

City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Committee Session
Conference Room

February 13, 2012
7:30 p.m.

Paul A. Koomar, President of Council, presiding

Present: Clark, Koomar, Lieske, Miller, Pohlkamp, Tadych, Mayor Sutherland

Absent: Mr. Young

Others

Present: Law Director Ebert, Finance Director Presley, Service Director
Galli, Police Chief Wright, Community Services Director Bock, Recreation
Director Enovitch, Operations Manager Landers

President of Council Paul A. Koomar called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of Bay Village City Hall and the meeting was open to the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appointments to the Charter Review Commission

Mayor Sutherland advised of the following appointments to the Charter Review Commission in accordance with Article 13.6 of the Bay Village City Charter:

Mark Barbour-Former Councilman, attorney, Ward 2 resident
Brian Cruse-Former Council President, attorney, Ward 4 resident
Don Zwilling-Former VP of Council, Charter Review Commission member, 1982, 1992, 2002,
Ward 3 resident
Sally Fell-Charter Review Commission member 2002, active in LWV, researcher for ProQuest,
Ward 3 resident
Mike Caputo-VP of the Bay Board of Education, former Chair of the Planning Commission,
Ward 1 resident
Mathew Clever-Board of Elections employee, lifelong resident of Ward 2
Barbara Quinn-active in LWV, parliamentarian, Ward 3 resident
Joe O'Connor-Civil Service Commission member, human resources expert, Ward 3
Council Representative to be selected

AUDIENCE

The following members of the audience signed in this evening: Kent Silverberg, Jerrie Barnett

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Amendment to Chapter 140 of the Codified Ordinances regarding the Community Services Department meeting dates

Mr. Clark stated that the Director of Community Services has requested a change in the schedule of meeting dates from monthly to quarterly. The Department of Community Services was formerly called the Human Resources Advisory Board and the title is officially being changed by ordinance to the current name.

The ordinance making these changes will be placed on the agenda of Council for the special meeting to be held Monday, February 27, 2012.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, STREETS/SEWERS/DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

Mr. Pohlkamp had no report this evening.

FINANCE & CLAIMS COMMITTEE

2012 Budget Update – DARE Program, Community Diversion Program, Safety Town

In the absence of Mr. Young, Mr. Clark reported that on February 6, 2012 the 2012 budget had a negative deficit of \$300,000. A revised budget presented this evening has a negative deficit of \$36,000. The Finance Committee discussed the Council's common desire to maintain the DARE, Safety Town, and Community Diversion programs given our budget issues today, and to continue to work in tandem to try to keep these programs intact and have good discussion between the Mayor, Police Chief, Police Department, and Council to make the right decisions to keep those programs in place.

Mr. Tadych noted that the DARE program and Safety Town will have their own budget line items in order to monitor the revenue and expenses.

Cleveland State University Operations Review Update

Mr. Clark stated that the draft copy of the Cleveland State University Operations Review was received in the Council kits this last Friday. One of the challenges for Council was getting the review late, and there may have been benefit in getting the review earlier. Council was informed that there were some delays but nonetheless it needs to be reviewed. There are benefits in the package as well. Mayor Sutherland asked Council to keep in mind that the Operations Review is a very rough draft.

Mr. Koomar noted that Mayor Sutherland had some conversations with Councilman Young last Thursday. The Mayor stated that she has reached out to her contact at Cleveland State University and they have a meeting set up for a week from Friday.

Mr. Pohlkamp stated that one of the frustrations he had going into the last Council meeting is that there was information from the study that was being referred to that Council had not had a chance to look at yet. Mr. Pohlkamp continued that he also thought that the information they had about the Police Department was complete but on Page 65 of the draft they make recommendations that would include \$100,000 to \$200,000 in savings in dispatching. Mr. Pohlkamp stated that he has no idea how credible it is but it would have been helpful to have that information before the meeting in light of the way the study was referenced and used against the Council as a battering ram.

Mayor Sutherland stated that the point is taken and it is one of those things that we are in the public venue and the information got out there before we know it.

Mr. Koomar asked Chief Wright if there are any comments about Page 65 of the study at this point.

