

# City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Committee Session  
Council Chambers  
Paul Koomar, President of Council, Presiding

February 22, 2016  
7:30 p.m.

Present: Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lieske, Mace, Tadych, Vincent, Mayor Sutherland

Also Present: Law Director Ebert, Finance Director Mahoney, Police Chief Spaetzel, Safety/Service Director Thomas, and Operations Manager Landers.

## **AUDIENCE**

The following audience members signed in this evening: Lydia DeGeorge, Conda Boyd, Clair Banasiak, and Richard Fink.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mayor Sutherland** announced the following reappointments:

Reappointment of Anne Kerka to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a four-year term expiring February 22, 2020.

.Reappointment of Patrick Graham to the Tree Commission for a three-year term expiring January 1, 2019

## **PLANNING, ZONING, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**Mrs. Lieske** had no report this evening.

## **ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Vincent** had no report this evening.

## **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, STREETS, SEWERS AND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Henderson** stated that a Public Improvements, Streets, Sewers and Drainage Committee meeting was held this evening focusing entirely on the 2016 Streets Program. Director of Public Safety/Service Thomas will provide the Clerk of Council with information to be included in the Council packets on February 26, 2016. The maps will show the Five Year Road Resurfacing Program and the Five Year Combined Crack Seal Program, color-coded to show where work will be taking place this year. The main projects will be Lincoln Road and work on Nagle Road. If possible, projects will be done on the east side of the City. Mr. Henderson stated that on

February 29, 2016, there will be a motion to authorize the Service Director to seek bids for the work on these projects. Mr. Henderson invited anyone who had questions to contact him.

Mr. Koomar asked when Wolf Road, between Columbia Road and Dover Center Road, is scheduled for crack sealing. Mr. Thomas stated that it is scheduled for crack sealing in 2017. Mr. Koomar noted that he has been getting many complaints about areas that have buckled up and are bumpy. He noted that in the past these have been addressed by smoothing out and crack sealing. Mr. Thomas stated that this partial depth repair will be done on Wolf Road from Columbia Road back to Dover Center Road this year.

Mr. Henderson stated that the Public Improvements, Streets, Sewers and Drainage Committee have reviewed the Five Year Sewer Plan, the Five Year Street Plan, and have examined some recent thinking on the Bruce/Russell/Douglas as well as the Sunset Project. This is the array of projects that the Public Improvements, Streets, Sewers and Drainage Committee will spend a lot of time focusing on throughout the rest of this quarter and the year. There will be additional Public Improvements, Streets, Sewers and Drainage Committee meetings held in the very near future.

## **FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

### 2016 Budget Review

**Mr. Clark** stated that Council received a recently revised rendition of the 2016 Capital and Operating Budgets of the City of Bay Village circulated by Finance Director Mahoney. The Finance Committee is at the point where they have refined the process to everyone's satisfaction. They have vetted the budgets very closely, and the Annual Appropriation Ordinance will be placed on First Reading on Monday, February 29, 2016.

Finance Director Mahoney stated that the General Fund will include revenues over expenses in the amount of approximately \$300,000. In Net Resources, Over and Under Expenditures it goes from \$1,136,000 ending General Fund balance in 2016 to \$1,466,000.

Updated Capital Reserve Sheets were distributed. Mrs. Mahoney noted that the Operating Budget proceeded without difficulty. In regard to revenue, the Income Tax Receipts were budgeted at a flat, zero percent. Property Tax Receipts were budgeted at an eight percent increase because of the re-evaluation of properties last year. In the expense category, in the General Fund, the only major item to note is that a couple of employees have been moved from the General Fund to the Emergency Paramedic Unit.

