

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NORTH OLMSTED  
JUNE 23, 2009**

Present: Council President Kennedy, Council Members Barker, Brossard, Gareau, Kearney, Mahoney, Orlowski

Also Present: Finance Director Copfer, Clerk of Council Seman

Absent: Council Member Dailey Jones

President Kennedy called the special City Council meeting to order at 8 p.m. in the Council Caucus Room in City Hall, 5200 Dover Center Road, North Olmsted, Ohio.

Members of the audience were invited to join Council in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councilman Gareau, chairperson of the Finance Committee: 1) The Finance Committee met on June 23, 2009 from 7:02 p.m. to 7:32 p.m. Present were Council President Kennedy, Councilman Brossard, committee member Barker, Councilman Orlowski, committee chairman Gareau, committee member Kearney, Councilman Mahoney; the Finance Director, Service Director, Human Resources Director, Planning Director, and City Engineer. Two of the four items discussed were as follows:

- Resolution 2009-75, a resolution authorizing the Director of Planning to make application on behalf of the city of North Olmsted for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for reconstructing a portion of Country Club Boulevard near Great Northern Mall; authorizing the Mayor to accept the grant if awarded; and declaring an emergency. The city has been quite successful in the recent past with applications for Community Development Block Grant money and recently became aware of the fact that potentially an additional grant of \$500,000 could be made available if the city was successful in its application. Based upon the fact that the Great Northern Multi Modal study is in effect and taking place along Great Northern Mall and County Club Boulevard, the decision was made by the administration to pursue funding for the re-surfacing, re-curbings, and re-lighting of Country Club Boulevard from Victoria Lane to Route 252. That is the scope of the application. The committee meeting was held because the \$500,000 grant would be insufficient to cover the total cost of the project, which by estimate could be approximately \$850,000. There were three choices for providing the extra \$350,000: a traditional borrowing; using money from the permanent improvement fund street and storm; using the street maintenance fund—or any

combination of those three. This involves 3,350 feet of roadway and rehabbing 17 light poles. It is expected the project will have a 20-year life. The city will have 18 months to complete it if the grant is received. A committee motion was made by Councilman Gareau to recommend approval; the motion was seconded by Councilman Kearney, and the committee voted 3-0 to recommend approval. There was a request to suspend based upon the fact there is a July 2 deadline for the application.

- Resolution 2009-78, a resolution authorizing the Director of Human Resources to purchase an email software server, an email archiving software server and a MUNIS server through the State Purchase Program, and declaring an emergency. This issue has been previously discussed during budget hearings; and the funds were borrowed earlier in the year. The email server will help the city comply and maintain records pursuant to 149.43, the public records statute. It would provide the ability to respond and record requests quickly as required by the code. The current mechanism is insufficient. We are also having a problem with off-site storage and failure of systems that have been put in place. The MUNIS server is five years old and needs to be replaced. When replaced, the current MUNIS server will be put into a back-up capacity. Also, archiving and email software would require one server each and a great deal of hard-drive storage. This would help us retain our emails in an appropriate way. The committee motion was made by Councilman Gareau and seconded by Councilman Barker to recommend approval of Resolution 2009-78, and the committee recommended approval by a vote of 3-0. There was a request to suspend based upon the fact that this has been discussed since the end of last year, funding is in place, and it is necessary to move forward in order to allow it to be completed as quickly as possible.

### **LEGISLATION**

Resolution No. 2009-75 introduced by Mayor O'Grady was given its second reading. A resolution authorizing the Director of Planning to make application on behalf of the city of North Olmsted for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for reconstructing a portion of Country Club Boulevard near Great Northern Mall; authorizing the Mayor to accept the grant if awarded; and declaring an emergency. Councilman Gareau moved for suspension of the rule requiring three readings, noting it had been reviewed in committee and the request for suspension is based upon the fact that there is a July 2 deadline for the application and there will not be a Council meeting before that date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and passed unanimously. Councilman Gareau moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and passed unanimously. Resolution No. 2009-75 adopted.

Resolution No 2009-78 introduced by Mayor O'Grady was given its second reading. A resolution authorizing the Director of Human Resources to purchase an email software server, an email archiving software server and a MUNIS server through the State Purchase Program, and declaring an emergency. Councilman Gareau moved for suspension of the rule requiring three readings, noting it had been reviewed in committee

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and the request for suspension is based upon the fact that it has been discussed at previous meetings and the borrowing is in place. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and passed unanimously. Councilman Gareau moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and passed unanimously. Resolution No. 2009-78 adopted

Resolution No. 2009-83 was introduced and placed on first reading by Councilman Gareau on behalf of Mayor O'Grady and himself. A resolution adopting the alternative tax budget of the city of North Olmsted for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010, and submitting the same to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency. President Kennedy assigned Resolution No. 2009-83 to the Finance Committee.

Councilman Mahoney made a motion to excuse the absence of Council Member Dailey Jones. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kearney and passed unanimously.

Councilman Gareau made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mahoney and passed unanimously. The Council meeting was recessed at 8:10 p.m.

President Kennedy reconvened the Council meeting at 9:20 p.m.

With the agenda being completed, President Kennedy adjourned the special City Council meeting at 9:21 p.m.

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Barbara L. Seman, Clerk of Council

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Kevin M. Kennedy, President of Council