

**COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY
APRIL 24, 2012**

Council President Mr. Morley opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members of Council in attendance were Mr. Matheke, Ms. DePledge, Ms. Vaughn, Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins, Mr. Hoefle, Mr. D'Ambrosio and Council President Mr. Morley. Also attending was Council Clerk Mrs. Cendroski.

Attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Klammer, Finance Director Slocum, CBO Stigalt, City Engineer Gwydir, Police Chief Reik and Fire Chief Whittington. Service Director Semik was absent and excused.

Also in attendance were members of the public.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED:

04-24-(01): BID ADVERTISEMENT: FIRE DEPARTMENT: AIR FILL STATION

Mr. Morley: Mr. D'Ambrosio?

Mr. D'Ambrosio: This was discussed in the Safety Committee meeting of April 17th. Chief Whittington – can you comment?

Chief Whittington: The fill station and the compressor system is for our scuba diving and other needs. It is replacing a system we installed in 1982. Willoughby has been kind enough to let us use their station to fill our tanks. The funds will be taken out of the fire equipment levy fund.

There were no questions or comments.

04-24-(02): AMENDMENT: ORDINANCE CHAPTER 951 “SEWER, APRON, SIDEWALK INSPECTION ON SALE OF PROPERTY,” SPECIFICALLY 951.01(B) AND 951.04

Mr. Morley: Mr. D'Ambrosio?

Mr. D'Ambrosio: This was discussed in the Ordinance Committee meeting on April 17th and is an amendment to our point of sale ordinance. We eliminated the language regarding the camera as they have never used it and also smoke testing which is something you don't do during a die testing. The second part involved the deletion of verbiage stating the fee was established in 1993 – we took that out and left the fee at \$100.

There were no questions or comments.

04-24-(03): AMENDMENT: ORDINANCE SECTION 939.26 (D)(3) “SURCHARGES”

Mr. Morley: Mr. D’Ambrosio?

Mr. D’Ambrosio: This was also discussed in the Ordinance Committee meeting and is for the sewer surcharges for the WPCC. We basically mimic what Willoughby charges and most of the fees went down. Mr. Gwydir, I know you are involved with the WPCC – is there anything else you would like to say?

Mr. Gwydir: That pretty much covers it. It is just for surcharges on industrial waste and they vary up and down yearly.

Mr. D’Ambrosio: We basically follow what Willoughby does and most of the fees dropped by a penny here and there.

There were no questions or comments.

LEGISLATION PENDING: (Placed on First Reading 04/10/12)

04-10-(01): AMENDMENT: RESOLUTION NO. 2011-170, ADOPTED DECEMBER 27, 2011: PENSION PICK UP: POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Morley: Mr. Slocum, would you like to explain this a little more?

Mr. Slocum: We passed both initial pieces of legislation last December to make our contributions to the Ohio Police and Fire consistent with the contracts. The first one with the Police – where we had been picking up 1% of their pay we are now picking up 0% and with the resolution we passed the Ohio Police and Fire has asked that we amend Section 1 by saying the member contributions are done through payroll deduction. What that basically means is that the contributions come off their gross wages they make so they are paying a lesser amount. They need to know that for their purposes. That is the only change.

04-10-(02): AMENDMENT: RESOLUTION NO. 2011-169, ADOPTED DECEMBER 27, 2011: RESOLUTION: PENSION PICK UP: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Slocum: The same thing that is happening with the Police is happening with the Fire except that for this year we are now picking up 10% of the Fire. The Fire took a 10% pay cut. I ran some numbers to give people an idea of what that means. If you deal with a hypothetical \$1,000 payroll we pay \$1,000 plus \$240 for our share of the Police and Fire – the employer’s share – so we pay \$1,240. By them taking the 10% cut their pay now is \$900 – we pick up their 10% which is \$90 and we only pay the 24% on the \$900 which is \$216. So at the end of the day we are paying \$1,106 versus \$1,240. We have a several million dollar payroll with about ½ million with the Fire and by doing this they were able to save a position that we had scheduled to cut. The change that happened here is in Section 7 which is consistent with Section 1 with the Police and it is through the payroll deduction.

Mr. Morley: That is just language to clean it up for the Ohio Police and Fire Pension fund. It stays the same as when we passed it in December.

Mr. Slocum: We are not changing any of our bookkeeping that we have been doing by the first four months. Due to the length of time that has passed they are threatening to fine us if we do not get this legislation done. So, I am asking for you to pass it.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I think it is important – I notice we have a member of the press here – it is a net wash to the Fire – they did not actually take a 10% cut – it is an actual wash to them.

Mr. Slocum: It is a savings to the City that allowed us to do it.

Mayor Andrzejewski: But it is no decrease in pay to the firemen.

Mr. Slocum: Give or take, yes.

Mr. Morley: Any questions?

Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins: It already is a payroll deduction, right?

Mr. Slocum: With the Fire there is no payroll deduction because we are picking it up. With the Police it is – we are deducting 10% just as all the other employees with OPERS.

Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins: It is a little bit confusing – their pay is 10% less but we are going to pay this 10% on the difference and....

Mr. Slocum: Yes, it generates enough money to save an additional fireman's salary by doing it. They are taking a cut – their cash is not being affected but the amount contributed to their behalf payroll wise is being reduced for this year.

Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins: And that will be changed back next year?

Mr. Slocum: Right.

Mr. Morley: They took a concession to save a fireman's position.

Chief Reik: For clarification, it does affect if there is a high three situation and/or if they are in drop – it would affect their lifetime retirements. There is an actual concession from the Fire Department.

Mr. Slocum: Yes.

Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins: So, as you have explained the City is sort of ahead by 1%?

Mr. Slocum: I was not actually factoring in the cost of our contribution for the 24%. It is 24% before the cuts based on \$1,000. That comes out of us. It is now being based on \$900 so instead of paying \$240 for that \$1,000 salary we are only paying \$216. The savings is about \$134 for every \$1,000 salary.

Chief Whittington: They are also not taking any overtime this year – everything is being comp't. They are not paying that 24% on anything that they earn on the overtime.

Mr. Slocum: There were extensive concessions made. We were able to save a job.

There were no further questions or comments.

04-10-(03): ADOPTION: CODIFIED ORDINANCE REPLACEMENT PAGES

Mr. Morley: This is the adoption of the codified ordinance replacement pages prepared by The Walter Drane Company.

There were no questions or comments.

MISCELLANEOUS

There was no miscellaneous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:03 p.m.

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DATE: _____