



COMMITTEE WORK SESSION NOVEMBER 2, 2015

Committee Members Present: Scott Pelot
Dennis McGlone
Dennis Pierson
Paul Tousley
Charlotte Whipkey
Rick Rodgers

Also Present: Mayor Mike Zita
Valerie Wax Carr
Ron Messner
Justin Markey
Karla Richards

The Committee Work Session convened on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Rick Rodgers, President of Council. Following a salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silent prayer.

General Topics of Discussion:

Sports Team Leases in City Parks

Ms. Whipkey stated we have been discussing this for six or more months, we have amended the lease from ten (10) years to five (5) years; and we added the requirement of a minimum of 51% of the players must be Norton residents. The amendments apply to all three associations and involve each receiving a lease for one dollar per year. We have heard people speak that feel very strongly one way or another. We have also been asked to look at background checks which I believe that is something that we as Council should not be involved in. We have received a ton of information and thank to all of you that sent something in. We have all been reading your emails on scheduling, financial data, and much more information. It's been informative and was enlightening to learn that you pick up the bill on those that couldn't otherwise afford to play and I am assuming all associations do so. I see nothing but good coming from the leases but more can come from making some changes to our codes that will benefit more citizens. Ms. Whipkey noted that our Codified Ordinances will be amended to correct all of these new changes after the fact. Ms. Whipkey then asked Mr. Tousley if there was something he wanted to add. Mr. Tousley stated that he has carefully studied, talked and weighed different viewpoints concerning the use of facilities.

He is particularly looking at Code 1066.02 that talks about fees of \$25.00 for the use of park pavilions or other park facilities. Mr. Tousley stated he would like the Administration to add a separate section here that defines the fields specifically. Mr. Tousley stated as a resident of Norton you should not have to pay to use the fields, maybe a deposit would be sufficient. Mr. Tousley stated that if you are not a resident, then a fee should be charged and perhaps doubled or more. Mr. Tousley stated there is not a whole lot of use to these fields other than from these three (3) sport leagues. Ms. Whipkey asked for clarification is this for anyone or does that just mean teams and Mr. Tousley stated it could be anyone, like last week the Girl Scouts were mentioned and he believed if they were a Norton based entity they should have use of the fields. Ms. Whipkey stated that instance was actually due to our code and not the teams. Ms. Whipkey added it was stated that unless there were so many people in a group if you show up you can use these fields if they are not already being used or actually scheduled for use by the teams. Mr. Tousley stated that he has thought long and hard about this and he just wants to make this as fair for everyone in the City as possible. Mr. McGlone stated he agreed if what Mr. Tousley wanted was to look at this further after we deal with the current ordinances. Mr. Tousley stated he is just asking for a commitment from Council to at least address this in the near future. Ms. Whipkey stated we need to do a lot of changes for this Chapter 1066, Mrs. Carr concurred and that we need to look at updating this in addition to 1064. Mr. Tousley stated some constituents were concerned the league leases would be increased causing their enrollment fees to be increased. Mrs. Carr discussed the \$1.00 as stated in the lease; it's more of a symbolic item for clarification. Ms. Whipkey added that \$1.00 fee is per year and she was planning to add making changes to the park facility codes to the next work session. Mr. Pelot stated that he felt it was a good idea to finally put something in writing after they had maintained the fields for so many years. Mr. Rodgers stated he had met with some of the Wolf Creek Association and that they do drag and line the fields prior to playing.

Public Comment

Tiffany Mead, 3019 S. Hametown Road, Norton, Ohio, stated what Mr. Tousley was discussing on the Norton residents having the fields and not having a fee, which is the real issue here. Yes, she did bring up other items to Council's attention. Ms. Mead discussed the tournaments which can run for two (2) weeks and usually they don't play on Sundays. They technically don't play on Sundays, and they should not need the priority six (6) day schedule, they should be able to give up Sunday. Ms. Whipkey stated the City will have the schedule so if they are not using the fields they can yield the field to someone. Ms. Carr stated the NBA and other teams have been very kind to us when the City is having an event and are very accommodating. She was not aware of any time they have come back and tried to bump something after having yielded the field. Mr. Rodgers asked about the number of tournament's and when they occur. Mr. Bosley stated at the maximum two to three times per year and as an example he had one earlier this fall and he notified the other teams to advise them well in advance. Mr. Rodgers asked about rain outs and if these need a makeup day the same week for tournaments.

