

**MINUTES OF A COUNCIL CAUCUS**  
**Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Mayfield Village Civic Hall**

The Council of Mayfield Village met in Caucus Session on Tuesday, September 4, 2012. Council President Buckholtz called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Buckholtz, Mr. Marrie, Mrs. Cinco  
Mrs. Mills and Mr. Delguyd

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

Absent: Dr. Parker, Mr. Marquardt, Mayor Rinker  
Mr. Esborn

**IN COMMITTEE (STATUS)**

Mrs. Cinco reported, we had two committees meet tonight.

Drainage and Infrastructure met at 5:30. They will be getting some information to all of Council dealing with three bids going out. Tom will get these to us as soon as he gets them. He has to get a guy, get out there, look at the property, get a bid, so that Finance can have something to look at before they send it to Council. Council in turn can push these items through so the work can begin before the weather turns.

Safety and Service met at 7:30. All items are on the agenda tonight. The representative from K-9 is here to discuss the item concerning the police dog.

**FINANCE**

**Tax Rate Resolution for Tax Year 2013**

Mr. Wynne reported, a couple months back, Council approved a rough preliminary budget for 2013 and sent it in to the County so that they could determine the allocation of the property tax dollars. That process has taken place with the County. Now we have to pass a Resolution confirming those rates which are no change from what they have been in the past. We will need to pass that at the Council meeting so that we can send that in by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

• **Amendment to Fidelity Deferred Comp. Plan**

Mr. Wynne stated, we offer our employees a couple of different deferred comp plans. There's an amendment we need to take a look at for the Fidelity plan. I am working with the Law Department on the language for that. It will be finalized. That needs to be passed by the end of the calendar year. I don't think it will be on this month's Council meeting for finalization, but it will be before the end of the year. It has to do with compensation, vesting issues for employees in the Plan should they be called into active service and be killed in the line of duty with the armed forces, that they become vested in their deferred comp plan as a full-time employee for the time they are in the armed services.

• **Tax Incentive Review Council meeting**

Mr. Wynne reported, we met with the TIRC at the County. All of our TIFs were approved. A copy of the Minutes should be in your packets. We will officially approve each one of the TIF's for the next calendar year now that the County has approved them.

Council President Buckholtz asked, does anybody have any questions? There were none.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- **Police service dog (K-9 – includes training) (Excel K-9 Services, Inc. - \$11,800.00)**
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Chief Edelman stated, I would like to discuss my K-9 proposal for a few minutes if I may.

A number of years ago, the Mayfield Village Police Department hosted the annual conference of the North American Police Work Dog Association. There was a large public demonstration of all that the dogs could do at Mayfield High School. I don't know if anybody had a chance to attend that.

It was at that time that I met the gentleman I am going to introduce you to momentarily. He's the President and Owner of Excel K-9. That is pretty much when I started to get the thoughts of having a Police K-9 in Mayfield Village. I had discussions with other police departments who have used K-9s. I have had a number of discussions as well with Mayor Rinker over the past few years. It's pretty much culminated tonight in this proposal I am sharing with you.

My thoughts are that a Police K-9 could only benefit not only the Police Department but Mayfield Village. It's an excellent tool for public relations. It's an excellent tool for officer safety and for victim safety. It's an excellent tool for evidence recovery. The best part about it is that it would cost the residents almost nothing. We have the Law Enforcement Trust Fund that

we would draw fund to pay for the initial cost of the animal as well as the training. The annual maintenance costs are minimal, unless of course anything would happen to the dog that would need emergency services.

We discussed a number of different avenues to go as far as the compensation and other finances involved with Mr. Wynne and Ms. Calta. We are working on the final product. I believe it's a good package all around for us to consider at this point.

If I could right now, I would like to introduce Mr. Paul Shaughnessy. He is the expert in the field in this area. Excel K-9 is based in Lyndhurst, Ohio and Mr. Shaughnessy has quite a bit of experience in dealing with Police K-9s.

Mr. Shaughnessy stated, thank you for allowing me to come today. I am just here to kind of be a resource person to see if you have any questions about what a police service dog would do and how that could impact your community. As I said in the earlier meeting, here in Mayfield Village even though this might not be an urban area right now, on a daily basis you have all of the elements of the inner city travelling through your community. Having a police service dog would certainly be an asset to the department and assist them in deterring some of that activity as well as responding to burglaries and home invasions and all kinds of things that maybe are not happening on a daily basis today, but are certainly happening in your surrounding communities. I live in Lyndhurst, which is just a short way down the road. I will tell you that in my neighborhood we keep our doors and cars locked. Having a police service dog is certainly something that not only is a good tool and is not only a deterrent, but it also detects.

