

TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2009

The Trotwood City Council met in their Special Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Trotwood Community Center, 4000 Lake Center Drive, Trotwood, Ohio.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Vice-Mayor Joyce Sutton Cameron, Council Member Bettye L. Gales, Council Member Rap Hankins, Council Member Mary A. McDonald, Council Member Barbara J. Staggs, Council Member Ronald Vaughn, and Mayor Darreyl D. Davis.

Staff Members present: City Manager Michael J. Lucking; Acting Law Director Dalma Grandjean, Public Works Director Thomas Odenigbo, Acting Finance Director Patricia Shively, Fire and Rescue Chief Eugene C. Lutz, Planning and Zoning Administrator Carl Daugherty, Secretary to City Manager/Deputy Clerk of Council Sandy Riege and Clerk of Council Lois M. Singleton.

VISITORS:

George Riber, John T. Fecke, Jack Lewis, Pat Lewis, Theodore C. Fowler, George Weitendorf, Joseph McDonald, Marjorie Townes, Ken & Betty Smith, and S. H. Milliken (Trotwood Fire & Rescue).

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 09-73: A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL CERTIFYING TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS A 2.00 MILL FIVE (5) YEAR RENEWAL LEVY FOR PROVIDING AMBULANCE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER O.R.C. §5705.19(U): The Clerk read the caption. City Manager Michael J. Lucking asked Fire & Rescue Chief Eugene C. Lutz to come forward. The following recommendations will take in consideration the current financial challenges of the City of Trotwood, City of Trotwood Fire & Rescue Department, current budget constraints and the current economy.

Chief Lutz's recommendation is to go with the 2-mill renewal levy (1.43 effective millage) this November. This proposal is based on analyzing the current decline of the US economy, the decline of the housing market and current economic state of the Miami Valley Region and the City of Trotwood and current budget challenges.

Even though, the Trotwood Fire & Rescue Department has a high approval rating with our citizens the current economic decline and loss of jobs is going to play a major roll in this November election to pass a levy. If the 2-mill EMS renewal fails it will decrease the Fire & Rescue budget by \$526,803.

The passage of this levy will keep the budget at the current funding. Note: There will be a minimal increase due to the levy renewal. The foremost issue is that our current fire & rescue budget can not take a decrease by a failed levy attempt. The required revenue needs for the Fire & Rescue is around 4 to 5 mills additional to meet the current challenges and decrease the GFT. This would only take care of the current operational challenges. We still have the fleet and equipment issues to contend with. At this time, my recommendation is we stay away from the 2-mill replacement or 2-mill additional levy for operations. Any increase in taxes may cause our citizens to vote no this November.

Even though, stated previously any additional taxes will be scrutinized by voters. Nevertheless, we have a due diligence to advise them of our current vehicle and equipment status and allow them to decide what they want to pay for it. My second recommendation is to place a 5-yr. 2-mill capital replacement for vehicles and equipment.

The current fire & rescue fleet and emergency equipment is rapidly approaching its life expectancy and getting repairs, replacement parts are becoming more difficult and costly. If the levy is successful in passing the funding will be available over the next five years to replace the current high mileage, out of date, Non-NFPA compliant high maintenance vehicles and equipment. One - the first major hurdle the department will be facing in the next year is the new regional dispatch center will be changing to a digital platform system and the current analog radio equipment is obsolete. The following list is a list of the major capital equipment that will need to be replaced in the next five years:

- The average mileage is 99,000 miles on our fire fleet
 - Replacement cost for a fire engine \$450,000 to \$550,000
 - 1997 105' Ladder truck has 100,000 and average maintenance cost 35-40k a yr
 - Replacement cost \$850,000 to 1 million
 - The average miles on the 5 medics is 111,000
 - Replacement cost \$125,000 to \$195,00
 - Note: in 2010 the new pollution emissions standards go into effect that will raise the price of a diesel engine by \$70,000 to \$85,000
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- Average staff vehicle mileage is 98,500
 - Replacement cost \$30,000 to 50,000
 - 800 MHz Portable radio's of date and no replacement part being manufactured
 - Replacement cost \$175,000
 - Mobile Data Terminals out of date and no replacement part being manufactured
 - Replacement cost \$180,000
 - 10 Tough book computers for EMS patient reports
 - Replacement \$60,000
 - Replace Physio-Control Life Pac 12-lead monitors and Defibrillator
 - Replacement cost 4 @ the cost of \$28,930 each or \$115,717

Fire and Rescue Chief Lutz thinks the citizens may be more willing to pass a levy knowing that the money will be replacing out of date, high mileage fire & rescue vehicles and equipment that has been pushed beyond its shelf life expectancy.

Mayor Davis requested a motion to approve Resolution 09-73. Mrs. Staggs moved to approve Resolution 09-73, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Cameron. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and Resolution 09-73 is approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 09-75: A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL CERTIFYING TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS A 2.00 MILL LEVY TO RUN FOR FIVE (5) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS OR SITES THEREFORE, OR SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFORE, OR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LINES OF FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER O.R.C. §5705.19(I): The Clerk read the caption. City Manager Michael J. Lucking said this legislation was discussed earlier. Mayor Davis requested a motion to approve Resolution 09-75. Mrs. McDonald moved to approve Resolution 09-75, and seconded by Mr. Hankins. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and Resolution 09-75 is approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 09-77: A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL CERTIFYING TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS A 1.00 MILL ADDITIONAL LEVY TO RUN FOR FIVE (5) YEARS FOR THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS, AND BRIDGES AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER O.R.C. §5705.19(G): The Clerk read the caption. City Manager Michael J. Lucking asked Public Works Director/Parks Director Thomas Odenigbo to come forward. The purpose of this levy is the construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of Trotwood's streets and roads.