Mr. Bosley, 3336 Brent Lane, Norton, Ohio, thanked everyone for their hard work, and the time that has gone into this.

We hardly ever use these fields on Sundays and if it was to be used for a tournament, we would know well in advance. Mr. Bosley stated there is still a lot of field time for the public to use these fields. Mr. Bosley noted when these dirt fields get rained on they are not in playing condition for about two weeks out unless they bring them back to a usable condition. We have equipment for addressing the fields and a process we need to do to bring them back to playing fields. In the meantime the public is still permitted on those fields. Mr. Bosley urged anyone to call him about using the fields at any time. Mr. Bosley stated when he bows out in the next year; he would be more than accountable for the next person stepping in. We level these fields, we fix the base anchors, we fill in the holes, we fertilize the fields, etc. Mr. Bosley discussed not charging people and of all the years he has been involved, there were no fees charged.

Mark DeDomenic, 488 Tallwood Drive, Norton, Ohio, and the current treasurer of Norton Baseball Association also thanked Council and all of the emails going back and forth and educating everyone on this subject. Mr. DeDomenic stated our youth organizations are made up of hundreds and hundreds of the Norton youth and taxpayers, not to mention those that don't get to vote because they are just kids. Mr. DeDomenic stated it shows that there is collaboration between the city and these organizations. The City does not have the time or the equipment to do this all by themselves and is where we came in just as the organizations did not have the time or the money to acquire the fields. Mr. Rodgers stated he understood there were hundreds of kids involved, but asked Mr. DeDomenic to understand that we as Council have to listen to all of the voices, even the smallest ones. Mr. DeDomenic stated he understood that and commented about Ms. Meads tone in her emails as if it were the Norton taxpayers versus the organizations and he just wanted to remind everyone that the organizations are composed of Norton citizens and taxpayers.

Mr. Charles Tripp, 3262 Cherrywood Street, Norton, Ohio, thanked Council for the opportunity to speak. Mr. Tripp stated that his son Chase is a second grader at Norton Cornerstone School. His favorite color is red; his favorite sport is football and is on the fence as to whether or not he is a fan of the Buckeyes. Mr. Tripp stated he just finished his second season of baseball and he looks forward to playing the fields. These fields were specifically constructed and designed to meet the needs of these first and second graders. The bases are just the right length and the field also has a pitching mound located at just the right spot. Mr. Tripp asked if this is not continued, then where are these kids supposed to play ball in the City of Norton? What happens if the coaches cannot make the modifications to wherever they are supposed to play? He is here to support his son and others that want to play ball. The Norton Baseball Association provides the opportunities for over 200 Norton kids to play ball each year within the City and without the priority of having the fields it would seriously hamper the ability for these kids to play in Norton.

Ms. Jennifer Stafford, 3315 Glenbrook Drive, Norton, Ohio spoke about her experiences with softball and the baseball fields. We have been involved with fast pitch and she has two (2) daughters.

Ms. Stafford stated every year they need more fields to practice and has asked to use the fields, and is always told that they are being booked by Norton Baseball Association. Ms. Stafford stated that she has been told the fields are ok to be used for practice. Mr. Rodgers asked if she was satisfied with the conversations and she replied that as long as the blackout dates are addressed she is fine with this. Mrs. Carr added that she had spoken to Mr. Mark Williams, the Softball Commissioner, and had asked him if they were satisfied. Mr. Williams told her that they practice and play their games at the Middle School. Mrs. Carr stated she asked him about a response if someone asked about the softball needing more time or space and he answered that they were okay with and happy with working with the schools. Ms. Stafford complained there were times the girls had to practice in parking lots. Mrs. Carr stated if Ms. Stafford isn't happy about this Mrs. Carr suggested that we have a conversation with the three of us and make sure this is all worked out.

