

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday December 12, 2017 at 6:43 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Hartung on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:43p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

The Mayor called for a moment of silence. After the moment of silence, the Mayor led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and then directed the Clerk to call the roll. The following members of Council answered present: **Rick Schaffter, Trey Hardy, Christine Crawford, Brad Hartung, and Glen Ginesi.** Members absent: **Joe Dike and Sam Artino.**

Also present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Finance Director Cathy Ramey, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, City Engineers Gene Esser and Doug Green, Police Chief Bob Lippert, Officer Ryan Boesch and Management Services Coordinator-Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

Motion by Mr. Schaffter to excuse Mr. Dike and Mr. Artino from the meeting. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Ginesi (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Mr. Dike and Mr. Artino excused.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hardy that the minutes of the work session and regular meeting of November 14, work session meeting of November 18, work session and regular meeting of November 28 and the organizational meeting of December 1, 2017 be approved as printed and received. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion, he directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Ginesi, Schaffter (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

The Mayor announced that before the Audience Comments section of the agenda he would like to yield time to the Huron Police Department-Police Chief Bob Lippert and Officer Ryan Boesch who wished to present Citizen Commendation Awards. Chief Lippert explained that the department wished to recognize three citizens for their actions and would be presenting Citizen Commendation Awards to each. Chief Lippert noted two were in attendance and the third did not wish to be publically recognized. Chief Lippert provided the details incidents and actions taken by Mr. Randy Cutlip and Ms. Kim Corder who contacted the Huron Police Department after witnessing suspicious activity in their respective neighborhoods during separate incidents. Chief Lippert thanked them both, noting their actions and concern for their neighbors and community deserved recognition. Officer Boesch presented awards to

each of them. Chief Lippert explained that he would be presenting the third award privately. The Mayor thanked the award recipients for their actions and commitment to the community.

There were no Audience Comments; the next item on the agenda was New Business.

New Business

Public Hearing- 2018 Proposed Municipal Budget

Motion by Mr. Ginesi to move into a Public Hearing on the 2018 Proposed Municipal Budget. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, he directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing to order at 6:49p.m. and asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. White referenced the recommendation by the Finance Committee in support of the proposed 2018 Municipal Budget. He briefly reviewed the budget documents and noted the document would reflect modifications as the year comes to a close and would be presented for adoption at the final meeting of 2017. He referenced healthcare insurance and noted that administration was still working on review of the quotes, but that he would discuss this further under the City Manager's discussion.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or further discussion, there being none the Mayor noted the Public Hearing was closed and the regular meeting of December 12, 2017 had resumed at 6:51pm.

Resolution 2017-89

Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2017-89 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE/OLC/PATROL OFFICERS FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018) be placed upon its first reading. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Ginesi (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on suspension of the rules. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White noted that Resolution 2017-89, 2017-90, and 2017-91 all relate to Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with collective bargaining units and recognized the Law Director to provide review. Ms. Alkire explained each resolution represents an MOU which provides a one year continuation of the existing contract; all resulting in a 2% wage increase. She also referenced the elimination of the employee pension pick up in all contracts. She noted that with respect to the FOP, administration would like to open negotiations early in 2018 and would be opening negotiations with the IAFF in 2018 as well in coordination with the two station operations and the Huron Township contract for service. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2017-89. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Ginesi (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Resolution No. 2017-89 had been adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 2017-90

Motion by Mr. Hardy that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2017-90 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE/OLC/SERGEANTS FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018) be placed upon its first reading. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Ginesi, Schaffter (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on suspension of the rules. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White referenced the previous explanation provided and reported a brief recap of the past FOP contract terms. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2017-90. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Ginesi, Schaffter (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Resolution No. 2017-90 had been adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 2017-91

Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2017-91 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS/HURON LOCAL 4168, HURON, OHIO FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018) be placed upon its first reading. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Hartung, Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on suspension of the rules. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White referenced operations and staffing of the HFD with respect to the Township contract and the operations at Station 2 in the township. He referenced the Township's plan to build a new station and the opportunity to work with the Township on the future of operations and the desire to have a long term collective bargaining agreement in the future. The Mayor referenced the recent meeting of the Fire Committee, noting that he asked the Captains to prepare reports

on stats/data for presentation to City Council at the first meeting in January. He also referenced the recent promotion of FF Soisson to the position of Lieutenant and the vacancy to be filled due to this promotion. He noted the significant cut to run times with Station 2 in operation. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2017-91. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Hartung, Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Resolution No. 2017-91 had been adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 2017-92

