

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2017

Niles City Council held its regular meeting on February 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers Safety Service Complex in Niles, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by Pro Tem President Steve Papalas, and the Clerk, Nicole Bacak, called the roll:

Lastic-P, Papalas-P, McNaughton-P, Steffey-P, Marchese-P, Mientkiewicz-P, Pezzano-P, Marino-A

It was moved by Pezzano, seconded by McNaughton to excuse President Marino.
Motion carried.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Steffey to excuse Stephanie Ford from the meeting.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by McNaughton to accept the Minutes from the February 1, 2017 meeting and place them on file.
Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM –Ohio Division of Liquor Control

Notice to Legislative Authority- To DJ's Lounge LLC & Patio from Linbaugh Corporation INC
BDA DJ's Lounge & Patio

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Pezzano to refer to police chief and place it on file.
Motion carried

FROM – Auditor's office

Check report by Check Number- January 2017

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by McNaughton to accept the report and place it on file.

Mr. Steffey: Excuse me, Mr. President.

Mr. Papalas: Yes, sir.

Mr. Steffey: John, do we have January fund balance report?

Auditor Merlo: We do not have a January fund balance report. Um, we are still waiting on the treasurer's office to reconcile for January. Once that happens, we can be reconciled.

Mr. Steffey: This is what we talked about earlier.

Treasurer Rizer-Jones: Yes

Mr. Steffey: Okay. You expect that we will have that then at the meeting, John?

Auditor Merlo: I'm hoping so.

Mr. Steffey: You should be okay?

Treasurer Rizer- Jones: We're meeting with a couple of people on Friday.

Mr. Steffey: Okay

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Speaking of reports, Mayor and Jimmy, do we have the overtime report?

Mr. Depasquale: Overtime report. I have it. I will give you a copy. I didn't have time to make copies. But between 2017 January and 2016 January the same dates there, we're about \$4000 less than we were last year on overtime for 2016 to 2017.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: You'll have that for the next meeting for us?

Mr. Depasquale: I'll have February for you at the next meeting. That's January overtime.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: You'll have January's next week?

Mr. Depasquale: I can get it for you. Yeah.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: And then

Mr. Depasquale: I have it I just don't have enough copies.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: And then in March, you'll have February's.

Mr. Depasquale: Yes the following month I will give you the previous month.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Right. Okay.

Mr. Depasquale: But we are \$4000 under where we were last year okay for January.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: In all...total?

Mr. Despasquale: In all departments. That's city wide overtime.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay

Mr. Depasquale: Okay

Mr. Steffey: So, that's a \$1000 a week.

Mr. Depasquale: I mean it's...you know...it's it's an improvement.

Mr. Steffey: It adds up.

Mr. Depasquale: Okay

Mr. Steffey: It adds up. We are going in the right direction at least.

Mr. Papalas: Any members of the audience wish to make any comments.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Andy Bickerstaff: 38 Wayne Street, Niles. I have been on the fire department for the last 6 years. Barry Steffey and Frank Pezzano went with me down to the Ohio Fire Academy. They took a nice class down there with me. They got to see kinda what the fire department does...climb some ladders, put out some fires, cut up cars. It was a real good day for the three of us and I'm extending that offer to everybody on council, safety director and mayor, even you Mr. Merlo, you can go down with us. Basically, you get to do all of that fun stuff. You get to see what it's like to be a fireman for a day. Get to witness everything we do. There's two dates available for this year. One's in May and one's in November. I'll go both days if you guys want to go, however you want to work it out, just get a hold of me. We can take a trip down there for the day and come back. It's a real good time so.

Mr. Papalas: What day is it Andy in May?

Andy Bickerstaff: The first time... the one in May is

Mr. Papalas: Is it a weekend or a weekday?

Andy Bickerstaff: It is May 6th. It's a weekend. It's a Saturday. And then the one in August, I'm sorry the one in November is November 4th. So, don't worry about getting gear. I mean, you don't even have to participate in every single thing that we're doing down there. I am still employed by the state. I teach down there so I have my own gear. It's a real good academy. It shows what your state tax dollars get used for. I mean, it's one of the top notch training facilities in the country. The government trains there, a lot of state agencies train there, so I welcome you all down there if you can. It's a good time so.

