

MINUTES
CITY & SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE
AUGUST 22, 2016

Members in Attendance: Kent Butler, Chair
Jennifer Cochran, Vice-Chair
Peter Kotses, Member

Other Council Members: Chris Fahl
Patrick McGee
Michele Papai
Jeff Risner

Administrators and/or

Other Elected Officials: President Knisely
Mayor Patterson
Service-Safety Director Horan Moseley
Auditor Hecht

President Knisely -- no meeting next Monday (5th Monday) -- next Regular Session of Council will be held on Tuesday, September 6th, due to Labor Day holiday -- luncheon with President McDavis is scheduled at the Ohio University Inn on Friday, September 9, at noon

- Supplemental Police Services (Chief Pyle)

- Police Chief Tom Pyle -- explained the payment relationship with Ohio University for special event officers -- in the past, officers have been paid directly -- University is now requesting a formalized contract, using a payment reimbursement method -- Chief suggested the City offer aid to the University gratis, noting the University has never charged the City for similar aid -- University Police provide about 1000 hours of aid to the City per year -- City provides about 300 hours annually to the University -- would like to adopt a working relationship that is more collaborative -- would like to renew this new working relationship as part of mutual aid agreement

- McGee -- asked about additional cost to the City?

- Chief -- City would pay approximately \$15,000 annually in officer overtime to aid the University, while the University pays approximately \$50,000 to its officers in aiding the City -- clarified, this is a recommendation from him; the University did not ask for it

-Mayor -- as an example, the Mayor informed Council of the unplanned 10,000 individuals on Mill Street over the weekend -- University assistance was requested

-Butler -- appreciates such collaboration for safety and the betterment of our community, serve and protect

-President -- likes the change; officers working cooperatively

- Mutual Aid

-Butler -- current mutual aid agreement with Ohio University expires October 25, 2016 -- renewal period will cover 2016-2020 -- will edit to add language requested by Chief speaking to special events and/or emergency aid -- included in this Agreement, both parties agree to provide aid to contiguous borders and primary jurisdiction, investigations, other areas of mutual assistance, priority use, and command and control

-Chief -- Mutual Aid Agreement has been ongoing since the 70's, with few changes -- provides University Police jurisdiction anywhere in the City -- offers an advanced working relationship

-Mayor -- will provide Council a copy of proposed new agreement, highlighting the changes

- Washington County Jail Contract

-Mayor -- Washington County Commissioners have requested a contract to house prisoners -- the fee remains at \$60.00 per day and is standard with other facilities

-Police Chief -- due to vicinity (it is the closest facility) the Washington County jail is used as overflow space

-McGee -- asked about any other alternatives in Athens County that may be available, and be more cost effective

-Chief --if not a required incarceration, officers will be released to a family member or friend, noting that the City does have a presumption of liability -- temporary booking plan is available during special events

-Kotses -- has accompanied APD on a ride along -- understands that safety is a consideration at all times

-McGee -- requested Auditor provide costs for use of other jails

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Mutual Aid Agreement
2. Jail Contract

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AUGUST 22, 2016
FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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Items Discussed:

- Bond Rating Process

-Risner -- this process occurs when financing general obligation bonds for major projects -- important to have a good credit rating to get a lower interest rate -- presently the City has an AA2 rating (judged to be of the highest quality, subject to the lowest level of credit risk) -- a review of our credit rating has been requested -- possibility that City could be downgraded to AA3 or even A1 (judged to be upper-medium grade and subject to low credit risk), but will likely have a higher interest rate -- City will strongly negotiate our credit rating

-Auditor -- explained that bond issues are done when financing over 10-years -- ratings are assigned using Moody's rating scales for relative credit risks -- need to be convincing that the City is worthy of a good credit rating -- high quality rating depends on cash reserves, trend in steady income tax receipts, dedicated tax to making this payment -- all needs to happen at same time as borrowing money -- requirement for City to post pension liability (could be a big drawdown)

-Papai -- asked about the amount to be borrowed for the pool?

-Auditor -- has not been notified of an absolute dollar figure -- legislation will refer to an amount "up to"

-Mayor -- MSA Sports has been told to keep under \$7.3 million with up to \$500,000 on design engineering

-S-S Director -- \$7.3 includes interest

-Mayor -- timeline for bond rating will likely be end of September -- receiving an AA3 rating relies on many factors, from having a comprehensive plan to the dedicated income tax -- City has a lot of positives moving forward

-Auditor -- will need to explain poverty rate (many young people working for minimum wage) -- very stable revenue with Ohio University -- policies and procedures in place -- not much industry, but we have other revenue streams such as tourism -- we benefit from Hocking County tourism as well since we have the hotels

-Mayor -- City receives \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000 in tourism dollars annually -- also, Athens Mold and Machine opening and committed to create 60 new jobs over the next three years, an estimated \$2,000,000-plus payroll -- during 2008-2010 shows City is recession proof

-Auditor -- a lot of City information to be updated in credit rating documents -- would like to complete process by end of October

-Mayor -- has a draft timeline -- will provide to Council

-Risner -- City will put best foot forward to create a good impression

- Appropriations

-Auditor -- Medical Internal Service Fund needs to appropriate \$500,000 of the \$802,000 unappropriated balance -- claims expenses are higher than anticipated -- medical budget is \$2.4 million

-Pumper Truck -- bond legislation is due in October -- balance is approximately \$525,000 -- last year the City paid down \$50,000, \$25,000 from the City and \$25,000 from Ohio University's \$50,000 commitment toward fire safety

-Municipal Court requests (\$3,978.28) in unspent funds be appropriated to Community Corrections Act (CCA) Fund 235, T.C. 600

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

- 1. Pool Borrowing (Bond Counsel)**
- 2. Pumper Truck (Bond Counsel)**
- 3. Appropriations**

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
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Items Discussed:

- Halloween (2016)

- Brandon Thompson, Clean & Safe Halloween Committee -- reported the event will be held Saturday, October 29 -- there will be two stages, same locations -- music will end at an earlier time, 12:30 a.m. -- traditional street closing and parking ban in place, Court Street from Mulberry to Carpenter, and essential intersecting streets -- requested closing Carpenter to State at 8:00 a.m., due to a tight timeline -- employ, as necessary, uniformed members of APD and other City employees to preserve peace and public order -- suspend the enforcement of ACC 13.04.10, unnecessary noise, for scheduled bandstand and performances hosted by the Clean & Safe Halloween Committee -- suspend the enforcement of ACC 11.04, vending

- Butler -- sees some benefit in the later music time -- gives revelers something to do

- Chief -- heavy consumption of alcohol happens during later hours -- better idea to end uptown attractions earlier

- Cochran -- earlier evening will contribute to a safer environment

-Papai -- requested keeping business owners in mind when banning parking and closing streets

-Mayor -- Honey of the Heart parade is a calming event

-Thompson -- space is available and he is open to other such community friendly activities between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. -- please contact him on the website with any ideas

- Trick-or-Treat (AUBA)

-close Court Street from Union to Carpenter on Monday, October 31, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. -- ban parking from 2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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1. Halloween - Close
2. Halloween - Noise
3. Halloween - Vending
4. AUBA