Mr. Jason Carneal, the President of Norton Youth Football, Norton, Ohio, stated that there is a third field at the middle school that is not being maintained and maybe this is another option. This field has not been used for a number of years, and grass has grown over this by now. Mr. Rodgers stated that the softball fields need to be addressed as well as the school's fields. Maybe collectively, we can work together to address those fields. Mr. Bosley stated he had informed the Soft Pitch about this field and we were told they don't want to use that one. Mr. Bosley stated it's not uncommon to have a practice on an asphalt lot.

Mr. Edward Lynden 1157 Gardner Blvd., Norton, Ohio, stated that his daughter plays soft pitch too and the reason we don't use those fields is because that field has a mound.

Ms. Natalie Easterling, (no address provided) we are getting way off topic here, there are football fields we could use but we don't ask them for that. Ms. Easterling stated these are baseball fields for baseball season and we need to figure on how to pay for the use of these fields. Today we need to focus on said topic and take the other topics to the others involved. Mr. Rodgers stated we are really not off topic as the topic is baseball and the NBA contract; if a voice needs to be heard because they have issues they will be heard if they are here. Ms. Whipkey noted baseball is not the only one we are covering; we are also deciding about the football and soccer. Ms. Easterling stated she feels that tonight it seems like baseball is in the forefront. Ms. Whipkey agreed they were the ones brought into the limelight more than any of the others, but reminded everyone that once we get these ordinances past, no one will be confused anymore and they will have access to the fields.

Mr. Jeff Rummer, 3276 Whipple Drive, Norton, Ohio stated that he owns Wolf Creek Baseball LLC, we are the other baseball team. We are friends of the Norton Baseball Association, and admire the work that they do. We would hope they continue to provide youth baseball for next year. We support everyone's right to speak their minds before Council, whether they agree or disagree. No friendships will be lost because of certain people's opinion on this issue.

Mr. Rummer stated that what is concerning this issue Wolf Creek Baseball supports Ord. #53-2015 and we do encourage Norton Council to pass this.

Mr. Kevin Kuenzer, 4067 Howell Street, Norton, Ohio, stated that he is the one that sent all of Council that lengthy email last week about scheduling. Mr. Kuenzer stated that he supports the Norton Baseball Association 100 percent. Mr. Kuenzer stated that there has been this agreement with the Norton Baseball Association for the last fifteen (15) years. If you have any questions that are not crystal clear he is here to offer the answers.

Ms. Carol Bosley, 3336 Brent Lane, Norton, Ohio, thanked Council and all of their time. She is in full support of this and she needs to know that in a month when she has to go and sign up the kids to play that they actually have a place to play. Ms. Bosley stated that she hopes this will prevail tonight and that we can move on to other things that Council needs to work on.

Ms. Shannon DeDomenic, 488 Tallwood Drive, Norton, Ohio, thanked Council for their time. She is a lifelong resident and was born and raised here. Mrs. DeDomenic stated she does not mind paying the small fees to have a party for our kids and their friends at the park facilities. She urged Council to pass these ordinances and to not take away the rights for everyone to play on these fields.

Mr. Rodgers stated there has been a lot of emotion over this from both sides for the past several weeks. We have to remember this is all about the kids, and we need to remember this. Mr. Rodgers stated he is aware that there has been one 11 year old child that has been impacted by this conversation, and he can sense there is still some anger in the crowd. No one is trying to stop Norton Baseball Association from playing ball or impede them; we had some complaints we had to address. We have made some changes to the agreement and we need to calm things down in the community and move on with this.

Mr. Steve Miller, the President of Northeast Football and asked if there was a problem with football. Mr. Rodgers answered no and relayed we had not heard anything on football or soccer.

