

A special meeting of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, in the Forum Conference Room of City Hall.

Roll Call was answered by Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and President Copeland.

### **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

**138-18** The City Commission met with staff members to discuss the 2019 budget.

Finance Director Beckdahl reviewed the Permanent Improvement (PI) Fund for capital projects in 2019 reminding commissioners that 10 percent of the General Fund revenue goes to the PI fund. The preliminary budget shows \$4,016,000 from Income Tax going to the PI fund with a total revenue balance of \$5,576,000. This balance includes a \$1.5 million from the General Fund for Neighborhood Streets Paving. Expenditures are expected to total \$5,952,440 and include all capital requests, \$2 million for neighborhood streets, and \$175,000 for National Trail Parks and Recreation District (NTPRD) capital requests.

Discussion included a review of the departmental capital projects and the various other funding sources used for some of the projects. Debt services expenses were also discussed related to the former hospital loan as well as leased ambulances, rescue engines and other public safety equipment.

Dr. Estrop offered to set a meeting with Clark State and Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center officials to discuss possible aircraft maintenance courses to address the need for trained mechanical service providers.

Dr. Estrop asked Assistant City Manager and Economic Development Administrator Franzen if the city's economic development efforts had the resources needed. Mr. Franzen replied that staff works diligently to live within its budget and use the resources that they have.

Discussion was held related to the various street projects planned for 2019 including neighborhood streets. Mrs. Chilton asked for a list of all street projects for the commissioners. Mrs. Chilton also asked for the status of the downtown parking garage. Deputy City Manager Heck stated interviews with design teams would be held soon. \$6.55 million have been raised for the project.

City Manager Bodenmiller explained the Bechtle Avenue bridge project would begin soon. The contractor planned to close two lanes near Thanksgiving of this year.

Discussion continued on public safety vehicles, Information Technology improvements, and maintenance work on the City Hall plaza.

Mr. O'Neill commented on the \$175,000 requested by NTPRD. He asked for a list of capital purchases and projects for the NTPRD staff for the commissioners to review.

Mr. Beckdahl reviewed special revenue funds including the Street Fund which are tax dollars from the state (auto license renewals and gas tax). One major expense is the cost of road salt which has risen dramatically since last year.

Mr. Beckdahl also review the Water Fund which comes from utility customers. The commission adopted a rate increase for 2018, 2019 and 2020. Water usage is down due to conservation efforts. Discussion included new manufacturing customers, potential rate increases in the future, retaining employees in the water maintenance division, and the need for a new liquid ferric sulfate storage facility as the dry product is no longer available.

The Sewer Fund was also reviewed. Sewer rates were raised for 2018, 2019, and 2020. Discussion included the debt service for the High Rate Treatment Facility along with other maintenance projects and replacement equipment.

Mr. Bodenmiller stated that Commissioners would hold a public hearing on the budget on December 4, 2018, and the appropriations ordinance would read on December 18, 2018.

Looking at the future outlook related to the Permanent Improvement Fund, Mr. Beckdahl discussed major technology needs including the financial software and public safety software. Mr. O'Neill suggested using a consultant to review the technology needs of all departments.

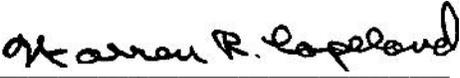
Discussion was held related to personnel and new positions in 2019. Mr. Bodenmiller stated that an increase of 2.63 FTE (full-time equivalent) employees in the Community Development Department includes a building inspector to fill the need as new major building projects occur. The City Manager was asked to include a statement about the increased staff in the budget narrative.

The budget discussion ended with the City Manager's review of many major projects completed in the past 10 years showing much progress.

There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

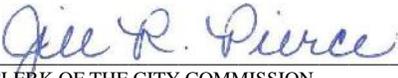
Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.



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PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



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