

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Taylor at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Berbee, Mr. Fogt, Mr. Rausch, Mrs. Groat, Mr. Reams.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Gore, Finance Director Jenny Chavarria, Police Chief Floyd Golden, Battalion Chief Mark Ropp, Law Director Tim Aslaner, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, Clerk Kristina Jones.

REPORTERS PRESENT: Ryan Horns-Journal Tribune, Sean Lehoist- Thisweek

CITIZENS PRESENT: John Pauk, Chandler Pauk, Peter Griffin, Matthew Millington, Tommy Ullmer, Barbara Taylor, Nicholas Tarvey, Joshua Zweizig, John Speesemaker, Aaron Pechota, John Eufinger, Colin Kovinduck, Jack McCheron, Molly Mcpherson, Bethann Morey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting on October 29, 2014 and November 6, 2014 were approved as submitted.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mr. Taylor mentioned he would be asking for a closed Executive Session at the end of the meeting to consider the employment of a public employee.

Mayor Gore recommended the following appointments to open seats on Design Review Board, Civil Service Commission, and Planning Commission:

- John Howard to Civil Service Commission, effective January 1, 2015
- Alan Seymour to Design Review Board, effective January 1, 2015
- Jesse Mosser to Planning Commission
- Donald Boerger to Planning Commission

Council approved by voice vote the appointments recommended by Mayor Gore.

Mayor Gore reported the following:

Finance Department

The City of Marysville was notified that its 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) qualifies for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting. This will be the fourth consecutive year that the City has achieved this award. This Certificate is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the City and its Administration.

Division of Fire

Our Fire Division received the 2014 tanker truck this week. The new tanker, built by Emergency One Corporation, has a 3,500 gallon tank with a 1,000 gallon per minute pump that is expected to dramatically change firefighting operations in Marysville, Paris, Dover and Darby Townships. The immediate delivery of large quantities of water will allow firefighters to quickly contain fires, protecting lives and property. Firefighters are currently being trained on driving and operating the truck. The truck is anticipated to be in service by mid-December.

Maintenance & Operations

The 4th Annual Pumpkin Dash 5k will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2014. The Pumpkin Dash has achieved a record number of participants; with only 150 spots left. Additional information about the 5k can be obtained by visiting www.pumpkindash5k.com

The Annual uptown Christmas walk and tree lighting ceremony will be held on Monday, December 1st from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Tree lighting will be at 6:00 pm on the Union County Courthouse lawn.

The Elks Club will be hosting the Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 7th. The parade steps off from Marysville High School at 2:00 pm, traveling down Elwood to Main Street.

Care Train of Union County will hold their annual live auction on Saturday, December 13th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at McAuliffe's ACE Hardware. For additional information, visit www.caretrain.org.

Members from the City of Marysville and Union County attended a presentation in Dublin regarding the details for the US33/I270 interchange work scheduled to begin next year. It was stated that access will be maintained between I270 NB/SB and US33 EB/WB. US33 will be completely closed to traffic east of the interchange which will prevent traffic going into and coming out of the Old Dublin area.

Due to the snow, we have halted our leaf collection efforts for this week. We will resume collecting leaves next week, weather permitting.

Engineering

Pedestrian Bridge: To facilitate the placement of the remaining Pedestrian Bridge, the US 33 Eastbound right hand lane will be closed starting at 6:00 pm Friday evening, November 21, 2014, and will not re-open until Sunday evening, once the lane closure is no longer necessary.

Starting at 12:00 am (midnight), Saturday, November 22nd through 5:00 am Sunday, November 23rd, US 33 Eastbound traffic will be subject to being shut down for periods of up to fifteen minutes at a time. During those times, the eastbound on-ramps to US 33 will be shutdown at Northbound SR 4/36 and Northwest Parkway/W. 5th Street. If multiple shut downs are necessary, traffic will be allowed to clear or flow between closures.

Message boards are up to alert motorists of the upcoming temporary traffic pattern changes:

It is anticipated that the concrete slab and bridge decking installation will occur during the first week of December (weather dependent).

Ribbon cutting for pedestrian bridge will be in December or January, weather permitting.