Mr. Charlie Zenner, 3853 Valley Drive, Norton, Ohio, stated that last week the issue of background checks was brought up and Ms. Whipkey stated Council does not want to get involved with this. Mr. Rodgers and Mrs. Carr stated that all three teams do background checks on the coaches. Mr. Tousley stated the parents need to be parents and follow up with this; it's not a position of local government. Ms. Whipkey stated she agreed and discussed the weekend news as there was an issue with the teacher from Loudonville, Ohio that was recently arrested for putting up cameras in elementary school bathrooms and assumed that those people had background checks. There was also a social worker for children that recently went to prison for child pornography. Background checks are not always going to cover everything and it's the parent's responsibility to check these things out and go above and beyond to see what their child is actually in. There is no guarantee your child is going to be safe up at the corner or with the nice and friendly coach.

Mr. Zenner stated he is concerned with this day and age as it is changed from earlier years and you cannot be sure what you are getting into. Ms. Whipkey stated after seeing all of the passion we have seen here tonight, she would hate to be a coach on any of those teams abusing a child. Ms. Meade stated its Ohio law that coaches go through a background checks. Mr. Rodgers stated Council has decided we are not going to get into the issue of background checks, we have spoken with our Law Director and he has also received some outside opinion from others in general discussion.

Mr. Tripp stated he wanted it on the record, he is not associated with Norton Baseball, and he was only here to speak on his son's behalf and is in no official capacity to the Norton Baseball Association.

At 7:55 Mr. Rodgers moved to amend agenda to recess the Committee Work Session now and go into the Special Council Meeting to vote on these sports teams leases so the public does not have to wait, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yeas: Rodgers, Whipkey, Pelot, McGlone, Pierson, Tousley
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

At 7:58 PM the Special Council meeting was adjourned and Mr. Rodgers called the Committee Work Session back to session. A brief recess was taken for all of the Baseball Association to exit the chambers. At 8:06 PM. Council reconvened the COTW back to session to continue with the agenda topics. Mr. Rodgers noted that Mrs. Lynn Karant had submitted a letter to the Council and asked everyone to please read this for themselves; she had left the meeting earlier. (see attached) All of Council and most of the audience stood in acceptance of the challenge from Mrs. Karant.

Mr. Dan Karant, 3545 Easton Road, Norton, Ohio spoke about the Norton Kiwanis and Medicine Shoppe will hold a medication take back day and we cannot accept aerosol cans or sharp needles. The past two years have been very successful and we are trying to increase the awareness of the program. There are fourteen (14) drop boxes throughout Summit County and are located at most police departments; with the exception of Norton and Springfield. We have one of the most visible and successful programs, and it's a green program to keep medications from entering the waterways. Mr. Karant also noted they will collect unwanted firearms like the normal type and old ammunition. If this cannot be used for police work the items will be destroyed. It is preferred that all weapons are unloaded when entering the pharmacy. We are just trying to get them out of the hands, so they are not stolen or misused.

Summit Road Sign Postings for Heavy Vehicles

Mr. Pelot discussed the discussion of Ordinance 440 concerning weight restriction on certain areas and discussed the sample legislation prepared. The sample legislation states a vehicle weight limit of 5 tons and we need to just identify exactly what part of Summit Road we want to allow it.

