

CITY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MINUTES

June 18, 2019

6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Chilton, Estrop, O'Neill, Rue and President Copeland. City Manager Heck. Guests: Mr. Chuck Bauer and Ms. Bonnie Martens of Clark County Solid Waste District.

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:

Topics discussed at the work session held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, were:

1. City Manager Heck introduced Director Bauer and Program Manager Martens of the Clark County Solid Waste District presenting the District's 2018 Annual Report. Mr. Bauer and Ms. Martens reviewed the District's mission and staff levels. The District works closely with the Clark County Combined Health District's oversight of trash haulers, composting facilities, landfills and salvage yards. The District also works the Clark County Sheriff's Office on the enforcement of illegal dumping which includes a PRIDE Program for clean-up efforts by inmates. Specialty Recycling programs are available at the District's new location at 1620 West Main Street. Education efforts in the schools includes a new program for 2019. The state goal for residential-commercial recycling is 25 percent, and the local rate is 41.8 percent.

Recycling centers scattered across Springfield and Clark County collected 489 tons of mixed recyclables and 253 tons of cardboard in 2018. The sale of recycled items is market-driven. Subsequently, fee income from the sale of recycled items and user fees were slightly less in 2018 as the demand is down. Dr. Estrop commented that China is not accepting as much recycled material at this time. Mr. Bauer agreed and commented that the sale of recyclables has been impacted. The District's 2018 Fund Balance ended at a very stable \$995,993.

Mr. Bauer explained the new Solid Waste Plan created by the District with input from many agencies was submitted to and approved by the Ohio EPA. The new plan goes into effect at the end of 2019. Mr. O'Neill asked what changes were made in new Solid Waste Plan. Mr. Bauer stated the new plan is similar to existing and notably includes the new facility at 1620 West Main Street for programming. The District is also considering a local recycling transfer station to incentivize small haulers and curbside recycling efforts as well as a bulk item disposal program.

Mrs. Chilton asked for contact information for the District. Citizens may report illegal dumping to 937-32-TRASH (328-7274) and reach the main office at 937-521-2020.

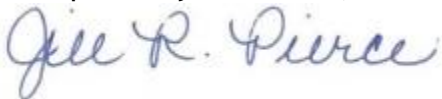
Dr. Estrop stated that the recycling facilities are well used. He also announced the five-acre field of sunflowers would be planted on Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2. On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the meeting adjourned.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue and Mr. Copeland.
Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Adj. 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill R. Pierce
Clerk of the City Commission