

HEALTH, SANITATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 24, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Todd Grayson. Committee members present were Todd Grayson, Tim McCarthy and Rick Rettig. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator and Alice Godsey, Public Utilities Director.

APPOINTMENT TO LITTER CONTROL BOARD

Judy Hagen, Litter Control Coordinator, introduced Scott Steele, applicant for the Litter Control Board. She said that he would fill the role as the business representative on the board as he works for a plastic recycling business. Mr. Steele said that he is glad that the City offers curbside recycling and he would like to help in any way he can. The Committee thanked Mr. Steele for his willingness to serve and agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of his appointment.

ESTABLISH DISTRICT CSSD 211 – PHASE 1

Ms. Godsey requested approval of an ordinance establishing Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 211 Phase 1. Phase 2 of District 211 will be the final area in the sewer separation project. Ms. Godsey said that this is standard procedure in the sewer separation districts. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the ordinance.

REVIEW OF 2016 BUDGET

Ms. Godsey stated that at the last meeting the Committee asked why there was such a large increase in the utilities line item for the sewer division. She explained that in previous years the expenses were broken out into different line items for storm water and plant expenses and now it is combined into one line item. Mr. Grayson said that he would like to see the budget be amended to keep the budgeted amount at \$275,000 for 2016. Mr. Rettig and Mr. McCarthy agreed. The Committee also discussed the Other Expense line item, questioning why it increased so much in the last year. Mr. Grayson stated that the Other Expense line item should never be that big because large purchases should fall under different line items elsewhere in the budget. Ms. Kabat said that she will email the Committee about what is included in that amount.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ruth Lucius, Ottekee Drive, was present to express her concern that the restrooms that are being built downtown should have a family restroom for privacy. She said there are many single fathers who can't take their daughters into the men's room and there are a lot of people on scooters who may need a caregiver to help them in the restroom. She gave several recommendations where she feels that the City could locate the restrooms, but she said she feels the best location would be along the railroad tracks. Mr. Grayson said that the Administration has diligently worked to choose a location. The Committee explained that the grassy area along the tracks is owned by the railroad and is not for sale. Mr. McCarthy suggested that the concept be incorporated into future plans. Ms. Kabat said that the Administration will explore the possibility of including it in the downtown restrooms.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Grayson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd Grayson, Chairman
HSPU Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.