Mr. Steffey: I couldn't have been more impressed with Mr. Bickerstaff bringing us down there. And really you know we knew it was simulated okay and we knew that Frank being on his knee behind me holding me while I'm holding the hose... you know it was real bonding. I can just tell

you it really was just. I haven't looked at him the same since but honestly, we were in a trailer that was filled with smoke. They actually had turnout gear that I fit into. I knew that there were firemen watching us through every step, but I still got panicked. We were looking for a baby doll inside of a simulated house that was somewhere in the house and we had to rescue that baby. Mr. Pezzano found the baby while I was taking off my gear and pushing it through rafters that are smaller than I am. It was honestly as tough a day physically, and I have pictures, just physically really challenging. And I understand that they are in a lot better shape than me, but you will never have a better understanding of what they go through. Like I said, it was a very controlled environment but I learned more than I ever could by being there. So, I would hope that somebody would take advantage of Andy's initiation because you won't regret it.

Andy Bickerstaff: Previous council member Stredney attended with me too one time. And now, these two have been there. I would like to get as many councilmen and city officials as we can down there. Some of the best instructors in the country teach at that facility so.

Mr. Papalas: Yeah

Andy Bickerstaff: I can't give enough credit.

Mr. Papalas: I remember Ed Stredney telling me about that. And now, I'm just concerned because Steffey came back and his arm's in a sling.

Andy Bickerstaff: Not related.

Mr. Papalas: Okay.

Andy Bickerstaff: Thank you very much.

Mr. Papalas: Thanks Andy. Any other members of the audience? Yes, Wanda.

Wanda Burns: 1740 Warner Ct. Serious question... what's the smell in here? It's like a sewer smell so bad downstairs. Do we know anything about it?

Andy Bickerstaff: Wanda, we are kinda cooking Mexican next door. That would be why.

Mr. Steffey: Is that an invite?

Wanda Burns: And, what is the yellow caution tape out there? And how much is that going to cost?

Mr. Depasquale: The yellow caution tape, we've had some bricks fall off the side of the building this week. So I talked to a contractor, Lewis Construction, to look at it. It needs to be addressed. I talked to Mr. Steffey this week. We are going to move on this as quick as possible. We're looking at about \$3000.00 to repair it. So I had the guys just caution tape it off so nobody walks down that wall.

Wanda Burns: What stinks?

Chief Holland: Sewer. Drain backed up downstairs.

Mr. Depasquale: It's a drain. We can have our sewer department jet that tomorrow.

Chief Holland: A drained backed up downstairs and the maintenance man put a lot of draino in it.

Mr. Papalas: Any other questions from the audience? Yes sir in the back.

Al Cantola: 208 Vienna Ave. Tonight, I guess I would like to follow up on some of council's concerns in the past and that is where are we at with the wellness center. Plan B, Plan C. Nobody wanted to rent the place so we're out. We sat in meetings and discussed the importance of having plan b, c,d...something to fall back on. Every month that goes by, we are out another \$20,000 plus so we need

Mr. Papalas: The park department is looking into it as we speak.

Mayor Scarnecchia: The park board.

Al Cantola: Can you enlighten us? Give us a little bit.

Mr. Papalas: Not yet.

Al Cantola: Nothing.

Mr. Papalas: Not yet. The park department is working on it. Let them work on it and they will be coming forth.

Al Cantola: Okay.

Mr. Papalas: Yes sir. Mr. Davis

Paul Davis: 44 Hartzel. You know, we have heard that not yet quite a bit Steve but that's not my

Mr. Papalas: Well, we're not ready yet.

Paul Davis: Well we've heard not yet for the last year.

Mr. Papalas: I know you have. I know you have. You're right.

Paul Davis: And I was going to ask about the yellow tape. Was it a crime scene or what? I'm guessing maybe it is.

Mr. Depasquale: I have no control over that Paul. I mean we had some bricks fall so

Paul Davis: I understand

Mr. Depasquale: I'm trying to protect the people.