Partners Park: The major remaining item for the Partners Park project is the concrete placement near the splash pad. This is a weather dependent task that is anticipated to be completed by the beginning of December. Due to the cold temperatures, the contractor will use a heat tent / blankets to obtain the appropriate temperatures to ensure the concrete's integrity.

Once the concrete placement is complete, only the landscaping (i.e. 6th Street tree lawn restoration and bench placement) remain.

A majority of the site cleanup (i.e. protective chain link fence) will occur prior to the Uptown Christmas Walk.

The City has set a date for the dedication of Partners Park of May 29, 2015, which will coincide with the first Uptown Friday night event. The first farmer's market in the pavilion will be May 30, 2015.

Administration

City offices will be closed Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Memorial Health will have two open house events at their new City Gate Urgent Care Building on Wednesday, December 3rd and Saturday, December 6th.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL: Clerk Jones received notice that all liquor permits will expire on February 1, 2015. In order to maintain permit privileges, every permit holder must file

a renewal application. Chief Golden had no objections to any of the establishments renewing their liquor permits. Council had no objections.

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION/DESIGN REVIEW BOARD: Mr. Taylor said tonight our members are absent, but Mr. Pratt had asked to announce that the regularly scheduled meetings will on the webpage.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: Barbara Taylor of 1622 Milington Way, Marysville, Ohio. She spoke regarding the issue of cats at large. She would like Council to amend the wording of Section 505.01 to include cats.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Fogt asked Ms. Taylor if things have gotten any better since speaking to her neighbors. Ms. Taylor said no.

Mr. Reams asked what has been the neighbors' response after you spoke with them. Ms. Taylor said she spoke with three of the four neighbors and they all have said they would do what they can, but since then their cats are still roaming and one of the cats has had three kittens.

Mr. Fogt asked Chief Golden do you see this is doable if we add cats to the legislation? Mr. Fogt said the police are already busy and he would not want to overload them. Chief Golden said it would be doable to just add a word to the ordinance, but it would bring up new issues. Where dogs are listed in the legislation, there is a licensing process and process in place to take care of the dogs that are not claimed. Chief Golden said the Humane Society will take in dogs but they are limited on what they can do with cats. When you talk about leash laws, leashes are known to harmful to cats. Chief Golden said they have more complaints about dogs at large, then they do cats. Chief Golden said it would be a very difficult ordinance to enforce, if we add cats.

Mr. Fogt said our last utility bill contained a green slip talking about clearing sidewalks. Could we add something similar to ask people to control their outdoor cats. He said he could work on the wording, and asked whether it was doable? Mayor Gore said there is a spot on the utility bill that we can place comments in and that we could definitely put something in that spot for pet owners. Mr. Fogt said the green sheet of paper caught his attention more than the place on the utility bill. Mayor Gore said the green sheet was special ordered and cost extra.

Mr. Taylor asked if there was any council member who would want to make an amendment to the current legislation to add cats. No one made the amendment for the legislation. Mr. Taylor said putting something in the utility bills will be the first avenue, and he thanked Ms. Taylor for her time and patience.

Matthew Millington introduced his fellow Boys Scout troop that was present at the meeting observing in order to obtain their government patch.

RESOLUTIONS:

A resolution “TO INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING CODE SECTION 1140.08(B)(7), INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE, THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE” was presented for one reading only.

Mr. Reams said he does not have any more concerns after speaking with Mr. Aslaner, and does not have an amendment to propose.

Mrs. Richardson moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Groat YES;	Mr. Reams YES;	Mr. Berbee YES;
Mr. Rausch YES;	Mr. Fogt YES;	Mrs. Richardson YES;
Mr. Taylor YES		

A resolution “TO APPROVE THE CONTINUANCE OF ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS COMPANIES AND TO REPORT SUCH FINDINGS TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY” was presented for one reading only.

Mr. Taylor said after meeting with Mr. Phillips, we are 100% on board, they have met all their test except one that had a slight revision but after the first year it will be taken care of and it will be back to where we need to be. Mr. Taylor said being one of the committee members, I strongly suggest that you approve this.

