HEALTH, SANITATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:57 p.m. by Chairman Todd Grayson. Committee members present were: Todd Grayson, John Kevern and Tim McCarthy. Also present were Law Director Mathew Beredo, Public Service Director Jon Eckel and Director of Public Utilities Tim Warren.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Becky Williams asked about the elimination of the 701 (Litter Control) Fund from the proposed 2014 budget. Mr. Eckel explained that this was an administrative change and it was shifted over to the recycling budget. Ms. Williams asked if part-time employees would be used the same way as they have in the past. Mr. Eckel said that those employees would be paid out of the Park employees line item.

FLOODING ON SYCAMORE LANE

Mr. Warren stated that he met with Mr. and Mrs. Laine and he sent them a letter stating that the City will clean the storm sewer twice a year and hopefully that will alleviate their flooding issues. Mr. Warren said Mr. Laine was receptive to this idea. Mr. Warren added that as a broader issue, the maintenance of storm sewer lines has come to a head because of the storms we had this year. He said that there have been internal talks about developing a Storm Sewer Master Plan to identify the needs and costs relative to storm sewers. Mr. Warren said the first step is to identify the needs and costs and then figure a way to fund it. He said that this master plan could be done in correlation with a plan that will need to be done post-sewer separation projects.

REQUEST TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HAWTHORNE REAL ESTATE VENTURES

Mr. Warren requested approval of an ordinance authorizing an agreement with Hawthorne Real Estate Ventures regarding construction of water and sanitary sewer lines to serve the Hawthorne Subdivision. The developer will be reimbursed for the actual cost to construct a 15" sanitary sewer minus the estimated cost to construct an 8" sanitary sewer which is required to service the Hawthorne subdivision. The reimbursement is estimated to be $226,000 and is in the 2014 budget. There will be no oversizing of the water lines. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of this request.

REQUEST TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR WWTP PHASE III IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Warren stated that bids were opened on October 16th for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase III improvements. The apparent low bidder withdrew their bid on October 21st. The second lowest bid was received from Peterson Construction Co. The bid was for $11,397,000 which is well below the engineer's estimate of $13.95 million. Mr.

McCarthy asked if Peterson has experience in this type of work. Mr. Warren said that they have done work at the treatment plant in the past. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of this ordinance.

REQUEST TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JONES & HENRY ENGINEERS

Mr. Warren requested approval of an ordinance authorizing an agreement with Jones and Henry Engineers for engineering services and resident project representation during the construction phase of the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements in the amount of $716,000. Mr. Warren said that when they solicited qualifications at the first of the year, Jones and Henry was ranked first for this type of service. Mr. Grayson stated that he wants to break the chain of always using Jones and Henry at the Treatment Plant. He said that he feels it is unhealthy to keep using the same company. He said he also has philosophical issues with the way Jones and Henry handled the expansion project. He said he thinks there was a lack of research and a lack of information shared with the City. Mr. Warren said that he values the relationship and familiarity we have with Jones and Henry. Mr. Grayson said that familiarity can be expensive as their lack of research could have cost us millions. Mr. Warren said that he believes that was a scope issue. Mr. Grayson said that he feels they had a duty to tell us that there was a hole in our scope. Mr. Beredo said if the timeline allows, he would suggest holding off on this item to give him time to meet with Mr. Warren to discuss the selection process, and they can provide the Committee with more information. Mr. Grayson stated that this will be revisited at the November committee meeting.

REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL WATER ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Warren stated that the City of Toledo has had an informal group that has been looking at regional water issues, but they would not like to formalize the group and have a representative from all of their contract communities. This Board has no authority; it will be an advisory group. Mr. Warren requested that a member and a designated alternate be appointed to represent Perrysburg. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of a resolution to participate in the Regional Water Advisory Board with Mr. Warren as our representative and Mark Dunsmoor serving as the back-up.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Grayson, Chairman
Health, Sanitation, and Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting date: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.