Motion by Mr. Ginesi that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2017-92 (A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2016-102, ADOPTED DECEMBER 27, 2016 AUTHORIZING A REVISED AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CITY OF HURON IN THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$24,000.00) FOR THE CONTRACT TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018) be placed upon its first reading. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on suspension of the rules. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White reviewed the terms of the revised agreement which were specific to an increase in the number of days that OHM would be providing the city services for Engineering/Zoning. The revised terms would increase the days that Mr. Green is in the city from the current 4 days to 5 days per week which will provide the needed additional time to address engineering and code enforcement issues that have been discussed at numerous meetings. He noted the additional expense was included in the 2018 proposed budget. Mr. White then recognized Mr. Esser in attendance thanking him for his service to the city and reviewed the projects that he has overseen for the city. Mr. Esser thanked the city for the opportunity, recognized Doug Green and introduced Mr. Tom Tucker who would be taking his place at OHM. The Mayor thanked Mr. Esser for his time and commitment to the city. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2017-92. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Resolution No. 2017-92 had been adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance 2017-43

Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2017-43 (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$3,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF (I) IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE CITY BY CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, PAVING AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS AND CONCRETE APRONS IN THE CITY, ALL AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, (II) CONSTRUCTING A SEAWALL, AND ALL RELATED APPURTENANCES THERETO, ON CITY PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE FORMER SHOWBOAT PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE FOR SHORELINE STABILIZATION AND FLOOD PREVENTION AND THE ABILITY TO CONSTRUCT A PUBLIC WALKWAY, AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, (III) RECONSTRUCTING MAIN STREET BY CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, GRADING, DRAINING, PAVING, EXTENDING AND CHANGING THE LINE OF THE STREET, PROVIDING SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS, AND ALL RELATED APPURTENANCES THERETO, (IV) REHABILITATING THE US 6 MEMORIAL BRIDGE, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND (V) IMPROVING MAIN STREET BY RELOCATING OVERHEAD WIRES, CABLES AND APPURTENANT EQUIPMENT UNDERGROUND AND PROVIDING NEW STREET LIGHTING, AND ALL RELATED APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.) be placed upon its first reading. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Ginesi (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on suspension of the rules. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Ordinance by its title only. **Motion was made by Mr. Schaffter that Ordinance 2017-43 be passed as an emergency measure.** The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, the Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Ginesi (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on the emergency measure. Mr. White noted the ordinance follows the strategy and recommendation of the Finance Committee in order to accommodate the approaching maturing date. He explained that within the \$3.3 million, an additional \$200,000 has been included in the event that there was some need due to a spike in short term rates. Mr. White explained that this consolidation will affect the general indebtedness of the city, noting that the city will have \$6 million in total debt which would leave the city a capacity of \$3 million available. Mr. Ginesi, as a member of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee supported this action as rates are expected to go up and the committee wanted to get this done before an increase takes place. A brief discussion regarding debt falling off ensued. Mr. Schaffter, who also serves on the committee, confirmed same and added that the committee reviewed the matter thoroughly and the strategy was well thought out in discussions over the last 18 months. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2017-43. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Ginesi (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Ordinance 2017-43 had been adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

- **Healthcare Insurance:** Referenced the city's claim experience and research that has been done in looking into health insurance options. Noted the 2018 budget contains close to \$1 million for healthcare insurance costs. The renewal quote received from Aetna included a 38% rate increase and Administration worked with consultants to request additional proposals. This week administration would like to complete the review of three additional proposals and make a final decision on a plan in order to provide the time needed to have insurance issued and information distributed to employees asap. Mr. White referenced the amount of time Ms. Alkire has dedicated to the process and provided a summary of the three proposals- all of which are in excess of \$100,000 less than what was budgeted. He explained that in the past, while not mandated, City Council has authorized the plans legislatively. He noted due to the timing, and while trying to adhere as closely as possible to the current plan, administration would like to complete the review and be allowed to proceed with making a final selection. The Mayor inquired as to legislation to be prepared for the next agenda. Ms. Alkire stressed the impending timeline and noted that administration just received the last quote on Friday morning, adding that in order to have insurance in place for employees; administration is seeking authorization to proceed with the final selection. She noted that administration can still prepare legislation if that is what Council desires. A brief discussion on the terms of the proposals and the impending timeline ensued. **Mr. Ginesi made a motion to provide administration the authorization to proceed in selecting the 2018 health insurance plan.** The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

