



Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 12, 2016 ~ 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
Scott Myers, President Pro-Tempore
Rachael Dorothy
Douglas C. Foust
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, December 12, 2016, 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.

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

Member(s) Absent:

Also present: Clerk of Council D. Kay Thress, City Manager Matthew Greeson, Director of Law Pamela Fox, Assistant City Manager Robyn Stewart, Director of Finance Molly Roberts, Director of Public Service and Engineering Dan Whited, Director of Planning and Building Lee Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation Darren Hurley, Chief of Fire Scott Highley and Chief of Police Jerry Strait

There were no visitors.

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

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LEGISLATION

President Michael declared public hearings and voting on legislation previously introduced to be in order.

Ordinance No. 53-2016

To Amend Sections 1301.06(f) and 1305.08(d) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington, Ohio to Revise Plumbing Fees.

The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.

Mr. Greeson informed members that the City contracts with the Franklin County Public Health Department for plumbing inspection services. They increased their fees for inspections this year. The City collects the fees and then remits them to the County. This legislation recommends that the City increase our fees consistent with Franklin County.

Mr. Brown added that he noticed a typo in his memo to Council. It was actually 2003 and not 2013 when the original changes took place. Ms. Dorothy thanked him for the clarification.

There being no additional comments, the Clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 53-2016. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No 0

Ordinance No. 53-2016 was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Discussion Item(s)

- Discuss Public Notices

Mr. Greeson shared that Ms. Stewart's memo outlined a variety of notice issues that we should consider over time. There are two items that Council needs to provide direction on this year. They are found in Section 2.17 and Section 4.03 of the Charter. One relates to the procedure and the passage of ordinances while the second relates to advertising the public hearing on budget estimates.

The change to the Charter states that City Council determines annually how to advertise a Notice of Public Hearing on legislation and on the budget. The advertisement could be in a newspaper of general circulation and/or posted on at least one electronic medium. Staff is seeking direction from Council at this time for that method of advertisement.

Staff also thought it was important to layout each of the other areas of the Codified Ordinances where there are notices that require them to be published in a newspaper of general circulation. Council has the opportunity, if so desired, to modify that method in the Codified Ordinances as well. Staff would have to bring back legislation for that to occur and could call for electronic notifications if members want to be consistent with how you want to handle the other ones.

Mr. Greeson reported that the notifications include:

- 1) Meeting Notices of Municipal Public Bodies
- 2) Notice of Public Hearings
 - a. Passage of Ordinances
 - b. Conditional Use Permits
 - c. Board of Zoning Appeals – Hearings
 - d. Procedure for Change in Zoning Districts
 - e. PUD Procedures
 - f. Architectural District – Application and Notice
- 3) Purchasing/Bidding
- 4) Hiring/Recruitment of Employees

- 5) Other
 - a. Water Conservation Emergency; Restrictions

Mr. Greeson reported there also being an overview of the discussion with the Charter Review Commission included in the memorandum. They recommended advertising in both the paper and through electronic medium. Several examples of the advertisement in the paper we also included. The electronic medium is arguably more accessible to a broader set of our citizenry, which maybe ten years ago was not the case. Publishing costs average \$23,500 annually for these type of advertisements. We have the ability through a number of different electronic mediums to make people aware of our public meetings. Staff would like Council's input and specific direction in those two areas.

Mr. Smith reported being aware of at least one municipality that has a similar type of "and/or" language. They do a general announcement in a newspaper, possibly quarterly, that says that all of these things can be found on the website or on whatever digital medium Council selects.

Mr. Troper remarked that quarterly notices sound like a waste of money after the first time. He thinks we put the information on our website and make people aware. He views notices to bid differently. Posting those notices somewhere in a publication is going to get a broader reach than just our website. He thinks publishing the notifications is a waste of money because he is not sure if many people look at them.

Mr. Myers recalls the discussion on this subject at the Charter Commission as being pretty spirited. He believes that this represents a compromise between the two sides with the expectation as he understood it. Commission members acknowledged that we are moving towards electronic notification but there was still a certain subset of the population that relies on the newspaper. He thinks that at least for significant event, it was the Commission's wish that we continue to do both.

Mr. Foust agreed with Mr. Myers recollection of the conversation. He has had some time to think about it since and was going to suggest the direction that Mr. Smith proposed. He thinks the long term goal is to transition to electronic medium but that quarterly published notice is a great way to go after least for a few years.

