

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Work Session Meeting -Saturday November 18, 2017 at 8:00a.m.

A work session meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Hartung on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 8:00a.m. in the Council Chambers of Huron City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

The following members of Council were present: Rick Schaffter, Trey Hardy, Phyllis Wassner, Brad Hartung, Joe Dike, Sam Artino and Glen Ginesi. Also in attendance, incoming Councilwoman Christine Crawford.

City administration/staff present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, and Management Services Coordinator ~ Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

New Business

2018 Council Goals/Objectives

Mayor Hartung recapped 2017 Goals and provided status of same, noting the several ongoing projects and tasks that will carry over into 2018. Extensive discussion on the implemented Financial Surplus Policy, including trigger, and established range ensued. Mr. White suggested that an additional Saturday work session be considered for some time in January to review the 2018 surplus and determine desired transfer. He also referenced the debt falling off and anticipated economic development expected in 2018.

Mr. White and Ms. Alkire briefly reviewed collective bargaining agreements and anticipated MOU's. It was noted that administration would like discussions with Council for future negotiation terms and potential long term contracts.

Items of Note

- Rye Beach Trailer Park: Recapped city efforts and meetings held with the Department of Commerce, Health Department, and Building & Zoning relative to enforcement efforts. Discussed new certification program that the Building Official will complete which is required by the Department of Commerce. Mr. Spafford provided a summary of violations and remediation to date.
- Municipal Building Repairs: roof replacement completed, outside work to seal exterior walls and HVAC systems replacement needed. Mr. White noted the need to re-organize the interior to provide better use of space. Administration getting proposals from architects.
- Recreation Center: Mayor noted mixed support for this project. Recap of research and various meetings throughout the year ensued. Proposal from Integrated Wellness Partners (IWP) reviewed and various interested entities noted. Discussion and consensus on going forward with spending money on a study ensued. The consensus of members agreed the study should be done.

2018 Council Goals

The Mayor asked that members provide input on desired goals/objectives for 2018:

- Mayor Hartung: complete the on-going - Mucci Farms annexation, substation, 2018 Road Paving, Municipal Building upgrades, Norfolk Southern discussions, implementation of new leaf machine service, collective bargaining agreement negotiations, Fire Contract discussions- just to name a few. No new goals to be added. All members as well as Ms. Crawford agreed with the Mayor to continue with projects/tasks that will carry over into 2018 and not add additional projects.


Additional comments/suggestions from members:

- Mr. Dike stated he would like to look into Quiet Zone grant funding opportunities, and referenced looking into future expansion of Huron Public Power to Sawmill Parkway.
- Mr. Hardy: Inquired about the US 6 Corridor, input from the public, and the upcoming deadline to get the final plans to ODOT. Mr. White noted the comments at the open house as well as input received

to date indicate that bike lanes are not desired and the unwarranted light being removed at Berlin Road is not understood or supported by the public. Mr. White noted concern relative to ODOT's determination of the unwarranted light, funding source impact, and what, if anything can be done by the city relative to ODOT's determination. Mr. White also mentioned the idea of asphalt paths as a possible option to consider:

- Ms. Crawford: noted positive comments relative to community events/public outreach meetings.
- Mr. Artino: stressed importance of code enforcement, acknowledging that this may require ordinance changes and the addition of personnel. Mr. White referenced that the 2018 proposed budget does include additional staffing for Zoning to include: PT Clerical position, additional hours from OHM, and a PT Zoning Inspector. Mr. White and Mr. Spafford elaborated on the potential expansion of hours relative to OHM for Doug Green and referenced the required certification that the Building Official will have to obtain through the state. They also referenced the need for a succession plan when Mr. Zimmerman retires.
- Mr. Schaffter: Supports the need for additional staffing required for code enforcement efforts and noted the need to supplement staff in Administration as well.
- Mr. Ginesi: Would like to revisit the Quiet Zone Study and review options; referenced the CRM System he had recommended last year, noted support for additional staffing as needed, recommended a re-organization plan, supports code enforcement efforts, referenced the Law Director/Prosecutor position and previous discussion to outsource the Prosecutor function, referenced the need to continue review of Municipal Court operations/regionalization. Mr. White reviewed Municipal Court operations, staffing, and budget. Ms. Alkire provided further information related to how/why Municipal Court location is determined and the process by which a modification to a location or the existence of a court must go through the General Assembly to modify the code. Ms. Alkire provided information as to the amount of her time spent solely on Prosecutor-related functions and also referenced that administration has requested a proposal relative to a consultant who could provide feasibility for possible consolidation options relative to Municipal Court.

The work session meeting of November 18, 2017 adjourned at 9:45a.m.



Christine M. Gibboney
Clerk of Council