Mr. Rausch moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Reams YES;	Mr. Berbee YES;	Mr. Rausch YES;
Mr. Fogt YES;	Mrs. Richardson YES;	Mr. Taylor YES;
Mrs. Groat YES		

ORDINANCES:

“AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE BROCK ROAD(CR-16)-16” WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mr. Rausch moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Berbee YES;	Mr. Rausch YES;	Mr. Fogt YES;
Mrs. Richardson YES;	Mr. Taylor YES;	Mrs. Groat YES;
Mr. Reams YES		

“AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY (CR-1)-36” WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mrs. Groat moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Rausch YES;	Mr. Fogt YES;	Mrs. Richardson YES;
Mr. Taylor YES;	Mrs. Groat YES;	Mr. Reams YES;
Mr. Berbee YES		

“AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE JEROME VILLAGE REGIONAL PUMP STATION” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mrs. Richardson moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Fogt YES;	Mrs. Richardson YES;	Mr. Taylor YES;
Mrs. Groat YES;	Mr. Reams YES;	Mr. Berbee YES;
Mr. Rausch YES		

“AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE JEROME VILLAGE-14” FORCE MAIN” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mrs. Richardson moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Richardson YES;	Mr. Taylor YES;	Mrs. Groat YES;
Mr. Reams YES;	Mr. Berbee YES;	Mr. Rausch YES;
Mr. Fogt YES		

“AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE GLACIER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SECTION 7, PHASE 1 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mr. Berbee moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Taylor YES;	Mrs. Groat YES;	Mr. Reams YES;
Mr. Berbee YES;	Mr. Rausch YES;	Mr. Fogt YES;
Mrs. Richardson YES		

“AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE GLACIER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SECTION 7, PHASE 2 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mrs. Groat moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Groat YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES;
Mr. Rausch YES; Mr. Fogt YES; Mrs. Richardson YES;
Mr. Taylor YES

“AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE GLACIER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SECTION 6, PHASE 1 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mrs. Richardson moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Rausch YES;
Mr. Fogt YES; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Taylor YES;
Mrs. Groat YES

“AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE GLACIER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SECTION 6, PHASE 2 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mr. Berbee moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Rausch YES; Mr. Fogt YES;
Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Groat YES;
Mr. Reams YES

“AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE GLACIER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SECTION 7, PHASE 3 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mrs. Richardson moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Rausch YES; Mr. Fogt YES; Mrs. Richardson YES;
Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Groat YES; Mr. Reams YES;
Mr. Berbee YES

“AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE RYAN PARKWAY, PHASE 1-16” WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mrs. Groat moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Fogt YES;	Mrs. Richardson YES;	Mr. Taylor YES;
Mrs. Groat YES;	Mr. Reams YES;	Mr. Berbee YES;
Mr. Rausch YES		

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 925.01 WASTEWATER RATES FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITY DIVISION OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mr. Reams moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Richardson NO;	Mr. Taylor YES;	Mrs. Groat YES;
Mr. Reams YES;	Mr. Berbee YES;	Mr. Rausch NO;
Mr. Fogt YES		

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 937.18 ESTABLISHMENT OF STORM DRAINAGE SERVICE CHARGES” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mr. Reams moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Taylor YES;	Mrs. Groat YES;	Mr. Reams YES;
Mr. Berbee YES;	Mr. Rausch YES;	Mr. Fogt NO;
Mrs. Richardson YES		

“AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND ENTITLED ACCRUED LEAVE FUND AND A CAPITAL FUND ENTITLED CAPITAL RESERVE FUND” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mr. Rausch moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Groat YES;	Mr. Reams YES;	Mr. Berbee YES;
Mr. Rausch YES;	Mr. Fogt NO;	Mrs. Richardson YES;
Mr. Taylor YES		

“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2015” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mr. Rausch moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Reams YES;	Mr. Berbee YES;	Mr. Rausch YES;
Mr. Fogt YES;	Mrs. Richardson YES;	Mr. Taylor YES;
Mrs. Groat YES		

“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 2015” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mr. Berbee moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Berbee YES;	Mr. Rausch YES;	Mr. Fogt YES;
Mrs. Richardson YES;	Mr. Taylor YES;	Mrs. Groat YES;
Mr. Reams YES		

