

City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Special Meeting
Council Chambers 8:04 p.m.

January 27, 2014

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, Mark Sondag, Garrett and Edward Hughes.

President of Council Koomar called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. with a roll call and Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Vincent, Councilman of Ward 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Sutherland administered the Oath of Office to Captain Jim Walts, Bay Village Fire Department. A round of applause followed and a reception for family, friends and fellow Fire Department officers was held in the conference room.

Mayor Sutherland complimented the work of the Bay Village Service Department for their work during the recent severe winter weather. The Mayor announced that the parking ban is in effect. Notifications will be sent out through Nixle, and an advisement of the parking ban will be posted on the city's web site. The Mayor noted that we are currently experiencing a salt shortage in Northeast Ohio, and although Bay Village is in a more favorable position in this regard than other communities, there is still difficulty getting enough salt from the supplier. Only the main roads will be salted during this time.

Mayor Sutherland advised that she will be traveling to Chicago, Illinois this Wednesday and Thursday for continued work with the Asian Carp Commission.

Columbia Gas Company has requested that thermostats be turned down to 65 degrees to conserve gas supplies which are becoming exhausted during this extremely cold weather.

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Mr. Koomar advised the importance of keeping fire hydrants free of snow and ice.

Mayor Sutherland announced the following appointments:

Reappointment of Tom Sedlak to the Architectural Board of Review for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Reappointment of Mark Chernisky to the Architectural Board of Review for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Reappointment of William Sisto to the Recreation Commission for a four-year term expiring February 3, 2018.

Appointment of Janet Day to the Community Services Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Georganne Vartorella expiring November 6, 2014.

Mr. Koomar called for a reading of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held January 13, 2014. It was **MOVED** by **Mr. Clark** to approve the minutes of January 13, 2014 as prepared and distributed. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Koomar called for a reading of the Minutes of the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees meeting held January 13, 2014. It was **MOVED** by **Mr. Clark** to approve the minutes of the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees held January 13, 2014 as prepared and distributed. Motion carried 7-0.

Presentation by Mark Sondag, Operations Director, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, entitled "Circuit Quarantine."

Karen Kirsh, Manager of External Affairs, FirstEnergy Service Company, introduced Mark Sondag, the Operations Director of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company. Mrs. Kirsh distributed a history of Bay Village Reliability Improvement Projects since 2006. She pointed out that tree trimming took place every four years on all of the electric circuits. In Bay Village those trimmings were completed in 2012 and 2013. Over \$584,000 was spent on the regular maintenance tree trimming program and in the last year \$190,000 was spent removing Emerald Ash Borer infected trees that were near power lines. A new substation is going up in Avon with construction to begin this year to be in service of June of 2015 which will add 22 Megawatts with an investment of \$2.7 million.

Mr. Sondag advised that he is responsible for forestry services, meter services, and fleet service facilities. The Circuit Quarantine process is intended for circuits that are heavily damaged in storm scenarios. Those damaged circuits are separated from the overall storm response process to dedicate resources to those quarantined services. The focused attention restores services more quickly. Residents see crews dedicated to those circuits and the crews will remain on those circuits starting at the substation, progressing all the way to the end of the circuit. They will remain there until the circuits are restored. A quarantine communications liaison keeps the communities and residents informed on where they stand on quarantined circuits. The liaison identifies the critical customers on the quarantined circuits and makes sure they get priority restoration. The main priority is safety for employees and residents in the city. The process is

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expected to restore power more safely and efficiently. In response to a question by Mayor Sutherland as to the definition of a heavily damaged circuit, Mr. Sondag stated that normally those are circuits that are entirely de-energized with restoration work expected to take three or more days.

Mr. Clark thanked Mr. Sondag and Mrs. Kirsh for their presentation this evening and suggested having a similar update from The Illuminating Company every six months, or as appropriate.

Mr. Sondag extended the opportunity to anyone interested to visit their facility in Brecksville. They performed a \$2 million to \$3 million renovation of their Regional Dispatch Office and put in a great deal of communications and interactive display of systems that helps their operators monitor what is going on.

Mrs. Lieske stated that she lives on Lincoln Road between Dwight and Debbington Roads, a neighborhood with underground wires. They connect to wires above the ground on the edge of the neighborhood. It seems that the power goes off in their neighborhood more frequently and the residents do not understand how the underground wires are affected by things occurring above ground.

