Winterfest ran by DPI, Perrysburg Chamber Homecoming Event, and Thursday Market Days by Visit Perrysburg. The Committee agreed to recommend this 3-0 to City Council. Legislation for this is forthcoming pending a review and legal opinion from our law director.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There were no issues with February expenditures over \$5,000.

Ms. Rathburn stated that the Health Insurance Fund balance is currently at \$1.3 million. Mr. Smith asked when they would reevaluate what employee contributions are. Ms. Rathburn stated that is done on an annual basis. She will work with Savage & Associates on this.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Rathburn will keep the Committee updated on House Bill One.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Weber, Chairperson
Finance & Economic Development Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.