

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL CAUCUS

Monday, February 7, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

Mayfield Village Civic Hall

The Council of Mayfield Village met in Caucus Session on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. in Mayfield Village Civic Hall. Council President Bill Buckholtz presided.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Buckholtz, Mr. Marquardt, Mrs. Mills,
Mr. Marrie, Mr. Saponaro and Dr. Parker

Absent: Mrs. Cinco

Also Present: Mr. Wynne, Ms. Calta, Chief Dearden,
Mr. Metzung, Mr. Marrelli, Mr. Cappello,
Chief Mohr, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dinardo,
Mrs. Kalina and Mrs. Betsa

IN COMMITTEE (STATUS)

Safety and Service Committee

Dr. Parker reported that Safety and Service met tonight. We had a number of agenda items. Most of them were pretty routine in terms of fees. Some of them were a little bit up. Department Heads explained them very well. It's all written on the report. Fireworks will be going on as planned.

Ordinance Review

Mr. Saponaro reported that Ordinance Review will be meeting tomorrow. We will be discussing the proposed wind turbine ordinance.

Beautification Committee

Mr. Saponaro reported that the Beautification Committee selected a nursery to work with for the baskets, John Urbanowitz from Urban Growers.

Historical Society

Mrs. Mills stated that this is not a committee report, but she would like to announce that the Historical Society will be having a dinner with Presidents James Garfield and Mrs. James Garfield, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, Ulysses S. Grant and the First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. It's at Yours Truly. They did this out in Mentor and it was a sold out event. It was unbelievable the amount of people who showed up. It is on Sunday, February 20th from 3:00-5:00. No reservations. They will have prizes for trivia for all ages. It's interesting. I will have Mary Beth put this in our packets and spread the good word around. Dr. Parker asked what this is on. Mrs. Mills replied, Yours Truly does it. They have speakers that come out of President Garfield's home in Mentor. That's run by the U.S. Government. They have the funds to do things like this. I don't know if Yours Truly pays for these speakers or not. I just thought it would be a nice thing.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mayor Rinker asked about the heat at the police station.

Mr. Marrelli reported that we are tweaking it. We are experimenting.

Mayor Rinker asked Mr. Marrelli to update us with good news.

Mr. Marrelli replied, I will. It's going to take some time. We are looking at the electrical bill. We have not looked at the gas bill yet. We are going to find out what the combined energy bills are. Contractors are trying to shorten the length of time that the other electric heat is on and the length of the time that the gas heat comes on. It's a little bit of an adjustment period right now.

Speaking of which, Mayor Rinker asked, what the last word is we have heard on the solar process? It's all tied up in Columbus, right?

Mr. Marrelli replied, we are waiting for the new Governor to decide if he is going to continue the program or disband the program.

Mayor Rinker asked, but everything we have is filed and waiting to go?

Mr. Marrelli replied, it's all there sitting in a pile somewhere for the Governor to say we are or we are not going to keep doing it. He's trying to figure out which end is up on a lot of things.

Mayor Rinker asked, basically John Fidel is still troubleshooting this?

Mr. Marrelli replied, yes. And he's waiting for the word when they say your application is up and let's go. He will keep everyone posted.

FINANCE

Bureau of Workers' Compensation Yearly Assessments (\$79,779.96)

Mr. Wynne reported our annual Workers' Compensation premium is due. It is a little bit under \$80,000 this year. That is \$25,000 less than last year's. The pooled group of the Ohio Municipal League had a really good experience last year, so the rates dropped. We will get to realize the benefit of that this year.

2011 Budget

Mr. Wynne reported that Council should have received in their packets this weekend a detailed copy of the budget. I encourage you to review it. If you have any questions, contact me. I will be happy to go over it with you one on one if you would like. We will be discussing this at the Finance Caucus meeting. We have to have this passed at the March Council meeting at the latest.

Mr. Marrie thanked Mr. Wynne. It's a great breakdown.

Mr. Saponaro agreed.

Council President Buckholtz asked if anyone has any questions now.

Mrs. Mills replied, I started reviewing it.

Council President Buckholtz stated, I didn't really expect that. Other than people feeling very comfortable at calling you directly or stopping in, which I think everyone does, other than that the March Caucus will be a time that we will actually discuss it.

Mayor Rinker added, and at the Finance meetings.

Mr. Wynne agreed, the Finance meetings.

Council President Buckholtz stated, both Finance meetings. Very good. Thanks, Ron.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bidding for audio and videorecording system

Chief Dearden reported that a memo was sent out to the Mayor and Council relative to legislation which was passed last year down in Columbus requiring law enforcement agencies to audio and videorecord certain interviews and interrogations. Obviously, we have never had the

equipment in place to do that before. This is something we are mandated to do. I received a preliminary quote which is just a little over \$11,000. This puts it over the bid limit, so I am asking permission to go out for bid on the system. The final price may come in under \$10,000, but at least initially it appears that the equipment might be over \$10,000.

