

HEALTH, SANITATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

AUGUST 25, 2014

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 Law Director Mathew Beredo, Service Director Jon Eckel, and Director of Public Utilities Alice Godsey.

REPORT OF EQUALIZATION BOARD FOR CSSD 212

Ms. Godsey reported that the Equalization Board met to consider one objection received regarding Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 212. The Board turned down the property owner's request. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend accepting the Equalization Board's decision.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CSSD 212

Ms. Godsey requested permission to proceed with Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 212 and to go out to bid. She said that they would like to bid the project this fall because it is a low time for contractors and the City has benefitted in the past with this timing. Mr. McCarthy said that he understands that construction on the last district was complicated by the rough winter, but it seemed to drag on a long time, so it would be nice if we can move this along. Mr. Grayson said Arcadis did the design work, but he asked if we have bid out the RPR services yet. Ms. Godsey said that will come to the Committee next month.

The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of a resolution to proceed with Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 212 and of an ordinance to go to bid.

GRANT/LOAN APPLICATION TO OPWC FOR CSSD 211

Ms. Godsey requested permission to apply for a grant and a loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission for Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 211 which is the last of the sewer separation districts. She said applications are due by September 5th and funding will be released in July of 2015. She said she would like to apply for a grant up to \$200,000 and a \$100,000 loan. Mr. Grayson questioned why we are asking for the loan. Ms. Godsey said that you get points for requesting the loan. She said that she believes that this combination of grant and loan may be the right mix to get us the most points. Mr. Grayson asked what the interest rate is for the loan. Ms. Godsey said that each district can establish its own terms, but generally it is a zero interest rate and the payback can be up to thirty years. Mr. Grayson asked where the money comes from for these loans and grants. Ms. Godsey said that this has appeared before the voters at least three times since 1988 and was most recently known as Issue 2. Mr. Grayson said that he is opposed to applying for the loan and grant because at some point we have to stop asking for money if we want the system to go away and the bureaucracy to end.

The Committee agreed 2-1 to recommend approval of the request to apply for a loan and grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission for Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 211.

SEWER BILL ADJUSTMENT

Ms. Godsey reported that a request for a sewer bill adjustment due to a faulty sump pump has been received from Silvana Davis, 9868 Bishopswood Lane. The sewer charges for the water that did not go down the sanitary sewer have been calculated to be \$1,913.95. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the credit.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding the recent incident involving the EPA and the area at Orleans Park that was classified as wetlands. Mr. Grayson implored the Administration to send a letter to the EPA thanking them for doing their job, stating that we are not fighting their decision that we have to restore the wetlands, but encouraging them in the future to look at the history of the area before making their determination. Mr. Rettig said that at the very least we should question the rationale used to make their determination because we don't want to go through this again.

Mr. Grayson said that with the recent water issues, he just wanted it on the record that the City has been looking into alternative water sources for a long time and that applies to both emergencies and a long term solution. He said that our contract with Toledo expires in 2027 and the goal is for the City to have clean, safe drinking water. Mr. McCarthy asked if Toledo has reached out to us about establishing better communication and Ms. Godsey said that they have. Mr. Grayson said that although we have a river right here, there are significant draw issues. Bowling Green is drawing from the river and there may not be enough to draw for the Perrysburg population.

Mr. Beredo reported that with regard to the natural gas aggregation, we thought we had a good price but found out it would not have saved residents any money. He said that we have not, and likely will not, enter into an aggregation agreement for this heating season.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 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
Health, Sanitation, and Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.