Mr. Rodgers stated from the overpass to St. Rt. 261 would be ok and from the City of Barberton Limits to the Rt. 224-I-76 overpass is where we want to restrict this. Mr. Markey stated he would make the appropriate changes for Council to put on the next agenda. The other areas you will be able to mark with signs stating “for local deliveries only” or whatever sign is appropriate. Mr. Rodgers stated he would like to work with Barberton for them to address their side of it too because that would help in our enforcement if they stop it in their side. Ms. Whipkey asked for clarification that this is just affecting Section D-4 and Mr. Markey stated there are two (2) changes in Section D1- will have the weight limits and Section D-4 is really to be marked with new signs. Mr. Pelot asked if we have signs available and Mrs. Carr stated we will need to have them ordered. Mr. Jack Gainer, 3920 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio, wanted to clarify the discussed changes and referenced the map and that this is about two (2) blocks that will have the restricted weight limits. Mr. Pelot stated that would be correct and it’s in a residential area on both sides. Mr. Gainer stated this affects the residential blocks of Hazelwood and Connect and we will be restricting in that area. Are we going to have a situation where a trucker would arrive at the intersection of 224 and Summit Road and then they realize that they cannot go any farther? Mr. Rodgers stated if Barberton does not have restrictions here; that’s not our concern. This is a residential area and we have been receiving complaints. Mr. Rodgers stated that driver will have to stop right then and there and have to turn around. Mr. Gainer expressed his concerns with this and that you need to get with Barberton on this before you post your signs. There is not enough space for a truck to turn around. Mr. Pelot stated in these residential areas if a truck is coming down Hazelwood they are already in violation to begin with in the City of Norton; Mr. Pelot added that if the signs are placed notifying drivers in 1000 feet heavy trucks are not allowed there should be the opportunity to decide turn around. Mr. Rodgers stated this is a Norton ordinance and it will be enforced by Norton regardless of what Barberton does. This is a concern for our roads and the upkeep of our roads.

Mr. Ralph Dowling, 556 Hartzel Drive, Norton, Ohio, stated he has an F-150 truck and it weighs more than 5,000 pounds and questioned what we are doing here? You may also have trouble with trash vehicles due to that weight. Mr. Pelot clarified that the restriction is 5 tons, not 5,000 pounds. Mr. Pierson stated he agreed with Mr. Gainer and the signs should state “No Trucks, For Local Delivery Only” in stead of weight restrictions. Mr. Pierson stated if you get into this area you may not be able to have the space you need to turn the truck around. Mr. Rodgers pointed out even with the “No Truck” sign you would have the same problem with turning around. Ms. Whipkey stated the way she is looking at this is we might be able to bring in some money. Ms. Whipkey stated we should post a sign before going over the bridge so they see that and they will be going over the limit and if they continue they will be ticketed; if they get enough tickets, they will stop using the road. Mr. Pelot stated his concern here is that you have eighteen (18) wheelers going through residential neighborhoods. You have kids, dogs here and they have no business being in a residential neighborhood. Mr. Rodgers discussed the erosion from the big trucks rolling through these residential areas, and that they can cause enough damage and possibly collapse the roads. Mr. Tousley asked about the concern from Mr. Dowling and the garbage trucks and asked if they already have the permits required.

Mrs. Carr stated that generally the city would have permitted use for this as an exception and Mr. Markey concurred.

Mr. Pelot moved, to place this on Councils next agenda, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Whipkey, McGlone, Pierson, Tousley, Rodgers
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Nash Heights Discussions

Mr. Pierson asked Mr. Markey if we have a response from the EPA? Mr. Markey stated we have no written response; the verbal response was that the five (5) bullet points are what they are looking for. They are recommending we do a full facilities plan, a full plan is not required; however the five (5) bullet points for supporting the life cycles is what really needs submitted as far as evidence goes. Mrs. Carr stated that she has asked Mr. Demboski to prepare the five (5) bullet points for both the gravity and vacuum. Mr. Rodgers stated if we have that by the end of this week from Mr. Demboski we could discuss this at the Council Meeting during the COTW. Ms. Whipkey asked are we ever going to get this in writing from the EPA and Mr. Markey stated it is not clear that we would get any further clarification as he believes that the EPA thinks they were clear as to what they were looking for in the letter was the five points. Ms. Whipkey asked specifically on having to do another full facilities plan or just use our mini-updates. Mr. Markey and Mrs. Carr both stated that the EPA stated that we are not to call this a mini-update as that is not a term they use, or a modified facilities plan. Mrs. Carr explained that the EPA does not want a name used for the five bullet points and just to answer the five questions.