Chief Dearden replied, the equipment itself has not found its way through the Cooperative Purchasing Program yet. I am sure that eventually it will, but since they only review and modify their schedules of items that are purchasable under there, it occurs in July or August of every year, I don't think that anything will show up until July or August 2011.

Council President Buckholtz asked, there's no homeland security money or grants?

Chief Dearden replied, there's no homeland security grants relative to this equipment. As I mentioned previously, when the legislation was passed there were a number of law enforcement organizations such as the Chiefs' Association who requested that the legislature at least look at the postponement of the implementation so that obviously funding could be developed. They weren't receptive to that so this is not on the table any more for discussion. It's just something we have to do.

Dr. Parker asked, how many possible vendors are there that sell this?

Chief Dearden replied, there's probably thousands. The problem that you have is not so much finding the equipment, but you are going to need to purchase equipment that has local serviceability and that's always the key.

Dr. Parker asked, how many of those are there?

Chief Dearden replied, it would depend on the manufacturer. Obviously that's one of the points that we would be analyzing when we get the bids is whether they have local servicing for this equipment or whether it's something that we have to continually send back to the manufacturer out of State. If that's the case, obviously, it's less of interest to us to deal with that type of a vendor.

Dr. Parker asked, you had mentioned that if we had an issue or needed it, we could always turn to another city like Mayfield Heights. You thought they had it. My question is, can we group with some other communities that don't have it, so that we can go to the vendor and say, we have 10 people, who's going to give us our best bid now as opposed to individual ones? Can we check with them or see who else needs it?

Chief Dearden will certainly have the ability tomorrow morning to at least speak to the SPAN Chiefs. We have a meeting tomorrow morning.

Dr. Parker stated, you might get some leverage in terms of getting a better price if we can group purchase it.

Council President Buckholtz asked Chief Dearden to describe the extent of the equipment. Is what is being recorded public information? Is it sensitive material?

Chief Dearden replied, any interview and interrogation of a criminal suspect by police for a certain listed crime, listed on the legislation, obviously it's for more of the major crimes, all of those interview interrogations have to be audio and videorecorded.

Council President Buckholtz asked, okay, so this isn't equipment we can share?

Mr. Marquardt asked, why couldn't it be shared?

Chief Dearden replied, because it would actually have to be physically tied in to video cameras within the interrogation room.

Mr. Marquardt asked, can't you take somebody someplace else to interrogate them?

Chief Dearden replied, from a security standpoint that is probably not the most appropriate way to continually do business. As I mentioned to Dr. Parker at Safety and Service, we don't need this approved this month and if we should happen to need something, we could probably impose on Mayfield Heights to do it, but to have to continually do it for us for nothing –

Mr. Marquardt stated, we would pay a price though. How many times do you use it?

Chief Dearden replied, I have no idea. Hopefully never.

Mr. Marquardt replied, you know how many guys you've interrogated under those circumstances in the past. What's the frequency of use?

Chief Dearden replied, it isn't something that out of the course of business seemed to make much sense at that point, but we will start looking at how many times we might use it as compared to how much another city might use it.

Mr. Marquardt replied, if we do it once a year, it would probably be easier to take him someplace else.

Council President Buckholtz stated, what I was getting at is, so we are basically talking about a video camera and some kind of a unit to store the microphone or camera.

Chief Dearden replied, it all goes to a DVR system.

Council President Buckholtz stated, if it's mandated, we have to do it, but I'm just wondering how the mandate reads. Also, that number just seems high.

Chief Dearden replied, that could very well be. It's just preliminary.

Council President Buckholtz knows a couple of people who do this. I know a system for under \$4,000 for four videocameras that goes to a DVR, full audio. We should talk. I am trying to understand if there's certain requirements. There's these high definition cameras that were \$1200 a month ago and now they are \$330 each. There's rapid change in that whole field, especially if a quote from a company like Zenith is a big player. They might come in high.

Chief Dearden replied, Zenith is simply representing one manufacturer. I am sure there's thousands of manufacturers out there who have the equipment capable of doing the task.

Dr. Parker replied, there could be other issues in terms of security. It's like buying a police car. You go out and get any car. But obviously the cars we get have things built into them. That would be the only other issue I can see that would make it so proprietary.

Mayor Rinker asked, what happens if we don't do it?

Chief Dearden does not have any idea.

Council President Buckholtz asked, what is the timeframe?

