

**Economic Development Committee:** the committee met on Tuesday and discussed a process to attract development interest through an RFP/RFI. Attached are documents discussed.

**Huron Fire Department:** the positive impact of the renegotiated terms of the Emergency Services agreement with Huron Township continues to yield positive results. Both communities are now responsible for 50% of operational expenditures and capital equipment procurement is moving in the same direction. Council recently approved the acquisition of a third ambulance on a 50/50 shared cost basis. At its regular meeting this week, Trustees approved an expense of 50% of the costs for a new engine which is the next capital item scheduled for replacement. Under prior terms, 100% of this acquisition would have been the responsibility of the city with depreciation credits being offset over the life of the engine. Overall the finances of the department have improved significantly now and forecast over the long-term. I recommend convening the Fire Committee for review and direction.

**USGS RFP Withdrawal:** please see attached email officially withdrawing the city from the USGS Request for Lease Proposal.

**Planning Commission -- Public Hearing Mucci Rezoning:** the commission held a public hearing with no input from the public. A preliminary site plan was provided by Mucci and a discussion regarding landscaping and building materials was held. Staff provided an update on zoning regulations and Mucci's efforts to contain light trespass, please see attached a "red line" draft of regulations revising Section 1126.05 prepared by Mr. Lee. The modifications start at §1126.05(f), with a new subsection (D). There is still work to finalize terms (i.e. commercial greenhouse and light measurement standards. Through Mr. Lee the city has retained a lighting specialist who is currently measuring light throughout the city.

**Key Properties Purchase Agreement:** I contacted attorney John Frankel and requested a simple purchase agreement in order to proceed with the sale of a 0.1240 acre lot in support of Bob Waldock's parking improvements at Heron Cove. Attached please find a copy of the legal description and survey provided by Mr. Waldock. The city has obtained an appraised value previously. I would like to add legislation to the agenda to proceed and left the purchase price open for discussion but could add it in the agreement for final authorization.

**Opportunity Zones:** the cities of Sandusky, Huron and Fremont were each granted Opportunity Zones and initiated a conversation about the potential for a regional marketing approach to attract new investment. The attached link from Ohio Development Services provides an overview and interactive map feature. You can search for Huron, OH and will be directed to a shaded portion of the city which designates the zone.

[https://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs\\_censustracts.htm](https://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_censustracts.htm)

**Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC):** I've attached the official letter and minutes from the County Auditor. Additionally, I requested a letter confirming if the city accepts the TIRC recommendation to terminate the agreement in place with Huron Senior Residence, that individual tenants would not be exposed to a rent increase due to the controls in place with the financing from the state. He would not provide that in writing. Per state requirements the city needs to vote on the recommendation by the end of March. Action needs to be taken to accept or reject portions of the recommendation. The TIRC is a recommending body only, without the city's approval the abatement cannot be terminated.

**Water Department Updates:** please see the updates provided by the Water Superintendent below:

- *Leaking valve Huron Street at Cleveland Road East:* crews will be excavating the site tomorrow, Monday 4/8 with work completion anticipated by the end of business on Tuesday 4/9. Staff is anticipating having the northern lane of Cleveland Road (westbound) closed off from the river bridge to St. Peter's Church. Signage and lighted signs will be placed, and extra personnel will be available to route traffic through Huron Street during busy hours as needed. If you would like to do a media blast advising of the lane closure it would be Monday 4/8 through Tuesday 4/9 and westbound traffic on Cleveland Road East would be reduced to one lane from the river bridge to approximately Main St.
- *Water intake improvement (side intake):* Pat Murphy from Lake Erie Diving advised his deadline for installation of the intake improvement in 2019. He must be given the go ahead no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> if we intend to complete in this calendar year. I am hopeful we will soon secure a law firm so we may seek counsel as to whether or not this must be bid. Cost is above \$50k (Quoted \$73k) but he is the patent holder on the water door and will not release much of the specs as such.
- *Sludge Rakes / Tube Settlers:* the OEPA review fee has been submitted so we should be looking at approximately 2 months for plan approval. After approval we would be ready to advertise for bids, at the earliest I would say late June.

**Engineering Project Updates:** the following is a general summary of several projects currently underway.

- *SRTS Project:* bids have been advertised - pre-bid meeting is next Thursday April 11. Letters of intent from inspection consultants are being advertised in the Register and on ODOT's website on Monday and are due the same day that bids are due (4/23).
- *Wheeler Drive Culvert:* the contractor has begun working. They had some issues getting the river side of the culvert blocked off this week but was able to resolve; precast materials to be delivered this week.
- *Road Program:* Smith Paving is roughly ½-way done with the demo work on Wexford. New concrete will begin early this week. Wexford area should be complete in 1.5 weeks. The inspector and engineer laid out the next neighborhood, which is Huronia, Superior & First Streets last week to stay ahead of contractor.
- *Shore Drive Storm (Rye Beach Storm):* staff met with HOA president Dave Oster Friday morning to discuss potential plans and determine what has been installed over the years. A survey of the project area should take place this week with design work starting soon after.
- *Nickel Plate Paddle Shack:* I have two contractors set up to get us pricing on extending the roof line and doing the concrete work. I think Terry Ochs is out this week so I will be walking the project with him hopefully Monday to see what we can do with the water line. I hope to have some pricing ready for discussion late next week.

**Request for Executive Session, Purchase as Sale of Property:** I would like to have an executive session to update council on a potential real estate sale.