In the Capital Budget, they have gone through cuts and reconsiderations resulting in total debt for 2016 in the amount of \$1,368,000. Originally it was predicted that the new composting machine (SCAREB) being purchase jointly by the Cities of Westlake and Bay Village will save the amount of \$30,000 budgeted in expense. Bids have come in below the projected amount and the savings to the City of Bay Village may be about \$60,000. Mr. Mace confirmed with Finance Director Mahoney that the money for the SCAREB composter was included in the 2015 budget

and brought forward to 2016. Mrs. Mahoney stated it was actually included in the 2014 debt issuance.

Bid reviews are underway presently with two bids of \$316,000 and \$360,000 total. Bay Village originally budgeted \$230,000 for their half of the cost. It is hoped to have a decision by the end of this week. The existing 1999 unit has a residual value of \$19,000.

Mr. Clark commented that the goal of the Finance Committee is to articulate a five year plan for expenditures going forward, including equipment, public improvements and road repaving.

Mr. Henderson mentioned that the 2016 Capital Budget does not have dollars set aside for projects that the Finance Committee might be moving forward with, such as the Sunset Improvement Project, and the Bruce/Russell/Douglas Project, and these may be included in future appropriation ordinances.

Mr. Clark will dedicate a March Finance Committee Meeting to an overlay of the City's borrowing program for 2016.

Mr. Clark commented that there are a number of complicated factors in the budget, such as the bargaining units' contracts, and trash contract. Many of these things came into play at the same time. It is hoped to eliminate some of those next year to expedite the budget process with the goal to have the budget for 2017 done by the end of December 2016.

The budget will be on the Council Meeting Agenda in the form of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance on February 29, 2016 for first reading.

Mr. Ebert commented that bargaining unit contracts are close to completion. This evening the Service Department Administration Contract will be approved by ordinance. The Police Blue will vote on their contract this week. Police Gold will be addressed the middle of next month due to a change in representation. The Fire Department contract is working through a policy issue that is immaterial to the labor contract itself. The contract before Council this evening reflects 2%/2.25%, 2.25% increases for the next three years, and 11%, 12%, and 13% contribution for health care. The 2016 Budget includes the wage increases and employee contributions for health care.

## **RECREATION AND PARKS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Mace** advised that he has been working with Recreation Director Enovitch on scheduling a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Recreation Department.

## **SERVICES, UTILITIES AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Tadych** reported on February 8 that someone was shooting deer in the street with bows and arrows in Avon Lake and leaving the carcasses in the street. The two men that were shooting have been apprehended by the Ohio Division of Wildlife and the Avon Lake Police Department.

In regard to deer culling operations taking place in the Avon Lake Parks by the Ohio Division of Wildlife and the Avon Lake Police Department, Chief Spaetzle stated that the culling operations have finished with 60 plus deer culled from the herds.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Conda Boyd** asked if the budget will be placed on the City's website to correspond with the first reading of the budget. Mrs. Mahoney responded affirmatively.

Ms. Boyd stated that there is a lot of information in the survey completed by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. Ms. Boyd asked about Question No. 8: "Would you like to see a new green space constructed next to City Hall?" Ms. Boyd stated that this question caused a lot of raised eyebrows, and questions as to where, and what does the City have in mind. Ms. Boyd asked if someone could speak to that.

Mayor Sutherland stated that the thought was to just further develop or beautify the green space that is there.

President of Council Koomar stated that a couple of people stopped him and asked if the tennis courts will be taken out, or, is it next to City Hall, will Bay Way Cabin be taken down, and what is the intent. Mr. Koomar responded that there is none, to his knowledge.

Mr. Koomar asked Mr. Henderson if the Public Improvements, Streets, Sewers and Drainage Committee covered any work in progress on any of the Bruce/Russell/Douglas projects in the meeting held earlier this evening. Mr. Henderson stated that the meeting this evening was focused on streets. The Public Improvements Committee will be taking the Bruce/Russell/Douglas projects under consideration and review in the near future.

Mr. Clark commented that he believes this is the first time the Council has had a comprehensive look at the street projects and what the administrations' plans are over the next five years.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Paul Koomar, President of Council

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Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council