

NORWALK CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

December 13, 2016
7:30 p.m.

Municipal Court
Norwalk, Ohio

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council President Steve Euton called the Finance Committee meeting to order. The following Council members were present: Chris Mushett, Steve Euton, Samantha Wilhelm, Kelly Beck, Deb Lucal, Chris Castle, Dave Wallace, and Steve Schumm.

Item No. 16-067

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 181.06 OF THE NORWALK CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Mr. O'Hara explained Council's options, and Council agreed to leave the legislation tabled to expire at the end of the year.

There being no further business to discuss, the Finance Committee meeting was adjourned.

WORK SESSION

Council President Steve Euton called the Work Session to order. The following Council members were present: Chris Mushett, Steve Euton, Samantha Wilhelm, Kelly Beck, Steve Schumm, Chris Castle, Dave Wallace, and Deb Lucal.

Mayor Robert Duncan, Finance Director Diane Eschen, Law Director Stu O'Hara, Safety/Service Director Dan Wendt, and Public Works Director Josh Snyder were also in attendance.

Item No. 16-111

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE WRITTEN PLAN OF THE TREE BOARD AS THE 2017 COMPREHENSIVE TREE PLAN OF THE CITY OF NORWALK

Mayor Duncan explained this legislation is to approve the comprehensive tree plan for 2017.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next regular session.

Item No. 16-112

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A JOB CREATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH BORGERS OHIO, INC.

Mr. O'Hara said this legislation is Phase 2 of the economic incentive that was presented to Borgers. He said Borgers gets a tax credit against their income tax obligation to the City. Mr. Wallace asked if the incentive for Phase 2 is the same as Phase 1. Mr. O'Hara said yes, 20%.

Mr. Mushett asked what the financial impact is to the City. Mrs. Eschen said out of \$54,000 in new payroll taxes Borgers would get \$10,800 back.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda for the upcoming special session.

Item No. 16-114

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE 2016 ANNUAL BUDGET
AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2015-057 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Eschen explained the supplemental.

Mr. Wallace asked how the utilities for the Parks and Recreation department have increased \$16,000. Mr. Wendt explained that the City was locked in at .654/kwh. He said an agreement was recently signed for 2018 at .485/kwh. He added that in the summer of 2015 the outdoor pool closed 23 days due to rain as opposed to 3 days in 2016.

Mr. Wallace asked if the anticipated increase was included in the 2017 budget. Mrs. Eschen said yes.

Mr. Snyder explained Section 3 to be the funds necessary for additional inspection services as a result of the Pleasant Street Sewer Project construction period being extended. Mr. Mushett asked if these expenditures were anticipated. Mr. Snyder replied yes, but added that it is difficult to predict the duration of the project.

Mr. Euton asked if the project completion date is May 28, 2017. Mr. Snyder confirmed and said the park restoration is slated for mid-April. Mr. Wallace asked if the City will incur more fees if they go past the completion date. Mr. Snyder said it is possible, but they are in a good spot construction wise.

Mr. Castle pointed out that the contract shows final completion date to be July and asked if the funds will cover everything through July. Mr. Snyder said yes, the additional time is for the completion of paper work.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next regular session.

Mayor Duncan said he attended an Ohio Municipal League meeting regarding local government funds. He said he will be sending Council members a website they can reference for more information.

There was no discussion on the proposed 2017 budget.

Mr. Wallace asked what the current status of the Council Facebook page is. Mr. Euton said there will be a vote at the next regular session and following approval the page can be used.

Mr. Mushett asked what the status is of the property located behind the Main Street School. Mr. O'Hara said the City is currently in negotiations with the school system and the legislation will expire at the end of the year.

There being no further business to discuss, the Work Session was adjourned.

SPECIAL SESSION

Council President Steve Euton called the Special Session to order. The following Council members were present: Chris Mushett, Steve Euton, Samantha Wilhelm, Kelly Beck, Steve Schumm, Chris Castle, Dave Wallace, and Deb Lucal.

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Mrs. Wilhelm moved to pass the resolution. Mr. Castle seconded. Mr. Castle, Mr. Beck, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Schumm, Mrs. Lucal, Mrs. Wilhelm, and Mr. Wallace voted in favor. Resolution No. 2016-053 passed.

Mr. Euton said the next meeting will be a Regular Session on December 20, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Stephen E. Euton
President

Jaime L. Peiples
Clerk