

SERVICE-SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 27, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Matuszak. Committee members present were John Kevern, Jim Matuszak and Barry VanHoozen. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Mathew Beredo, Law Director, and Doug Dariano, City Engineer. Jon Eckel, Service Director arrived at 5:25 p.m.

POLICE DIVISION OVERTIME REPORT

Chief Paez presented overtime reports to the Committee for the Patrol Unit and Communications. He said that overtime for the Patrol Unit for 2013 was \$160,760.40. This is down over \$30,000 from 2012, and is under the budgeted amount of \$200,000. The amount budgeted for overtime for 2014 has been reduced to \$185,000. Communications overtime for 2013 was \$41,108.80 which was under the budgeted amount of \$50,000. Mr. VanHoozen asked about the trend longer term. Chief Paez said that he looked at the last five years, and overtime is down about \$90,000. A large portion of this is due to the elimination of roll call. Mr. Matuszak asked if there has been a change in staffing levels. Chief Paez said the only change has been when there is a vacancy and they have to fill that spot.

FIRE DIVISION OVERTIME REPORT

Chief Klein stated that this past year, and for each of the last five years, they have had someone off with a significant injury. Total overtime for 2013 was \$389,643.35 which was under the budgeted amount by \$978.65. Mr. Matuszak asked about the nature of the injuries and if there is anything common among them. It was noted that they are not all work related, but Chief Klein said that they do see a lot of back injuries. He said that they have one automatic cot and the new ambulance will have an automatic lift for the cot.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE NEW PLOW TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Mr. Eckel requested permission to purchase a new plow truck and related equipment for the Department of Public Service. He said that the purchase is actually made in two parts. The cab and chassis will be purchased from Nollenberger Ford through the State Purchasing Program for \$81,975. The plow, box and salt spreader will be purchased from Henderson and will be in the \$55,000 to \$60,000 range. There is \$140,000 in this year's budget for this purchase. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of this request.

ORDINANCE REQUESTING FUNDS FOR R-O-W ACQUISITION FOR SR25/ECKEL JUNCTION ROAD INTERSECTION

Mr. Dariano said that the process to upgrade the SR25/Eckel Junction Road intersection began about eighteen months ago. An appraiser has been hired and estimates the cost of the additional right-of-way at \$282,960. Eight parcels with six different owners are affected. Mr. Dariano requested up to \$283,000 to acquire the right-of-way. Mr. Matuszak asked if we have a completion date in mind. Mr. Dariano said that we would like to get it done this year. Ms. Kabat said that we have received a

lot of complaints regarding the intersection, and it has a very low rating. Mr. Matuszak asked that if this project were not done by a certain time, if the City would lose any specific economic development opportunities. Ms. Kabat said that she does not believe so. Mr. Beredo said that this ordinance would allow the City to eventually write a check to the affected property owners. He said that we are currently in negotiations with the owners and if this ordinance was not approved as an emergency measure and we reached an agreement with a property owner prior to its effective date, then we would not be able to write them a check [until no earlier than 30 days after approval of the ordinance by the Mayor]. So the economic impact would be more on the affected property owners.

PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH POGGEMEYER FOR DESIGN OF THE ECKEL JUNCTION ROAD/CARRONADE DRIVE ROUNDABOUT

Mr. Dariano said that several years ago the City applied for, through TMACOG, transportation improvement money for a roundabout at Eckel Junction Road and Carronade Drive. This transportation money represents our gas tax and license tax money coming back to us from the State of Ohio. In February of 2013 we solicited for proposals for the design work. The firms were ranked and the top two were interviewed. If you look at the four quadrants of the intersection, Poggemeyer Design Group has done all of the subdivision work in that area so they are very familiar with it. There were no funds in the 2013 budget for design work, but \$43,700 has been budgeted in 2014. Construction is scheduled for 2015 with \$325,000 coming from the City and \$150,000 coming from TMACOG. Mr. Dariano requested approval of a contract with Poggemeyer Design Group for \$40,800 for design work for the roundabout. Mr. Matuszak asked about the timeline of the design work. Mr. Dariano said that it is not complicated, but because it is a State project there are some extra steps, such as public meetings, that have to occur. He said that they will need to get the engineer out there as soon as the snow melts to look at the topography. Mr. VanHoozen asked about Carronade Drive being extended to SR199 and requested clarification regarding the effect on Eckel Junction Road. Ms. Kabat said that this is phase one of Carronade becoming the feeder to SR199 and closing off Eckel Junction Road would create a cul-de-sac. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of this request.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dariano gave the Committee an update on several projects that are either ongoing or in the pipeline including Fort Meigs Road improvements, Jefferson Street extension and the proposed 475/SR25 Double Divergent Diamond.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Matuszak, Chairman
Service-Safety Committee

Next meeting: Monday, February 24, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.