Paul Davis: I wasn't addressing you. I respect you shouldn't be addressing me.

Mr. Papalas: It's alright. Jim, he's just... a little levity here. There's nothing wrong with that. Go ahead.

Paul Davis: We seem to cel. We had a financial meeting here what a week ago and we seem to be celebrating, in some respect, that we're \$300,000 or what \$250,000 ahead of what we expected. But yet the yellow tape, we've buildings that are in decay, roofs in decay. Do we have any costs on all this stuff? What it would do with our \$300,000?

Mr. Papalas: Well, I don't think anybody knows much about the brick yet until they actually get... he's got an estimate. He's got an estimate.

Paul Davis: Yeah

Mr. Papalas: And we do have a cost on the other buildings.

Paul Davis: Do we have a total of all the buildings, all the repair and all of the stuff we are putting aside to celebrate \$300,000?

Mr. Papalas: Mr. Merlo, can you help us with that question?

Auditor Merlo: Well, we just got the requests for qualifications back from the architects. At the next council meeting, I just talked to Mr. Steffey tonight; we are probably going to be bringing in legislation to hire an architect to look at all of our facilities. So, that will be at the next council meeting.

Paul Davis: Okay.

Auditor Merlo: So once that happens then that architect, who is chosen, can go out and asses all of the buildings and get back to us a report.

Paul Davis: Thank you.

Auditor Merlo: You're welcome

Mr. Papalas: Any other questions or comments? Okay. Committee Reports?

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

Mr. Papalas: At this point, I was talking to Dr. Marino on the phone. As you know, he can't be here tonight and that's why I'm sitting up here. And we are going to call a special council meeting at 4:30 P.M. Friday afternoon in the lower conference room of the administration building. And part of that meeting may include an executive session. Mr Mayor, we will need you there.

Mayor Scarnecchia: What's that?

Mr. Papalas: 4:30 P.M. on Friday.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 23-17)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED WORK FORCE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE NUMBER OF CLERK/JANITORS IN THE SAFETY SERVICE DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISH THE PART-TIME POSITION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY IN THE ORDINANCE, AND TO SET A NEW WAGE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Lastic to give 2nd reading of Draft No. 23-17

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 23-17 has received its second reading on the 15th day of February 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 24-17)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF WATER STORAGE TANKS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Marchese to give 1st reading of Draft No. 24-17

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 24-17 has received its first reading on the 15th day of February 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 25-17)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED CPT FUND FOR POLICE OFFICER CONTINUING EDUCATION AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Pezzano, seconded by Marchese to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Pezzano seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 25-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 25-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of February 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 26-17)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NILES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey seconded by McNaughton to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Marchese to adopt this Draft No. 26-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 26-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of February 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. _____(Draft No. 27-17)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR RECORD RETENTION SYSTEMS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Real quick. This is, again, RFP only. No funds will be appropriated at this time for record retention. The record retention project is to continue to move to a paperless city.

Mr. Papalas: Thank you.

It was moved by Mientkiewicz, seconded by Pezzano to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Steffey to adopt this Draft No. 27-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 27-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of February 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. _____(Draft No. 28-17)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 1 OF RESOLUTION NO. 8-17 TO CLARIFY THAT SAID POLICY WILL NOT APPLY TO POSITIONS FOR WHICH THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ADMINISTERS A TEST TO QUALIFY FOR THE POSITION; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey seconded by McNaughton to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by McNaughton to adopt this Draft No. 28-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 28-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of February 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. _____(Draft No. 29-17)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC LIGHT REPLACEMENTS AND A BACKHOE FOR THE LIGHT DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Mientkiewicz to give 1st reading of Draft No. 29-17

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 29-17 has received its first reading on the 15th day of February 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. _____(Draft No. 30-17)

A RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S HIRING POLICY DECLARING THAT THE POSITIONS OF TRUCK DRIVER IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND ASSISTANT SUBSTATION TECHNICIAN IN THE LIGHT DEPARTMENT REMAIN NECESSARY AND CAN BE FILLED; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by McNaughton to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 30-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 30-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of February 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 31-17)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED PURCHASING POLICY FOR THE CITY; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Steffey to receive its first reading.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 31-17 has received its first reading on the 15th day of February 2017.

