

City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Special Meeting
Council Chambers 8:00 p.m.
President of Council Paul A. Koomar, presiding

September 12, 2016

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

Also Present: Law Director Ebert, Recreation Director Enovitch, Community Services Director Selig, Director of Public Service/Safety Thomas, Police Chief Spaetzel, Fire Chief Lyons.

AUDIENCE

The following audience members signed in this evening: Jerrie Barnett, Jeff Gallatin, Tom and Janet Kauker, Margaret Watterson, Jerrie Barnett, Denny and Tara Wendell, Pam Cottam, Lydia DeGeorge.

President of Council Koomar called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Councilwoman Karen Lieske.

Mr. Koomar called upon Ward 2 Council Paul Vincent for a brief report on the Environment, Safety and Community Services Committee Meeting held this evening at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Bay Village City Hall. Councilman Vincent stated that there were a number of items discussed regarding the current dog ordinance, and proposed changes to the dog ordinance at the meeting this evening. Chapter 505.01, which is the animal-at-large code, will be addressed to increase violations for dogs, cats and other animals running at large. There is also a "One-Strike Rule" that they are proposing to implement which would inflict a penalty to an owner whose dog ran off their property and attacked another animal or a person. Presently, we do not have that rule. The goal would be to help protect residents and their pets.

Mr. Koomar asked Councilman Henderson for his comments regarding the Municipal Bridge Application Grant for the Queenswood Bridge. Mr. Henderson called upon Service/Safety Director Thomas to describe the projects, and the excellent work done by the City. Mr. Thomas stated that last spring when they had someone looking at the Queenswood Bridge, and the year prior when they talked about the actual cost of \$130,000 to do some temporary fixes to the bridge, they researched the possibility of a grant with the Ohio Department of Transportation. They applied for this federal grant, and were successful in achieving the grant in the amount of \$1,379,336. Mr. Thomas noted that they applied at a time when usually these federal grants are an 80/20 (80% grant/20% local participation). This time, however, the state contributed another 15% with monies generated from turnpike tolls to increase the contributions of federal and state to 95%. They were then looking at the cost of design, or 10% of the total project cost, and an environmental study costing an additional \$3,000. The project is scheduled for 2019, however, in meeting with the Ohio Department of Transportation the officials have advised that the project can be moved up if the engineering design is done.

Mr. Henderson stated that earlier there were discussions about the safety of Queenswood Bridge,

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and asked Mr. Thomas to speak to why it is advisable to do the project on this timeline. Mr. Thomas stated that in speaking with Osborn Engineering and the state engineers, they feel that this bridge is sound enough to be able to last. Truck traffic has been removed from the bridge and the City will continue to monitor the bridge. If there are any problems whatsoever that they feel are an issue they will close the bridge down.

Mr. Clark noted that the amount of \$130,000 has been approved from the Infrastructure Improvement Fund for this project.

Mayor Sutherland stated that she thinks Director Scott Thomas has done a phenomenal job on securing the \$1.3 million grant, which, for a community the size of Bay Village is unheard of. Mayor Sutherland addressed Mr. Thomas and complimented his work and said that he will be missed as he has submitted his resignation effective October 3, 2016. Mayor Sutherland stated it will be a great loss to the City. She noted that he is very creative and she is very happy she stole him from the City of North Olmsted.

Mr. Koomar called for a reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 6, 2016. Mr. Clark **MOVED** to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 6, 2016 as prepared and distributed. **Motion passed 7-0.** Mr. Koomar called for a reading of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees held September 6, 2016. Mr. Clark **MOVED** to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes of the meeting of the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees held September 6, 2016 as prepared and distributed. **Motion passed 7-0-1 (abstention by Mayor Sutherland).**

Law Director Ebert read a Proclamation in honor of the service of Mayor Deborah L. Sutherland.