Amend Section 1066.04 Park Rules-Dogs in Park

Ms. Whipkey we have a code that needs updated relating to dogs in the parks. We have repealed that to where the dogs are allowed in the park since 2008 and our ordinance did not reflect this. . The code was apparently never updated and we need to bring this up to speed, in 1066.04 (B) and will be changed to read: *No animal of any kind, including horses, cattle, goats, swine and fowl are allowed within park property without the consent of the Director of Public Service. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prohibit dogs from being in a public park subject to the limitations set forth in Chapter 618 of the Codified Ordinances*". Mrs. Carr stated since we are going to review all of Chapter 1066 with the sports team's leases we need to address this at the same time. Mrs. Carr stated that even though this was not updated correctly, we do not enforce this. Mr. Pelot discussed Section G and asked about a person with a CCW and if they are not permitted to carry that weapon? Mr. Rodgers stated he thought the City's proper rule contained this. Mayor Zita stated that would apply to city buildings, etc. Mrs. Carr stated this why we need to review all of this. Mr. Jack Gainer stated state law does not allow the City to prohibit anyone with a CCW permit to enter any of the parks, but does allow prohibition for a city building even one such as a restroom.

Ms. Whipkey asked about getting input from the Parks Board and Planning and Mrs. Carr stated yes she would like to discuss this with them and get their suggestions. Mr. Rodgers stated we should have a joint meeting and discuss this all at once. Their next meeting is Nov. 18, 2015 at 5:15 PM. Ms. Whipkey suggested if anyone comes across something they would like addressed, submit them to Mrs. Carr. Mrs. Carr stated we could take those concerns and draft something for the Parks Board to review and approve then bring it all to Council for their approval.

P-25 800 MHZ Radio Purchase

Mr. McGlone discussed this need due to the Issue 12 failing in 2014 and that would have paid \$484,000.00 for our share of a total of what he believed was one-hundred-fifteen (115) radios. From what we are hearing from Summit County; this issue will not be back on the ballot in the near future and we need to replace the radios by the end of 2019 but will be good until 2032. Mr. Pry-Summit County Executive has approached Motorola for discounted purchases and Motorola agreed to give discounts this year and a lesser discount next year. Do we want to get these radios this year at a savings of 45% at a total cost of about \$230,000.00 or forget the 45 % in savings and go for this next year at a total 40% savings and pay an additional \$18,650.00; after 2016 there will be no discount and we would pay full price. Mr. McGlone stated that if we don't do this for next year it would cost us the full \$484,000.00. Mr. McGlone turned it over to Mr. Messner as he believed he had a short term note to propose that would include paying for the radios. Mr. Messner stated he would be bringing legislation pieces forward for some short term borrowing before the end of the year to cover the pre-engineering costs of \$610,000.00 for the Cleve-Mass. Road and Nash Heights projects. He cannot continue to carry a negative balance for the end of the year and has probably carried them for too long already. Mr. Messner explained we have \$410,000.00 in our advanced budget that has not been used and he will ask Council to re-appropriate it. If Council remembers, anything taken out of that needs to be put back in; however the lead auditor explained to him that if Council re-appropriates and calls it a transfer we will not have to bring it back. He intended to use that money as well as some short term borrowing and the short term note could be worked into this for a 1.05 %. Next year, the Fire, Police, and Service budgets would repay their shares of the radio costs. This is informational piece to all of you relating to the discount by Motorola, and if you want to wait to next year, you can do that. If you want to do it this year at a better savings, he can incorporate this all together. Mr. McGlone added that Council needed to make a decision to give Mr. Messner the time to pull this together to do this year, if Council agrees. Ms. Whipkey asked if she understood correctly that the three departments are sharing these costs, and Mr. Messner replied it not like a third, a third, and a third. The Service Dept has 20 + the police have 30+ and the remainder of the radios are in the Fire Dept. Ms. Whipkey stated she believed we should go forward this year as over half the cost would be coming from the Fire Department budget that is set up through levy dollars. Mr. Pelot asked if there are any grant dollars available and Chief Dalessandro has checked and found nothing, same for Chief Schultz. Mr. Tousley asked if these radios are only made by Motorola and Mr. Messner replied yes. Mr. Rodgers asked Mr. Messner the difference of buying this now, verses next year, and Mr. Messner, stated that if we want that 45% discount then we need to do that before December 31, 2015.

