

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING
AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HELD: JUNE 22, 2021
Highland Heights Community Center
7:45 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Brunello; Council Representatives D'Amico, DeLisio, DiLalla, Ganser, Hargate, Milroy, Stikkan; Clerk of Council Cahill; Fire Chief Turner; Police Chief Cook; Service Director Belfiore; Building Commissioner Grabfelder; Finance Director Filippo; Law Director Paluf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The reading of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 25, 2021 was dispensed with. Mr. Milroy moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. DiLalla. Ayes all; motion carried.

AGENDA

Purchase of New Ambulance & Load Device
Appropriation Ordinance
Transfer Ordinance
Capital Budget Discussion
Recreation Department Compensation

Purchase of New Ambulance & Load Device

Chief Turner submitted a memo dated June 9, 2020 explaining the request to purchase a replacement ambulance. As discussed at the Safety and Service Committee meeting, the ambulance was anticipated to be purchased in 2022. However, due to the volatility of metal and aluminum pricing, there could be a substantial increase in cost and delivery time. Chief Turner is requesting the purchase this year as the current delivery time is anywhere between 11-12 months from the date of order. Chief Turner requested a suspension of the readings of the legislation on tonight's Council Agenda as there is an anticipated 8% price increase in early July.

The second item on tonight's Council Agenda is a Resolution to purchase a stretcher load device from Stryker, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$24,000. Purchasing of the load device directly from Stryker will save approximately \$3,000.

The ambulance will be purchased through Ohio STS procurement and no payment is required until delivery in 2022. The budgeted amount for the purchase of the ambulance and load is device is \$325,000.

Mrs. Ganser stated the purchase of the ambulance and load device was thoroughly discussed at the Safety and Service Committee meeting this evening. There were no concerns of suspending the readings as the price will most likely increase and the amount has already been budgeted.

Appropriation Ordinance

Director Filippo submitted a memo dated June 16th listing the appropriation budget adjustments. The adjustments are in the following funds: General Reserve; NOPEC Grant; American Rescue Plan; General Bond Retirement; Special Assessment Bond Retirement; Capital Improvement.

Transfer Ordinance

Director Filippo explained the transfer ordinance from the General Bond Retirement Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund for \$2,473,695. All the bond proceeds were deposited into the Bond Fund. The transferred amount will be used for 2021 capital improvements and purchases. Director Filippo submitted proposed 2021 capital expenditures schedules.

The schedules are show a breakdown by department and totals \$2.9 million. There will be a reimbursement for the Bishop Road/Wilson Mills intersection of \$225,000 and \$200,000 will be from the American Rescue Plan for the Council Chamber renovation update. Director Filippo distributed to Council revised budget booklet pages.

Recreation Department Compensation

Mayor Brunello recommended establishing wage ranges for Asst. Pool Manager; Water Safety Instructor; Lifeguard and increase of hourly rates as delineated in the proposed Ordinance on tonight's Council Agenda. These rate increases were discussed previously in Executive Session. The compensation increases will be effective June 20th and will not be retroactive. Mayor Brunello is requesting a suspension of the readings as the Recreation employees are currently working.

President Stickan stated items #1-#6 on tonight's Council Agenda have been requested for suspension. All these items have been discussed in Committee and at Committee of the Whole meetings. There were no questions from Council regarding this suspension request.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Ms. D'Amico and seconded by Mrs. Ganser to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Ayes all; motion carried.