THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO

Proceedings of the Huron City Council Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The Mayor called the regular meeting of Huron City Council to order at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 via Webex teleconference. 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.

The Mayor directed the Clerk to all the roll. The following members of Council answered present: Christine Crawford, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Sam Artino, Joe Dike, Trey Hardy and Joel Hagy.

Also participating in the Webex teleconference: Interim City Manager Mike Spafford, Finance Director Cory Swaisgood, City Engineer Doug Green, Parks and Recreation Operations Manager Doug Steinwart and Executive Administrative Assistant and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hardy that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2020 be approved as printed and received. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, he directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

New Business

The Mayor invited Mr. Spafford or Mr. Chojnacki to discuss potential repairs to the grounds on or near the Huron Lighthouse Pier or former Showboat property.

Mr. Spafford discussions potential repairs needed near the north face of the former Showboat property. He referenced an e-mail sent to Council depicting an overhead view of the current conditions including an electronically imposed image of the last survey. This is a 10-foot stretch of land just south of the City's sidewalk that has undergone some pretty significant damage over the past could of years relative to the wave action coming in from the river, resulting in a significant scour 2-4 feet deep. Notwithstanding the various legal challenges being discussed regarding this property, he wanted to start a discussion with Council regarding the safety issues for a path forward for remediation. Through discussions with Mark Cencer of KS Associates, retaining wall project would be optimal, but in the short term, the City could use staff resources to clean cut a nice hard edge across the deepest part of the scour. We would have large stone shipped in to fill the hole in to help, at least for the short term, prevent additional scour and create a safer condition out there. Mr. Stafford wanted to bring Council into the discussion to talk through the logistics and then have Law Director Chojnacki chime in regarding the next steps forward.

Ms. Crawford asked if the sidewalk would be removed. Mr. Spafford said that the sidewalk is approximately 10' wide and would stay in place. The repair portion would be an additional 10' and would be behind the sidewalk.

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Mr. Tapp asked Mr. Chojnacki if this is something that Council should get advice from the new firm hired at the last meeting. Mr. Chojnacki responded that it would be advisable to run this through outside counsel in light of the nuance that is presented by the Showboat properties at large and some of the need for outside guidance to be sure that all I's are dotted and T's are crossed. The threshold issues that he has been discussing with Mr. Stafford is the need to ensure that the health, safety and welfare of the public is not jeopardized by the current state of the land in that area. Generally, we have done some due diligence to ensure that should Council's discussions with outside counsel put it in a situation where it feels comfortable taking some action, we believe that we would be able to accommodate Council's request in a timely fashion. The goal at this point is to make sure that the public and Council are aware that the administration is monitoring the situation closely and proceeding with caution in light of the legal considerations that everyone is sensitive to at this time.

Mr. Tapps asked Mr. Spafford if that are could be fenced off. Mr. Spafford said that while the City is able to fence off the area from the City's property along the pier, but deferred to Mr. Chojnacki and outside counsel with regard to the legalities involved with fencing off the property.

Mr. Hagy asked what the cost would be for the repairs and should the expenditure be prioritized based on what was learned at yesterday's Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Spafford said that the short-term fix is estimated at \$3,000. He would prioritize it because of the safety concerns. Notwithstanding the conversations at the Finance Committee meeting about keeping expenses as low as possible. He would encourage shoring up the property to keep it as safe as possible. The total cost would be \$3,000 because staff would be providing the labor.

Mr. Hardy asked if the previous contract has been contacted about the logistical and repair process/opinion. Mr. Stafford that the they have coordinated with Mark Cencer of KS Associates on this with regard to reaching out to all of the regulatory agencies, namely, the Army Corps of Engineer, Ohio DNR and Ohio EPA. Initial feedback has been positive from all three agencies, but are awaiting written confirmation.

Mr. Hagy asked if KS Associates warrants the work they did. Mr. Spafford said that it has been discussed, but best practices were used and the water levels have caused significant scour.

Mr. Hardy asked if permits are required, or are we allowed to proceed because the outside structure is not being touched. Mr. Spafford said that proposed project will not need any additional permitting or oversight, and is considered to be routine maintenance and not outside of what is already in existence at the site.

Mr. Tapp asked Mr. Chojnacki if there is an issue relating to spending City funds on property that is in limbo right now. Mr. Chojnacki deferred to outside counsel, and said that the matter is a good thing to discuss in executive session.

Ms. Crawford asked about the survey lines applied to the overhead photo. Mr. Spafford clarified that we had the surveying group do that. It is not exact, but not a close approximation. Ms. Crawford said that the area in question is not near the edge of Lot No. 1. She said that surveying is not her thing, but we are talking about maintaining property that is not in contention. Mr. Chojnacki said that is part of the scope of discussion to be resolved. It depends on the legal description being reviewed when reviewing the ownership documents that are potentially implicated in the Showboat property region.

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 Mr. Claus thanked Mr. Spafford for bringing this up. For anyone that has not been down there to see this, this is definitely a major safety concern – it is big hole. If you are walking on that sidewalk with kids running around at this time when people are going for walks while social distancing, we definitely need to get this filled in for the safety aspect.

