

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 11, 2020

The meeting was held via public conference call due to Covid-19 stay-in-place order and was called to order by Mayor Mackinnon.

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Eckel, Marquette, Ruse, Heban, and Densic all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of April 27, 2020 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of May 11, 2020 was presented to council. Resolution #2020-15 and Public Safety committee report were added. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS: TARTA/ Kim Dunham, General Manager and Daniel Woodcock, Board President Purpose of TARTA resolution is that they need to get the question to the voters regarding adding Lucas County to the region and replacing the 2.5 mill property tax levy with a .05cent sales tax. PowerPoint presentation was presented to council (see copy). Mr. Ruse said we currently get money that goes to the TIF fund from the property tax in the TIF zone and with the sales tax that would go away and what would replace it. Ms. Dunham said that the 3-year average paid into the TIF fund has been \$90,000 annually and that under the sales tax up to \$90,000 would be paid to Rossford into the general fund. Mr. Ruse asked how long this \$90,000 would be paid and Mr. Woodcock said this is a 10-year renewable agreement. Mrs. Eckel who would decide on paying the \$90,000 and attorney Heban said that TARTA would pay the \$90,000 directly to Rossford and the sales tax would be paid by Wood County to TARTA. He said he understands it to be a flat \$90,000 not up to. Mr. Densic said the way he reads it a straight \$90,000 is paid, nothing less and nothing more. Mr. Densic questioned if there is a way to increase that amount if sales tax exceeds projections. Mr. Densic also wondered if the services would extend to all of Wood County and Ms. Dunham responded that even with a sales tax, they will have to involve all the communities in the process of determining what services will be available where. Mrs. Eckel said the \$90,000 cap bothers her as property tax will increase in the Crossroads with development. Mayor Mackinnon said that over ten years we would receive almost \$1M and we can look at again in 10 years. Mr. Heban said this will only be giving the citizens the right to decide and that right now Toledo is the only major metro area transit funded by property tax. Mr. Staczek said he does not have a problem putting before the voters but that does not mean he supports because of what may be coming to the Crossroads. Mayor Mackinnon said Amazon is a huge supporter of public transit and that is one of the reasons they choose our site and we are being guaranteed almost a million dollars over the next ten years. He said public transit makes us more attractive and that area more attractive.

Wood County Port Authority/Rex Huffman and Rich Martinko – Mr. Huffman gave a description of the safety study of the 795 corridor in order to apply for funding for safety funds from the state. He said the number one accident site in the corridor was the intersection of Buck/Glenwood and that there are a couple of ideas how to handle with one being a median between the north and south side of Buck in order to prevent left turns across traffic and the other being a roundabout which is significantly more expensive. They meet with ODOT on May 21st and will describe both plans and ODOT will look at cost/benefit of each. Mr. Staczek said he does not like the median idea but the roundabout would need to not affect business like the one at Buck/Lime City affected McDonalds and Subway. Mrs. Eckel said she likes the roundabout. Mr. Densic asked what the cost to the city would be and Mr. Huffman said this project would be 100% funded by state safety funds with no local match. Mr. Martinko said his guess is that the median

