

September 4, 2018

Members present: Mr. Huddle, Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels

With a quorum present, Mr. Huddle called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Minutes reviewed from August 21, 2018. Mr. Landon moved to approve; Mr. Daniels 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Huddle, Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels.

Minutes from August 21, 2018 approved (3-0)

New Business:

Item 1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FY 2018 2019 GRANTS, THROUGH THE US DOT FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER FEDERAL TRANSIT LAWS, AS CODIFIED, 49 USC SECTION 5311, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR OTHER THAN URBANIZED AREAS AND FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM AND OHIO ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSIT FARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND EXECUTING A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPON GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Marsh, Transit Administrator Marion Area Transit, explained that this is an annual grant application. This is operating, maintenance, and capital money. The grant also offsets reduced fares for elderly and disabled. They cannot operate the department without receipt of this grant.

Mr. Daniels asked if there are future plans to expand transit system to operate before 6 AM and after 5:30 PM and to extend service area to help support local businesses and their employees. Mr. Marsh explained that the health department is working on a multi-county, coordinated plan that would pull in agencies that have transportation resources. MAT would be one partner. MAT does 500-700 trips a day. The cost of expansion is more than what budget will support.

Mayor Schertzer explained that they would need to have a study completed to determine need and justify additional funds, including numbers and trips during those extended hours or extended service area.

Mr. Landon made a motion to recommend to council; Mr. Daniels 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Huddle, Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

Resolution recommended to council (3-0)

Item 2. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLES PREVIOUSLY UTILIZED BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AND DECLARING THEY ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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Safety Director Robbins explained that this authorize city to auction off fleet pieces from various departments that have become obsolete. This is a regular activity that occurs about every 2 years. He proposed additional suggested language regarding VINs, in case of error.

Mr. Daniels stated that the auction is very well attended and that the city gets a lot of bids for these vehicles. Safety Director Robbins agreed and stated that the city sells a lot of things beyond motor vehicles. Local auctioneer, Ben Higgins, has been hired to conduct the auction.

Mr. Daniels made a motion to recommend to council; Mr. Landon 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Huddle, Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

Resolution recommended to council (3-0)

Item 3. A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INVEST THE STATE BUDGET SURPLUS IN MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. Huddle indicated that the state is using all of the funds they are getting and taking away from the municipalities. This is a resolution that would be provided to the governor's office to request dollars that are earmarked for the rainy day fund.

Mayor Schertzer recommends passing. This is a projected carry over for next year. The state legislature has hit the pause button because of that. Currently, there are 3 billion dollars in the state rainy day fund. This is one of the largest funds the state has ever had. He would like some consideration of taking that money and returning it to local government. For decades there has been a partnership to help municipalities with the local government fund. The city's portion has been cut by 50% or about \$1.5 million. Of that \$1.5 general fund dollars, 66% would go to police and fire.

Mr. Daniels made a motion to recommend to council; Mr. Landon 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Huddle, Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

Resolution recommended to council (3-0)

Item 4. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PARK ENTERPRISE CONSTRUCTION INC AND THE MARION COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION, FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 306 W CENTER ST AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Warr-Cummings, Regional Planning, stated that they like to coordinate on difficult projects. They had a bid opening that included the commercial property known as the Sundance Lounge. It is eligible for the county's neighborhood grant, but a portion of the building is not eligible. They are asking for a cost sharing where the county takes one side of the ineligible piece, and the city taking the other. They would like to sign with the contractors at the same time. That would make demolition easier for contractor.

Mr. Landon made a motion to recommend to council; Mr. Huddle 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Huddle, Mr. Landon. Nays – none. Mr. Daniels abstained.

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Resolution recommended to council (2-0)

With no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Mr. Huddle adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Chairman Huddle

Clerk of Council