HEALTH, SANITATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

JUNE 25, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Todd Grayson. Committee members present were: Todd Grayson and Tim McCarthy. John Kevern was absent. Also present were City Administrator Bridgette Kabat, Law Director Mathew Beredo, Public Service Director Jon Eckel, City Engineer Doug Dariano, and Director of Public Utilities Tim Warren.

ESTABLISH CSSD 210 EQUALIZATION BOARD

Mr. Dariano said that when assessments are determined for sewer separation districts property owners are notified. He said if the property owners have objections, we listen to what they have to say and try to resolve the issue. We received several objections for District 210 and all but one have been resolved, so an Equalization Board needs to be established. Chris Vogel, Lisa Richard and Ellen Moser have agreed to serve. The meeting has been scheduled for July 15, 2013. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of establishing an Equalization Board for CSSD 210.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT FOR WWTP IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE III

Mr. Warren reported that the estimate for construction of Phase III improvements for the Wastewater Treatment Plant is approximately $14.8 million. He said there are three options available for financing. One option is to apply for a loan through the Ohio EPA's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund. The current interest rate through this program is 2.59% and we get locked into a rate after we bid the project. The second option is to go with a loan through the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA). Their interest rate is 1% less than the market rate and ¼% more than the EPA rate. The third option is to go with a bond issuance. Mr. Warren said that the cost savings will be in excess of $2.2 million over twenty years with the Ohio EPA loan. The application fee is $52,000 which is considerably less than the bond issuance cost. Mr. Grayson said that he is still struggling with this because we are asking someone else to pay our bill. Mr. Warren said that this is one of the programs the Ohio EPA offers, and every one of our citizens has paid into this. He said that as Utility Director, he has to appreciate the savings and recommend the most cost effective manner, so he will promote and recommend that we take advantage of the Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund. Mr. McCarthy said that since it will save the citizens of Perrysburg $2.2 million dollars over twenty years, he will be supporting it also. Mr. Warren said that the OWDA option is all State dollars and would cost $350,000 more than the Ohio EPA option. Mr. Grayson said that it is far more relevant that it is an Ohio based program. Mr. Warren said that it is still subsidized. Mr. Grayson said that he does not like either option, but if Mr. McCarthy wants to go with the OWDA loan, he would support that because it is a more simple and streamlined process. Mr. McCarthy said that he is still supporting the Ohio EPA loan. Since the recommendation of the Committee is split, Mr. Beredo will prepare ordinances for each of the three options for City Council to consider.

AGREEMENT WITH JONES & HENRY ENGINEERS TO PREPARE DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO ODNR RELATED TO MODIFICATION OF THE LEVEE AT THE WWTP

Mr. Warren stated that part of the Phase III improvements at the Treatment Plant includes relocating the dike. He said that he thinks it is a good idea to move it as far as we can since we have to move it anyway. Mr. Grayson asked what the cost is to move it further. Mr. Warren said that it is hard to determine, but he would guess it could be $100,000 to $200,000. He said that we have to go through ODNR to get the dike permitted. We did not have a permit in the past which is not unusual, but it is something the ODNR has taken a greater role in over the years. Mr. McCarthy asked what the advantage of moving it further is. Mr. Warren said that in case of future expansion, we don’t want to have to move it again. He asked for authorization of a $32,000 contract with Jones and Henry to prepare the documents to be submitted to ODNR related to modification of the levee at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Grayson said that he thinks it’s a good idea to move it as far as we can as opposed to moving it thirty feet now and then having to move it forty feet later. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CLASS IV COMPOST FACILITY

Mr. Grayson said when he was reviewing the Riverfront Master Plan, it shows the compost facility and shooting range being moved. He thought it would be relevant to discuss if it could be moved, or if not, the Riverfront Project would have to work with it where it is. Mr. Eckel said with all due respect, he was involved with the report, but the compost site is one of the most successful programs the City has had. It has significantly reduced the amount of brush and yard waste, and is a wash as to what is hauled in and what is taken out. It is adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant which also produces odors, and we have had no complaints. Mr. Eckel said if the Riverfront ever develops to the point that this is an issue, we can address it, but it would be a stringent site selection. Mr. Grayson said that his point was that we do not have a lot of options for the compost site. He asked about the outdoor shooting range. Ms. Kabat said that she spoke to the Police Chief, and he said they do not use the range anymore. Mr. Grayson said that Phase III of the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements will eliminate the shooting range.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE 48 GALLON REFUSE/RECYCLE TOTERS

Mr. Eckel requested permission to purchase 1003 additional 48 gallon refuse and recycling toters at a cost of $45,813.85 through Toter National IPA. He said that they did not anticipate the number of empty-nesters and seniors who would want the smaller toters, and they have cut off requests for the smaller containers this year at 500 residents. He said the larger toters that these residents currently have will be used for future growth and annexations. Mr. Eckel said that they have had substantial savings in tipping fees, and he will keep an eye on the 231 Fund since this item was not budgeted. Mr. Grayson said that his fear is that when residents see the smaller toters, they will want them too. Mr. Eckel said he has a plan to tackle that. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the purchase of the smaller toters.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Next meeting date: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.