- The projected revenue is \$292,000.00.
- \$100,000.00 would be dedicated toward the purchase of road salt, which would be used to treat City streets and roads during the upcoming snow/ice season.
- \$100,000.00 would be allocated to Professional and Consultant Services, which would be used for the preliminary design of road repairs for future grants.
- \$50,000.00 would be allocated to Maintenance of Equipment and Facilities, which includes our day-to-day operations (i.e., pothole repairs, base failure repairs, curb/gutter maintenance, manhole repairs, grass cutting, street striping, street sign repairs, traffic signal repairs, etc.).
- \$42,000.00 would be allocated to Fleet Maintenance, which would be used to maintain and repair the City's existing vehicles and Public Works equipment.

Mayor Davis requested a motion to approve Resolution 09-77. Mrs. Gales moved to approve Resolution 09-77, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Cameron. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and Resolution 09-77 is approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 09-78: A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL CERTIFYING TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS A 1.00 MILL LEVY TO RUN FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER O.R.C. §5705.19(A): The Clerk read the caption. City Manager Michael J. Lucking again asked Mr. Odenigbo to discuss this levy request.

- The purpose of this levy is to pay current expenses of the Public Works Department.
- \$55,000.00 would be used to replace one (1) vacant Maintenance Technician position.
- \$75,000.00 would be used to reinstate our Leaf Pickup Program.
- \$48,000.00 would be allocated to the reinstatement of the Leaf Pickup Program; specifically, these funds would be used to hire 8 to 10 seasonal employees.
- \$50,000.00 would be allocated to Other Contracted Services, which would be used for unforeseen specialized services required for our streets and roads. This would include reclaimite, pavement ratings, sign production, etc.
- \$64,000.00 would be allocated to Operating Materials, in order to cover the purchase of materials used by Public Works for pothole patching, crack sealing, street striping, etc.

Bridge rating is now mandated by O.D.O.T. The department will do the design in-house for the bridges. Mr. Odenigbo is looking at composting, a place to dump leaves. Education is needed. Vice-Mayor

Cameron asked how many levies are in Public Works. There is only one at this time. Mr. Vaughn recommends approaching the levy from a different point of view. Put on a General Fund Levy and use for the two departments. We are out of time and cannot put on a General Fund Levy. Our levies expire; let's do continuous in the future. School and Municipalities are held to different codes and the City cannot have continuous levies except in certain instances. EMS can be made continuous. Mayor Davis said let's not deny the process. We need numbers to evaluate a General Fund Levy.

Mayor Davis requested a motion to approve Resolution 09-78. Mr. Vaughn moved to approve Resolution 09-78, and seconded by Mrs. Gales. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and Resolution 09-78 is approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 09-79: A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – ROUND 24; COMMITTING CITY MATCHING FUNDS FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG SALEM AVENUE CORRIDOR – PHASES IIIB, IIIC, AND IVB: The Clerk read the caption. City Manager Michael J. Lucking requested Mr. Odenigbo to come forward again. Mr. Odenigbo said these OPWC grants would complete the remaining 20% of work on Salem Avenue. The Safe Route to School Program is a part of this grant and the City will get extra points added. Mrs. McDonald asked about the matching funds coming out of the Storm Drainage Fund. What is the value of the Storm Drainage Fund - \$680,000 or \$705,000? Storm Drainage is a federal mandate, and will always be a utility in the municipality. Every outlet and inlet is a part of the General Permit. Mayor Davis said the fund will pay for its portion and satisfies the matching fund. It is part of the Strategic Plan Process. Mayor Davis requested a motion to approve Resolution 09-79. Mrs. McDonald moved to approve Resolution 09-79, and seconded by Mr. Vice-Mayor Cameron. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and Resolution 09-79 is approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 09-80: A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – ROUND 24; COMMITTING CITY MATCHING FUNDS FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON SHILOH SPRINGS ROAD, EAST REHABILITATION: The Clerk read the caption. City Manager Michael J. Lucking requested Mr. Odenigbo to come forward again. This project will include the removal and replacement of the existing infrastructure, and complement the proposed Shiloh Springs/Salem Avenue intersection improvement and will commence in the summer of 2010. The project will also be completed in 2010. Mayor Davis requested a Motion to approve Resolution 09-80. Mrs. McDonald moved to approve Resolution 09-80, and seconded by Mrs. Staggs. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and Resolution 09-80 is approved unanimously.

MAYOR DAVIS REQUEST A MOTION TO REMOVE RESOLUTIONS 09-74 AND 09-76 FROM THE AGENDA: Mr. Hankins moved to remove Resolutions 09-74 and 09-76 from the agenda, and seconded by Mrs. Gales. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and the Motion is approved unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Davis said the Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Council concurred.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lois M. Singleton, Clerk of Council

Darreyl D. Davis, Mayor