Mr. Myers shared that he is not sure the Charter Review Commission fully understood what a legal notice was. He thinks they equated notice to the newspaper as an article. He is not sure that many people read those notices unless they are in the profession or if your house is about ready to go into foreclosure and you are curious about when the sale will be.

Mr. Myers reported being in favor of moving the notices of our Boards and Commissions to electronic only because he thinks that everyone who is interested in those, at least with ARB and MPC, they are hooked in and that is where they go for information. His concern about the passage of ordinances and the quarterly notice is what will happen when we get a big application, such as a PUD application in front of Council or an

appeal of an ARB decision or something that may be more significant. Council has worked very hard in the last year on communicating in every way possible. He wants to make certain there isn't a perception that we have taken a step back because there are still people left in our town that do not do electronic medium very well such as Facebook or twitter.

Mr. Troper clarified that members are talking about putting the information on the City's website. It has nothing to do with twitter. People have access to the internet although they may not be on twitter or Facebook. He is not on either but he has access to the internet and knows how to access the City's website. Mr. Myers noted that a concern at the Charter Review Commission was that technology was not a universally held skill set.

Mr. Foust commented that he thinks Mr. Myers' comments are well placed regarding the attention given to communication. The City has made some progress and we want to build on that. He thinks Council members and probably City staff has a good idea of those things (PUD, appeals, etc.) that are going to be issues drawing attention in general because it is written as and/or. If the default is electronic and members direct staff on those things that could be even potentially controversial. Get the information out there.

Mr. Norstrom directed members to Ms. Stewart's memo. There are two; Section 2.17 and Section 4.03 that we need to address. He thinks what he is hearing is that we go ahead and publish a notice in the newspaper informing readers that we will no longer be publishing notices in the newspaper. He suggested adding that if anyone objects please contact City staff and then we say that Section 2.17 and Section 4.03 will be published on electronic medium. It could be twitter or Facebook but that is up to staff to figure out the best way to communicate.

Ms. Michael thinks the public should be informed of the selected method.

Mr. Troper noted his opposition to Facebook or twitter being utilized because that would require that people sign in and have an account. Mr. Norstrom commented that younger people as well as older people receive twitter notices.

Mr. Foust shared that as someone who communicates with 88 counties, he has found that twitter is growing significantly. It has certainly become an effective tool within his organization.

Mr. Greeson thinks in the case of Sections 2.17 and 4.03, staff certainly will use twitter and Facebook or whatever evolving social media tool is important to communicate with our community. He has envisioned a more robust section on the City's website for all of our notices. In this instance, if we are moving away from "newspaper of general circulation" he would recommend that members select the electronic medium as the City website for the notices required in Section 2.17 and 4.03 and that you would further direct, if it is the Council's desire, that staff periodically place an ad in a newspaper of general circulation promoting the accessibility of those notices on our website.

Mr. Norstrom believes the key issue is whether anyone objects to the switch. If anyone is paying attention to these written notices they will let us know.

Ms. Michael thinks it is important during the transition period to buy some notices to let people know where to look for the notices. Moving the information to the website makes sense to her. She also thinks it should be included in our e-talks and blast it out to all of our groups and organizations.

Ms. Dorothy remarked that the more avenues we have to communicate the information the better as long as they are effective. She also does not want to increase our budget to accomplish this.

Mr. Greeson thinks it would be pretty easy to include a simple link to our public notice section of the website in our newsletters and other publications that get sent out.

Mr. Norstrom believes members to be in agreement on Section 2.17 and 4.03.

Mr. Troper commented that Mr. Norstrom mentioned asking if anyone objects to putting the information in the public notice. He asked what will happen if anyone objects. Mr. Norstrom replied that staff will bring it back to Council for review and evaluation.

Mr. Greeson noted that members will decide annually the best method of advertising those two sections, which would make it pretty easy to change the approach.

Ms. Michael recapped that this year members are looking at moving to the electronic medium for notifications and purchasing some legal notice to let people know where to in the information. There will also be an all-out internal media blitz to let people know where the notices will be published.

Mr. Norstrom added that he would like for staff to report back to Council at the end of January if any negative comments are received.

Mr. Greeson requested a motion for Sections 2.17 and 4.03 notifications. He reiterated that Council is authorizing staff to use an electronic medium, specifically the Worthington.org website to handle notices required by the Charter for Section 2.17 and Section 4.03. In addition, Council is further directing staff to make the public aware of that change by utilizing other electronic medium and periodic advertisements in a newspaper of general circulation.

