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The work session meeting of Council held March 2, 2020 was called to order at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers. The following members of Council were present: First Ward Chris Jones, Second Ward Lisa Keller, Third Ward Cory Hoffman, Fourth Ward Drew Farrell, At-Large George Hellinger, and Vice-Mayor Kent Shafer who presided. Absent from the meeting was Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle.

Staff Present: Susie Daily, IT Director, Alycia Ballone, Budget Analyst, Ted, Miller, Parks and Natural Resource Director, Blake Jordan, Public Utilities Director, Bruce Pijanowski, Police Chief, Sean Hughes, Economic Development Director, Dave Efland, Planning and Community Development Director, Kyle Kridler, Assistant City Manager, and Tom Homan, City Manager

Motion to Excuse: Mr. Jones motioned to excuse Mayor Riggle, seconded by Mrs. Keller. Motion approved by a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEM 3: RESOLUTION NO. 20-22 [First Reading]
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT.

The Clerk read the resolution for the first time.

Motion: Mrs. Keller motioned to approve Resolution No. 20-22, seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion approved by a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 4: CONTINUED REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES AND CITY MANAGER'S 2020 WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Homan discussed the 4 pillars that outlined Council's priorities and the question presented by Councilwoman Keller regarding the priority to the new councilmembers. Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Farrell were in agreement to participate in the review process.

Mr. Homan discussed the Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment. He reviewed the current contract with the YMCA to contract out recreation services and that an appropriation was placed in the 2020 budget to create recreation position to look at taking over recreation services in 2021. Mr. Jones questioned the difference between the recreation center and recreation program. Mr. Homan discussed the collaboration and contractual relations of the recreational programs with the YMCA and the separate contract with the YMCA to use the building. Mrs. Keller discussed the confusion with sign ups for recreation programs and if this might be why some of the numbers are declining. Vice-Mayor Shafer recommends waiting until the assessment is completed and before a decision is made the City needs to know they can provide the services at a better level. Mrs. Keller discussed the need to promote the changes with Mingo Pool so residents know what is included in their membership. Mr. Hoffman preferred waiting to hear back from the results of the need assessment.

Chief Pijanowski discussed the Police Department Working Goals and Traffic Safety Program. Chief Pijanowski discussed putting together on a

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holistic program to work on the issues of speed and safety in residential neighborhoods. The program will incorporate education, enforcement and engineering to find solutions and how to work together. They are going to start with the more problematic streets and educate on the dangers of speeding in the neighborhood.

Mr. Jordan discussed the potential use of a water mobile station which hooks into a fire hydrant. He is working on putting this together to be used at different community events, such as, First Fridays. He provided information on the SolSmart Grant. Mr. Jordan discussed the success of the water smart meters.

Ms. Daily provided an update on the mobile app that is currently in the testing phase.

Ms. Ballone discussed the progress of the online surveying tool for citizens to use regarding the budget.

ITEM 5: DISCUSSION OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING OPTIONS

Mr. Homan discussed the recent Finance Committee meeting where it was discussed the \$1.6 million gap in local road needs. He discussed having a short-term property tax levy and that past feedback from citizens was to keep it temporary. He discussed the need to get an agreement from Council on moving forward with this process and determining when to put it on the ballot. He explained that it would be a high cost to put the levy on a August special election and concerns raised on putting it on November during the general election with the presidential election and the school levy.

Mr. Jones voiced concerns over the property tax levy with the increase of multi-family housing and was looking at a levy based on the income tax. Vice-Mayor Shafer discussed that there are still property taxes being taken out at multi-family units.

Mr. Homan discussed that 1.8 mills would provide the \$1.6 million gap. He discussed that the school levy is a renewal in November and it is not expected that they will have a levy in the Spring on 2021. Vice-Mayor Shafer voiced concerns over the levy being on a presidential election due to the amount of issues placed on the ballot. He recommends a May 2021 ballot.

Mr. Hoffman discussed the State of Ohio Municipal Income Tax and feels that municipal income tax is not the best way to finance roads. He feels it can create an issue on who is receiving what credit and who is not receiving a credit. Mr. Homan discussed which communities provide a credit to the income tax who does not. He discussed that Gahanna provided the option to residents to pass the road levy and get a 100% credit or if it fails then lose the credit. Mr. Homan discussed the option to reduce the income tax credit. Mr. Hoffman discussed that the rent for multi-family units is usually based on the land value.

Mr. Ferrigno discussed the previously failed transportation levy and reviewed the feedback received. The community surveys showed that the supportive issue was taking care of existing street and that new street connections was not a priority. The community feedback discussed that the information was confusing. He discussed the need to have precise

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clarity on what the funds will be used for and that the public would like a say in what the funds will be spent on. He discussed the use of Access Delaware to get the message out to the public and invite public comment. Mr. Jones requested information on the top ten priorities.

Mrs. Keller discussed providing questions to residents and having Council and staff meet with residents at public events to get feedback, i.e., First Friday, Coffee with Council. She recommended forming simple questions on an iPad and at these public events to solicit feedback.

Mr. Hellinger discussed the need to have a commitment from Council that if the levy fails to have a plan on when to try again.

Mr. Homan to have follow up with the Finance Committee for a formal recommendation. Vice-Shafer discussed comments received regarding the work session topics from email.

ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilwoman Keller motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Carolyn Kay Riggle
Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle

Elaine McCloskey
Elaine McCloskey, Council Clerk