“The Council of the City of Bay Village joins with the citizens of the Bay Village community in extending good wishes for a well-earned retirement to Mayor Debbie Sutherland; and

WHEREAS, Debbie, a Bay Village native and Bay High graduate, is married to Bob, and they are the proud parents of Amanda (Davin) and Jenny; and

WHEREAS, Debbie began her career in politics in 1996 serving as a Ward 2 City Council representative for 4 ½ years. On October 2, 2000 the Bay Village City Council appointed her Mayor, thereby becoming the first woman Mayor in the history of Bay Village. She has dedicated herself to the betterment of Bay Village in her 20 years in office. She holds the record as the longest serving Mayor in the city’s history; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sutherland obtained her Master’s degree in Public Administration from Cleveland State University’s Levin College of Urban Affairs and in 2002 she was selected as “Outstanding Fellow” for Cleveland State University’s Leadership Academy XI. She was selected for the prestigious Leadership Cleveland Class of 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sutherland became one of the outstanding leaders of Northeast Ohio, being elected President of the Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association in 2006 and re-elected in 2007. She was a tireless advocate for regional cooperation and served on many task forces to improve life in Northeast Ohio, including those dealing with economic development and alternative energy. She was appointed to the Great Lakes Compact Advisory Board, the

Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, and is the Westshore representative to NOACA. She serves on the Board of Trustees of Destination Cleveland, and is the Legislative Committee Chair for the Cuyahoga County Mayors' and City Managers' Association as well as the Chair of NOACA's External Affairs Committee. Her efforts have been recognized by Crain's Cleveland Business, who named her one of 2007's "Women of Note" and one of the 2007 "Power Pack 50" denoting the 50 most influential people in Northeast Ohio. In 2008 she was included as one of Inside Business's "100 Most Influential People" and she was recognized by Cleveland Magazine as one of 50 "Influentials" changing life in Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, among her many accomplishments during her tenure, Mayor Sutherland can boast the construction of a new Family Aquatic Facility, a new Police Station, a joint Bay School/City Community Gym, the jointly owned Avon Lake/Bay Village Walker Rd. Park and the first new commercial development in 30 years. Numerous road and sewer projects have been undertaken and completed; all without ever raising taxes; and

WHEREAS, Debbie was known for her sayings, one heard frequently was "Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good"; and

WHEREAS, all residents, past and present, have been well served by Mayor Sutherland who has utilized her knowledge and years of experience to lead the community through a post 9/11 era, the Great Recession and Super Storm Sandy, just to name a few of the challenges she faced. Debbie was a Mayor with determination and the vision to make her hometown a better community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gary A. Ebert, Law Director for the City of Bay Village, on behalf of City Council, the Administration, and residents of the Bay Village community do hereby extend our sincere appreciation to Mayor Debbie Sutherland for her more than 20 years of dedicated service, and extend sincere best wishes for a well-deserved, happy and healthy retirement in South Carolina living near her daughter, and much success in her new venture.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of September 2016.

Gary A. Ebert, Law Director

Mayor Sutherland stated that she very much appreciates the proclamation, commenting as follows: "It has been a wonderful, wonderful experience, not only representing my hometown, but working with a very, very talented group of people. The people who work at the City of Bay Village for the residents are just phenomenal. That has been really the highlight of my career, having the opportunity to work with, not only the Directors, the guys at the Service Garage, the cops that are on the street, the firefighters, they're just phenomenal people. It has been just a really great ride. But, all good things must come to an end and we have a house in South Carolina, and a daughter down there, and family south of the Mason-Dixon Line, so we are going to migrate south. Bob is going to be down permanently, but I will keep coming back and forth for my business. It has really been phenomenal and of course I could not be as successful without my trusty assistant, Sue. Sue went to high school with Bob and myself and we have

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been friends for a really long time. It is the people around us that have made us so successful. I really want to thank everybody for their support.”

Mr. Vincent introduced and read **Ordinance 16-62** authorizing the Mayor to implement a Wellness Incentive Program for full-time employees, and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Koomar called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 16-62.

Roll Call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas – Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lieske, Mace, Tadych, Vincent

Nays – None.

Roll Call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas – Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lieske, Mace, Tadych, Vincent

Nays – None.

Roll Call on Use of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lieske, Mace, Tadych, Vincent

Nays -None

Roll Call on Adoption:

Yeas–Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lieske, Mace, Tadych, Vincent

Nays–None.

Mr. Koomar announced adoption of Ordinance No. 16-62, an emergency measure, by a vote of 7-1.

Motion by Mr. Henderson accepting the Municipal Bridge Application Grant.

Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Henderson to advertise for letters of interest for engineering services for the Queenswood Road Bridge Replacement Project.

Motion passed 7-0.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Paul A. Koomar, President of Council

Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council