

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Work Session Meeting Tuesday April 11, 2017 at 5:30p.m.

A work session meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Hartung on Tuesday April 11, 2017 at 5:30p.m. in the Council Room of Huron City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

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

City administration/staff present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Finance Director Cathy Ramey, City Engineer Doug Green and Management Services Coordinator ~ Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

New Business

2017 Goals/Objectives:

Mucci Farms Update

Mr. White provided a status on the Mucci Farms project, noting that city administration continues to facilitate communication between Mucci Farms/State/BGSU. He referenced the aggressive schedule that Mucci Farms has for construction and operations. A discussion regarding Jobs Ohio funding and local utilities ensued. Mr. White discussed the construction and ownership of the substation, the future of Huron Public Power and the need for continued discussion and Council desire relative to the substation. Discussion regarding utilities ensued. Ms. Alkire advised of next steps following the execution of the Governor's Deed and subsequent legislative steps relative to annexation. The process of annexation was reviewed. Lastly, Mr. White noted he would provide further information, when available, regarding mobilization.

Zoning Code Enforcement

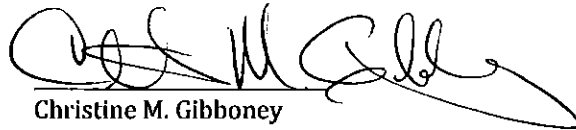
The Mayor referenced the Building/Zoning Operation which has been discussed over the last few years. He noted that he and Mr. White have had a discussion on the next steps. He explained that currently the Assistant to the City Manager, Mike Spafford and the City Engineer, Doug Green are handling Zoning responsibilities. Mr. White reported on operations and provided a status on the Contractor Registration Program which has receipted approximately \$6,000 to date. Mr. White referenced code enforcement efforts and recent site tours of areas with obvious violations and encouraged Council members to visit the areas as well. Mr. White advised that as Council has directed, reports are being prepared and notices issued, therefore Council members may have some calls. Mr. White noted the need to address budgeting in order to back up the violation remedy notification in the event that property owners do not comply with the notice. Administration will have to provide an estimated budget needed and Council would then have to appropriate the funds. Mr. White spoke of the need to potentially add a clerical person on a part-time basis. He advised that long-term a succession plan is needed and also advised of the potential need for an enforcement officer due to the nature of the issues that exist in property maintenance matters. Ms. Alkire provided an overview of the legal process that can be enforced when a property owner does not comply with remedy notification. Mr. White advised that in some situations, the city would have to expend money to have a violation remedied and then the city would attempt to collect the expense from the property owner and would file a lien on the property if necessary. A discussion regarding liens ensued. Mr. Ginesi, Mr. Dike and Mr. Artino all voiced their support in enforcing the code and the need to be consistent. Mr. Artino further added that he feels the city should work with businesses if they are willing to cooperate. He also suggested that the city educate the Chamber of Commerce to assist with getting information to local businesses.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the conditional use permit for Gathering Grounds Coffee House and the issue that they are currently non-compliant. Mr. White referenced the numerous times the city has attempted to speak to the owner and explained that construction on Main Street which will happen in the next 5 weeks will necessitate action. Mr. White provided a brief recap of the terms in the agreement and noted Council will

need to direct how they wish to proceed relative to enforcement. Mr. White suggested that he may have the Clerk try and set an appointment with the property owner. Discussion ensued with members expressing their opinions of what could be done by the city. In conclusion, Mr. White suggested that administration will attempt to meet and explain to the property owner what actions the city will have to take and if the owner comes to Council to act accordingly, perhaps a performance bond could be a consideration.

Mr. White provided an update on the Rye Beach Trailer Park, noting that they are still within the Ohio Mobile Home Commission (OMHC) 30-day noticing period on the reported violations. He referenced the three trailers sitting on public property and noted the city would get notice out next week on these. He reported that Pete Schade of the Erie County Health Department is looking into a recommendation to the state for consideration in taking control away from the OMHC.

The work session meeting of April 11, 2017 adjourned at 6:25p.m.

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Christine M. Gibboney
Clerk of Council