

Council met in a **SPECIAL MEETING**. The President of Council called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., the City Auditor/Acting Treasurer offered the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Member(s) Present: Mr. James M. Trisket, (Ward 5)
Mrs. Ann I. Stranman, (Ward 3)
Mr. Richard F. Balog, (Ward 1)
Mr. August A. Pugliese, (Ward 2)
Mr. J. P. Ducro IV, (President)

Member(s) Absent: Mrs. Julie A. Lattimer, (Ward 4)
Mr. Christopher J. McClure, (Vice President)

Officer(s) Present: City Manager James M. Timonere
City Solicitor Michael Franklin
City Auditor/Acting Treasurer Dana D. Pinkert

Officer(s) Absent: Clerk of Council LaVette E. Hennigan

SUNSHINE LAW CERTIFICATION: The City Auditor certified conformity to the Sunshine Law.

PURPOSE: The President announced the purpose of this Special Meeting was to discuss and vote on legislation pertaining to the Recreational Harbor Evaluation Program Grant.

WELCOME: The President welcomed Mary Church, Project Administrator, Planning & Community Development Department, and Mr. and Mrs. Brockway

DISCUSSION

The Manager reported the bid opening took place Friday. Two bids were received. Geo. Gradel Company, whose equipment is currently in the Ashtabula River, submitted the lowest and best bid, at \$109,455. There is an alternate bid if extra dredging is possible. The total project amount is \$140,000. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will provide \$70,000. The remaining \$70,000 will come from a local private/public partnership involving Civic Development Corporation (CDC), Ashtabula County and City Port Authorities, City, Mr. Grant Brockway (Brockway Marina), and Mr. Tom Nelson (ARU Marina). We continue to wait for some permit details from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and Army Corps of Engineers. The Manager said the "window of time is September 15", which is why he appreciates Council calling this special meeting and voting on the legislation. The ODNR would like dredging completed by the September 15 start of the spawning season. He hopes the project is completed by then, and he has inquired into a waiver if it does not. ODNR does not believe the issuance of a waiver will be a problem, but will not give one prior to the deadline.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

The Ward 2 Councilor asked how many hours per day will dredging occur. The Manager said he does not know, but the area to be dredged is 10,000 cubic yards. From conversations he has had it appears dredging will take place three to four days.

The President asked where the sediment will be deposited. The Manager responded, "Open lake dump".

The President asked how much the other bid was. The Manager responded, \$110,000.

The Solicitor reported the legislation authorizes the Manager to spend up to \$140,000, thus allowing for potential change orders for cost overruns due to permit delays, or because of permit expansion for additional dredging.

The President asked if the project is an even match no matter what the cost outcome is. The Manager said we are going to do our best to spend every dollar.

The President asked for details on the alternate bid. The Manager said it covers up to 9,000 cubic yards (cy) and is priced for such. Given the \$109,455 bid the whole 9,000 cy will not be able to be considered, and more details are being gathered.

Mr. Brockway thanked the City.

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUEST

The Manager requested an ordinance to enter into a contract with Geo. Gradel Co. for additional Dredging of the Ashtabula River. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Trisket seconded to grant the Manager's recommendation; motion CARRIED.

The Manager requested an ordinance to appropriate the sum of \$140,000 from unappropriated Permanent Improvement Fund 412 to Account No. 412-200-5555 in order to pay for additional dredging. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Trisket seconded to grant the Manager's recommendation. The Manager said the City has to expend the \$140,000 before being reimbursed \$70,000 from ODNR, which is why the entire amount is being appropriated. The Ward 2 Councilor asked Mr. Brockway if any of his docks will have to be moved. He said probably. The motion CARRIED.

LEGISLATION READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-140 AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GEO. GRADEL CO. FOR ADDITIONAL DREDGING OF THE ASHTABULA RIVER, was presented. Mrs. Stranman moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Stranman moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings.

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On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Balog, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Balog, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-141 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$140,000 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND 412 TO ACCOUNT NO. 412-200-5555 IN ORDER TO PAY FOR ADDITIONAL DREDGING, was presented. Mrs. Stranman moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Stranman moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Balog, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Balog, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

Closing Comments

The Ward 2 Councilor said this project has been a long time coming and he is glad to see it happening. He said hopefully this will solve the problem with springtime ice buildup on the bridge. The President said it will also stop us from possibly losing the bridge; which the Ward 2 Councilor reported almost happened years ago.

Mr. Brockway thanked members of Council for attending and casting their vote. He particularly thanked the Manager, Solicitor, and Project Administrator who put in a lot of time on this project, which began in October 2011.

Mr. Brockway reported a rather large project is happening on the south side of West 24th Street. The area is now going to be part of the Indian Trails Park, which means his marina is really the only place between the federal navigation point and public property, all the way up through to the covered bridge. He believes it is just the beginning of what he would call a new industry in Ashtabula called Recreation. He went to Europe a year ago and did not see anything as pretty as Indian Trails Park. He supports the park and anything that has to do with recreation, including the Wine and Walleye Festival.

The Ward 3 Councilor thanked Mr. Brockway for his contribution to the project. She applauded the City for being a part of a public/private partnership. The Ward 5 Councilor concurred. He and his Ward 2 Councilor pushed to get the last dredging project all the way up to 24th Street, but could not get funding for it. He said this additional dredging project benefits everyone.

Adjourn

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

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DATE APPROVED: **September 16, 2013**

ATTESTED BY: _____
J.P. Ducro IV
President of Council

ATTESTED BY: _____
LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC
Clerk of Council