When asked by Mr. Norstrom if he needs a motion to that affect, Mr. Greeson replied that staff will bring back a simple motion.

Mr. Myers and Ms. Fox discussed the differences between a notice in a newspaper of general circulation and a press release to the local paper. Ms. Fox reported that notices are published in the Dispatch because they own the local newspaper. Its prices are the

same and the publication dates with the Dispatch are daily which provide greater flexibility.

Mr. Myers asked whether there would be both notifications, some sort of press release to our local paper and another notice to the newspaper that we would typically publish the notice in? Mr. Greeson replied that if we are not trying to meet deadlines for specific hearings and just making the general public aware then we could buy an advertisement in This Week in Worthington newspaper. Mr. Myers thinks that would be more effective than a legal notice in the Columbus Dispatch. They may not pick up on a press release but at least we could try.

Mr. Greeson asked Mr. Smith if that was close to what he suggested. Mr. Smith agreed that it was. He added that he would prefer it be published locally regardless unless it was a deadline issue. For our purpose, outreach wise, it makes sense to go with the Worthington paper.

Mr. Greeson commented that with that direction staff can prepare something that is clear and concise for members to vote on. He asked if there is any other direction related to the sections that require ordinance changes. Mr. Norstrom replied that he would like to talk about those.

Section 1127.03 Conditional Use Permits – Mr. Norstrom agreed with the previous comments regarding publishing the information in a newspaper as he doesn't think that is the most effective means. Putting a sign in front of a property that everybody can see and know something is going on is effective. He believes the neighbors also receive direct mail. Mr. Brown agreed that staff send notice to all residents adjacent and across from the application. A blue sign is also posted on the property. He added that the appearance of the blue signs generate most of their calls.

Section 1129.03 Board of Zoning Appeals – Mr. Norstrom recalls that BZA applications are treated the same as MPC/ARB.

Section 1145.02 Procedure for Change in Zoning Districts – Mr. Brown shared that currently we post the property and send direct mail to those properties that are within 300 feet of the property. It is also posted on the website with ARB/MPC and ultimately comes to City Council.

Mr. Norstrom asked if Council should codify the current procedures. Mr. Brown reported that the procedures are addressed in the Code. Ms. Fox believes the only thing that is not in our Code is posting the information on the website. She agreed with Mr. Brown's comments.

Purchasing/Bidding

Mr. Norstrom shared that he has been involved in sending out the RFP to a number of firms. He assumes that is the process that the City uses. Ms. Fox agreed that we follow

that process. Staff is also evaluating an electronic bidding format that would allow all of those interested contractors to join that bidding organization and receive the notices electronically. So there may be some changes.

Mr. Whited reported that the trend in the contractor/construction bidding process is through the on-line bidding process. Nearly all qualified bidders are a part of that. They receive e-mail notification. They can also find the process for that bidding on the City's website. Mr. Norstrom stated that he highly recommends electronic bidding. Mr. Whited thanked him. The change will save on many aspects.

Mr. Norstrom asked if there are any industry publications that staff publishes in. Mr. Whited replied not at this time. Mr. Norstrom noted there being no lack of competition in our bidding process. Mr. Whited agreed. He added that Dodge and the other construction industry catalogs and organizations do pick up our bid and post them on their sites as well. When asked by Mr. Norstrom where they are picked up from, Mr. Whited replied from the newspapers and hopefully from our website in the future. They constantly e-mail him for information. Mr. Norstrom commented that staff knows who those organizations are and can e-mail them directly. Mr. Whited agreed.

Ms. Fox reported that with respect to competitive bidding, the State has also gone to a somewhat abbreviated advertising process where there is an advertisement in a newspaper and the second advertisement is then run electronically through a state website or clearinghouse. She thinks that is something that they are trending to as well. Mr. Norstrom thinks that is all great.

Section 925.02 Water Conservation – Mr. Norstrom thinks publishing once in a newspaper when we have a water emergency makes sense. We don't have to do it like the other ads. It would be front page news if we had a water emergency anyway.

Mr. Greeson commenting on the issue of procurement, stated that staff will be bringing back some ordinances anyway related to design building and some of the other types of procurement that the Charter amendments allow us to pursue so he thinks that would be a good time to deal with the advertisement requirements in that section.

