

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

APRIL 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chairman Jim Matuszak. John Kevern and Tim McCarthy were absent. Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Dave Creps, Finance Director, Tim Fisher, Deputy Finance Director, and Steve Bronder, Income Tax Commissioner were present.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Creps called attention to the list of expenditures greater than \$5,000 for the month of March. Mr. Matuszak asked about the payment to Utopia Construction. Mr. Creps said it was for a partial payment on the downtown restrooms. Mr. Matuszak asked about the Prosecutor's office and Mr. Creps said that Marty Aubry is lining up a new assistant prosecutor.

Mr. Creps reported that the balance in the health insurance fund at March 31 was \$481,544.37 which is down a little from the previous month.

Mr. Creps stated that at the next council meeting there will be an ordinance to create a MAT Surplus Fund for the Municipal Court. Mr. Creps explained that the Medically Assisted Treatment Fund deals with indigent driver alcohol treatment funds. Originally this was designated as a separate line item, but state officials in Columbus have said that we need to create a separate fund. This fund deals with monies received by the Court and does not involve any General Fund dollars.

TAX COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bronder reported that March receipts were over \$1.5 million dollars which is up five percent from the same month last year. Total receipts for the first quarter were \$4.8 million dollars which is up 13.5% from the first quarter of 2015. He added that all three account types are up.

CONTRACT RENEWAL – RIDE RIGHT

Mr. Fisher stated that our contract with Ride Right was a three year contract with two additional one year add-ons. He said that they have given us great service and we have had no problems. The Administration is requesting renewal of the contract with Ride Right for another year. Mr. Matuszak asked that a copy of the contract be sent to Committee members and he asked about the economic impact of Ride Right. Mr. Fisher said that it is a lot cheaper than TARTA was. Mr. Matuszak asked if the levy is covering the costs. Mr. Creps said that it is covering over and above the costs. The approximate fund balance as of March 31 was \$306,000. Mr. Fisher noted that we only receive revenue twice a year from the levy, but we pay Ride Right twelve times a year. Mr. Creps said there is still a balance due to the General Fund as payback for the period of time when the transit service started before the levy was collected. Mr. Creps said that if all goes well, that balance will be paid off this year.

FOOD TRUCKS

Rick Ruffner stated that food trucks want to come into Perrysburg and they want to take our money and leave town. He said they don't pay taxes and the restaurants in the City, not just downtown, are not happy about it. He said that the former Law Director had written an Administrative Policy banning food trucks, but he has been notified that the policy will no longer be enforced. Mr. Ruffner wrote guidelines that he presented to the Committee and Administration that he would like City Council to pass.

Ms. Kabat said as a point of clarification that Phil Barone of Rosie's, Bill Anderson of Dale's Bar, and Ty Szumigala of the Maumee Indoor Theater, met with the Mayor and expressed interest in doing an event similar to the event held in Maumee. The event in Maumee is sponsored by the City of Maumee, but neither she nor the Mayor are backing or supporting any event in Perrysburg. However, the Law Director received a phone call from the attorney for the food truck group, and the Law Director has said that the Administration cannot legislate third parties. The only exception would be if they are selling into traffic, then the police could ask them to move along because they would be putting pedestrians at risk. Ms. Kabat added that since there is nothing on the books about food trucks, City Council would have to legislate it if they choose to do so.

Mr. Ruffner said that he spoke to Mike Dibling, President of the Maumee Businesses, and they thought that the food trucks would attract shoppers, but they don't. People just get their food and leave. He said that the restaurant owners are depending on the City to protect them. Mr. Matuszak said that he will speak to Mr. Anderson and Mr. Szumigala. He said that he doesn't want to see someone have an advantage over a business paying taxes; he wants to try and make it a level playing field.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Matuszak, Chairman
Finance and Economic Development Committee

Next meeting: Monday, May 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.