

HEALTH, SANITATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

JULY 22, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Acting Chairman Tim McCarthy. Committee members present were: Rick Rettig and Tim McCarthy. Todd Grayson was absent. Also present were Law Director Mathew Beredo and Director of Public Utilities Alice Godsey.

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE DESIGN ENGINEER FOR CSSD 211

Ms. Godsey stated that Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 211 is the last district in the sewer separation program. She requested permission to hire a design engineer for that district so the design work can be done over the winter, and the project can go to bid next year. Mr. McCarthy said that he believes Arcadis has designed many of the sewer separation districts. Ms. Godsey said that to her knowledge they have designed all of them. Mr. McCarthy stated that Arcadis would have the most knowledge about the sewer separation project. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend entering into a contract with Arcadis.

CHANGE ORDER FOR WWTP IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Godsey requested approval of a change order with Peterson Construction for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase III improvements in the amount of \$168,488. She provided the committee with a breakdown of items included in the change order. Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Rettig reviewed the list and said that all the items look appropriate, necessary, and not something we could have known about before the project started. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the change order.

AUTHORIZATION TO COOPERATE ON LGIF GRANT APPLICATION

Ms. Godsey requested permission for the City to cooperate with the City of Bowling Green and the Northwest Water and Sewer District on an application for a Local Government Innovation Fund grant to be used to do a feasibility study on an emergency water interconnection to act as a back-up water supply. She said that the City currently has no back-up for our water supply from the City of Toledo. If approved for the grant, the City would need to make a \$10,000 contribution plus \$2,000 in kind services. The estimated cost of the feasibility study is \$85,000 and the estimated construction costs are \$370,000. Mr. McCarthy said that it seems to make a lot of sense, and he asked what the back-up would be. Ms. Godsey said that it could be the City of Bowling Green which has a separate water supply from the City of Toledo. Mr. Rettig asked if this gives us any other options down the line as far as our contract with the City of Toledo. Ms. Godsey said that we would not be going into this with that in mind. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend cooperating on the grant application.

SEWER BILL ADJUSTMENT

Ms. Godsey stated that the Econolodge at 10667 Fremont Pike has requested a sewer credit due to high consumption because of leaking pipes behind walls. The amount of

the credit is \$2,973.12 which represents the sewer charges for the water that did not enter the sewer system. Mr. McCarthy said that he doesn't remember any credits for commercial property. Mr. Beredo said that River Place had one within the last several years. Jim Hagen, Avenue Road, asked if anyone checks into these requests for credit. Mr. Beredo said that it is his understanding that you have to provide documentation that you fixed something. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of a motion granting the credit to the Econolodge.

COMMENTS ON USEPA PROPOSED DEFINITION OF WATERS OF THE U.S.

Ms. Godsey called attention to the USEPA and Army Corps of Engineers proposed revisions for definition of waters of the U.S. that would fall under the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act. It had been distributed to Committee members before the meeting for their review. Ms. Godsey said that if the definition is interpreted broadly, it could have an impact on our storm sewer system, maintenance of drainage ditches, and it could slow down approval on development projects. Mr. McCarthy said that this would increase the number of City maintained ditches that would then have to have federal reviews and approvals. When the City relocated the Eckel Junction Road ditch, there was Corps oversight under existing regulations, and so the City is not being unsafe. Mr. Rettig said that he would be in favor of anything we can do to have more local control. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of a motion in opposition to the proposed revisions to the definition of waters of the U.S.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy G. McCarthy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tim McCarthy, Acting Chairman
Health, Sanitation, and Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Monday, August 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. which is a change from the regular date.