

NORTH COLLEGE HILL CITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Prayer for passing of former NCH Treasurer Betty Freidrich
Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL all president, Ms. Zorb, Mr. Dewald, Ms. Weitlisbach, Mr. Hartzel, Ms. Nichcols, Ms. Oshea, Ms. Stiles. Also, Mr. Feeney, Mayor Mason, Ms. Long, Police Chief Schrand, and Ms. Stagman

Presentation: Chief Ryan Schrand return on last financial meeting. Direction for levy money for next year. He receiving bids on asbestos in ceiling/roof. He needs to fix problem. Whole in leak is getting bigger. He has moved supplies in supply closet. He will need to find out about removal of asbestos and how long it will take. Roof is tar and flat. He has to remove asbestos that is exposed. He needs money to pay for new roof. He showed slides of the situation. No repairs for long time. \$90,000 is appropriated from the levy for front lobby renovations. Chief wants to look professional and to be functional. Doesn't want to use levy money. His major concern is the railing. Mayor's court is right there, along with court clerk. Concerned about people sitting on railing and the steps. This hazard needs to be removed. He is worried about the perception of police department and the first impression. Wheel chair ramp outside not structurally sound. John Fulmer, code enforcement officer, writes tickets to residents for things we aren't keeping up with. No side walk outside. Wheel chair person had to use street. These are things he wants to fix with levy money. View from the Italanette is not good. Signage not clear. Master plan to take out bushes, remove railing and ADA compliant, sidewalk. First impression. Chief wants professional and functional. Any questions?

Ms. O'shea - does he have a list of plan for \$90,000?

Chief - in his head. He needs to get priorities. Roof first. Liability for city and police. We have responsibility for employee and resident health. Upkeep not done for years. Wants to set Ms. Wagner's office back to have lobby.

Ms. O'shea - wants to see estimates. Otherwise we can't budget. Wants to see his vision. What will be used. Agrees with him.

Chief - wanted opportunity to talk to council. Lots of implications especially if he has to move the police department. Since City Center needs roof, try to bid both. Wants council ok to bid both at same time to get best bang for his buck.

Ms. O'shea - by all means start getting bids.

Ms. Long - just here to keep everyone informed.

Ms. Stiles - re: plan she would like to see each phase and time frame and time line.

Chief - will take into advisement and will affect the department drastically. Roof and asbestos first and will have to remove holding cell.

Ms. Long - wants to start looking for loans & bonds.

Mr. Dewald - visited w/Chief but now working on court chambers.

Chief - courtroom renovation almost finished.

MINUTES Dec 21 , 29, Jan 1, 4, 11

Ms. Nichols January 11 "Ms.Z" needs be written out. She asked Mr.Deters for clarification 1-2016, she could be wrong. Ms. Weitlisbach asked Ms. Long if task force fell apart? Wants January 11 minutes tabled.

Motion by Ms. Stiles and second by Ms. Nichols - January -11 will be tabled

Ms. Stiles December 21 dated 2015 Ms. Stiles moved to amend seconded by Mr. Hartzel. Approved as amended.

Ms. Stiles moved to adopt and seconded by Ms. O'shea. December 21 approved as amended.

Ms. Stiles moved to adopt and seconded by Mr. Hartzel to adopt minutes of January 29

Ms. Stiles made motion to adopt and seconded by Mr. Hartzel to adopt January 1, 2016. Motion to adopt passed.

Ms. Nichols -January 4, 2016 Mr. Long's comment unclear. Ms. Weitlisbach do we want to table. Motion from Ms. Stiles and seconded by Ms. Nichols. Motion to table.

COMMUNICATIONS -nothing

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Stiles - they had meeting to set up committee assignments.

Ms. Weitlisbach - wasn't at meeting. Some corrections.

Ms. Nichols - reviewed the committees

Finance- Ms. Zorb/chair, Mr. Hartzel/vice, Ms. Nichols, Ms. O'shea,

Safety - Ms. O'shea/chair, Mr. Dewald/vice, Mr. Hartzel, Mr. Zorb, Ms. Weitlisbach. Ms. Nichols

Rules Laws & Committees - Ms. Stiles/chair, Ms. Weitlisbach/vice, Ms. Zorb, Ms. Nichols

Recreation and Culture - Ms. Nichols/chair, Ms. Zorb/vice, Ms. O'shea, Ms. Stiles

City and Community Development - Ms. Weitlisbach/chair, Ms. Stiles/vice, Mr. Dewald, Mr. Hartzel

Ms. Weitlisbach - when committees will meet? Written on sheet

Ms., Stiles motioned and Ms. O'shea seconded to accept committee assignments - motion passed

Ms. Stiles - Purpose of Rules Laws to set up to review laws and ordinance. Ex: stray cats. Put Rules of Council in this committee. Work w/law director. Overlap with other committees.

Ms. Weitlisbach - couple special committee of the whole. January 12 lots of citizens came out. Talked about duties of city manager and the salary.

Finance Mr. Hartzel no meeting this year anything pended will move to new committee.