would cost between \$400-500,000 dollars with a cost/benefit ratio of 2 to 1 while the roundabout would be at least double the price with a lower cost/benefit ration. Mayor Mackinnon said they are just looking for the city's thoughts on this and he hasn't heard anyone against going forward. Mr. Huffman said he will report back after their presentation on the 21st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works committee reports from April 29 and May 7, 2020 were presented to council by Mr. Ruse (see written report). Mrs. Eckel asked if we had any other recycling plan if we eliminate recycling from our weekly refuse plan and Mayor Mackinnon said no, we did not but he would ask that the legislation be given a first reading only tonight as he has questions of his own. Mr. Ruse said conversation was had regarding other options for recycling. Mrs. Eckel said she also wondered why the cost was so high for the sidewalk on Eagle Point Rd. and said she is disappointed with the suggestion to eliminate parking. She also thinks that having two projects competing for stimulus money will hurt our chances. Mr. Ruse and the mayor both said they will not be competing projects as Deimling Rd is an economic project with the city being the smallest partner and Eagle Point being a residential project and Mr. Ruse said the cost for the sidewalk led them to believe the contractor did not want to do the project. Mrs. Eckel has a concern with coming back and fixing it later based on prior projects and that the change orders in the Colony alone would have been enough to redo Eagle Point Rd. properly. Mr. Staczek questioned what will be done with the apron and Ms. Murray said the inspector will be out there tomorrow. Mrs. Eckel is concerned we will not come back to reconstruct Eagle Point and Ms. Murray said that is not the plan. Mrs. Eckel and Mr. Marquette both said they are not a fan of no parking on Eagle Point. Mr. Heban said he thinks we should do these projects right the first time or not do at all. Mayor Mackinnon responded that no one anticipated the COVID-19 crisis and its economic effect and that by 2021 the city's revenue will increase by \$1.5M and then we will be able to make a big dent in road projects. Mr. Marquette asked if the sidewalk bid was for a five-foot width and Mr. Ruse said they were asked to bid the difference between a four- and five-foot width and it appears they bid the whole thing and that is what Ms. Murray is going to talk to them about. Mr. Marquette asked why five foot instead of the current four feet and Mr. Ruse said the ADA standard is now five feet. Mrs. Eckel said that extra foot would have been on the road side and not into the front yards. Mr. Densic said there is not option to not do something because that road is now trash.

Public Safety committee report from May 8, 2020 was presented to council by Mrs. Eckel (see written report). Mayor Mackinnon said no decision has been made on Stroll the Streets yet. Mr. Densic asked who is paying the cost of our School Resource officers and Ms. Murray said we have sent a bill to the schools. Mr. Ruse said at their last RCVB meeting the plan was to still have Stroll the Streets but it may start later in the season. Mr. Staczek thought some of these issues should have come to marina committee and asked why the marina committee was not involved in the motors down, ice questions. Mr. Heban said Chief Kitzler brought it up as the motors down was a marina rules change. Mr. Staczek said he did not remember that rule change and Mr. Densic reminded him it was done.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Murray said the city offices are now open but they are still asking the public to call before coming to the office. If the problem can be handled remotely it will and if have to come to office, they will be subject to safety protocols. She told the marina committee she can set up a zoom meeting for them if so desired.

Mayor Mackinnon read a proclamation issued in honor of National Police Week.

ORDINANCES

#2020 – 25 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE EAGLE POINT ROAD PAVING PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. Vote on the motion all ayes except for Mrs. Eckel who voted no. Motion passed 5-1.

#2020-29 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HENRY W. BERGMAN, INC. TO PROVIDE FOR THE TAR AND CHIP IMPROVEMENT OF DEIMLING ROAD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Heban moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2020-30 - AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH WOOD COUNTY, OHIO FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE COUNTY'S PY2020 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) GRANT APPLICATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Attorney Heban said previously the city had been administering the CHIP program themselves. Ms. Murray said by joining with the county we will have \$1M available versus \$700K and the county will have someone assigned to administer the program. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to suspend with second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2020 – 31 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE SR 65/LIME CITY ROAD ROUNDABOUT ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to amend section 2 changing the 10% overage to cumulative. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to suspend with second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2020 – 32 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MANNIK SMITH GROUP ACTING IN THEIR CAPACITY AS ROSSFORD CITY ENGINEER, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUIRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND PROJECT INSPECTION FOR THE SR 65 / LIME CITY ROAD ROUNDABOUT ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to correct the numeric total cost. All ayes except Mr. Ruse who abstained. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to suspend with second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes except Mr. Ruse who abstained. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes except Mr. Ruse who abstained. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except Mr. Ruse who abstained. Motion carried.