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Spafford discussed the following topics:

- <u>Spring Newsletter</u>. We have been working on the spring newsletter, and it should be out by the end of this week or next week.
- Yard Waste Program. We had a bit of a snag with the yard waste program with Barnes Nursery. At the same time that County crews are doing maintenance to the bridge along Camp Road, essentially blocking access to Barnes Nursery from the south, Norfolk Southern came in without any notice and closed the tracks at Camp as well to do some maintenance to the tracks. The only access point to get the compost site at Barnes would be to get to Galloway and then to Hull and then to the short section of Camp the compost site is on. He is working with Mr. Zimmerman to determine the timeframe to get Camp opened.
- Controlled Burn. Mr. Spafford has been working with Fire Department regarding their application to the EPA to conduct a controlled burn at the spoil site. There is a 14-day period from the approval of the application to when the burn can take place. We are in the application phase and it hasn't been approved yet. Mr. Spafford thought that it would be 2-3 weeks before the burn will be scheduled. Once we have a firm date, we will get notice out to everyone. The biggest thing with this is to predict weather conditions and keep the wind out of the south to prevent smoke from coming into the community.
- Zoning Software. About the year ago, the City purchased new zoning software to help streamline operations and zoning permitting online. We are up and running on that software and it is going really well. Applications can be submitted either online or via e-mail to Christine. Christine is able to upload that application electronically and it is all saved in the cloud so that he contractor and our staff have access to that at any given point in time. Doug Green is able to log in remotely, review the site plan, review the permit electronically, approve that permit, and notifications are set out to everyone. It is a fairly quick, streamlined process. He wanted to highlight something that is working really well, and is being utilized even more while we are working on a skeleton crew internally. From a remote work standpoint, that is working very well.
- ODOT SRTS. Kudos to Mr. Green. He had a really good call with ODOT on Monday discussing an application we have before them for a Safe Routes to School project along Jim Campbell Blvd. This would be secondary to the US-6 Phase II project. Should we be awarded funding, it would happen in 2024. Mr. Green made an excellent application and presentation and received really good feedback. That project would be an 8-foot wide multi-modal path connecting the bike path along Jim Campbell Blvd. to Center Street.
- Work Session. We have been delayed on our public information process for US-6 Phase II. He wants to get this back on Council's radar and start to put together a contingency public outreach program, assuming we have to go electronic at least for the short term. He would like to discuss that at the work session, and within that same meeting, include an item included in a previous management report, which would be working with Erie Soil and Water Conservation District to convert our storm water management permitting process.

Ms. Crawford asked if, considering the high water levels and south wind, we had heard of any problems at Beachwood Cove. Mr. Spafford said that we are working with the contractor to get that project off the ground. He corresponded with Mr. Wright earlier today, and has going back and forth with County to

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finalize the agreement. We sent the first invoice over to them. The project hasn't started, but the administrative back-end authorization to proceed is underway. Prior to the COVID-19 situation, some the projections for high water coming from the State in January and February were already of concern. That is not on the back burner, it is very much front and center and very much part of our contingency planning. We are trying to monitor that situation the best we can, especially consideration the problem with the former Showboat property and the structural integrity along the City's boat basin.

Mayor's Discussion

None.

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- Ms. Crawford Wanted to remind everyone to be sure to complete their Census. It is a very easy process online, especially with the financial situation a lot of us are looking at in municipalities. We want to make sure we get a good count on that, so she urged all Huron residents to complete their Census information. Equally important is voting by mail this year. It's not too late to get your mail-in ballot. Contact the Board of Elections. Ms. Crawford thanked Mr. Spafford and the entire staff, all departments, first responders. It appears that the wheel of the City continues to roll despite adversities and she really, genuinely appreciate everyone's extra effort to keep everything on an even keel. Shout out to the Chamber of Commerce and South Shore Marine for spreading some Easter cheer throughout Huron. She has heard nothing but wonderful comments, all kinds of social media posts from some new players. A shout out to those two organizations that pulled that off.
- Mr. Claus Reiterated what Ms. Crawford said. Congratulations and we appreciated all of the hard work by all of the City departments Mike and his staff, first responders, fire department, police, etc., Chamber just to not repeat everything. He didn't know if everyone notice, if you look in the Sandusky Register, Huron has a huge percentage of the positive articles of things going on in Huron with the schools, the Chamber, of all the good will efforts that are happening during this crisis. Shout out to our community.
- Mr. Tapp looking forward to getting back to some normalcy. Kudos to the departments in the City of Huron, and we will get through this.
- Mr. Dike nothing.
- Mr. Hardy nothing further.
- Mr. Hagy shout out to Cory and Mike for the materials they put together for the Finance Committee review. It was very enlightening for the Council members that weren't able to make it or weren't there. He encouraged them to look at it we are looking at some very difficult finance times. Mr. Hagy extended his condolences to the Gioffre family. Mrs. Gioffre passed away this past week and for those of you who knew her, you were lucky she was just a great person and his heart goes out to the family.

Executive Session

The Mayor said there will be an executive session, and that there may or may not be action afterwards.

Motion by Mr. Dike to enter into executive session for the purpose of a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, and to invite the following: Gary Ebert, Todd Schrader and Ben Chojnacki.

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The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the motion passed.

Mr. Spafford said, for the benefit of the public, that anyone not invited into the executive session will be placed on temporary hold with the line muted so there won't be any audio projected, but once Council comes back and the meeting is restarted, as long as you stayed on the line you will be reinvited back into the meeting. If anyone does happen to call in during the time that the meeting is locked into executive session, they will be bounced out. If anyone does hang up during the executive session and tries to call back in while the executive session is still going on, they will be kicked. Mr. Stafford wanted to make sure the public is aware of how this will work. The meeting will now be locked. The Clerk asked everyone to hold on while the public was moved out to the lobby.

Council moved into executive session at 7:01pm.

Return to Regular Session

Council returned to regular session at 7:32pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Monty Tapp to adjourn the meeting. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, he directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the meeting of April 14, 2020 adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

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