Chief Wright stated that when you look at that information about dispatchers what is not included is the cost to bring dispatchers in as well. This would be a cost for an individual, with benefits, and there are many things to be looked at including potentially regionalizing 9-1-1 and potentially regionalizing the West Shore Dispatch. It opens up probably four times as many questions as it answers.

Mayor Sutherland stated that there are some regional efforts at the county level that are going on right now. Notification was just received that there is something going on that will require letting the county know by March 15. The Mayor noted that there are a lot of moving parts and a lot of things to be considered, whether going into West Com or going into something county wide as far as dispatching.

Mr. Koomar asked the Mayor if she would provide an update on that information in two weeks. Mr. Koomar and the Mayor will discuss this further.

Mrs. Lieske stated that she is not going to participate in some of the discussions about the Cleveland State University report since she works at Cleveland State, to avoid this being viewed as a conflict.

Issuance and Sale of Bonds

Mr. Clark reported that the Finance Committee has been discussing the possibility of advance refunding of the Series 2003 Bond Issue for the Police Station. This basically involves putting money in escrow to allow for the bonds to be called in 2014, the goal of which is to effectively lower the interest rate and the annual debt service on our bond issue, to a total of around \$500,000 over the life of the issue, or about \$32,000 per year savings to the city because of the favorable rate environment.

Mr. Koomar asked if there is a cost associated with going through this process.

Mr. Clark stated that Finance Director Presley will provide firm numbers to Council this week for all the professional costs. Mr. Presley related that the \$500,000 figure is a net figure. He will firm up all of the costs and provide that information to Council.

Amendment of C.O. Subsection 151.071(c) regarding hospitalization eligibility

Mr. Clark stated that this is in reference to part time employees and the goal is to allow for an increase in the monthly premium for the Law Director while working through the process of trying to increase the employees' share of health care plans and hospitalization expense.

Mrs. Lieske commented that, not looking at the person holding the position because she is aware of how much this person does for the city, and how grateful we are for that, but it is the position and the fact that it is technically a part time position even though there are many weeks when it is more than full time. Mrs. Lieske stated that she has heard concerns from the people in the community about having the insurance coverage as we look at our budgets for the future and even greater possible shortfalls coming up. She asked if we could use this year to revisit this and take another look at what might be in the best interests of the city but at the same time not jeopardize the Law Director and the coverage. Mrs. Lieske stated that for now, it is a step in the right direction but she would like a closer look as to what might be done beginning next year.

Mr. Tadych commented that the coverage has been going on since 1985 so it is nothing new. Mr. Tadych expressed agreement with Mrs. Lieske that it would be a good thing to look at, but right now it is fine.

Amendment of C.O. Subsection 181.36 (b) regarding disbursement of municipal income tax funds

Mr. Clark stated that historically the city has set aside by ordinance 4% of municipal income tax revenues to pay for equipment replacement. By making a change in the ordinance to reduce that 4% to 2% it frees up additional revenue to go to the General Fund which helps to reduce the deficit projected for the year. This change would be in place just to the end of the year and would revert back to the old structure that existed prior to this ordinance.

PLANNING, ZONING, PUBLIC GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Mr. Miller had no report this evening.

RECREATION & PARK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lieske had no report this evening.

SERVICES, UTILITIES & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Tadych had no report this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

Finance Director Presley reported that on Monday, February 6, 2012 in response to a public records request, he erroneously disseminated private information, including social security numbers and tax identification numbers, of those individuals and entities that received a 1099 form from 2011. Mr. Presley stated that when he was made aware of it he attempted to have the information destroyed but it had already been email blasted. As a result of that, the city has taken steps to notify those individuals who received the 1099 form that their information has been given out and the city has made Life Lock available to those individuals for a 12 month period at the city's expense. Mr. Presley stated that as a result of his error he has also suspended himself for a day without a pay.

Mayor Sutherland stated that there are 41 individuals involved. Law Director Ebert stated that the Assistant Finance Director, Ruth Popovich, is the contact person for anyone who will use the contract offer with Life Lock, Inc.

Mr. Clark stated that he believes the expense for the contract has been put into the budget as a contingency line item.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Paul A. Koomar, President of Council

Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council