It's also great public relations. It will make your residents feel a little bit safer. I have some experience working for the Housing Authority and found that it was a great asset to us there to have police dogs patrolling not only just the families, but in particular the high rise buildings which our senior citizens to make them feel like we are doing everything possible to make sure they are safe. If you have any questions about the dog or the training or anything else, feel free to ask.

Council President Buckholtz opened the floor. Anybody have questions?

Mrs. Mills stated, we had a very good discussion in Safety and Services. Mrs. Cinco agreed. We grilled him pretty good.

Council President Buckholtz asked, what's the logistics of that? How does it work?

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, great question. The way that it works is if your Council decides to move forward with the project, I have given a contract to the Chief and he will share it with the Law Director to look over. As soon as I get a signed contract back, I import the dogs from Europe. The dogs would be between 1-2 years of age. I do about 200 hours of pre-training with the dog. The dog in question that we are discussing will be trained in patrol areas as well as narcotic detection. The narcotic detection would be a passive alert dog meaning that rather than

the dog scratching at the area, the dog sits and stares. That's a real benefit to more and more communities that look at that method of indication by a police dog, primarily because of liability. If somebody has a marijuana joint or cigarette in your car and the dog comes by and he sniffs the car and the dog puts big scratches on the side of the car, even though the dog might be right, it still an issue that has to be addressed. This way if somebody has contraband in their car, or their home or the school or wherever else it might be, the dog goes by and he finds the odor of marijuana, heroin, cocaine or meth amphetamine or any of the derivatives, he will then sit and stare at whatever it might be.

The other things the dog will be trained in is tracking, evidence recovery, protection, assisting officers into building searches or home searches. Certainly if you had an alarm go off in somebody's office, you go and look and the back door is kicked open or a window is kicked out. It might take several officers to search that building or even a small house and be able to do it safely. A dog's job is to make sure that the officer does not get killed. It's a hard thing to take. You have to value a dog's life and human life. Hopefully you will put human life a little higher. The dog will go ahead and do his job and clear a house or building even the size here in a matter of a half hour. It might take an entire police department two or three hours to check here where someone could hide at. The dog can go and do the search. It is quicker and more efficient as well as safer for everyone involved and safer for the suspect too. The reason I say it is safer is when your officer is about to pop open the closet door and the suspect jumps out, the officer might shoot or wound the criminal before apprehension.

With that in mind, around the country it has been shown that dogs can reduce officer involved shootings. The reason is that more people give up. More people are scared of dogs. You can stand out on 55<sup>th</sup> and Woodland in a police car with your uniform on and with your shotgun out pointed at a crowd of people and they are all going to laugh at you, but you stand out there with one little dog with pointy ears and everybody is going to back up. That's kind of reality. I am not necessarily looking at where Mayfield Village is today, but what is going to happen 5 years from now, and are you going to have the tools in place to be able to deal with it when issues arise.

Council President Buckholtz asked, is it just detection of narcotics?

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, yes.

Council President Buckholtz asked, not explosives?

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, no. The reason is how you would deal with that. Not that the dog would be capable of locating all those different odors, but if you have a briefcase here and you have a bomb threat here or you have your drug dog here, he jumps in and sits on a briefcase, are we now looking for a pipe bomb inside or are we looking for narcotics? If it is just narcotics, we are going to open up the bag and go through it and move on it. If it's an explosive detection, we are going to have to evacuate the building, cordone off the area, call the Bomb Squad. Logistically speaking, it is specific, so you have narcotics, explosive, cadaver, accelerant. But

you wouldn't cross train them. It's still a dog, so they won't necessarily scratch for one and sit for the other.

Council President Buckholtz asked, the dog resides here?

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, it's my understanding, there's two options. The dog either goes home with the officer at the end of his time. That's the option that the Chief and I were discussing. The other option would be that you kennel the dog somewhere in the City and that would be an everyday thing and certainly much more cost-effective.

Council President Buckholtz asked, but not at the police station?

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, we could do it at the police station, but then you have to have people trained in how to go take out the dog, clean up after the dog daily and maintain all of that. Otherwise, the program that the Chief was discussing with me was that the officer would take the dog home and that dog would be part of the family. There's some real benefits to that. When you are at work, it's really just a training day. You come to work and whatever is going on in the day, you are preparing for whatever is going to happen tomorrow. Whereas, when you take the dog home with you, now the dog, every time you tell the dog no or have the dog lay down, have your family pet the dog and be a bit more social for the dog. The dog also becomes more accepting of people and strangers and loud noises and all of the other things that a young dog or officer have to overcome.