Chief Dearden replied, I will ask the Law Department to check into that. I don't think there's any penalties that I am aware of. If I recall, most of the information that I received simply becomes more of a defense issue. The defense could raise the fact that the police did not follow the proper procedure.

Mayor Rinker replied, they would move to suppress evidence.

Chief Dearden added, any statements made by the suspect would be held to be less than credible.

Council President Buckholtz had the opportunity to visit a police station at one point. They just had hand cameras everywhere. I can understand if you are mandated. Did you say a timeframe?

Chief Dearden replied, no. I mentioned to Dr. Parker that we don't need to pass this this month. We are just looking to go out for bids to see what prices come in.

Council President Buckholtz stated, very good. We will follow up with that.

Equipment changeovers from old to new cruisers (Northcoast Two Way Radio Communications - \$5,400)

Chief Dearden reported that this is our annual requisition for funding to transfer over the equipment from our old vehicles to the new vehicles once the new ones come in. On average, it costs us about \$1800 a car. We have three cars coming this year so that equates to the \$5,400 request.

Council President Buckholtz asked if there were any questions on this item. There were none. Council President Buckholtz stated we will move this along to Committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Mohr reported, a few years ago, we had that communication grant that provided equipment for the Hillcrest area. That grant is still paying dividends. We had a surplus of monies. The Federal Government instructed us to apply funding towards public education and fire prevention materials and equipment. Timely, but we were able to get a large number of the smoke alarms which are now on the news and a topic today, the photo-electric ones which we are giving the apartments 300 of them to place into the individual suites. That's being done.

• **2011 Annual Hydrant Fee (Division of Water - \$7,722.99)**

Chief Mohr reported this is \$411.51 higher than last year.

• **Hillcrest Tech Rescue Team Annual Dues (\$5,000.00)**

Chief Mohr stated these are our annual dues. The price remains the same.

• **Annual Maintenance Renewal on the LifePaks (\$3,133.00)**

Chief Mohr reported this is a \$228.00 increase

• **MARCS Radio Fees (\$7,280.00)**

Chief Mohr reported, we don't use all that. That also now covers Service and Police. That remains the same.

• **AFG Grant for fire and training equipment (our share to Highland Heights - \$5,000)**

Chief Mohr replied, if you recall, last year, Highland Heights received an Assistance to Firefighter's Grant through FEMA. We were participating with a \$500 share. I am asking that that start the process. They are putting that equipment out for bid this month. It's not to exceed \$5,000.00.

• **Panel Upgrade in Fire Station (\$5,851.00)**

Chief Mohr reported that the fire alarm panel at the fire station is starting to fail. We need to replace it. There will be a note in your packets this week explaining that.

With regard to the MARCS radio fees, Mr. Saponaro asked, they cover Service and Police?

Chief Mohr replied, yes. Service has one or two radios and then we were able to receive for the Police Department a number of radios which they are going to get this year.

Mr. Saponaro replied, really then this would be split between the three different departments?

Chief Mohr replied, it's all coming out of the same pot. I have been the lead on this. I put it together.

Council President Buckholtz asked if there were any other questions. There were none. Council President Buckholtz asked that these items be sent to Finance.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

. **Repair and Maintenance of Baseball and Soccer Fields (Turfgrass - \$3,420.00)**

Mr. Metzung reported this is the fertilizer for our sports fields. As you recall, we have separated those two out, the sports fields and the general areas. I believe the price for the sports fields is the same number we got last year. I suspect the Chemlawn number will once again be the same number although he has not verified that yet. When that comes through, we will have that also.

. **Parts for Truck 1 – Salt Trucks (Hans Freightliner Trucks - \$4,074.69 – straw vote approved 1/20/11)**

Mr. Metzung reported this has been replaced and is back on the road. I thank everyone for their straw vote so we can get that up and running again.

Council President Buckholtz thanked Mr. Metzung.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

. **Panzica Subscriber Agreement**

Mayor Rinker reported that neither Ted nor David were able to make it this evening due to conflicts. This is unusual, but it was unavoidable. Mayor Rinker will defer this item for further report by Ted. I think this is the transition from the original arrangement we had with Panzica, phasing that out, but I am not sure.

**RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**

Fireworks for 4th of July Celebration (Zambelli - \$14,600)

Mr. Thomas reported we are in great shape. I have had further discussion with the Fire Department. There was some concern, but not anymore. We are status quo for this year. That is the second year of the contract at \$14,600.00

Council President Buckholtz asked if there were any questions. There were none.

ANY OTHER MATTER BEFORE COUNCIL

Council President Buckholtz asked if there was anything else.

There were no other matters.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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