

Exploratory/Investigative Select Committee

Special Organizational Meeting

May 17, 2021

Roll Call:

Members in attendance: Schaber, Meade, Ratliff

With a quorum present, Chairperson Schaber called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.

Ratliff made a motion to approve the minutes of 05/03/2021, Meade 2<sup>nd</sup>: Roll Call: Ayes – Schaber, Meade, Ratliff.

**Minutes of 05/03/2021 approved (3-0)**

Schaber clarified some expectation. He said that due to the investigatory nature of this committee, no public comment or questioning will occur during the meetings. Individuals wishing to submit comments or questions for consideration by this committee may direct those to [trose@marionohio.org](mailto:trose@marionohio.org). Please reference “Select Committee” in the subject line.

**Old Business**

**Item 1: Continued committee discussion to define the schedule, format, and scope of review**

SCOPE

Schaber stated that he believed that they had defined the scope to be two issues: 1. The IRS issue, 2. The \$100 million misstatement.

FORMAT

He would like to see meetings done in person. Meade wants to wait until the governor’s order has gone into effect to meet in person. That date is 06/02/2021. Schaber will not let them meet past 06/07/2021. Schaber advocated for in person meetings, sooner rather than later.

SCHEDULE

They have received an opinion from the Law Director on subpoenas. Schaber would like to “invite” individuals to speak. If they do not show up, they could subpoena them.

Ratliff expressed concern about waiting. New issues are coming up in the Auditor’s Office faster than they can be fixed.

Schaber said that Robert Landon will be the first person to appear before the committee. That will dictate whether additional meetings are required and who they need to hear from. He would like Landon to present how he deemed he had authority to grab the second IRS payment and produce evidence to support the \$100 million that was misappropriated or misstated.

Schaber agreed to call the next meeting at the regular council meeting on Monday.

## OUTSTANDING PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

Schaber and Meade have both submitted records requests. Meade's has been pending about 45 days with no response about the delay. It was requested that Landon provide that information prior to the meeting.

## QUESTIONS

Schaber would like to provide Landon with an initial list of questions to allow him to prepare. Other questions may be asked. It was agreed that this would make the meeting as informative as possible.

## OBJECTIVE

Schaber clarified that this committee is not "after" Landon or anyone else in the office. In the end, he believes this will improve the auditor's office better. He hopes that Landon brings up help and/or training that is needed. They could add that to the resolution.

Ratliff made a motion that next meeting be held in person and that date called by Chairman Schaber at the next council meeting, Meade 2<sup>nd</sup>: Roll Call: Ayes – Schaber, Meade, Ratliff.

### **Motion passed to have meeting in person**

With no further business to conduct, Chairman Schaber adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

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Chairman Schaber

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Council Clerk