Mr. Norstrom stated that given that we've run through those, he recommends that staff change those accordingly and bring a packet back to Council at the next meeting. Ms. Fox doesn't know if staff will have all of the procedure changes in Chapter 11 ready for next week but if not next week then for the very first part of the new year.

- Community Grant Process

Mr. Greeson reported that Council has already looked at the applications and the review procedures for the process so we do not need to go through that tonight, however the operating budget has \$108,535 in it for Special Groups. The Historical Society and the Old Worthington Partnership made presentations to Council and requested \$27,500 and

\$50,000 respectively. If Council assumes that both of those request are granted in full then that leaves \$31,035 to disburse to the other groups. So that raises two questions:

- 1) Does Council wants to fund the Historical Society and the Old Worthington Partnership in the full amount thus allocating \$31,035 to the other Special Group process.*
- 2) Is Council comfortable with using a similar committee make up like we did last year to review the applications for funding? If Council is then staff will proceed to manage that process.*

Mr. Troper supported funding the two groups in question 1 at the full amount. He is not sure that a committee is needed to divvy up the remaining \$31,000. He thinks Council could do that.

Mr. Myers recalls from last year with the committee approach that there was some frustration on the part of the committee maybe because it was newer or maybe because Council did not provide clear direction as to just exactly what was supposed to happen. He asked if his recollection is accurate at all. Mr. Troper and Mr. Foust agreed to the accuracy of his memory.

Mr. Myers thinks this time he agrees with Mr. Troper. Maybe staff should just bring it back in-house.

Ms. Dorothy commented that members are making the decision right now to prioritize the Historical Society. . . Mr. Myers agreed. He is going on the assumption that Council will fund the Historical Society and the Partnership full ask leaving us with \$31,000 to disburse to the remainder of the organizations. Maybe until we can come up with a little better idea of what we can do maybe it is more effective if we just bring it back in-house this year.

Ms. Dorothy stated that by virtue of how we had the people present we already identified them as being higher priority than other groups that didn't present so we are okay with giving them less money than what they are asking for. We don't have much money to fund everyone to begin with so we reduced the Historical Society. If we are giving them more then we definitely will reduce everyone else.

When asked by Mr. Myers if the budget figure is higher for 2017 than it was for 2016, Ms. Roberts replied that the budget is sufficient enough to cover the other groups as funded historically, including the allocations that were requested for these two groups.

Ms. Stewart added that if you remove the Historical Society funding last year, the amount given directly through Council was \$30,410. Mr. Myers concluded that it is roughly the same amount even if we fully fund the Historical Society at the requested amount.

Ms. Michael asked members how they wanted to proceed with determining funding amounts.

Mr. Myers replied that he isn't prepared to talk about it tonight because he doesn't have the material in front of him.

Mr. Greeson ask if members wanted staff to advertise or do you just want us to solicit applications to the groups that were funded last year.

Ms. Dorothy reported being an advocate to solicit more but we went through the whole process where they should have already been an active organization with our groups.

Ms. Michael shared that if we solicit more and do not have more money than we will be giving less funds to those who have been there before or substituting someone who has been there before. Other members agreed.

Mr. Norstrom reported that he does not have a list of who we are now giving to. He recalls a discussion that there would be funds in the budget and members would work out the distribution in the New Year so this is not a decision that has to be made tonight.

Mr. Myers asked if we know if the organizations that the City funded last year even want funds this year. He assumes they do. Mr. Greeson reported there being three new groups last year. All of the other groups have been funded for many years.

Mr. Foust shared a comment from the committee last year that had to do with three separate functions. There was the city municipality marketing, the arts pieces and human service kinds of things. It was his hope coming out of that exercise that we would, perhaps at our winter retreat, take some time and weigh out what it is we are really trying to accomplish with this money. He goes back to this blank sheet of paper. Let's start fresh and determine what our mission is, what we are trying to accomplish, and determine what we want to support. He thinks we are kind of getting by at this time until we have that more in-depth conversation but we can't wait until that winter retreat to take these steps in terms of allocation. He asked if that is a fair statement.

Ms. Michael doesn't know any reason why it couldn't wait but it depends on when we can get the retreat scheduled.

Mr. Norstrom mentioned that members are dealing with non-profits with relatively small budgets. If we are not going to fund them at what we funded them last year then the earlier they know the better.

Mr. Smith asked when the funding was effective this year. Mr. Myers replied that it was later but he thinks it created some issues for some of the groups.

