



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2015 ~ 7:30 P.M.

Louis J. R. Goorey Worthington Municipal Building
John P. Coleman Council Chamber
6550 North High Street
Worthington, Ohio 43085

City Council

Bonnie D. Michael, President
Robert F. Chosy, President Pro-Tempore
Rachael Dorothy
Scott Myers
David M. Norstrom
Douglas Smith
Michael C. Troper

D. Kay Thress, Clerk of Council

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Worthington City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 9, 2015, in the John P. Coleman Council Chambers of the Louis J.R. Goorey Worthington Municipal Building, 6550 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio. President Michael called the meeting to order at or about 7:30 P.M.

Ms. Michael appointed Robyn Stewart as Temporary Clerk of Council for this evening's meeting.

Members Present: Robert F. Chosy, Rachael R. Dorothy, Scott Myers, David Norstrom, Douglas K. Smith, Michael C. Troper, and Bonnie D. Michael

Also present: Temporary Clerk of Council and Assistant City Manager Robyn Stewart, City Manager Matthew Greeson, Director of Law Pamela Fox, Director of Finance Molly Roberts.

There were no visitors present.

President Michael invited those in attendance to stand and join in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**Discussion Item(s)****Monthly Financial Report**

Mr. Greeson asked Ms. Roberts to provide an overview of the report and indicated that staff is requesting a motion from the City Council acknowledging the report.

Ms. Roberts presented the following:

Fund balances for all accounts increased from \$19,348,437 on February 1, 2015 to \$19,633,456 as of February 28, 2015.

February revenues for all funds are above expenditures by \$285,019. Expenditures for all funds tracked at 90.2% of anticipated levels.

Year-to-date revenues for all funds are below 2014 revenues by \$413,900 and above year-to-date estimates by \$281,096 or 4.23%/

The General Fund balance increased from \$9,457,351 as of February 1, 2015 to \$9,646,316 as of February 28, 2015.

Total General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$188,965 for February. Expenditures tracked at 88.23% of anticipated expenditure levels.

Total General Fund revenues are above estimates by \$46,158 or 1.31%.

February 2015 income tax collections are above year to date 2014 collections by \$227,682 or 6.84% and below estimate by \$23,482 or -66%.

MOTION Councilmember Troper made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented this evening for February 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ms. Dorothy.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Sharon Township Dispatching

Mr. Greeson indicated he distributed a memorandum on the topic of public safety dispatching for Sharon Township. The City of Worthington provides police dispatching services for Sharon and Perry Townships. Sharon Township has provided notice of intent to terminate. The contract requires six months of notice, and this is what the Township has provided. This is a matter of cost for the Township. They are considering a proposal from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for dispatching services. The City charges about \$26,000. The proposal from the Sheriff's Office is about \$10,000 less. City staff will put together numbers for the City Council to consider. A cursory analysis of the numbers suggest the amount the City is charging is fair based on the cost of operating the communications center and the amount of activity by Sharon Township. Any discounting of the amount would likely affect the City's agreement with Perry Township.

Dr. Chosy asked if this relates only to dispatching services or also police services. Mr. Greeson replied that the Township has their own police officers, so this relates only to the dispatching of those police. The amount of activity by Sharon Township does not affect the City's level of staffing. The Township is essentially buying the capacity of the City's center. Thus if the City does not dispatch for Sharon Township, there will not be a reduction in cost, just a reduction in revenue. The City needs to decide whether to subsidize the cost of the service in order to keep some revenue. The agreement with Perry Township is for a higher amount based on a higher level of activity. Any change in the Sharon Township agreement will likely affect that agreement as well. Dr. Chosy asked how much Perry Township pays. Mr. Greeson replied it is about \$47,000.

COTA

Mr. Greeson reported that he and Ms. Stewart will be attending a meeting with COTA staff to discuss the proposed elimination of Route 30. They have invited Mr. Norstorm to attend given his expertise in public transit. This route runs along Snouffer and Linworth Roads from the Smokey Row area. The City's representative to COTA's citizen advisory panel is Paul Feldman and he has been contacted by regular riders of the route expressing their

concerns and requesting the City's assistance. Dr. Chosy asked if the City can obtain ridership numbers. Mr. Greeson replied that it can. Ms. Stewart reported on a conversation she had with Mr. Feldman who rode the route one morning. Mr. Feldman indicated the bus was full and was comprised primarily of regular riders who have been riding the route for years.

Other Items

Mr. Greeson stated that he distributed a letter from the Westbrook Place Homeowners Association requesting sidewalk and trail connections from its neighborhood to Linworth Park. Ms. Dorothy asked for clarification on the location of the neighborhood. Mr. Greeson responded it is across Linworth Road from Linworth Park. The neighborhood has sidewalks within it but not ones that connect to the park.

Mr. Greeson reported that there will be two opportunities to be briefed by the consultant involved in the wayfinding project. Dr. Chosy and Mr. Myers have served on the committee involved in the project and they will receive an update at the committee meeting. For other members of the City Council and members of the Municipal Planning Commission, the consultant will be available on March 18th at 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM for briefings. Mr. Greeson requested that councilmembers inform Tanya Word of their interest so the staff can balance attendance at the briefings. Staff can also provide materials to individuals that are not able to attend the briefings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION Councilmember Myers made a motion to meet in Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, board and commission appointments, appointment of personnel and compensation of personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Chosy.

The motion carried by roll call vote:

Yes 7 Troper, Chosy, Dorothy, Myers, Norstrom, Smith, and Michael

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The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Council recessed at 7:45 PM from the regular meeting session.

Council returned to regular session at 9:05 PM.

Architectural Review Board Appeal – 138 W. Clearview

Ms. Fox indicated she provided a packet of information to the City Council regarding the appeal filed on the latest action by the Architectural Review Board on 138 W. Clearview.

The packet contains minutes and other information that might be relevant to the decision. She stated the appeal contained additional information which was not included in the council packets but was referenced in the memorandum. If City Council members would like to see the additional information, she will make it available. The owner of the property is awaiting a determination by City Council on the appeal before beginning construction. Staff is requesting a decision as to whether to hear the appeal by next week. Ms. Fox stated that she looks at the matter from a perspective of law and it appears to her the appeal relates to the subdivision of the lot and the variances granted at that time. The appeal period for those actions has passed. The only possible reference in the appeal that could be associated with the most recent Architectural Review Board decision relates to trees that will be removed. However, it appears the tree removal relates to the construction of the sidewalk, which was not a part of the most recent decision.

Mr. Norstrom stated the woman filing the appeal came in front of the Architectural Review Board and objected to the division of the lot. There is no ability to appeal that decision which was made last year. Mr. Myers commented that the lot split was not an Architectural Review Board decision; it was a City Council decision. The last decision by the Municipal Planning Commission/Architectural Review Board was without any variances. She is out of time on the lot split plus City Council already denied the last appeal and nothing has changed.

Mr. Smith asked if the person filing the appeal is the same person as with the last appeal. Ms. Michael replied that it is.

MOTION Councilmember Norstrom made a motion to deny the appeal of the Architectural Review Board decision regarding 138 W. Clearview. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Myers.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Councilmember Myers made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dorothy.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

/s/ Robyn Stewart

Temporary Clerk of Council

APPROVED by the City Council, this
6th day of April 2015

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael

Council President