

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Work Session Meeting Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 5:00p.m.

A work session meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Hartung on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 5:00p.m. in the Council Room of Huron City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

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

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. Also in attendance, Mike Spacek of EPS.

New Business

Items on the Council Agenda

Mayor Hartung referenced the Ordinance on the regular agenda to accept the annexation of Mucci Farms, noting that the next legislative step will be the development agreement with Mucci Farms. He also referenced Resolution 2018-5 on the agenda which will authorize an agreement with EPS for the engineering of the electrical substation. Due to a conflict of interest, Councilman Ginesi then excused himself from the meeting, noting he would return following the discussion on the substation matter.

Discussion on the electrical substation ensued with Mr. White reviewing financing options previously discussed with Council for the estimated construction costs associated with the substation which total upwards of \$3.5 million. Mr. White noted that Administration is leaning toward the option of the issuance of notes in coordination with each stage. He explained he would be meeting with Sudsina & Associates on this option. Mr. Artino commented that he supported this option. Mr. White noted that money is in the budget for the cost of the engineering proposal from EPS. A brief discussion regarding the report from Sawvel on the study ensued. Mr. White noted he would provide a copy of the Sawvel study to Council. A review of the anticipated kW hours for each of the phases was noted. Mr. Spacek referenced the urgency in commencement of the project in order to meet the operational timeline that Mucci Farms has set and noted that public bid documents are ready to go out to begin advertising. Ms. Alkire commented that she was close to finalizing models for the development agreement with Mucci. The Mayor commented that he would like the rates structured in a similar way to the water agreement with the county- tiers based on usage. A brief review of past discussions relative to potential rates ensued and Mr. White noted current AMP rates. Brief discussion ensued relative to the parcel on which the substation will be located, specifically the placement of the substation on the parcel and potential space for other uses. The Mayor asked Mr. Spacek if EPS is able to handle the size of the project, Mr. Spacek confirmed that he was confident that EPS could do so. Mr. White referenced the water tank on the Mucci site which will be filled utilizing a temporary meter at this time. He explained a specialized meter is on order and is approximately 3 weeks out.

Mr. Spacek discussed temporary power arrangements that were completed today and will be operational by Thursday/Friday, noting that the rate being charged for this temporary power is the same rate as other customers in Corporate Park. In response to the Mayor regarding the reduction in cost reflected in the current EPS proposal for the engineering of the substation versus the previous proposal, Mr. Spacek referenced that separate services from other vendors are not included in this proposal and would be billed separately.

Mr. White and Ms. Alkire referenced that Mr. Dike would not be in attendance for the Council meeting, and noted that Mr. Ginesi would abstain from voting on the EPS Resolution due to a conflict. In addition, in the past, Mr. Schaffter expressed concerns with regard to a potential conflict and if he should abstain there would not be enough votes to suspend the three reading rule and therefore the resolution could only be placed upon its first reading. Ms. Alkire advised that if this should happen, then a special meeting next week would be

needed in order to meet the timeline as discussed. Ms. Alkire advised that she does not believe Mr. Schaffter has a potential or actual conflict that would prevent him from voting and he did not advise or contact her regarding this item on the agenda tonight, but she just wanted Council to be aware that a special meeting may be needed.

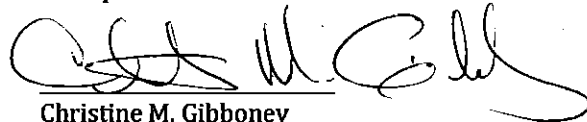
Mr. Ginesi rejoined the meeting at this point. Mr. White referenced the remaining items on the regular agenda and reviewed same:

- Motion for a 120 extension on the contract with Huron Township for fire services. Ms. Alkire noted that she received correspondence this afternoon with some minor changes to the agreement and recommended that the extension be passed tonight and the agreement would be placed on the first agenda in February. Draft agreement provided to Council was referenced and a review of the terms ensued.
- Resolution 2018-3, Change Order No. 7 for Ropper regarding the Main Street Streetscape Project. Mr. White noted the change order is for a decrease to the contact based on final quantity closeout of the project. In response to a question, Mr. Green explained that Ropper's work is done on the project, the additional 4-5 slabs that need to be poured following the lighting installation will need to be done by another contractor.
- Resolution 2018-4 - Huron Fire Dept. grant application submission was referenced.
- Ordinance 2018-1- accepting the annexation of Mucci Farms property into the city. Ms. Alkire explained that once adopted, a certified copy of the legislation would be provided to the Erie County Tax Map Office to be recorded in the county records as City of Huron property. A brief discussion on the ownership of Rye Beach road ensued and it was noted that future discussions with the county on the entirety of the roadway will be needed.

Other Matters

- Mr. White referenced the correspondence distributed to Council from the Dorn Foundation to the YMCA relative to the proposed new facility.

The work session meeting of January 23, 2018 adjourned at 5:55p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney
Clerk of Council