Mr. Smith shared that he and Mr. Foust were on a committee to create criteria for those grantees that were deemed successful or not successful based on the objectives they told Council. He asked what the timeframe is for that. That is why he asked when they were

originally funded because if it was June then we want to give them a year to finish those objectives.

Mr. Greeson shared that it looks like Council adopted the funding on March 14, 2016. Ms. Stewart added that distribution of funds were later than usual because they were previously awarded in January.

Mr. Smith concluded that members really can't determine whether they met their objectives or not. Mr. Myers recapped that what Mr. Smith is saying is that members really don't have an analysis of the benchmarks. Mr. Smith agreed.

Mr. Greeson shared that looking at the list, essentially and reacting respectfully to Mr. Foust's comment, the CVB and the MAC funding are in a different part of the budget and since we have taken the Partnership and the Historical Society out of it, all of the remaining groups fit into what he categorizes as a social services bucket except for the two groups of Leadership Worthington and Partners for Community and Character.

Mr. Foust asked if you could argue that those two groups fit into the category with those things that kind of define who the City is. Ms. Michael and Mr. Smith agreed.

Ms. Michael questioned whether members need to spend a great deal of time debating this issue. She sees no reason to delay things if we are going to be giving the funds to the same groups.

Ms. Dorothy wants to make sure Council is getting its monies worth. Some of the groups definitely provide services. She doesn't want to be giving out money if Council doesn't know what it is getting in return.

Ms. Michael asked if members wanted to continue discussing this topic in January and then make a decision.

Ms. Stewart reported that in the September timeframe City Council had a discussion before we asked the three larger funded groups to come in. At that meeting City Council stated that its top priorities as:

- 1a. – Basic human necessity such as provision of food and/or clothing for people in need
- 1b. – Mental health services and/or community counseling to assist people with mental or social health issues
2. – Improvement of the Worthington community

Council adopted the use of the matrix that was used last year within those categories to look at:

- 1) The need for the initiative
- 2) The population served

- 3) Is it primarily the City of Worthington versus Worthington school district?
- 4) What are their impact indicators?
- 5) What is their budget?
- 6) What are their demonstrated financial needs?

So Council actually signed off on all of that back in October. Certainly if Council wants to change those directions at this point you can. Staff can provide all of those materials again but she just wanted to remind members what was discussed back in October.

Ms. Dorothy commented that staff is going to ask everyone who is requesting money from us for that information. Ms. Stewart agreed. She added that at that time Council had signed off on the application and the questions to be asked. It might have been helpful to have that information included in tonight's packets. The information can be provided again if it is Council's wish.

Mr. Norstrom thinks it sounds really good. Members did a good job. It sounds like the Kiwanis was a one-off deal so that would not be something he would see Council funding again. It would be good to have that stuff put together.

When asked by Ms. Michael about the timeline, Ms. Stewart recalls from the October discussion that in January all of the application materials were to be distributed. That is why staff was coming to you tonight to make sure we are ready to move forward with issuing those at the beginning of January.

Mr. Myers and Ms. Michael believe Council is ready.

Mr. Greeson shared that staff will prepare a resolution that will specifically allocate the dollars to the Partnership and the Historical Society to members next week. Then members can either tonight or next week authorize staff to initiate the community grant process. Then staff will send the materials out to all of the groups we funded last year.

Mr. Myers commented that he would like to authorize that direction tonight so staff can get the process going.

MOTION

Mr. Myers made a motion to authorize staff to take steps in initiate our grant funding program by sending the application to the groups that were previously funded. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ms. Dorothy interjected that she would like to see the materials posted and made available on the City's website even though we will not be advertising for new groups.

Ms. Stewart informed members that in the last six months or so staff has been contacted about funding by one or two groups that have not been previously funded. They were informed that information about any potential program would be available at a later

date. She asked if the motion means that Council does not want staff to follow up with those groups and just make it available to previously funded groups.

Ms. Dorothy, Mr. Norstrom and Ms. Michael think that staff should make the applications available to those groups.

Mr. Myers and Mr. Smith confirmed that they would accept that as an amendment to their previous motion.

Mr. Myers reaffirmed his motion to include providing the grant packet to those organizations that have requested the information. He asked if that was the understanding that members had. Mr. Smith confirmed that any of the groups from the past will automatically receive a packet while any new groups that have requested the information will be provided a packet. They reiterated that the information will not be broadcasted to the general public that we are accepting applications.