Mr. Papalas: Miscellaneous Remarks.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

Mr. Papalas: The honorable mayor is not able to speak this evening. He has lost his voice for the time being. So, either do sign language or we will pass. How is that?

Chief Holland: I got an email from our Ford State purchasing dealership. Our 4 new cruisers are scheduled to be built the last week of March and should be delivered by the middle of April.

Ms. Marchese: Good.

Mr. Steffey: Chief, I would like to commend you and your department for again helping to clean up the dirt and the grime and the drug dealers from our neighborhoods. I appreciate your communication and I know you guys put yourselves at risk everyday but you got another one, so we appreciate the hard work. I know it takes a tremendous amount of time but it makes me feel better with my young children moving in and around the city to know that there is at least more drug dealer, who was dealing in a school zone.

Chief Holland: Again, that's our reconstituted drug unit that did that entire case. Your support of that is what makes that happen also.

Mr. Steffey: We appreciate it. Thank you

Mr. McNaughton: And the citizens passing the levy helped bring that back.

Mr. Papalas: Chief, I didn't get that correspondence. So, can you send it to me? That email.

Ms. Marchese: I couldn't even open it up.

Chief Holland: On the cars?

Mr. Papalas: No, on the arrest.

Chief Holland: Sure

Mr. Papalas: Okay. I didn't know why I didn't get it.

Chief Holland: It was on our Facebook page too.

Mr. Papalas: Oh, alright. I'm not on Facebook so okay. Did I interrupt somebody in the middle of talking to the chief? Did I? Okay I'm sorry.

Chief Danielson: I just wanted to let council know that we are starting the process to hire that vacant position we have. We will be interviewing next and as soon as we choose a candidate and then get to you to process.

Mr. Steffey: How's the new recruits doing?

Mr. Papalas: Thanks Chief Danielson.

Chief Danielson: Abby still has the smile on her face so.

Mr. Steffey: Good

Chief Danielson: They are doing good.

Mr. Steffey: So that will be the 6th position in the safer grant?

Chief Danielson: That will be the 6th position and I will get ready for the 7th position when I have my retirement in April.

Mr. Steffey: Alright. Thank you.

Mr. Papalas: Thank you.

Law Director Dull: Yes, the group home legislation we need to have a public hearing on that. In fact, we were supposed to had a public hearing but due to an oversight on my part I didn't get the notice in the newspaper so I would like to get that reset. April the 5th would be the next reasonable date that is going to give us the 30 day publication period if that's okay with council. We can set it for April 5th at 5:30 P.M.

Mr. Papalas: That's fine. Nicole, will you remind us about that.

Clerk: Yes

Mr. Papalas: Between now and April

Mr. Steffey: That will be prior to that first council meeting there on the 5th

Law Director Dull: Yes

Mr. Steffey: At what time?

Law Director Dull: 5:30 P.M.

Mr. Steffey: 5:30 P.M.

Law Director Dull: That will be here in

Ms. Marchese: In here?

Law Director Dull: In council chambers. I'm sorry for the oversight.

Mr. Steffey: Thank you Terry.

Mr. Crowley: I just wanted to notify council that the housing department has been working with the administration on putting together an RFP for the 2017 CHIP grant. As you may be aware, we did not receive it last year. So, I think that is going to fall under, Mr. Papalas I believe your committee, Neighborhood Stabilization. So, If I could get with you to go over the RFP for the CHIP grant and get that on council floor so that we can stay on task for our deadlines.

Mr. Papalas: Terry, can you draw that up for us?

Law Director Dull: Sure.

Mr. Papalas: Okay. Thank you. Thanks Jeff. Mr. Hale, our representative from MVSD. Any comments?

Mr. Hale: One thing that I would like to mention was that flyer that went a couple of weeks ago. I thought that that flyer was really not supportive. And I didn't think it was right that someone or

that group or whatever can pass something out like that and cause all that disruption they did to the city building, the schools and everything else that happened that day. I just didn't think that was right and someone or any group could pass something out like that without that really being supported by any facts.

