



City Manager's Report

For
City Council Meeting
March 16, 2015

To: The Honorable President and
Members of City Council
From: Anthony Carson, City Manager
Date: March 13, 2015

LEGISLATION:

- 1. Resolution Establishing a Painesville Job Creation Tax Credit (JCTC) as permitted in Section 718.15 of the Ohio Revised Code and Declaring an Emergency.** The City of Painesville's Economic Development Department has drafted a Job Creation Tax Credit Program (JCTC) based on the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Council. This resolution will allow the City to exercise its authority to form a Job Creation Tax Credit Program under section 718.15 of the Ohio Revised Code. This is a new Incentive Program that can be added to the City's existing programs for business retention, expansion and attraction. The program would allow eligible companies who are creating new jobs to receive a refundable tax credit up to a maximum of 50% of municipal income tax withheld for qualifying new jobs against their City of Painesville income tax with approval from City Council. At least 25 new, full-time jobs must be created and maintained by the company (taxpayer) within three years of initial operations. For the purposes of this program, "new jobs" do not include transfers from affiliated companies within the City of Painesville, nor for wage and salary increases of existing jobs. The average hourly base wage rate (excluding benefits) of the project's new, full-time, or full-time equivalent jobs must be at, or above 150% of federal minimum wage (average income jobs). If the average hourly base wage rate (excluding benefits) of at least 10 new, full-time, or full-time equivalent jobs are at, or above 400% of the federal minimum wage (high income jobs), then the minimum number of new jobs to be created to qualify for this program is reduced to 10. The company must agree to maintain operations at the project site for at least twice the term of the maximum number of years the tax credit is offered up to 20 years. This is the third reading.
- 2. Ordinance Amending Appropriations for FY 2015.** This legislation adds additional appropriations to the 2015 budget in the total amount of \$310,000. The administration is requesting an additional \$140,000 for a new ambulance that will be paid out of Fund 236, Fire Improvement Levy Fund. The administration is also requesting an additional \$170,000 for a new 2 ½ ton dump truck, which will be paid out of Fund 732, Electric Construction Fund. The original 2015 total budget was \$66,053,670, if these appropriations are approved, the adjusted 2015 budget will be \$66,363,670. The City will incur substantial savings on the new ambulance if this ordinance can be passed this evening.
- 3. Ordinance Amending the Section 1146.03 Relating to Historic Preservation Districts.** The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on March 12th to consider an application from the Western Reserve Railroad Association (WRRRA) to establish a Historic District on the north side of Railroad Street which encompasses their property. The Commission favorably recommended amending Section 1146.03 to include the property within the Historic Preservation Districts by a

vote of 5-0. A map outlining this district is included in your packet. A Public Hearing on this ordinance is scheduled for the April 20th meeting. This item should remain on first reading.

4. **Ordinance Amending Section 1125.04 Relating to the definition of Downtown Development District.** This ordinance amends the definition section of the zoning code. The term “Downtown Development District” was added to the definition of (28) District, Commercial. Also added into the definition section was “Dormitories and Student Housing”. A public hearing is required on this item. This item should remain on first reading.
5. **Ordinance Amending Section 1127.01, 1127.05 and 1127.06 relating to the creation of Downtown Development District.** This ordinance creates the zoning classification of Downtown Development District. The purpose of the district is to permits a variety of commercial, business, cultural and recreational activities as a focal point of the community in accordance with the Downtown Master Plan and to encourage flexible zoning guidelines and site design criteria. This amendment establishes the permitted and conditional uses and the accessory uses that are permitted. A public hearing is required on this item. This item should remain on first reading.
6. **Ordinance Amending Section 1129.01 Relating to the Height, Lot Area and Minimum Floor Area Requirements within the Downtown Development District.** This ordinance amends the height, lot area and minimum floor area requirement in the zoning code. The regulations for the Downtown Development District were created to follow the other commercial districts within the code. The residential guidelines included are to create an urban “living environment” in the downtown area. A public hearing is required on this item. This item should remain on first reading.
7. **Ordinance Enacting Section 1138 Relating to Special Provisions for the Downtown Development District.** This ordinance creates special provisions and guidelines for development within the Downtown Development District. Development is permitted on parcels of land not less than two acres and no more than eight acres. Individual ownership of lots must file deed covenants and restrictions with the Lake County Recorder’s Office to ensure the project is constructed as a unified development project. Parking requirements and Setbacks are also addressed within the special provisions for the district. All buildings in the district are subject to the requirements contained in the Downtown Design Review District Standards. A public hearing is required on this item. This item should remain on first reading.
8. **Ordinance Amending the District Map to Rezone High Pointe Centre.** The City of Painesville has requested the rezoning of their property on East Washington Street, Liberty Street, High Street, and St. Clair Street from its current B-2 General Business/B-1 Business/Residential and R-2 Multi Family zoning to the newly created DD – Downtown Development District. The Planning Commission heard this request at their March 12, 2015 meeting and unanimously recommended approval.
9. **Resolution Authorizing Bids for the Reconstruction of Walnut Street.** This legislation authorizes the bidding of the Reconstruction of Walnut Street. This project is funded fifty percent by the Ohio Public Works Commission. The specific portion of Walnut Street included in this project extends south-west from the Liberty Street intersection to the Lake Metropark bike path which crosses Walnut Street approximately 200 feet west of Marion Avenue. This project will consist of the full reconstruction of the roadway including cement stabilization, concrete pavement and curbs, and any necessary drainage improvements.

- 10. Resolution Authorizing Bids for the Reconstruction of Lexington Avenue.** This legislation authorizes the bidding of the Reconstruction of Lexington Avenue. This project is funded fifty percent by the Ohio Public Works Commission. The project includes the entire length of Lexington Avenue from Newell Street to Stage Avenue. This project will consist of the full reconstruction of the roadway including cement stabilization, asphalt pavement, and any necessary drainage improvements.
- 11. Resolution Authorizing Bids for the Resurfacing of Erie Street (LAK-20-15.75).** This legislation authorizes the bidding of the Resurfacing of Erie Street (LAK-20-15.75). This project is funded eighty percent by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The project includes resurfacing of Erie Street from the intersection with Mentor Avenue/Wood Street/Watson Street east to the City corporation line near the Grand River. This project will consist of the planning of existing asphalt concrete, and the overlaying of asphalt concrete and pavement markings. Staff respectfully requests this be passed this evening.
- 12. Resolution to Apply for a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WRSLA).** The City of Painesville intends to apply for a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account for the planning, design, and construction of the Water Intake Project. The WSRLA requires the government authority to pass legislation for the application of the loan, execution of the agreement and designating a dedicated repayment source. Staff respectfully requests this be passed this evening.
- 13. Resolution Authorizing Bids for Salt.** This is an annual item authorizing the City to participate in the cooperative purchase of Sodium Chloride (rock salt) for the winter of 2015/2016. In the past, this has allowed the City to lock in a better rate by bidding with ODOT than we could have received on our own because of the volume pricing. This legislation is required to be submitted to ODOT by the end of May if we wish to participate in the program.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Prairie State Power Plant
2. Buffering of Railroads and Limited Access Highways

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL: Chief of Police Anthony Powalie