The amended motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Information Item(s)

- Monthly Financial Report

Mrs. Roberts shared that she will briefly overview the financial report for the month of November. Afterwards, she would request a motion from the City Council for the acceptance of this report for the record.

Mrs. Roberts presented the following financial information:

- Fund balances for all accounts decreased from \$23,716,301 to \$23,469,095 for the month of November with expenditures exceeding revenues by \$247,207.
- Year to date fund balances for all accounts increased from \$21,263,095 on January 1, 2016 to \$23,469,095 as of November 30, 2016 with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$2,206,000.
- Expenditures for all funds tracked at 89.6% of anticipated expenditure levels.
- Year to date revenues for all funds are above 2015 revenues by \$1,069,615 and above year to date estimates by \$182,028.
- The General Fund balance increased from \$12,178,798 to \$12,244,756 for the month of November with revenues exceeding revenues by \$65,957.
- The year to date General Fund balance increased from \$11,250,077 on January 1, 2016 to \$12,244,756 with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$994,678.
- General Fund expenditures tracked at 91.24% of anticipated expenditure levels.

- Total General Fund revenues are above estimates by \$298,361 or 1.24%. The variances are details on page 4 of the report.
- November 2016 income tax collections are above year to date 2015 collections by \$1,350,120 or 6.22% and above estimates by \$1,050,895 or 4.78%.

Mr. Norstrom commented that Hugh Dorian from the City of Columbus was reported in the newspaper as saying that the City is going to have a difficult year next year. He thinks our governor expects the same to be true for the State. He asked if staff sees any issues on the horizon relative to what they are facing. Ms. Roberts replied that she did not see Mr. Dorian's article in the newspaper.

Mr. Myers confirmed that he has heard the same comments at the state level. He doesn't know if this is just pre-budget posturing from Governor Kasich since budget negotiations begin in January but he is predicting a somewhat gloomy forecast for next year.

Mr. Greeson thinks the State has some Medicaid challenges.

Mr. Norstrom congratulated Ms. Roberts on the estimating of expenditures twelve months ago because the numbers are within <1% from what was actual. He believes that to be pretty good budgeting. Ms. Roberts replied that she would like to take full credit but she is sure it is just pure luck.

MOTION Mr. Troper made a motion to accept the November 2016 Monthly Financial Report as presented this evening. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dorothy.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ms. Michael reported there being a copy of the Old Worthington Association's, District Improvement Policy proposal at members places this evening. She and Mr. Greeson received the information recently and she wanted to make members are aware of them.

Mr. Greeson shared that none of them should come as a surprise and three are on-going/long term issues. Several include some collaboration opportunities. One is a fundraising item and two are evaluating certified local governments, which is a historic preservation related item. Staff will evaluate those and maybe report back to Council on how to approach that if it is Council's desire.

Mr. Greeson shared the following information items:

- 1) Dr. Browning and his firm was contracted by the Ohio Municipal League to help develop a strategy framework and legislative action agenda that he put at members' places this evening. The OML has a new executive director, Kent Scarrett, and he has a number of renewed initiatives, one of which is to have a focused strategic plan.

Mr. Greeson shared that he had an opportunity to serve on the committee that worked on this. It will be released publically tomorrow during a press conference at the statehouse at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Scarrett has asked him to be a part of that since he assisted in the effort. So he plans to participate tomorrow in that event. There are a number of items in the plan that are consistent with how the city of Worthington has viewed the State – City relationship. He thinks there is some renewed effort by OML to be relevant to its members so he is pleased with this efforts. Members are welcome to join him tomorrow.

- 2) An executive session is needed for the purposes of discussing Board and Commission appointments. Ms. Michael added that personnel evaluation and salary for the City Manager is also needed.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Norstrom shared the COTA Board will meet on Wednesday to discuss service changes for early next year, which will effect Worthington with the increased service on High St. It is a very exciting time.

Mr. Myers reported on the Municipal Planning Commission's meeting from last Thursday meeting.

Ms. Dorothy commented that she serves on the WIFA Board and they will have a presentation about Sayama tomorrow at 7:30 at the Griswold Center.

OTHER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION Mr. Myers made a motion to meet in Executive Session for the purpose of Appointments to Boards and Commissions and Personnel evaluation and salary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith.

The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

No 0

Council recessed at 8:30 p.m. from the Regular meeting session.

MOTION Ms. Dorothy made a motion to return to open session at 9:09 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troper.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Foust.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
6th day of February, 2017.*

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
Council President