“2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mrs. Groat moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Rausch YES;	Mr. Fogt YES;	Mrs. Richardson YES;
Mr. Taylor YES;	Mrs. Groat YES;	Mr. Reams YES;
Mr. Berbee YES		

“AMENDING ANNUAL COMPENSATION ORDINANCE FOR ALL CITY EMPLOYEES-2015” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mrs. Richardson moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Fogt YES;	Mrs. Richardson YES;	Mr. Taylor YES;
Mrs. Groat YES;	Mr. Reams YES;	Mr. Berbee YES;
Mr. Rausch YES;		

The Ordinance “ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, SITUATED IN THE STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF UNION AND CITY OF MARYSVILLE, PARCEL NO. 2900080800000” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mr. Berbee moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Groat YES;
Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Rausch YES;
Mr. Fogt YES

Mr. Reams said clarified for everyone this is the property beside Dr. Hatfield’s office, where the mural is painted.

Mrs. Groat said we would like to thank Dr. Hatfield for providing the relaxation park. Mayor Gore said we will have a dedication ceremony recognizing his contribution to the City.

The ordinance “AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,665,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS OF A SEWAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM, AND RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS” was presented for second reading, public hearing.

Citizen Comments: None.

Council Questions or Comments: Mr. Fogt said he would like to be very aggressive in paying this down. Mr. Berbee said we are starting to work with Fifth Third Bank to see if we can make this one expire May 31st with the other one.

This will be back for third reading, title only on December 4, 2014.

The Ordinance “TO AMEND SECTION 931.02(E) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, BULK WATER RATE” was presented for second reading, public hearing.

Citizen Comments: None.

Council Questions or Comments: None.

This will be back for third reading, title only on December 4, 2014.

The ordinance “TO REZONE PARCEL 2900021401040 (173 PROFESSIONAL PARKWAY) FROM B-1(BUSINESS SERVICE) TO R-5 (HIGH DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY) AND PARCELS 2900021401030, 2900021401020 AND 290002140101 (203-243 PROFESSIONAL PARKWAY) FROM OR (OFFICE –RESIDENTIAL) TO R-5 (HIGH DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY)” was presented for second reading, public hearing.

Citizen Comments: Mr. Aaron Pechota with the NRP Group, 5309 Transportation Drive, Garfield Heights, Ohio. He spoke about the zoning change down from business use to residential use. Mr. Pechota said they will be building a Senior Living Center.

Council Questions or Comments: Mr. Rausch asked if they would be one or two bedroom units? Mr. Pechota said it will be based on the needs usually $\frac{3}{4}$ of them will be two bedroom units and $\frac{1}{4}$ of them will be one bedroom units. Mr. Rausch asked since it will be senior housing, usually 70 years and older, will it be subsidized? Mr. Pechota said these are financed in part by the tax credit program, which is an affordable housing program and the idea behind that is tax credits are issued for the development and for the construction of the development. As part of that there are income restrictions for the people that are living there. They cannot earn or make more than a certain amount. In the case of Union County, a two bedroom/family could only earn up to \$39,000.00 per year based on the current area median income for a family of two.

Mrs. Richardson asked when, if this zoning is approved, would you expect to start construction? Mr. Pechota said we would for a general timeline, apply for financing through the State for the tax credits in February of 2015. If we are successful at this point we would receive the tax credits in June. We would start a more intense development process, going in front of Design Review and Planning Commission for a nine to twelve month period. So best case scenario, we would break ground around this time next year or beginning of 2016. Twelve months later, we would be complete with the project. In 2017, we would be open for occupancy and start leasing out units.

Mr. Fogt said he feels that there needs to be street improvements (widening the roads and traffic light installed) on Walnut and adjacent street. He also said he does not believe the wear and tear on the roads is worth citizen’s tax dollars.

Mr. Berbee said the sidewalks will lead to nowhere, the residents would be island with nowhere to go.

Mr. Reams said we are rezoning to multifamily, not senior housing.

Mayor Gore asked if they do not get financing through the government then you will not build? Mr. Pechota agreed. Mayor Gore said a couple of years ago the City approved zoning but put restrictions on that if that development did not happen the zoning reverted. Mr. Aslaner was going to look into that. Mr. Rausch said we had a couple companies that we asked to go through the PUD process and they did not want to do that because there was not enough time.

