

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chairman Jim Matuszak. Committee members present were Deborah Born, Jim Matuszak and Tim McCarthy. Also present were Kate Sandretto, Law Director, Dave Creps, Finance Director, Amber Rathburn, Deputy Finance Director, and Steve Bronder, Income Tax Commissioner.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Matt Holzemer of Savage & Associates, the City's consultant for health insurance, was present to discuss the bids that were received for the City's health insurance for 2021. Mr. Holzemer stated that it has been a high claims year. He said the average monthly claims in 2018 was \$157,000, in 2019 it was \$154,000, and in 2020, through October, claims were averaging \$226,000 per month. He reviewed the bids that were received and said that our current carrier did not submit a competitive bid. The best bid received was from United Healthcare. Their fixed cost is \$46,450.05 per month while our current carrier, NFP, submitted a bid with a fixed cost of \$51,181.78 per month. Our current monthly fixed cost is approximately \$38,000. Mr. Matuszak noted that we have usually stayed with our current carrier. Mr. Creps said that in the years he's been with the City, we have changed five or six times and like this year, it's because we get a quote that we cannot justify not going with. Ms. Kabat said that it is her understanding that United Healthcare is larger than NFP. She said that United Healthcare made a presentation, and it was impressive. She added that they have a phone app and a wellness program. The Committee agreed 3-0 that going with United Healthcare seems to be the right way to go.

CARES ACT

Ms. Sandretto said that we need an additional piece of legislation regarding CARES Act funds because the City received another distribution in the amount of \$109,781.45 because Wood County did a redistribution of unused funds. Mr. Matuszak asked if any additional spending is planned. Ms. Kabat said that the funds will go towards police and fire wages, and we have eligible expenses of approximately \$4 million dollars. She noted that all expenses had to be encumbered by November 20th. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend acceptance of the additional CARES Act funds.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Committee reviewed expenditures over \$5,000 for the month of November. The Committee had questions regarding a cabinet for evidence sanitizing, payments to the City of Toledo for the JEDZ, and a sewer note payment.

The balance in the Health and Welfare Fund as of November 30 was \$100,172.94. Mr. Creps said the balance was actually up a little at the end of the month, but a payment for claims in excess of \$50,000 was made after the first of the month. He said the balance is

down pretty low, and it will be a close call on whether there is enough in the fund to cover claims.

Mr. Creps distributed worksheets showing the amended 2020 appropriations, the amended 2020 estimated revenues, and authorization for interfund transfers. He stated that these are the same housekeeping items that he does every year. He said that this was an easier task than most years because we did not spend a lot this year. He said the changes stayed within each department with one or two exceptions. Mr. Matuszak asked about interfund transfers, and Mr. Creps said that only two changed – the State Highway Patrol Transfer, and Sewer Operations to Sewer Capital, where he added \$1.5 million. There was a brief discussion regarding taking a closer look at why sewer collections were running so high. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of these budget changes.

TAX COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bronder reported that income tax collections for the month of November were \$1.3 million dollars which is up 4% from November 2019. Year to date collections through the first eleven months of the year were \$18.5 million which is down 5.1% from 2019. Mr. Bronder said he is hopeful the year will end up at \$19.5 to \$20 million. Last year collections were just over \$21 million dollars.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Matuszak called attention to the recent incident in Lucas County where in excess of \$600,000 was fraudulently paid out. He asked about internal controls that would prevent this from happening in Perrysburg. Ms. Kabat said that the purchasing policy was reviewed this past year, and she cannot imagine anything like that happening here. She said that she feels comfortable with the controls that we have in place.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Matuszak
Chairman, Finance & Economic Development
Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.