



City Manager's Report

For
City Council Meeting
May 18, 2015

To: The Honorable President and
Members of City Council
From: Anthony Carson, City Manager
Date: May 14, 2015

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There will be an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss matters involving personnel, contracts and potential litigation.

TABLED LEGISLATION:

- 1. Ordinance Amending Section 1303 of the Painesville Code of 1998, relating to Permits and Fees.** The proposed legislation addresses a number of needs as identified by new Building Inspector, David Zofko, and the Painesville Building Department. First, it requires that requests for extensions for a permit be put in writing and that the cost to extend the permit not exceed \$100.00. The purpose is to ensure that permits extensions are submitted reviewed and approved by the Building Department. The second proposed change is to increase the penalties for contractors or residents that start a project without a permit. We have found that the \$100.00 penalty is not a sufficient to deter them from obtaining a building permit. For this reason, staff is proposing to double the permit fee on the first offense, triple it for the second offense, and quadruple it on the third offense. It is important to understand that contractors or residents will not be impacted if they are obtaining permits and completing the work within the timeframe provided. Staff is requesting that this item be passed as an emergency measure so that it can be implemented should Council choose to approve. This item can go three readings. Tabled prior to Third Reading on 5.4.15 by Mrs. DiNallo.
- 2. – 6.Ordinances amending Sections 1305.03, 1306.03, 1303.07, 1303.08 and 1303.09 as they relate to Contractor Registration Fees.** The next five pieces of legislation are identical and address contractor registration for the various permits (general, electrical, plumbing, HVAC and sewer) required by the Ohio Building Code and the Residential Building Code of Ohio. The proposed legislation would change the fee to register as a contractor based on when the contractor applies. Staff is attempting to encourage contractors to register at the beginning of the year by providing a financial incentive to do so. In addition, it would reduce the registration fee when construction season has slowed and there will be limited work in the City. The objective of this proposed change is to encourage contractors to obtain a register and obtain a permit at the end of the year rather than take their chances on being caught. In addition, it proposes that the contractor registration fee be doubled if work starts prior to registering as a contractor with the City of Painesville. It is important to understand that this will not impact contractors who register early and do not start work prior to being registered. Staff is requesting that this item be passed as an emergency measure so that it can be implemented should Council choose to approve. These items can go three readings. Tabled prior to Third Reading on 5.4.15 by Mrs. DiNallo.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Prairie State Power Plant

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Law Director and City Manager