Chief Edelman added, one of the other things we discussed along the lines of sociability is Mayfield Village being the type of community that it is we would not receive the type of dog that say Euclid or Cleveland would get. We would receive a dog hand-picked by Mr. Shaughnessy that would fit in well to this community, one that we could take to Center School or Governor's Village that would be willing and able to socialize with the general community. That's also something that we would want to do for public demonstrations as well. It's a great tool. People are always happy to run up and pet the dog.

I can say from personal experience, I escort my father to various talks that he gives. He has his guide dog with him all the time. When he goes in there with the dog, people are a lot more attentive and a lot more apt to hear what he has to say than when he goes in by himself and is just an old man talking. The dog has a lot to do with the public response to the police department. I think that's a big issue here.

Council President Buckholtz asked, anyone else have any questions.

Mr. Marrie replied, this was discussed at length earlier.

Council President Buckholtz thanked Mr. Shaughnessy for coming up.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

**Euclid Creek Watershed Program Renewal (\$5,500 per year – January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016)**

Mr. Metzung reported, our four year Memorandum of Understanding with Euclid Creek has come to an end and it's time for a new one. That's what this is about. We use Euclid Creek for most of our public education and output. That's the main function of that group with us.

Council President Buckholtz asked, this is one of two groups that we belong to?

Mr. Metzung replied, correct. This one and Chagrin River Watershed. Now with the Regional Sewer District fees, the Watershed has become more of a working group within the Regional Sewer District also. While we only have a small portion of our drainage draining to this creek, it's still a good organization to be in.

Council President Buckholtz asked, is there any reports or quantification?

Mr. Metzung replied, every year we have to submit our Phase II stormwater report to the EPA. As part of that, we have to submit a packet of the public education that we have done. Euclid Creek provides the bulk of that. In that regard, we can quantify what they have done for us within that report.

Council President Buckholtz asked, so they do some of it and Chagrin does some of it?

Mr. Metzung replied, Chagrin we use more for technical support. They're much more savvy in that regard. I don't want to put Euclid Creek down. Euclid Creek seems to have taken on a different focus than Chagrin River Watershed Partners. Chagrin River Watershed Partners were one of the very first groups and very leading edge on writing ordinances that went with the stormwater program putting those programs together. We lean more heavily in that regard with Chagrin River than we do Euclid Creek. But they each have their own kind of niche for stormwater use.

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

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**Sodium hypo chlorite and muriatic acid for Parkview Pool (Sal Chemical – not to exceed \$1,500.00 - change order)**

Mr. Thomas reported, when we put together the liquid chlorine and muriatic acid bid back in March, we underestimated the usage of what we needed. I need a not to exceed \$1,500.00. This would be a change order on what we put in.

Council President Buckholtz asked, for more material?

Mr. Thomas replied, for more liquid chlorine and muriatic acid.

Council President Buckholtz asked, anything else? There were no further questions. This item will be sent to Finance.

#### **ENGINEER**

Mr. Cappello reported, the 2012 Road Program is pretty much complete. There are just some minor crack sealing that has to be completed. The remainder across the street and the Community Room Parking Lot.

The Cuyahoga County Library Access Drive is 80% complete. They are getting ready to asphalt the driveway in the next week or two depending on the weather.

Highland Road sidewalk is currently out to bid.

#### **LAW DIRECTOR**

##### **Legislation adopting the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan Update**

Ms. Calta reported, they are required to update their Plan every five years. They sent over some information and asked us to adopt their plan. Everyone should have received a brochure in their packet. Mary Beth has the CD with all of the detail as to the facts and figures and improvements that have been made over the years. It's somewhat impressive how they have reduced the amount of solid waste.

Mr. Metzung added, a lot of it has to do with the recycling from communities and using larger totes.

Ms. Calta continued, they have asked for legislation to be passed between August 20<sup>th</sup> and no later than November 17<sup>th</sup>. Once they have 60% of the communities signing on they consider it ratified. They have asked communities to ratify it earlier on rather than later on so that they can hit that 60% mark sooner rather than later.

Mr. Metzung stated, last time they added a tipping fee for solid waste. There is no increase for this 5 year service.

Council President Buckholtz asked, so this document in our packet is the Resolution to adopt it?

Mr. Metzger replied, yes. It's not nearly as extensive as last year.

Council President Buckholtz asked, any questions or comments? There were none.

**ANY OTHER MATTERS**

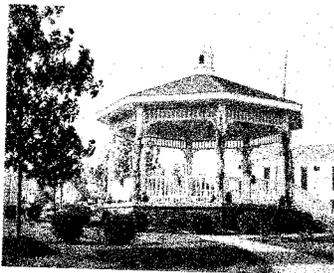
Council President Buckholtz asked if there were any further matters. There were none.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mary E. Betsa, Clerk of Council



Bruce G. Rinker, Mayor

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