Next meeting January 25 @7pm

Safety - Ms. O'shea next meeting February 9 @7pm

City and Community Development - Ms. Weitlisbach January 25 @630pm. Question to

Ms. Long to ask Mr. Fulmer to come to meeting? Ms. Long - yes.

Recreation - Ms. Nichols next meeting February 8 @630pm

Rules & Laws - Ms. Stiles next meeting January 25 @6pm

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor – Ms. Long & she been meeting as a team with businesses. Public works treated streets for first snow. Construction on dead end of Centerridge for structure/repairs. Public works will work with police and residents on re-routing. Construction on Clovernook and Carrol in spring for utilities, water, gas mains starting in February. We have 100 tons salt here and 250 tons in storage. Tax time coming so all to file with city as soon as all have w-2. Need funding for finance director. Water bill includes new rates for Rumpke now \$15.50/month.

City Administrator – Fire Department working on contract negotiations. Ms. Long working Dr. Mary Webb/teacher NCH was drop out and received doctorate here at school. Miami University came out to do hooding ceremony. Clovernook Home for the Blind coming out next meeting. Talking to all businesses. Goal to meet with all businesses in NCH. Met with Legacies who helps with Senior Citizens who relocate to nursing homes. They went to Business Association. Meeting with Pluto Café, All Star Printing. Small Business Association to learn about small businesses who are trying to get grants. She passed out training information: 2 proposals.

Mr. Dewald – to Mayor only 1 employee here who can write checks. Mt. Healthy has 3.

Ms. Long – concerned with trust. We are training and will try to give someone else the ability

CALL OF MEMBERS

Ms. Zorb - citizens asking about mailbox outside in lot.

Ms. Mason – up to US Mail to place.

Ms. Long – post office decides to place based on volume.

Ms. Zorb – concerned with size of tables causing ADA and fire hazard.

Chief – brought table from old council chambers. Don't know where old tables went

Ms. O'shea – we had talked about updated furniture in council chambers.

Ms. Mason – ongoing discussion since the move here.

Ms. Weitlisbach – adjusting seating arrangements, too, in Rules & Laws

Mr. Dewald – introduced Deputy Fire Chief Kenny Cogwell from Cincinnati Fire Fighter

Ms. Weitlisbach – thanked Chief Schrand and asked him about additional lighting at bars on Savannah.

Chief - Still working on. Will be asking his new Lieutenant Officer Moss.

Ms. Weitlisbach – roof for city center was in a group of people with Mr. Mosby and Mr. Feeney

Ms. Mason – committee was set up about the management and use of building

Ms. Weitlisbach – thought it was to cover the roof using bonds and loans.

Ms. Mason – city can borrow at low interest. These are immediate problems. We need finance people lining up financing. Not fund raising. If Propel can't continue with this, then need alternative.

Ms. Long – we can still have fund raising to replace money we use. DAV selling bricks.

Ms. Weitlisbach - our roof is her concern too. She had talked to Ms. Mason. They had talked about Propel and their help with roof.

Ms. Mason – doesn't remember but committee to determine use of building and the help of Pro Foundation. Our building. We own it. We need to fix the roof.

Mr. Hartzel – Betty Freidrich, former treasurer being layed out tomorrow. She had back up to sign checks.

Ms. Nichols – question for Chief Schrand. Lt. Moss not over drug task force.

Chief – Officer Wilbur will handle or ok to forward to Lt. Moss

Ms. O'shea – missed January 11 meeting been thinking all day. Was ready for pre-council meeting that didn't happen so she could still think about this. Mayor Mason appointed Ms. Long and she has that right. Opportunity to give council advise taken away... setting the tone for this administration. Ms. Long said that council and administration sets tone. Ms. O'shea watched January 11 and was angry. She was sad. It appeared to her that people in audience that were brought in to make it appear to be something that it wasn't. They were there for another agenda. They would never be in council chambers again. She felt that it set the tone for Ms. Long's administration. Not a good tone. Speaking for we want to work together but it takes everyone. This council has asked for transparency and that is not what Ms. O'shea has seen. After a December meeting, she and Mr. Long talked and agreed that we need to work together. Not us and them. Not black and white. Male and Female. Republican and Democrat. Should be about our city and our employees and our citizens. Past 2 years filled with distrust. With more communication and transparency, hope to past in the past and move forward.

Also, wants to repeal for all legislation to President and then to committee prior to first reading. This seldom happened as it should. Was set up that prior to first reading was forwarded to committee. Now wants legislation to first reading then to committee as needed.

Ms. Weitlisbach – that somethings are housekeeping. Legislation that happens every year cut and dry. Not debatable. Or if somethings need to go to committee.

Ms. O'shea – wants all to go to committee for discussion. Her opinion. All has to be voted on to go to committee.

Ms. Stiles – just to clarify...housekeeping like grass cutting?

Ms. Weitlisbach – yes

Ms. Stiles – if you feel that needs to go to committee, then your priority.

Ms. Weitlisbach – need to watch due dates.

Ms. Stiles - pointed out that if legislation is due that council would receive early enough.

Ms. Nichols – understand but some things don't come through administration early enough.

