

County Council Regular Meeting: November 29, 2016

Observers: Mary Graf and Janice Patterson

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I. Introduction.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Councilman Brady and ended at 5:45 pm. All Council members were present except for Councilman Greenspan who was attending orientation for his new position in the Ohio House of Representatives.

II. Antecedents, Announcements and Public Comment.

The Rev. Pamela Pinkney Butts commented on agenda items regarding MetroHealth and animal abuse. Another concerned citizen spoke about the need for compliance with ADA requirements. County Executive Budish commended the OSU police officer who acted quickly to end the incident on campus.

III. Business Transacted.

Among the resolutions adopted after 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Reading were the following:

- appointment of Cory Swaisgood as Director of Internal Auditing,
- MetroHealth joint purchasing policies and procedures,
- \$641,000 contract to Applewood Centers, Inc. for juvenile day reporting program (in place of incarceration),
- the vacation of a portion of Warrensville Center Rd for the Van Aken project,
- an agreement with the FAA regarding the air traffic control tower at Cleveland County Airport,
- \$800,000 to NEO Regional Sewer District for disposal of wastewater sewer grit,
- an Economic Development Loan not to exceed \$1,500,000 to Fat Head's brewing for a brewery in Middleburg Hts. (expectation of up to 75 jobs),
- \$11 million in bonds for refinancing for Hathaway Brown School,
- \$1.6 million to Educational Service Center to align the fiscal year for the Help Me Grow Bright Beginnings program,
- \$1.3 million to Maximus Human Services for the Work Experience Program for public assistance recipients,
- \$1.4 million to Hylant Group Inc. for insurance brokerage and risk management services.

Among the resolutions introduced and referred to committee:

- Additional funds of \$500,000 for consultant services for Towpath Trail Extension,

- Amendment to a contract with Medical Mutual for an additional \$3.3 million for stop loss insurance,
- Three resolutions authorizing amendments to contracts with N. Harris Computer for the Real Property Tax System for \$3.1 million total,
- A contract with United Way for up to \$1.1 million for emergency food purchases,
- Declaration that Memphis Rd bridge needs replacement with estimated cost of \$3 million,
- A loan application for \$1.5 million to Ohio Water Dev. Authority in Olmsted Twnshp,
- An Economic Development Loan for up to \$2.5 million to Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization for a Lorain Ave. project.

IV. Notes.

A resolution authorizing an agreement for operation of jail services was withdrawn from the agenda, to be replaced later by a new resolution.

President Brady announced that he would be forming a subcommittee of the Committee of the Whole to focus on several transportation issues that had prompted much recent discussion by Council.