Mr. Papalas: Mr. Hale, I completely agree with you. Your comments are noted and I know that Mr. McNaughton had some things to say the other day also, the last meeting. Unfortunately, the fellow who did that, he left the meeting and didn't hear any of this. I was hoping he would be here tonight. He's probably at Weathersfield where they are having a meeting right now. So, trust me, we will convey those thoughts to him when we see him.

Mr. Hale: Well, I kinda put that as almost calling fire on an airplane.

Mr. Papalas: That's right

Mr. Hale: You know where it was just uncalled for. You know.

Mr. Papalas: We agree. Thanks. We appreciate that.

Mr. Catanzarite: Yes, real briefly to piggyback off Mr. Hale's report. Myself and representatives from McDonald and Youngstown met with the EPA out in Twinsburg. We've done what they refer to as special purpose sampling. We've done lead and copper testing. And we've done water quality perimeters and the report/spreadsheet came back today and everything looks very very good. There was only one potential lead issue. And it was not here, it was in Youngstown. And for doing 25 samples, we are very happy to say that. This is the first go around with the EPA. They will take the results of this first round of sampling and decide from there what is our next steps. So, at least first round went very good. We had four sights here in town and they were all fine. Everything checked out real good.

Mr. Papalas: Okay

Mr. Catanzarite: So, as we get information on what they want next time, I will bring it back to you.

Mr. Papalas: Thank you. Janet?

Treasurer Rizer- Jones: I just wanted to let everyone know that the tax office is back in the city building and we're open for business. So

Mr. Papalas: Okay

Treasurer Rizer- Jones: We will be open.

Mr. Papalas: Thank you

Mr. Lastic: Good job so far.

Mr. Papalas: So far. The meeting's not over yet.

Mr. McNaughton: I guess my question tonight is for Mr. Dull. Do we have any type of policy or is there, whether it's in Niles or the state of Ohio, are there policies regarding how much sensitive or secure information somebody hired by our city on a contracted labor contract is able to see or have access to?

Law Director Dull: I don't think it specifically talks about that in the public requests law but how the courts have interpreted that is where a third party is working in coordination with a government unit, they are considered to be subject to the public records law just like the political subdivision itself. There's new cases coming out all of the time but that generally is the rule if there are records passed from the political subdivision to the third party, it's going to be subject to the general rules of the public records law. It's probably going to be public information so.

Mr. McNaughton: I appreciate it. Thank you.

Mr. Steffey: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Dull, Mr. Depasquale, I would like to know if you can meet next Wednesday, a week from today, after your board of control meeting at approximately 11:00 A.M. with myself in the lower conference room. I would appreciate that if I could get all three of you.

Mr. Depasquale: Is this what we talked about today?

Mr. Steffey: It is.

Mr. Depasquale: Okay.

Mr. Steffey: Thank you. That's it.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Two things real quick. Chief Holland, I'm getting some complaints about some suspected illegal activity going on in the cemetery after hours. When our guys are on patrol, I don't know if you can have them swing through there? I don't know what is going on but a couple of people have called complaining about into the night and into the early morning there is people up there doing whatever so.

Chief Holland: Overnight hours?

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Overnight hours.

Chief Holland: When you get those calls, can you remind them to call the station what's going on also. But I will have extra patrol

Mr. Mientkiewicz: I will yeah. Thanks. Mr. Depasquale, thank you for taking care of the potholes for me.

Mr. Depasquale: No problem. It's an ongoing thing, Steve.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: The residents are very pleased that those are

Mr. Depasquale: It will be ongoing all year I'm afraid.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: being filled. The next thing, I know they are ongoing but are we working towards a street resurfacing program. I think that this is going to be the next big thing.

Mr. Depasquale: We are.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: That we are faced with.

Mr. Depasquale: We are and I will let

Mr. Mientkiewicz: And Kevin, feel free to chime in here.

Mr. Depasquale: I will let our grant coordinator speak on that.

Mr. Robertson: I actually took a couple projects to Eastgate to Dave Backloar, one of the engineers we work hand in hand with, and unfortunately with the situation with the city not being able to get somebody in this job quick enough, we missed the deadline last year. So, we probably won't be able to get any federal funding until 2019 at the earliest.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: For our state routes?