- **Berlin Road Intersection & US 6 Corridor Project:** Referenced the public outreach and comments received from the public which were not in favor of the road diet option. Noted that ODOT has provided additional comment relative to the unwarranted light at Berlin Road and explained that the city at this time needs to provide the final direction to ODOT on the road striping option. Mr. Green explained that ODOT has confirmed that the light at Berlin Road must come down- the decision is not up to the city, the light is not warranted. Ms. Crawford asked if the correspondence from ODOT could be made public and possibly posted to the website. Mr. Green further noted that conditions to possibly change an unwarranted light do not exist in this case and he provided examples of some of the conditions. He referenced the fact that if the city were to leave the light in place, the MPO funding (\$350,000) would be lost, there could be an effect on the urban paving dollars (80/20 funding), and the city could be exposed to liability. He noted that from the public outreach meeting which approximately 100 people attended, the city received 38 responses. Of the 38, only 28 spoke to the issue of the selection of Option A or Option B (road striping) and 85% of those expressed the desire to leave the striping as is (not supportive of road diet). Mr. Green stressed that ODOT requires the final decision at this point. Discussion of the ODOT process relative to removing a light ensued which involves signage in place alerting the public beforehand for a period of time and covering the light until removal. Mr. Ginesi referenced he heard of support for the road diet (inclusion of bike lanes) and referenced hearing concerns about traffic from Shawnee School. Chief Lippert noted this was discussed at the Safety Committee

level and he explained that city officials met with school officials in the past to suggest changes to the traffic pattern, but the school was not supportive of changes. Mr. White commented that perhaps in a transitional period the city could consider placing an officer to direct traffic or ask the school to reconsider again a change in the traffic configuration. A discussion ensued regarding the removal of the light and potential loss of funding and liability exposure if the city went against ODOT. Mr. Green and Mr. Esser both explained that as far as selecting Option A and leaving the current striping plan in place, this can always be changed in the future if supported. Mr. Ginesi noted that he would like to continue discussions with the public relative to consideration in the future for a road diet plan. In conclusion, the Mayor noted that Mr. Green needs to reply to ODOT and asked if members were in agreement with Option A, which would restripe the roadway as it is currently. By consensus, members replied they were and no objections were voiced. Mr. Green to submit the final plans with the road striping to remain the same as it is currently (Option A) to ODOT.

- **Integrated Wellness Partners (IWP):** Referenced the recent meeting and tour at the Rootstown facility, noting that the feasibility study would be commencing soon. Noted that \$9,000 has been receipted from the other entities towards the cost of the study (\$25,000); to date no response has been received from Huron Township regarding participation. Mr. White noted he has spoken to Mr. Zimmerman about the new Fire Station that the Township Trustees are going to build at their facility and has mentioned the 25 acre area that the township owns could be a nice location for such a wellness facility.
- **Electrical Substation Financing:** Referenced a variety of options that have been researched and noted that the financing should be done in early January to keep on schedule. Noted that the city believes the fall operational timeline can be achieved, but explained he would like to start the process of ordering some of the equipment in the next few weeks. He spoke of the funding options. Mr. White referenced that a report will be provided to Council next week to review. He referenced reaching out to AMP Ohio relative to secure the wholesale supply rate and then next steps would be to work with Mucci to finalize terms. The Mayor suggested the matter be reviewed in the next work session.
- Referenced recent contact from Dr. Dreffer requesting a meeting to discuss interest in selling a five acre parcel. Mr. White explained that there was some private interest in the property and there are some zoning requirements for development. Asked Council members if they had questions or input relative to interest in pursuing discussion.
- **OEPA-HAB General Plan:** Referenced previous discussion and reporting relative to the HAB General Plan that is due to the EPA on December 15, 2017. Asked for Council input relative to the two options that administration had recommended following the draft plan presentation provided by Poggenmeyer Design Group. Referenced the various options in the plan and the two options that administration has advised to be recommended in the plan: Repair/Replacement of Sludge Removal Equipment and the addition of an Acid Feed System. Brief discussion ensued. Consensus of Council members agreed with the two recommendations.

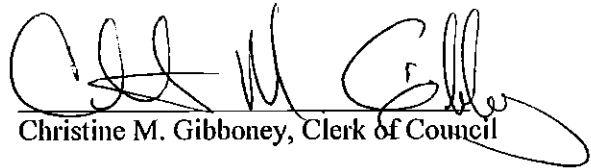
Mayor's Discussion

- Board/Committee/Commission appointments to be made at the next meeting.
- Referenced the responses of Council members to move the next regular work session and meeting from Tuesday, December 26 to Wednesday, December 27; times to remain the same.
- Referenced the Council correspondence packet: Letter from Mr. Basting regarding inquiry into water meter readings and another note from Mr. Walt Johnson relative to his interest in the city looking into Quiet Zones. The Mayor noted he received a letter from Mr. Dave Ritter expressing his support of the medical marijuana cultivation development and referenced receipt of the annual report from the Firelands Association of Realtors.

For the Good of the Order

- Mr. Schaffter wished all Merry Christmas and thanked staff for their work.
- Ms. Crawford recognized the Grow Huron group and Mr. Steinwart and his crew for maintaining/changing out the flower pots at the boat basin and noting her support to keep this program growing.
- Mr. Ginesi noted he would not be in attendance at the last meeting as he will be out of town. He recognized those who received the Commendation awards from HPD and noted he would like to further promote these types actions.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the regular meeting adjourned at 7:58p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney, Clerk of Council