Mrs. Kirsh stated that sometimes it is an underground cable fault, and while there is not the overhead exposure to trees and lightening, there is not the visibility to spot the problem. Equipment must be used to test the underground cable, locate the fault, dig it up and repair. This involves a much longer restoration time than there is with an overhead circuit. The overhead feeds also may cause a loss of power.

Mayor Sutherland thanked Mrs. Kirsh and Mr. Sondag for the work done in the Kenilworth/Elmwood area this past summer. Numerous tree crews came in and circuits were changed which seems to have addressed the issue of brownouts. Mrs. Kirsh stressed the importance of communication between the city and the Illuminating Company.

Mr. Lee introduced and read **Ordinance No. 14-04** amending Codified Ordinance Section 115.08 regarding Notice of Public Hearing.

Mr. Koomar announced that **Ordinance No. 14-04** is placed on First Reading.

Mrs. Lieske read Ordinance No. 14-03 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with CT Consultants, Inc. as the Engineering Consultant for the City of Bay Village for the year 2014, and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Koomar called for a vote on the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-03.

Roll Call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Vincent

Nays-None

Roll Call on Suspension of Council Rules:

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Yeas –Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Vincent
Nays–None

Roll Call on Use of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas –Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Vincent
Nays -None

Roll Call on Adoption:

Yeas–Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Vincent
Nays–None.

Mr. Koomar announced adoption of Ordinance No. 14-03, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Clark read **Ordinance No. 14-02** to make appropriations for the current and other expenditures of the City of Bay Village for the Fiscal Year 2014, including temporary appropriations made in Ordinances Number 13-119, and 14-01.

Mr. Koomar announced that Ordinance No. 14-02 is on Second Reading.

Mr. Clark introduced and read **Ordinance No. 14-05** amending Codified Ordinance Subsection 753.01 (a) regarding Video Service Provider Fees.

Mr. Koomar announced that Ordinance No. 14-05 is placed on First Reading.

Mr. Clark introduced and read **Ordinance No. 14-06** amending Section 1 of Ordinance 13-95 regarding rates of compensation for the officers and employees of the General Administration Department, and those employees of the City not covered by separate labor contract, for the Calendar Year 2014 and thereafter, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Koomar announced that Ordinance No. 14-06 is placed on First Reading.

Item No. 11 on the agenda, an ordinance amending Codified Ordinance Section 151 regarding Employment Provisions was not introduced this evening pending further review.

Mr. Clark introduced and read **Ordinance No. 14-07** authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Labor Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge # 25 – Gold, for Lieutenants and Sergeants, and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

Mayor Sutherland congratulated Finance Director Mahoney on her hard work all year on getting these labor contracts finalized.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Koomar called for a vote on the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-07.

Roll Call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Vincent, Clark
Nays-None

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Roll Call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas –Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Vincent, Clark

Nays–None

Roll Call on Use of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas –Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Vincent, Clark

Nays -None

Roll Call on Adoption:

Yeas–Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Vincent, Clark

Nays–None.

Mr. Koomar announced adoption of Ordinance No. 14-07, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-0.

Motion by Henderson to authorize the Director of Public Service and Properties to advertise for bids for improvements to the Bay Village Aquatic Center.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by **Lieske** to confirm the appointment of Mayor Sutherland of Mark Barbour to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Abe Bruckman ending August 13, 2018. (Announced by Mayor Sutherland on January 13, 2014).

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by **Lieske** to confirm the reappointment of Tom Sedlak to the Architectural Board of Review for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by **Lieske** to confirm the reappointment of Mark Chernisky to the Architectural Board of Review for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by **Henderson** to confirm the reappointment of William Sisto to the Recreation Commission for a four-year term expiring February 3, 2018.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by **Lee** to confirm the appointment of Janet Day to the Community Services Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Georganne Vartorella, expiring November 6, 2014.

Motion passed 6-0.

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In compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, **Mr. Clark** moved to convene to Executive Session regarding Personnel (Chapter 151 – Employment Provisions) and contracts (Kiddie Kollege).

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Clark Koomar, Henderson, Lee, Lieske, Vincent. Nays – None. Motion passed 7-0.

Also present in Executive Session were Mayor Sutherland, Law Director Ebert, Finance Director Mahoney.

Council reconvened in an open meeting at 8:57 p.m. Present were: Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Vincent.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Paul A. Koomar, President of Council

Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council