



City Manager's Report

For
City Council Meeting
May 4, 2015

To: The Honorable President and
Members of City Council

From: Anthony Carson, City Manager

Date: April 30, 2015

LEGISLATION:

- 1. Resolution Authorizing and Enter into a Contract to Replace Circuit Breakers at the Richmond Road Substation.** This legislation is being requested as part of our system Improvement plans. The breakers at Richmond Sub now are oil filled and almost 40 years old. The install date was in 1976. The issue with the age is spare parts. The last time we needed spare parts for one of these breakers we had to go to First Energy. They had the part because they were removing their breakers like this from service. Our move to a newer gas filled breaker helps with environmental concerns with a possible oil leak from the older breaker. Third Reading.
- 2. 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. Third Reading.
- 3. – 7.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. Third Reading.

8. **Ordinance relating to the Classification and Compensation Plan.** The Operating Engineer union has ratified their negotiated union contract. The Operating Engineers contract calls for a 2.5% rate increase in 2015, a 2.5% rate increase in 2016 and a 1.5% rate increase in 2017. The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees will be voting on their contract soon and their rate increase is the same as the Operating Engineers Contract. This legislation also requests that unclassified positions, non-union salary and hourly rated employees, and administrative class department/division heads and senior supervisors also receive the same rate increase as the Operating Engineers Contract. The Fraternal Order of Police will be voting on their contract soon and their contract calls for a 2% rate increase in 2015, 2016, and 2017. These agreements are retroactive to April 1, 2015. The City is still in negotiations with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Painesville City Firefighters, IAFF, Local 434. First Reading.
9. **Resolution Authorizing And Directing The City Manager To Submit An Application And Enter Into An Agreement With The Northeast Ohio Area wide Coordinating Agency For Funding For Infrastructure Improvements Of Jackson Street, And Declaring An Emergency.** The Northeast Ohio Area wide Coordinating Agency has contacted the City of Painesville informing us that the application packet is due June 1, 2015 for the Transportation Improvement Program. For this reason, staff is requesting that 2nd and 3rd reading be waived and it be passed as an emergency tonight. First Reading.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Prairie State Power Plant

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL: Park and Recreation Dept. – Lee Homyock

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Law Director and City Manager