#2020 – 33 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVING CHANGE ORDER No. 10 AND AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH SPEER BROS, INC ON THE COLONY ROADWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Mrs. Eckel said this puts us close to \$100K in change orders and Mr. Ruse responded that is about 3% of the total cost for an improvement to a 100-year-old subdivision and there is still a chance that the project may give money back due to being under the original budget. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes except Mrs. Eckel who voted no. Motion carried 5-1. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except Mrs. Eckel who voted no. Motion carried 5-1.

#2020 -34 - AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon requested this be given a first reading only as he has some questions and items he would like clarified. Mr. Heban said that he would like to review further and that Waste Mgmt. has been a great partner and he is uncomfortable changing companies. Mrs. Eckel encouraged the mayor to get answers to s questions regarding logistics. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2020- 12 - A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED WHICH CREATED THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (TARTA) BY: (1) ADDING LUCAS COUNTY AS A MEMBER OF TARTA; (2) ELIMINATING TARTA’S 2.5 MILL PROPERTY TAXES AND SUBSTITUTING A .5% SALES AND USE TAX AND; (3) ALLOCATING MONIES FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTED TO TARTA TO DIRECTLY FUND ITS OPERATIONS AND ALLOCATE MONIES FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTED TO OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF MASS TRANSIT RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE; PROVIDED THAT SUCH CHANGES ARE CONTINGENT UPON VOTER APPROVAL OF THE NEW TARTA FUNDING SYSTEM AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban encouraged council to ask questions of the TARTA reps, Mayor Mackinnon said he would like to see this passed tonight, and Mr. Densic asked about another presentation. Kim Dunham said BGSU will be giving a presentation on the economic impact of TARTA. Mr. Densic asked if all the members have to approve the resolution and attorney Heban yes, that all the other members have to approve. Kim Dunham said that Ottawa Hills approved last week after the second reading and they have received a positive vibe from even Sylvania Township. Mayor Mackinnon said the most successful communities have successful public transit and this will let the people decide. Mr. Heban agrees this should pass tonight and there is no doubt that TARTA helps us with economic development and this resolution will put in the citizens hands to choose. Mr. Densic said there are still questions whether the sales tax balances out against property tax and based on the election and time to get on the ballot there is no need to pass this before given three readings. Mayor Mackinnon said there is no reason not to. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion Heban, Marquette aye, Ruse, Eckel, Staczek, Densic no. Motion fails 2-4. This was given a second reading only.

#2020 - 13 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SUPPORT THE WOOD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY ON A GRANT APPLICATION FOR A SAFETY STUDY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2020 - 14 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT (EDA); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2020-15- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Chief Drouard said this is a grant with the City of Perrysburg as the lead agency for reimbursement of COVID -19 expenses which in our case is about \$7900 for PPE's. Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to amend and add Rossford to the list of participants. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mrs. Eckel said the next meeting falls on Memorial Day and does that mean we will meet on Tuesday, May 26th and she was told yes. She asked about the Memorial Day parade and Mayor Mackinnon told her it has been cancelled.

Mr. Heban said he does not understand the no votes on the TARTA resolution and said he is disappointed in his fellow council members.

Mr. Ruse said the TARTA resolution was not voted down and that whether we passed it now or next meeting it would not get to the voters any sooner than the November election. He asked if we can follow up on the FEMA grant and Chief Drouard said he will. Mr. Ruse said the public works committee report mentioned the no parking on Eagle Point Rd. and Colony Rd. and asked what needs to be done to make this happen. Attorney Heban said the administrator has the authority to do this and council can override by ordinance.

Mr. Densic said he thought that no parking on the street was addressed in the charter, asked if there were any issues with docking at the marina, questioned the status of long term usage of Eagle Point and Indian Hills schools, and asked if the mayor had a update on the master plan. Mayor Mackinnon said probably not for four or five weeks.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Neil A. Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council