

**MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS**

8:20 p.m.

May 20, 2008

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Section 111.01 (17) and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on May 16, 2008.

Council Members Present: Mr. Ranally, Mr. Harrold, Mrs. Manning, Mr. Carr, Mr. Fiala, Mr. Woodin, Mr. Black

Others: Law Director Wiles, City Engineer Sayles, Service Director Tomaselli, Fire Chief Zwegat, Police Chief Straube, Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Smith, Parks and Recreation Director Katz, Finance Director Rogowski, Clerk Radebaugh,

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-58

A Resolution authorizing an expenditure of \$119,970 for the purchase of five (5) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors from Classic Ford of Mentor, and declaring an emergency.

Chief Straube said that the state bid was higher than Classic Ford therefore he recommends accepting the bid of Classic Ford. Council President Ranally said that the Mayor will wait to replace his car in order to see what prices he can get on a 2009 SUV.

Councilman Carr asked if this bid includes the painting and police equipment. Chief Straube explained that 200,000 is budgeted for the police cars. A lot of the equipment can be changed over by the service garage. Detailing is done by Mentor Signs.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-59

An Ordinance authorizing Amendment No. 3 to Ordinance No. 2008-31, the Manning & Payroll Ordinance, relative to the Division of Police.

Chief Straube explained that for the last few years the department has not been able to fill the dispatch positions with part time people during the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. By giving time and a half to the part time people, he is hoping to fill some of the full time spots during the holidays.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-60

A Resolution declaring four (4) Stinger Electronic Immobilization Devices as being inoperable and of no value for use by Safety Forces and authorizing their return to Stinger Systems.

Chief Straube explained that the Stingers, which were given to the police department, were being used on a trail basis. There were a number of reliability issues with them, therefore they have been returned. Tasers will be purchased from the capital budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-61

A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$35,032.50 for the purchase of one (1) 2008 GMC 4500 Topkick Dump Truck with snowplow from Bob Ross Buick,

through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program; said vehicle for use by the Parks & Recreation Department; and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Katz said this vehicle will be replacing a ten year old dump truck.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-62

A Resolution authorizing the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the Erie Street Storm Relief Sewer Project.

Mr. Sayles explained that this is the storm sewer on Erie Street from Third Street to Vine Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-63

A Resolution authorizing the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the Hamann Parkway Storm Relief Sewer Project.

Mr. Sayles explained that the storm sewer at the end of Hamann Parkway is undersized. A relief sewer will run to the Meadowlands catch basin. One hundred percent of this project will be on private property so easements will be required.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-64

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to solicit a proposal or proposals from an oil and gas drilling company or companies for the purpose of entering into a lease with the city for drilling an oil/gas well on land owned by the city and occupied by the Water pollution Control Center, and following Ordinance No. 2008-56.

Mr. Wiles said that this is step 2 in the City's process to drill a gas well without giving it to the lowest and best bidder, but to who the city determines is the best and most responsive. The city is exercising home rule powers granted in the charter and following the law that has been outlined by the Court of Appeals. Mr. Wiles explained that the city would get proposals, they would be waived by the mayor and then go to council for a final resolution authorizing the execution of a lease. Mr. Wiles told council that after they review the proposal, they could call him with any changes because the wording in the proposal allows other conditions to be included.

Council President Ranally asked if a spot has been determined where the city wants to drill. Mr. Wiles said that Jack Gorka has determined the general area, but the exact drilling spot has to be picked by the drilling company.

The Legislative Caucus meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Date approved _____

May 20, 2008

Jerome P. Ranally, Chairman

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