



## **City Council Work Session Minutes March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Mayor Calvin Woodrey called the Council work session to order at 6:30pm. All members of Council were present as well as all necessary members of administration. He asked City Manager Marcos Nichols to begin.

CM Nichols asked Service Director, Rob Leichman to discuss the motions regarding the purchase of a dump truck cab and chassis, the purchase of a steel truck bed, and a Gledhill plow package for the purpose of replacing trucks #16 and #33 in the snow removal fleet. Those tow trucks are oldest of the fleet and will be repurposed as service trucks. Both trucks cabs are in pretty poor condition due to being utilized as salt/ snow removal trucks, but he feels can still be utilized in Public works. With the purchase of this truck that would be seven trucks on the road during a winter storm. He stated that though this was a budgeted item, the purchase will come in above the amount that was appropriated for the truck. He explained the snow blade alone came in quite a bit over budget alone. Council asked questions regarding what this would do to the budget. CM Nichols explained that multiple funds would absorb the unbudgeted amounts and that it would not make that much of an impact. They also asked what engine the new truck would have including what type? SD Leichman stated that it would be a gasoline engine. Finally he quickly reviewed the motion to appoint a new Parks Board member, plus the appointments of three alternates to serve as needed.

Next CM Marcos asked Income Tax Commissioner, Linsey Hobbs to discuss the motion regarding appointing three new members to the Tax Review Board, stating she hoped to have the first meeting scheduled in April. She stated this meeting would just be to set guidelines for the Board and let the board members take their oaths. She stated that the only reasons someone could request a review was due to assessments or denial of a refund. She then explained she had received some inquiries regarding how long after retirement one would need to file income taxes with the City. She explained that you need to file for three consecutive years after retirement to show non-taxable income, then you no longer have to file unless you work again.

City Clerk, Laura Daley then discussed the motion regarding the Charter Review Commission Appointments, stating that that board being three Council members and two community members need to begin meeting ASAP. As legislation would need to be passed to have their recommendations placed on the November ballot and there are time constraints.

Police Chief, Pat Carr discussed the Motion Regarding Fund 402. Chief Carr explained that he would like Council to approve himself to make purchases from this fund which is exclusively from police seizures and acquisitions. He understands that the funds can only be used for certain items such as equipment, drug education and training. He also understands their needs to be a check's and balance to track these expenditures but would like Council to grant him a blanket amount to spend from this fund without having to go through the process of bringing each item to Council. Council asked if these funds could be used to offset some of the expense for the K-9 unit. Chief Carr stated he felt that would fall under the guidelines but that the K-9 unit had been adequately funded and had a separate fund in the budget which is stable. Fund 402 is not stable enough to fund the K-9 unit. CM Nichols asked if he could quickly give some input, stating that though he had no issue with Council giving the Chief the ability to spend from the fund that the actual motion would need to be scratched as this needs to be passed by two ordinances, one repealing what our charter states now that it must go through Council, and a second re-writing the section in the Charter allowing for such spending.

Finally CM Marcos asked Planning and Zoning Administrator, Bill Jones to discuss the Ordinance regarding Section 1208.02 – Common Open Space. This Ordinance has been discussed multiple times including Council holding a special meeting and the ordinance being returned to planning commission multiple times and ZA Bill Jones feels comfortable with the updated version and the required 12% Council agreed on to remain Open space in new developments.

Vice Mayor Perry stated that Matt Hill the new Parks board Chairmen would be attending the Great Miami River Summit on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00am to 1:00pm. He wanted to know if anyone from the City could attend. Then he mentioned that the Spring Festival was fast approaching and there would be a dunking booth and we needed some volunteers to be in the dunking booth.

The Council work session was adjourned at 7:26pm.