

HEALTH, SANITATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

JANUARY 28, 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 City Administrator Bridgette Kabat, Law Director Mathew Beredo, Service Director Jon Eckel, City Engineer Doug Dariano, and Commissioner of Public Utilities Mark Dunsmoor.

UPDATE REGARDING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC UTILITIES POSITION

Ms. Kabat stated that the Director of Public Utilities position has been advertised in newspapers and trade publications. Applications are being accepted until February 14th and we have already received one or two applications.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE

Gil Lutz said that Ride Right is doing an excellent job with the public transit service, but there is no way to contact the drivers after 5 p.m. if your plans change. He suggested that calls regarding service after 5 p.m. be forwarded to the drivers. Ms. Kabat suggested that if an event is running longer than anticipated, that someone go out and let the driver know. She acknowledged that this would not remedy if an event is done early. She said that this issue can be discussed with Ride Right, but there is a policy that drivers cannot answer phones while they are driving. There was some discussion regarding the expectations of the level of service to be provided. Mr. Lutz also asked about a citizen committee that was to be created to meet with Ride Right to provide input and promote service. Mr. Grayson said that right now the buck stops at the City Administration level, and if there are any issues Ms. Kabat or Tim Fisher should be contacted. He said that service improvement suggestions should go through Perrysburg 4 Transit. Ms. Kabat said that they will be including a rider in their quarterly meetings, and she stated that Ride Right is currently working on a survey.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CSSD 212

Mr. Dariano requested approval of an ordinance establishing Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 212. He said that this will allow the Clerk to publish the district and residents can come in and look at the plans. Mr. Dariano said that this is the first step and the process takes about six months before it can go to construction. There is money in this year's budget for construction. Mr. Grayson asked if this is the first district that is bisected. Mr. Dariano said that it is, and he explained that the northern part of District 212 was originally part of District 203. However, there were some additional expenses and to stay within the budget, that section was removed from District 203. Mr. McCarthy asked if District 212 consists of only residential properties. Mr. Dariano said that it is all residential. Mr. Rettig asked how many districts remain in this project. Mr. Dariano said that District 210 is currently under construction, District 212 is being established, and then District 211 will be the last district. That district was skipped because one of the commercial properties had a large assessment in District 209 and we tried to space out their assessments as much as possible. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of establishing Cherry Street Sewer Separation District 212.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE COMPACT TRACTOR WITH LOADER, ROTARY TILLER AND POWER RAKE

Mr. Dunsmoor stated that the last several years they have rented equipment to restore the right-of-way after repairing a water or sewer line break. He requested approval to purchase a John Deere 4120 Compact Utility Tractor with loader, rotary tiller and power rake. This equipment will be used by the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Public Service. Mr. Dunsmoor estimated the payback from purchasing as opposed to renting to be between five and seven years. The equipment will be purchased from Findlay Implement Co., through the State Purchasing Program, for \$41,290.08. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of this request.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Eckel said that Requests for Proposals for engineering services for Phase III of Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements were solicited and five were received. Mr. Eckel, Mr. Dariano and Mr. Dunsmoor reviewed the paperwork and heard presentations from each of the five companies. Mr. Eckel thanked all of the firms for the effort they put into the paperwork and their presentations. He said the Administration is requesting permission to negotiate and enter into a contract with URS Corporation for construction engineering and resident project representation for this project. Mr. McCarthy asked where URS is from. Mr. Eckel said they have an office in Toledo and the firm is 108 years old. Mr. McCarthy said that it was a much more thorough process than what was done previously. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of this request.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 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, February 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.