

Wilmington City Council met in special session on Wednesday, December 29, 2010, at 7:30 a.m. with President Fred Ertel presiding.

Roll Call: Jaehnig, present; Wells, present; Peterson, present; Wallace, present; Mead, present; Mongold, present; McKay, present.

Assistant Chief Weyand was also present.

President of Council – Fred Ertel: Let's get right into the Finance Committee area. Sandy, Finance Committee?

Finance Committee – Chairperson Sandy Mongold: The first item we have today is an ordinance making supplemental appropriations. If you notice, they are all reverse appropriations.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on the ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by Peterson to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by Jaehnig to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4948 passed as read.

Councilwoman Mongold: Next, we have an ordinance making supplemental appropriations.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on the ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4949 passed as read.

Councilwoman Mongold: The third item, and I would like to make several comments before we get into having that. Treasurer Geoffrey Phillips questioned one item, "Consultant - Prospect Data." That item is for Dave Hogg. He does all of the computer work for the Police Department. There are several line items right under this that also pertain and have been on the budget for the last approximately five years for Dave. I would also like to comment that last year at this time we were sitting here with a \$2 million deficit. I want to commend the city employees for reducing that figure by at least a million dollars – more than a million dollars. I would like to make that comment. We hope that will happen again this year – that we will be able to reduce. Before we give a third reading, are there any comments from the Mayor, Auditor, anybody?

Councilman Wells: We didn't have anyone laid off last year and this year we do. That's all.

Deputy Auditor Vance: That is how we reduced it by a million dollars.

[Inaudible comments]

Councilman Wells: I didn't say that. I just said we didn't have anyone laid off last year and this year we do.

Deputy Auditor Vance: Last year being 2010.

Scott Kirchner: At this time last year, which is what Councilwoman Mongold said.

Deputy Auditor Vance: For the budget in 2010, we were sitting at a \$2 million deficit going into 2010. Going into 2011, that \$2 million deficit is reduced by a million dollars.

Scott Kirchner: Correct. Councilman Wells is saying at this time last year we didn't have anyone laid off.

Deputy Auditor Vance: In 2009. But the layoff...part of it was the layoff in the 2010.

Councilman Wells: That is what I'm talking about.

Councilwoman Mongold: ...that it was reduced. We're saying...

Scott Kirchner: Those were mostly firefighters and police positions, correct?

Mayor Raizk: No, that is not correct.

Scott Kirchner: Quantities.

Mayor Raizk: There were over 20 folks. There were four full-time.

Scott Kirchner: And how many intermittents?

Mayor Raizk: Well, the intermittents had to be laid off before the full time. That's the law.

Scott Kirchner: I understand that.

Mayor Raizk: Those folks were part time. We also laid off people in Parks and Recreation. We laid off people in almost every department. It was across the board. It was not singularly picking on one or the other. In the Police Department, we did not lay off anybody, but there were some positions that left on their own or through attrition that were not replaced. We laid off people in Administration...all through. So, it is not correct to say that they were firefighters that we laid off to get there.

Scott Kirchner: Actually, what I said was the majority of safety personnel in the total layoffs or non-filled positions.

Mayor Raizk: But, as far as active positions, the case is that there were some that were much higher salaries and that accounted for more than what the intermittent total salaries counted for.

Councilwoman Mongold: Am I correct that there were actually only a net of three fire personnel?

Mayor Raizk: A couple of folks have gotten other jobs. We have since...one has left on their own and has been rehired back. We are in the process of trying to find ways to put them back on.

Scott Kirchner: Sandy, I wanted to just offer support and appreciation for the ideas and accountability brought forth by Councilman Wells and Councilman Mead with the directive to try to balance the budget. I believe it is the responsible thing to do and commend them for bringing forward the ideas and try to start a discussion to get to that accountability. I think they have done a great job and a great service to their constituents.

Councilwoman Mongold: The Finance Department has taken their comments into consideration and we will be discussing them. Any other comments?

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to give the third reading only on the ordinance Making Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Wilmington, Ohio during the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2011, as Amended.

Wells and Mead voted nay. All others voted yea.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by Peterson to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, no; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, no; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4950 passed as read.

Councilwoman Mongold: That is all we have. Thank you.

President Ertel: Thank you very much for coming.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Jaehnig to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk