

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Rick Schaffter on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room of Huron City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

The Mayor called for a moment of silence. After the moment of silence, the Mayor led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and then directed the Clerk to call the roll. The following members of Council answered present: **Rodney Kilbury, Trey Hardy, Phyllis Wassner, Rick Schaffter, Tom Solet Sam Artino and Brad Hartung.** Also present: City Manager **Andy White**, Law Director **Laura Alkire**, Finance Director **Cathy Ramey**, Fire Chief **Steve Osterling**, and Management Services Coordinator ~ Clerk of Council **Christine Gibboney.**

There were no minutes to approve. The next item on the agenda was Audience Comments.

Audience Comments

Pete Schade-Director Erie County Health Department spoke of current operations within the Health Department:

- -The EPA requires a monitoring program for outfalls. The department is planning/preparing for water quality issues in 2012 and will seek to apply, on behalf of the City of Huron, to the EPA for an Urban Waters grant which will aid in the monitoring of outfalls. He noted that he is seeking support from Council for this. In response to a question from Councilman Kilbury, Mr. Schade explained that the primary focus that the grant will address are outfall issues, however, that can potentially help with algae issues as well.
- Public Health Outreach Programs have been very successful. The Huron Township facility hosted 14 clinics in 2011 with 1,400 residents treated. Due to the large volume of participants, the Health Department may need to add another location and/or extend hours and could potentially ask the City to host clinics as well. He distributed the 2012 Clinic Schedule to the Clerk.
- Health Department ended 2011 fiscally sound with \$122,000 carryover.
- \$15,000 in Lake Erie funding will be used for algal bloom research.
- The Erie County Community Health Center board contains 11 community based board members and are currently seeking another member and advised Council members to contact him if they know of someone who may be interested in serving.
- Community Health Assessment Data meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19th 10am –noon at the State Theater.

New Business

Resolution 2012-1

Motion by Mr. Hardy that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2012-1 (A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN ADVANCE PAYMENT OF THE CURRENT COLLECTION OF TAXES DUE THE CITY OF HURON) be placed upon its first reading. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Wassner, Schaffter, Solet, Artino, Hartung, Kilbury (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on suspension of the rules. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White noted this is annual legislation requesting an advance payment of taxes due the city from the County. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution No. 2012-1. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Wassner, Schaffter, Solet, Artino, Hartung, Kilbury (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Resolution No. 2012-1 had been adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

- State of the City presentation will take place on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 6:30pm at the Huron Public Library.
- Interim Police Chief Interviews will take place on Wednesday and Thursday. Interviews will be conducted by Erie County HR, Administration, Mr. Artino, and Mr. Solet.
- Attended Kalahari Ribbon Cutting Ceremony today on the new convention center. County, State and Federal officials were in attendance.
- Master Plan Steering Committee meeting is being planned for February 2, 2012. City Architecture has prepared several conceptual plans for the committee to review and discuss.
- Administration has been discussing issues relating to Storm Water compliance with the Water/Services Department and City Engineer Gene Esser and may be recommending a Storm Water Utility to generate some revenue to cover costs that will be required to be in compliance with Storm Water regulations. One option discussed is a fee per quarter on water bills that would be deposited into an enterprise fund for the provision of Storm Water maintenance. Discussions will continue on this topic and eventually a meeting with the Finance Committee will be required.
- Regional Dispatch agreement is currently being reviewed by the attorney for the County and anticipated to be on the agenda for the next meeting of Council.
- Acknowledged the success of the weekend event and recognized Council, staff and the community. Special note of thanks to Doug Steinwart and the Parks and Recreation Department for quick planning and preparation to host this event.

Mayor's Discussion

- Regarding the Storm Water item above, the Mayor inquired if just the City was thinking about creating a fee or is this regional discussion? Mr. White noted that right now this is just internal discussion; however, he would encourage discussion on a regional level. He went on to provide the example of a \$5 per quarter fee on water bills which would generate approximately \$60,000-\$70,000 in revenue on an annual basis and also noted that there may be grant funding opportunities as well. Mayor Schaffter noted his concern that since storm water issues are not only generated by residents of the city, that the burden should not only be placed on city residents.
- Recognized the work of Administration and Staff for the planning & preparation of the Implosion Event.

For the Good of the Order

- Mr. Artino inquired if perhaps a work session of sorts with the new City Manager of Sandusky-Nicole Ard on the Storm Water matter and other issues could be arranged. He noted that he has spoken to her on several occasions and would like to have discussions on regional efforts. Mr. White noted that he has reached out to Ms. Ard as well and suggested that perhaps after she gets settled in that maybe a meeting could be scheduled. Mr. White suggested perhaps Administration and a small group of Council members could meet with her initially. He added that he would expect to be hearing from her in the near future.
- Mr. Artino noted that he was approached by some residents with complaints on the Rye Beach traffic signals and wondered if this could be looked into. The Mayor noted that the traffic lights on the overpass are ODOT's. Mr. White noted that this matter has been discussed in the past and can be revisited and traffic patterns assessed.
- Ms. Wassner noted that Erik Kelly of AED complimented the City of Huron and its residents and noted how impressed he was during his stay here.
- Mr. Hartung expressed his thanks to Administration and staff on the planning and preparation of the implosion event.

The Mayor noted that correspondence was distributed at Council places this evening with the appointments for various Boards and Commissions (Appointment list attached and included as part of the minutes) and asked for a motion to approve the appointments as presented.

Motion by Mr. Artino to approve the appointments to various Boards and Commissions as presented. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Hartung, Kilbury, Hardy, Wassner, Schaffter, Solet (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and appointments approved.

The Mayor then asked if Administration was requesting an executive session this evening. Ms. Alkire noted that Administration was requesting three (3) executive sessions: Contract Negotiations, Employment/Appointment, and Real Estate. The Mayor noted that no further business would be conducted after the executive sessions.

Motion by Ms. Wassner that the regular meeting of January 10, 2012 be recessed for the purpose of holding an executive session to discuss contract negotiations. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Wassner, Solet, Artino, Hartung, Kilbury, Schaffter, Hardy (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and the executive session to order at 7:00 p.m. The Law Director, City Manager and members of Council discussed issues related to contract negotiations with regard to regional dispatch. The Mayor noted the discussion had concluded and declared the regular meeting of January 10, 2012 reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Wassner that the regular meeting of January 10, 2012 be recessed for the purpose of holding an executive session to discuss employment and appointments. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Wassner, Solet, Artino, Hartung, Kilbury, Schaffter, Hardy (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and the executive session to order at 7:15 p.m. The Law Director, City Manager and members of Council discussed issues related to employment and appointments. The Mayor noted the discussion had concluded and declared the regular meeting of January 10, 2012 reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Wassner that the regular meeting of January 10, 2012 be recessed for the purpose of holding an executive session to discuss the sale and/or purchase of real estate. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

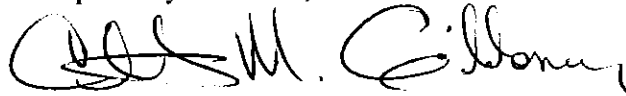
YEAS: Wassner, Solet, Artino, Hartung, Kilbury, Schaffter, Hardy (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and the executive session to order at 7:30 p.m. The Law Director, City Manager and members of Council discussed issues related to the sale and/or purchase of real estate. The Mayor noted the discussion had concluded and declared the regular meeting of January 10, 2012 reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the regular meeting of January 10, 2012 adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine M. Gibboney
Clerk of Council

Appointments
Boards and Commissions
January 10, 2012

Planning Commission

Bob Howell	Dec. '13	Re-appointment
Rodney Kilbury	Dec. '12	Appointment

Design Review Sub-Committee

Bob Howell	Dec. '14	Re-appointment
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Huron Joint Port Authority

TBD

Board of Building and Zoning Appeals

Larry Braidech	Dec. '16	Re-appointment
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Huron Joint Recreation District Board

Trey Hardy	Dec. '12	Re-appointment
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Economic Development Committee

Tom Solet		Appointment
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Finance Committee

Brad Hartung		Appointment
Chuck Thompson		Appointment (Addition)

Safety Committee

Tom Solet		Appointment
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Erie Council of Governments

Phyllis Wassner (P)	Dec. '12	Appointment
Brad Hartung (A)	Dec. '12	Appointment

Personnel Appeals Board

Pat Deville	Dec. '14	Re-appointment
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Scott Cemetery Board

Phyllis Wassner	Dec. '12	Appointment
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Enterprise Zone Committee

Rick Schaffter (P)	Dec. '12	Appointment
Brad Hartung (A)	Dec. '12	Appointment

Sewer Monitoring Committee

Rick Schaffter

Appointment

County MPO Committee

Brad Hartung (P)

Dec. '12

Appointment

Rodney Kilbury (A)

Dec. '12

Appointment

Huron Chamber of Commerce

Trey Hardy

Dec. '12

Re-appointment

Tax Incentive Review Committee

Rick Schaffter (P)

Appointment

Brad Hartung (A)

Appointment

Regional Water Advisory Board

Rick Schaffter (P)

Appointment

Brad Hartung (A)

Appointment

Liason to School Board (New Position)

Tom Solet

Appointment

Utility Review Board (New Board)

TBD