

SERVICE COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Jan Materni. Committee members present were Cory Kuhlman and Jan Materni. Jonathan Smith arrived at 5:36 p.m. Also present were Kate Sandretto, Law Director and Rob Ross, Public Service Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes from the January 27, 2021 meeting were approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kuhlman said that he would like to have a statistically validated survey done every two years to get citizen input with the budget for the survey coming from each committee. He asked that the Administration check and see if the group that did the survey for the Land Use Plan can do it, or if there is another company that can do it and get a price quote.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Ms. Sandretto reviewed the items that are included in the 2021 budget amendment including an additional \$25,000 for pavement markings, \$100,000 for the sidewalk program, a new street sweeper, a second plow truck, additional dollars for the SR25/Preston Parkway intersection improvements, retaining wall on Maumee Western Reserve Road, new gateway signs, multi-use path along SR25 from Roachton to the DDI, park improvements, and dollars for a potential dog park. She said that she spoke to the City's insurer, and they are sending out some information, but to be covered, we will have to comply with the AKC guidebook.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE TWO NEW SNOW PLOW TRUCKS

Ms. Sandretto presented a request to purchase two snow plow trucks. The trucks will be purchased from Rush Truck Centers at a cost of \$84,216.14 each. The plow, dump body, salt spreader, lighting and installation will be purchased from Henderson Products at a cost of \$91,798 each. The total price for each truck is \$176,014.14 for a total of \$352,028.28. Ms. Sandretto said that funds for one truck were already approved in the 2021 budget, and funds for the second truck are in the budget amendment. Mr. Ross provided the committee with details about snow plowing. He said that these two trucks would bring them up to nine trucks. He said they usually send out seven trucks, but he would like to have eight routes. There was a brief discussion about snow removal on sidewalks and multi-use paths, and discussion regarding snow removal downtown and

possibly the need for snow emergency streets. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of purchasing the two plow trucks and related equipment.

LAWN TREATMENT

Ms. Sandretto presented a proposed resolution approving a three year contract with TruGreen for law treatments at government buildings. She said that the cost is \$17,196 per year but since the total of the three years exceeds \$25,000, she is asking for Council approval. Mr. Ross explained that the contract is for TruGreen to treat 298 acres, and we could not perform the service at this cost. There was some discussion regarding the amount and type of fertilizer to be used and the timing of the treatments. Mr. Ross said he will check into those issues. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the contract.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion about the City having an arborist. Mr. Ross stated that we have one on the Street Tree Commission, and we have an employee with 38 years of experience. He said that they have talked about in the future bringing a full-time tree/landscape person on staff.

There was some discussion about the cost of the recycling program. Mr. Ross said that there is a proposal coming down the pike.

Mr. Smith asked if we have looked into using flashing crosswalk lights at areas other than the fire station and Front Street. Mr. Ross said he is not aware of any.

Mr. Kuhlman said that there has been some talk about a crosswalk between Rotary and Rivercrest Parks. He asked if we could do a pedestrian bridge anchored to the overpass on Fort Meigs Road to provide connectivity. Ms. Sandretto said that the Administration is having a traffic study done for that area.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Materni, Chairperson
Service Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.