Mr. Robertson: For state routes.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay. So, you are going to take care of that aspect.

Mr. Robertson: I have three projects that I already took to Mr. Backlar and we will be getting them shelved through Eastgate though so we will have something set in stone for 19, 20 21.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay. In the meantime, are we working on any sort of street assessments and assessing the quality of our streets so when's time to resurface not only our state routes, but our side streets.

Mr. Robertson: I have a list of probably 20 or 30 streets we can go do right now.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay.

Mr. Papalas: I think what Steve is asking for is in depth and it is going to take a while to do, Kevin. But street by street, we need a rating.

Mr. Robertson: You can get EDT ratings as far as their traffic or if its ratings

Mr. Papalas: The condition of the roadway. Condition of the roadway

Mr. Robertson: Oh Okay.

Mr. Papalas: So you know I know right now sometimes you can't even see it until the street cleaner goes through but we're going to need and if you need help with that, somehow let us know and we can talk about it but we need to look at those all. Every single street to determine whether it's a 5 meaning it's in fine shape and needs nothing or a 1 and it's top priority to have repaired somehow. That way we can start to get a handle on what our needs are going to be in the future and maybe you can make a determination along with Jim as to how long a street can last before it really needs.

Mr. Robertson: We do have an option. We can go to Ohio Public Works Commission and put in a street resurfacing city wide for side streets. But the chances of it getting funded, it will score too low. People did it before and some municipalities have gotten it but it just doesn't score well.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Well, that's where I'm going with that. It will be a long shot for that, community block money will only take us so far, you know so we are going to have to have something in place and we are going to have to find the money somewhere to address this.

Mr. Depasquale: Well the only thing we are going to have this year is CDBG which is going

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Right.

Mr. Depasquale: to do about 4 streets maybe. Okay. So anything else would have to come out of city funds.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: It's going to be general fund.

Mr. Depasquale: Yeah

Mr. Mientkiewicz: And you know that's something we have to keep in mind and keep an eye on moving forward.

Mr. Depasquale: And

Mr. Papalas: And meanwhile Kevin, take a shot at that fund and see

Mr. Robertson: I plan to. I mean it won't be until next year but I can put it in this summer.

Mr. Papalas: Okay. Alright but if we can get some kind of program where we rate these streets, we will have an idea better.

Mr. Robertson: Okay.

Mr. Papalas: Alright.

Mr. Pezzano: Two things. Chief Holland, Officer Helmick came to my block watch meeting last week because Lieutenant Villecco couldn't make it. There was an issue that was brought up. He addressed it immediately right in the meeting, and towed that vehicle. So, I want to thank him again. And second of all, this is for the people that are running for office or office in the future. You know do this job because we care for the city, not for the money, we care for the city deeply. We pretty much have an understanding amongst each other around the whole county or whatever. Respect the people that are still up here. You know, we have committee members that oversee certain committees. We do a fine good job at it. And we have a good team up here and I think we're going to keep it that way. Thank you.

Mr. Papalas: I forgot that I guess Bob goes before the rest of council so if I may, let me just add to that as my turn as acting president of council. Sometimes, especially if you're a candidate for office or you're looking at that in the future, ask or go call the department heads and go visit them. They'll love to sit down and talk to you and explain what they're doing or what ideas they're working on. Right now, you know, they don't want out into the community yet because they're not ready. They haven't spoken to people they might intend to speak to. But, do a little research that way rather than come to the meeting and just start firing, you know, away at us. You'll be able to develop a report that you're going to need anyway once you're up here. That's all you know. That's all we have. And if you're not going for council, feel free to ask a question. That's fine. But, I want to thank everybody for a good meeting this evening. Pardon me? I want to thank everyone for a good meeting this evening and let Mr. Marino know that we got out of here within an hour and we got the business done. And don't forget our 4:30 P.M. meeting.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by McNaughton to adjourn the meeting.



Nicole Bacak, Clerk of Council



ROBERT MARINO, JR., President of Council