

HEALTH, SANITATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were Jonathan Smith, Barry VanHoozen and Becky Williams. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator and Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

2017 BUDGET

The Committee reviewed the water and sewer portion of the proposed 2017 budget. Included in the budget are three new full time employees – two laborers who will be cross trained in water and sewer, and a storm water technician. The two laborers will replace two or three part time contracted labor positions. The storm water technician will do EPA mandated inspections, keep us in compliance with the EPA, provide storm water education in the schools and to developers and builders, and learn new ways to mitigate storm water. Ms. Kabat explained that the other portion of the increase in salaries is due to step increases, the across the board raise for the general bargaining unit, and the transitioning of some employees to a grade 12 after they obtain their license. Mr. Smith requested a list of overtime for the last three years for water employees.

A 13% increase has been budgeted for the purchase of water because at this point that is the best guess as to what Toledo's increase will be. Other large ticket items in the budget for water are a replacement track loader which is budgeted half in water and half in sewer, replacement of undersized waterlines, reimbursement to developers who oversize waterlines, an update of the water master plan, half the cost of cold storage to get equipment out of the weather, and a new service truck which will replace a 2006 truck with a new model that has a larger crane and compressor. Mr. Smith asked for the mileage on the 2006 truck and Ms. Kabat said she will get that number. Ms. Kabat said that \$80,000 was budgeted for a pre-engineering study to connect to Toledo to feed the South Boundary Pump Station but those dollars will not be spent until a decision is made regarding our future source of water. Dollars are also budgeted for repairs in case a pump station would go down. There was discussion regarding the debt service and Ms. Godsey said the only debt in the water funds is for the water tanks.

Expenditures for the sewer funds were also reviewed. Ms. Kabat explained that several of the large ticket items involve sewer rehab projects. She stated that there is a placeholder for elimination of the Maple Street bypass depending on the AECOM report. Mr. Smith asked about the age and the useful life of the Belt Press that will be replaced. Ms. Kabat said that she thinks it is from 1991 and the useful life is no more than 20 years. Ms. Godsey explained that there is better technology available now. There was discussion about the Digester Sludge Recirculating pumps that are included in the budget and Ms. Godsey said the newer one is 25 years old and the older one is 30 years old. The 402 fund is projected to have a balance of \$5.3 million at the end of 2017.

Ms. Kabat said that if the committee has any further questions about the budget they can email Ms. Godsey.

SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING

Ms. Godsey requested a special meeting regarding the next step in the Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 211 Phase 2 process. She said that it is out for the first portion of public comment and those comments are due by October 3, 2016. She requested that a meeting be held after that date but prior to the second City Council meeting in October so a resolution of necessity can be considered by City Council on October 18. The Committee scheduled the meeting for Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Health, Sanitation & Public Utilities Committee

Special meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.