Ms. O'shea – understands that takes a vote to go to committee. Motion to repeal having legislation go to President then to committee. Would have all legislation go to first reading. Then decide.

Ms. Stiles – seconded

Passed 6-1

Ms. Stiles – an ordinance to share to set salaries. not been done since 1-2011 for non-elected officers and employees and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Weitlisbach – would like to have time to review

Ms. Stiles – want to refer it to Finance and Rules and Laws.

Ms. Weitlisbach – agree and include Clerk of Court

Ms. Mason – asked for copies

Ms. Stiles – motion to refer ordinance 6-2016 to Finance and Rules and Laws.

Ms. O'shea- seconded

Passed 7-0

Chief Schrand – would like to be at committee meeting to review what all Clerk of Courts does.

Ms. Stiles – would like Chief to be there. Question to Ms. Long and Chief... move Clerk of Court under Chief as department head.

Chief - court clerk and code enforcement does report to Chief Schrand. They are employees of police but not contract under the union.

Ms. O'shea – she not covered under any bargaining unit?

Chief – no

Ms. O'shea - then Monday 6pm

Ms. Weitlisbach – letter from Amy Keller/resident

Ms. Mason – her son becoming an Eagle Scout.

Ms. Weitlisbach – read the letter requesting acknowledgment from city.

Ms. Stiles – same scout troop that did color guard on January 1 for swearing in

Remarks from the Audience

Marcia Weaver 6508 Savannah her brother is there and she purchased another home. Lived here long time. She was on Recreation and Council. She on community football and cheer leading league. NCH YAA. YMCA initiated league. She is assistant to president, Dormella Borchert, cheerleading coordinator. Marcia is teacher for Cincinnati Public. She is back and council will see her more. Goal is to get more children involved. Ms. Long calls her and refers kids to her. Program starts for 5 year olds through 7th grade. Looking for help. Likes working with children. Looking for opportunities for the children to volunteer.

Ms. O'shea – what can council do for you?

Ms. Weaver – long list.

Ms. Weaver – applied for and received 501 3C for non-profit. Playing fields. Indoor play areas for cheerleaders. She will go back to board.

Ms. Stiles – welcomed her. Worked with her on Recreation Commission.

Ms. Long – need volunteers for clean-up day, need registration forms from YAA

Chief – does same thing in Ross football, love to get in touch with Marcia.

Ms. Weitlisbach – invited Marcia to City Community Development and Recreation. Asked her to February 8 meeting for Recreation.

Latoya Bailey – 1544 W Galbraith brought up at last council March 12, Youth Leadership conference. All invited. 8-4pm at the City Center.

Ms. Stiles – request for recess. Ms. Zorb seconded.

6-1 passed

Ms. Stiles motioned and seconded by Ms. O'shea to reconvene

7-0 passed

LEGISLATION

First reading ORDINANCE 3-2016 Amending Section 547.02 of the Codified Ordinances TO PROVIDE FOR REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND HIGH GRASS BY OWNER OR OCCUPANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Hartzel would like to suspend second and third readings and seconded by Mr. Dewald.

Discussion:

Ms. Nichols – are they cutting grass now?

Mr. Hartzel - getting paid for grass that has already been cut.

Ms. Weitlisbach – what are we amending?

Ms. Long – the original ordinance wasn't written like this.

Ms. Zorb – is there a deadline. Do we need to suspend?

Ms. Long - was just forwarding as soon as she received.

Ms. O'shea - not a fan of suspending second and third readings.

Ms. Mason – these are parcels that have already been cut. A time ago, property sold and lien not registered. Buyer owed money on lien. Money is due to the City. Sooner to get done and recorded in county. Need to get lien in place.

Ms. Weitlisbach – what is date to be submitted?

Ms. Long – will check with Mr. Fulmer and get back to her tomorrow.

Motion not passed

First reading ORDINANCE 4 -2016 AUTHORIZING SALE OF CITY PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Weitlisbach – what is property?

Ms. Mason – 96 Chevy dump truck

Mr. Dewald – does this go to auction?

Chief - ebay, auction site. Best results. Easy.

Mr. Dewald – does money go to General fund?

Ms. Long – depends on where money came from. These are old so probably general fund.

Mr. Hartzel – deadline?

Chief – just want to clear out as been sitting there awhile. Recoup

Ms. Long – Marty was in rush to buy equipment but when she told him money would go back to General, then takes rush out of it.

First reading ORDINANCE 5-2016 AUTHORIZING SALE OF CITY PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Weitlisbach – 1 ordinance for truck and 1 for cru isers

Ms. Zorb – is 1 car the C.O.P. car.

Chief – wants to mark C.O.P. car with magnets so it's multifunctional

FURTHER REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE as it pertains to legislation

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Nichols - questioned paper from Ms. Long

Ms. Long - just fyi

Ms. Weitlisbach - per minutes at Committee of Whole January 12: 2. Discussions for nominations for OKI. Mr. Feeney representative to OKI

7-0 passed

Ms. Stiles motioned seconded by Ms. O'shea...Mr. Hartzel representative ICRC and Senior Center boards

7-0 Passed

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dewald motioned seconded by Ms. Stiles

7-0 Passed