Next year they will offer a 40% discount though the end of 2016. After December 31, 2016 we will have to pay the full price of about \$484,000.00. Mr. Rodgers inquired if the Police and Fire Departments have enough in their budgets for this year? Mr. Messner responded no we don't for this year; which is why he will need to go out for a short term note. Mr. Messner stated that in 2016 when we start the year; he will budget to pay this back out of their separate departments. Mr. Messner added we could pay back in installments or in one lump sum. Mr. Rodgers discussed the upcoming Fire Dept. levy renewal and expressed concerns the department might end up with a shortfall. Mr. Messner stated that that would not happen and reminded Council of the issue raised by Mr. Pierson recently regarding the ambulance purchase. Mr. Pierson would have rather paid for that outright versus the lease term we ended up with. Mr. Messner stated that since we ended up with the lease option here; the Fire Department have over \$155,000.00 sitting in their funds to pay that back. Mr. Messner stated the savings would be about \$18,600.00 if we do this year over next year. Mr. Messner stated the borrowing would come from First Merit Bank as they are our primary banker as our best and cheapest route. Mr. Tousley questioned if the total cost savings is 45% the actual full price would have to be closer to \$411,000.00 when doing the actual math. Mr. Messner explained that we are working with the price that Summit County gave us when they were trying to get Issue 12 passed. Ms. Carrie Beegle stated she was looking at grants last week and there is a grant out there on Ohio.gov. Ms. Beegle stated that she believed if police & fire went together on this you could get up to \$275,000.00. Ms. Beegle stated that there is another grant at www.firstresponders is another place to look. Ms. Beegle stated she would be willing to help write those grants. Mr. McGlone asked again if we wanted to pursue this now or wait until next year. Mr. Rodgers stated if we can do this and save the \$18,000 + then we need to do this now. Mr. Pierson asked if Mr. Messner checked with other banks and Mr. Messner replied no he would think that with our primary banker and the excellent rate they offered he did not need to look any further. Mr. Rodgers asked Mr. McGlone to get with Ms. Beegle and see what she can do for us and Mr. Messner stated he would get with her as most of those things when writing grants needs to come from the City official and they would need to sign off on them so he would check the sites. Mr. Rodgers stated he would like her to be involved in helping find them as she finds a lot of grants at her work; if she can add some expertise to it as you need to tweak those requests, then let her do it. Mr. Messner pointed out that he has been writing grants for a number of years and Mr. Rodgers stated he was not questioning his ability. Mr. McGlone moved to add this to Councils next agenda for a first reading, seconded by Mr. Pelot. Mr. Tousley asked why the difference in the figures on the proposed legislation stating \$250,000.00 when the cost was \$230,000.00. Mr. Markey stated there is usually a cushion and we can change it and then increase this if necessary, but it is a cushion so as to not have to come back to Council.

Mr. Pierson asked about the final costs and Mrs. Carr stated that she wanted Mr. Messner to verify that is the entire cost for programming, radios, delivery, etc. Mr. Rodgers pointed out that if we do not need the full amount written in the ordinance that we do not borrow that full amount.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Pelot, Pierson, Tousley, Whipkey, Rodgers
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Derrick Miller, 6806 Summit Road, Norton, Ohio, stated that he and his wife have a business as well. The big issue on Summit is that there is a hill and a lot of children in this area, so there is a potential for something bad to happen. If this were adopted, maybe Barberton would take it seriously as well.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Topics for the next Work Session:

Review of Chapter 1066 and 1064, Park rules and Community Center Rentals
Mrs. Richards noted the Budget books will be ready this week and it will be on the agenda for Monday during the Committee of the Whole it follows the same routine we followed last year. Mr. Tousley asked about the resolutions for the Non-bargaining and if he needed to do something here and Mr. Markey noted he is working on this and will have this to him by next week.

Public Comment-Agenda and Non Agenda Items:

There was no one signed up to speak.

Public Updates:

Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Committee Work Session, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Rick Rodgers, President of Council

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