Mayor Gore wants to make sure multifamily is best use for this property. He said he would like the Planning Commission's opinion on this.

This will be back for third reading, public hearing on December 4, 2014.

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 7:00pm per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code

An Ordinance "AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATIONS, AND MODIFYING THE 2014 ANNUAL BUDGET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY" was presented for first reading, title only.

Administration Comments: Ms. Chavarria said there is a transfer of \$600,000.00, which is where we paid down on the notes earlier in the year. That is just cleaning it up. The reduction in appropriation which is a 1.2 million transfer out is for Partners Park. Ms. Chavarria said what we had originally decided was that 1.2 million would be taken from the General Reserve, but instead of the General Reserve Fund financing that we did a loan through the Richwood Banking Company. We are paying the principal and interest with the donations from the partners.

Council Questions or Comments: Mr. Taylor said his intention is to put first reading out on this tonight and pass the emergency clause and next meeting we will waive third reading and vote. This is the paperwork that has to be done by the end of the year, which we do every November.

Mr. Berbee moved to pass the emergency clause and the question put, stood:

Mr. Taylor YES;	Mrs. Groat YES;	Mr. Reams YES;
Mr. Berbee YES;	Mr. Rausch YES;	Mr. Fogt YES;
Mrs. Richardson YES		

Mayor Gore asked if everyone will be here for the next meeting? Mr. Reams stated he may not.

Mr. Fogt moved to waive the third reading and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Groat YES;	Mr. Reams YES;	Mr. Berbee YES;
Mr. Rausch YES;	Mr. Fogt YES;	Mrs. Richardson YES;
Mr. Taylor YES		

This will be back for second reading, public hearing on December 4, 2014.

“AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO SIGN A PETITION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, OHIO AS THE “PROXIMATE CITY” WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 349.01(M) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, TO ADD TERRITORY TO THE JEROME VILLAGE COMMUNITY AUTHORITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY” was presented for first reading, title only.

Administration Comments:

Council Questions or Comments: Mr. Taylor said we can go through all three readings and meetings, correct? Mr. Emery said yes. At the December 4, 2014 meeting, there will be a representative from Nationwide Reality to talk about the expansion of the Community Authority and to give an overview.

This will be back for second reading, public hearing on December 4, 2014.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Taylor said he understands there is an opening on Parks & Rec but will be holding off until the December 4th meeting for Mr. Rausch to review candidates. Mr. Rausch said the parks have been winterized and restrooms locked. Mrs. Richardson confirmed that the Dog Park was still slated to open late spring. Mr. Andrako said late spring/early summer-it depends on how fast we can get grass to grow.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Gore thanked Council through the budget process. Each year we try to make it as easy as possible.

Mrs. Richardson said “thank you to the Administration during the budget process. You were very patient in answering a lot of questions. Our job as Council is to sift through it and vote on it and we appreciate it when you answer our questions. There are just a couple things I wanted to address and summarize from the budget. The Strategic Workforce Plan itself indicates an increase in nine fulltime employees for 2015. I know it’s a plan but I also know there are no dollar amounts budgeted in 2015 for it. I want to make sure we are all on the same sheet of music, even though that Strategic Workforce Plan was to have nine more new hires, there is no money budgeted. So any additional fulltime personnel would have to be additional appropriations next year.

She further talked about Enterprise Funds that she brought up at the last meeting. Again I would like to petition Council to consider the chargebacks as a way to protect the Enterprise Funds. Let me give you two facts. This particular Capital Improvement Budget allocated about 1.3 million from Fund 536, which is the Sewer Replacement and Water Fund, and it basically leaves by the end of 2015 a cash balance of about \$42,000.00, which is the lowest that I have observed in the fund since 2011. The Capital Improvement Budget allocates 4.3 million for the cost of pavement, restoration (pipe replacement), finance software, storage tank maintenance, mowers, and IT

upgrades. Critical to this funding is the realization that we are moving \$3.7 million out of water
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fund 550 and into fund 551 to cover costs. My concern is that we are using large sums of money from the Enterprise Funds, which are funds that we need to pay off our sizable debt. Having said this, I have heard the staff say we need these improvements and I believe you. I listen to you and I am not criticizing. The point I am trying to make however, is that as a Council, if we must spend those dollars, we have to be diligent about finding innovative and appropriate ways to protect the Enterprise Funds. And so once again, I would like to point out that in order to do that and to prevent future rate hikes, I want us to seriously consider minimizing the charge backs next year. Thank you for letting me share my thoughts.

