

City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Committee Session
Conference Room

January 27, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Paul A. Koomar, President of Council, Presiding

Present: Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Vincent, Mayor Sutherland

Absent: Mr. Tadych

Also Present: Law Director Ebert, Finance Director Mahoney, Service Director Thomas, Assistant Service Director Sears, Community Services Director Bock, Police Chief Spaetzel, Fire Chief Lyons, Recreation Director Enovitch, Operations Manager Landers

AUDIENCE:

The following audience members signed in this evening: Conda Boyd, Marty Mace, Mike O'Boyle, Russell Thompson, Denny Wendell, Tara Wendell, Susan Murnane.

FINANCE & CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Mr. Clark will recommend that Ordinance No. 14-03 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with CT Consultants as the engineering consultant for the City of Bay Village be adopted this evening. Mr. Koomar stated that CT Consultants will write two grant proposals for the city each calendar year. Director of Public Service and Properties Scott Thomas has informed Mr. Koomar that there is a grant available for \$150,000 that has to do with paving of the city hall parking lot. The grant application is due March 31, 2014 and expediency will work in the city's favor in filing the application.

Mr. Koomar stated that an inconsistency in the city's code has been identified relative to Codified Ordinance Section 115.08 regarding Notice of Public Hearing. Mr. Ebert stated that the requirements for legislation posting were changed some time ago to three posting places from the former five posting places. Public hearing notices are still required to be posted at five posting places until this code section is changed. Mr. Lee will introduce an ordinance this evening changing the section to be consistent with the posting of legislation.

Mr. Clark will move the Annual Appropriation Ordinance to second reading this evening with the hope that third and final reading will be held on February 3, 2014. There have been amendments in the health care component of expenditures. Director of Finance Mahoney will present those as an amendment to the ordinance when it is scheduled for third reading.

Mr. Clark will introduce an ordinance this evening amending Codified Ordinance 753.01 (a) regarding Video Service Provider Fees. It has been discussed that raising the amount collected

by the City of Bay Village to 5% would increase revenue to the city and help close the gap between the city's revenue and expenses. Notification to cable companies and subscribers is required before the increase goes into effect. Mr. Ebert stated that if the ordinance is passed by the end of the first quarter of this year the earliest the increase would go into effect would be in April or May of 2014.

Mrs. Lieske noted the importance of making it clear that this increase is only on the cable television portion of the residents' bills. Mr. Clark will comment to this effect making it clear to anyone reading the minutes that the increase will only be on the cable television component of their bill if the resident has a bundled service plan.

Mr. Clark reviewed an Administrative Compensation Ordinance he will introduce this evening, explaining that this ordinance provides compensation for those employees who are not part of a bargaining unit with the city. An increase of 2% in wages in the ordinance is identical to what the employees covered by labor agreements received. The ordinance will be retroactive to January 1 of 2014, and will be placed on first reading this evening.

Item No. 11 on this evening's special meeting agenda, an amendment to Codified Ordinance Section 151, Employment Provisions, will be removed from this evening's agenda pending further review.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a labor agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge # 25, Gold, for Lieutenants and Sergeants will be recommended for adoption this evening. Law Director Ebert explained that the contract mirrors what was received by the other labor units. The only difference with the Gold Unit is the rank differentials. It is currently at 12% and in 2013 will go to 12.5%, 2015, 13%. The rank differential is consistent with that of neighboring communities. Mr. Clark noted that all of the legislation for the other labor units were passed on one reading as this ordinance will be this evening. The passage of this legislation will complete the labor bargaining process for the next couple of years.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Write-in Candidates

Mr. Koomar stated that after the primary election in 2013 an individual submitted to the Board of Elections to be a write-in candidate for Mayor of the City of Bay Village. The City of Bay Village Charter is silent on these circumstances. It has been determined that it may be a good idea to bring this matter up for discussion and review. The Council packet contained research of what other cities do in this regard. Mr. Koomar's thought is to form a small ad-hoc committee and the at-large positions of the city could come back to the city after working with the League of Women Voters and present ideas at a Committee of the Whole session of Council. It is hoped to have this ready for reading at the end of April or beginning of May before summer recess so there would be plenty of time for placement on the November ballot.

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Bicycle Legislation

Mr. Lee held a meeting of the Environment, Safety and Community Services Committee this evening and spent a little over an hour talking about bicycle legislation, Codified Ordinance Chapter 377. A subsequent meeting will be held soon to continue the work to update the code to be consistent with the Ohio Revised Code.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, STREETS, SEWERS AND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

Construction of transfer pad/decanter station at City Service Garage

Assistant Director of Public Service Sears advised that the Service Administration would like to present this item for review by the Planning Commission. Mr. Clark noted that previously it was discussed that this project is mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency to be completed by the end of this year.

Mr. Sears advised that the former station was a brick building; the new station will not be brick. The two largest priorities in this project are to cover the 40-yard dumpster. The station will have a small hang-over so that when a vehicle backs up to dump into the dumpster there will be some cover from the elements. Mr. Sears explained the plans for the facility, and the process of the use of the transfer pad/decanter station. The probable cost at this time is \$279,000. This will be paid for by the remainder of the insurance proceeds of \$192,000 with additional funds from the city as needed.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Paul Koomar, President of Council

Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council