

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Work Session Meeting Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

A work session meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Brad Hartung on Tuesday January 22, 2019 at 6:30p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

The following members of Council were present: **Trey Hardy, Christine Crawford, Brad Hartung, Joe Dike, Sam Artino, and Glen Ginesi.** Members absent: **Rick Schaffter.**

Staff present: City Manager Andy White, and Management Services Coordinator-Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney. Also in attendance: Representatives from Mucci Farms.

Administration-Council Communication

The Mayor referenced some members of Council have advised that not enough information is distributed to Council members and asked for examples/ideas/discussion. Concerns expressed by members included: learning of information from the public, how to address questions when the answer is unknown by a member, the need for timely distribution of information to Council, advisement to members in advance of when an article will be published.

References to the role of Council, the role of Administration, and responsibilities and authority of Administration were made. Some members advised of the way they handle inquiries; suggesting that if a council member receives a question that they are unable to answer, advise the person that you will look into it and get back with them and contact either the City Manager directly or Administrative staff for information/confirmation. Management Activity Reports were referenced with consensus of members noting these bullet lists are helpful and should continue. Mr. White asked that email chains from/between Council members should include Administration, and added that these are public records. Committee Reports at Council meetings were discussed; noting a brief summary of meetings can be provided by the Council representative to the committee under For the Good of the Order. Mr. White referenced the legislative calendar noting that most items fall into a committee level, suggesting Council members serving on the respective committee could sponsor the legislation through the committee to a Council agenda if desired.

Discussion relative to public information/access ensued with the Mayor referencing the proposal in the Council correspondence packet from BIS relative to updates to the audio recording software, second licensing and audio recording technology for the conference room and PA system for the Chambers. The idea of placement of audio of all city meetings to the city website was suggested and discussed and the Mayor noted the records retention schedule with regard to audio will need to be revised. Mr. White advised that the Municipal Court has advised they will split the costs of Chamber software upgrades.

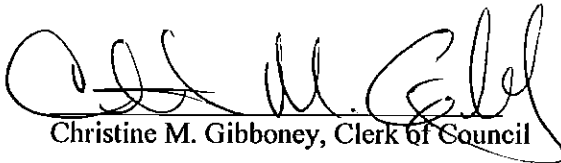
Discussion of slowing down the process and vetting items through respective committees ensued. Lengthy discussion as to how to get information out to the public ensued, with suggestions for public outreach including: utilizing the 433 app through the Chamber, digital signage, messages on quarterly water bills, monthly mailings, additional information on the city website, management report for the public online. It was noted with mailings and other suggestions with cost implications, a budget would need to be determined, and reference to the information already available on the website was noted as was

the issue with lack of staffing in administration at this time. In addition, it was reported the current recruitments for Law Director Services and a Finance Director were underway.

Mr. White advised of inquiry and misinformation in the community presently regarding the Two Rivers development, explaining the city was contacted by a resident of the development regarding the status of the PUD who had been advised the city is holding up the process. The Mayor recapped the history of this development and PUD and referencing it is the owner who would need to come to the city to file a PUD. Mr. White referenced he would make contact.

Bert Mucci of Mucci Farms addressed members explaining that they have hired a consultant to advise them with the use of the curtains and light abatement, asking for time to prove themselves to the city before action is taken legislatively relative to light pollution, noting they are still learning and working to solve this issue. He explained following the recent article in the paper, Mucci Farms has been contacted by investors and bankers with concerns relative to the article and referenced the investment that has been made in the city and noting they are at a standstill at this point. Mr. White referenced the article, noting that there was no discussion on a ban, explaining that a request was made by Council to order in legislation for a moratorium to provide protection to both parties and noting that a moratorium can be terminated at any point. A discussion regarding the noticeable improvement over the weekend relative to the light emission ensued. It was also noted that the period of grow light usage is October through April. Members discussed the efforts that Mucci Farms have made and the fact that the resolution on the agenda could be tabled this evening and brought back if the light emission issue continues.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the work session meeting of January 22, 2019 adjourned at 6:20p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney, Clerk of Council