“Moving on, let’s talk about how we can keep our community drug free. So tonight, I just wanted to talk a little bit about the legalization of marijuana. Gentlemen that are here, I am not sure that you know we had a few more states in this last election make marijuana legal. Does anyone know what states they are? Washington D.C., Oregon, and Alaska, so now we have those as well as Colorado and Washington state. We call it the grand experiment of marijuana legalization. From legalization to decriminalization in medical use, public policies on America’s second most abused drug are rapidly changing. The Drug Free Action Alliance is hosting a free webinar on January 13, 2015 from 1:00p.m. to 2:00 p.m. that will look at the difference in these types of laws and where we are today, how we got here, and what the future may hold for 2016 and beyond. The webinar will also explore the public health and safety concerns associated with changing policies. Feel free to send me an email, if you would like more details about the webinar. Please keep talking. We want our community to be drug free.”

Mrs. Richardson said Creekview is doing a play this weekend at MHS. It is the Jungle Book. Performances are Friday and Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Gore recognized Holly Zweizig with the Drug Free Coalition. Mrs. Richardson also thanked Ms. Zweizig as an "unsung hero" of the community for her work in leading the Drug Free Coalition. A spontaneous applause for her erupted from those present at the meeting.

Mr. Rausch said he did get a call from a citizen regarding snow removal, especially around school zones. The citizen witnessed some children walking in the street to get to school. Please remember to take care of your sidewalks especially if you are near a school zone. Mr. Rausch said he appreciates what our Utility Rates Study Group did. The group is thoroughly focused on utility rates and not the entire budget. He appreciates the idea of keeping bond holders happy and paying down debt. To him, the underlying issue and why he voted no,” is that we have excess capacity at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and who should pay for that excess capacity”. He does agree that it is a balancing act and no one wants to raise rates, but at the same time we are very aggressive at paying down debt. While we just paid down debt aggressively, we just raised the rates on the citizens. “Who pays for the excess,” is why he voted no.

Mrs. Groat said in consideration of this year’s budget she appreciates all the work and effort that went into it. Her personal great love is going to be that this City become well-known in the State of Ohio for its great Police and Fire Departments. In the 2016 budget, she would encourage all departments to appropriately request all that they need. She will especially be looking forward to

continuing improving our Fire and Police Department.
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The next Ward 3 meeting will be December 2, 2014 from 6:00-8:00p.m. Marysville Public Library, Meeting Room B. There will be no Public Affairs Committee meeting Monday, November 24, 2014, which has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items. We will be meeting in December.

Mr. Reams said Safety Committee met last week and discussed snow removal and blocking of sidewalks. We also discussed how to report street light outages.

Mr. Berbee congratulated Ms. Chavarria on the fourth time she will receive the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Mr. Berbee said that we had a Finance Committee meeting, and it looks like we will be finishing the year in the black. We also had the Redtree Investment Group, formerly known as Baird Public Investment Advisors, at the meeting, they expect that the short term money will increase in the next 12-18 months.

Mr. Taylor said to travel safe and enjoy family. That is what holidays are for. Mr. Taylor said at the Christmas parade, you (Boy Scouts) will lineup in the football field area.

Mrs. Richardson said to the Boys Scout troop, that she is pretty sure that one of the requirements for a patch is to interview a Councilmember. Any one of us would be willing to talk with you.

Mr. Taylor asked for a Motion to adjourn into a closed Executive Session to discuss the employment of a public employee. Mr. Berbee made the motion, and Mr. Rausch seconded.

Mr. Berbee YES;

Mr. Rausch YES;

Mr. Fogt YES;

Mrs. Richardson YES;

Mr. Taylor YES;

Mrs. Groat YES;

Mr. Reams YES

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned into a closed Executive Session which adjourned at 9:00 p.m.