

Lancaster City Council

Finance Committee

April 8, 2019

Agenda

The Finance committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Resolution 54-19

H2O/WPC – Woodgeard (Baus/McDaniel)

A resolution to appropriate from the unencumbered balance in the Stormwater Fund 606 in the amount of \$26,000.

Stormwater Manager Crews indicated that because of first half stormwater utility collections being higher than planned due to a settlement of a delinquent property that the county Auditor fees were higher than anticipated and need to be appropriated and paid.

2 Readings

Resolution 55-19

Finance – Stoughton (Downour)

A resolution to appropriate from the unencumbered balance in the 320 Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$100,000.

SSD Martin indicated that the city has been pre-approved from the AEP Ohio Commercial Electric Vehicle Charging Station Incentive program to fund one DC Fast Charging Station in the city-owned parking lot behind the Fairfield County Municipal Court building. This is a reimbursement grant which will be repaid into the 320 account when received.

Expected completion in about 90 days.

1 Readings

Resolution 56-19

Finance – Stoughton (McDaniel)

A resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate development of the Magna Seating of America project in Rock Mill Industrial Park.

Law Director Ullom indicated that there will be many documents/agreements that will need to be handled expeditiously associated with this opportunity, the start up and construction in alignment with all agreed to facets of the project from all levels of government and with Magna.

These are not new agreement but to execute points already agreed to in the agreement between Magna, Lancaster and others.

2 Readings

Resolution 57-19

Finance – Stoughton (Downour)

A resolution to request and accept a loan from the Lancaster Port Authority (LPA) to facilitate development of the Magna Seating of America project in the Rock Mill Industrial Park in furtherance of economic development.

Law Director Ullom that a loan from the LPA will be deposited in LDoT Improvement Fund 314 for costs associated with new road infrastructure associated with Magna. The city will repay the LPA as project funds become available.

Suspension *The loan will be prepaid using property sale revenues expected by the end of May 2019.*

Other Discussion Items:

1. Departmental Updates:

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3. President Uhl – Tonight’s meeting prep:

- TR 53-19 – resolution of consent for preliminary legislation for the Ety Road project – Public Works – Schoonover/Bobbitt
- TO 6-19 – ordinance to authorize the SSD to accept approximately 10 acres of property from Fairfield Homes to the Parks department for its use. – Law – Groff (Baus/Schoonover)

*Behind Park Lane apartments.
Long-term development with future walking path etc.*

3. Other items for Finance

- *Stormwater Utility Update* – 15 years – history of the utility and a walkthrough to current. Funding issues specific to stormwater mitigation. Compliance w/OEPA mandates
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*Original \$4.64 per E.R.U. (2600 SF)
2009-2013 – stepped up to current rate of \$7.64/ERU.
Lancaster w/OEPA agreed to fixed rate and focused projects on long-term control.
staff – total of 5*

Motion to Adjourn – Downour
2nd – McDaniel
Meeting adjourned at __: __ PM
Respectfully submitted:

Tom Stoughton
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*Denise Crews – Manager
Steven Wallstead – Engineer
Jacob Randleton – Environmental Scientist
James Pates – Inspector
Debbie Julian – Admin Asst – shared w/Engineering.*

(If needed)

At __: __ PM a motion was made to convene to an executive session to discuss _____.

I make a motion for Finance Committee to convene to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3).

The executive Session should include all elected officials, and _____.

Invitees to the Executive Session are: All Elected City officials, and the Service-Safety Director.

Mayor Scheffler	SSD Martin	Auditor Nettles	Treasurer Wolfinger	Law Director Ullom
Council – Uhl	Council – Bobbitt	Council – McDaniel	Council – Groff	Council – Stoughton
Council – Downour	Council – Tener	Council – Baus	Council – Schoonover	Council - Woodgeard

Motion – Downour – Y or N
2nd – McDaniel – Y or N
Other – Stoughton – Y or N

At __: __ PM a motion was made to return to the regular order of business

Motion – Downour – Y or N
2nd – McDaniel – Y or N
Other – Stoughton – Y or N

City Council Presentation

Stormwater Utility

15th Year of Utility-approved in 2003 began collecting funds in 2004

Confluence of Several Events

Lack of Capital Funds-Collapse of South Broad Street storm sewer required City of borrow \$1 million dollars for repair

Long Term Control Plan requirements for sewer separation and need to pay for stormwater share

US EPA named City of Lancaster on list of MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) permittees

Lack of funds for Street Department to maintain storm sewer system

Council Requirements

Comply with Ohio EPA Permit

Reduce Street Department Reliance on General Fund

Maximize Use of Funds by applying for grants

Be housed in another department to reduce overhead costs

Initial Rate \$4.64 per Equivalent Residential Unit of 2600 square feet held for 5 years

2009-2013 Step rate increases to \$7.64

2014-present no rate increase. 2018 rate study confirmed no increase in next 5 years

Long Term Control Plan Phase 2-no rate increase until 2025 but no new projects except LTCP identified

Budget increases rely on development and increased customer ERU.

MS4 Permit

Six Minimum Control Measures

Public Education-Educate the public on stormwater issues

Public Awareness-Increase awareness of stormwater issues

Construction Stormwater-Requirement to manage stormwater during construction

Post Construction Stormwater-Long term management of stormwater after construction

Illicit Discharge Elimination-preventing discharges of pollutants through stormwater

Good Housekeeping-Effectively manage and maintain the storm sewer system

What we do

Direct staff of 5 people

Denise Crews, P.E.-(Stormwater Manager) Administration, Permit Compliance, Education, Awareness, Planning, Capital Improvements.

Steven Wellstead, P.E.-(Stormwater Engineer) Plan reviews, mapping, development, capital improvements.

Jacob Pendleton-(Stormwater Specialist) Education, Awareness, impervious area maintenance, stream surveys, mapping, wetlands, stream restoration, capital improvements, stream plans.

James Pate-(Stormwater Inspector) Construction Inspections, Post Construction Inspections, complaint investigations.

Debbie Julian-(Administrative Assistant)-Shared with Engineering, telephones, administrative, files, bid books, recordkeeping.

Other Departments

ITT
Engineering
LDOT
Utilities Collection
Economic Development

Coordination with Departments

Building-Building Plan Reviews
Water-Wellhead Protection
Water Pollution-Planning Capital Improvements
Sanitation-Landfill
Parks and Tree Commission

Budget Breakdown

Administration 2%
Billing 8%
Permit 50%
Capital Improvements 40%

Leveraging Funds

Through 2018 \$15 million in stormwater funds for \$47 million in capital improvements

Grants (Ohio Public Works, CDBG, FEMA, ARRA, Ohio EPA, US EPA)

Combined Projects (Wastewater, Engineering, LDOT)

Seed Money (Stormwater funds paid up front for Engineering)