



COMMITTEE WORK SESSION FEBRUARY 19, 2008

Committee Members Present: Ken Braman
Brenda Hlas
Tom Jones
Dennis McGlone
Bill Mowery
Mike Zita
Scott Pelot

Also Present: Mayor David Koontz
Rick Ryland
John Moss
Jeff Pritchard
Fire Chief Mike Schultz
Karla Richards
Ann Campbell

The Committee Work Session convened on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 7:01 PM, in Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Scott Pelot. Following a salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silent prayer.

Committee Work Session General Discussion:

Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Mr. Pelot turned this discussion over to Mayor Koontz for the details. Mayor Koontz indicated that he received twenty (20) applications for the six (6) open positions. Mayor Koontz announced the newly appointed members as follows: Bill Courson –BZA, Angie Wells-BZA, Ralph Dowling-Planning Commission, Lisa Merrick-Parks & Cemetery, Michael Safron-Health Advisory and Judy Dyna-Civil Service. All members were present in the audience with the exception of Mr. Dowling who could not attend. Mayor Koontz announced the members being re-appointed as follows: Neva Gibson-Parks & Cemetery, Nick Genis-BZA, and Todd Houser-Planmning Commission. Mrs. Hlas stated that the Mayor had selected a great group of residents to serve. Mayor Koontz stated that he was pleased to have so many residents interested in serving. Mr. Pelot moved to add resolutions of appreciation for the service of Richard Easterling-BZA, Marguerite Abbot-Planning Commission, Audrey Toland-Parks & Recreation Board, Gail Hickey-Health Advisory Board, Dan Greaser-Civil Service Commission, Lisa Merrick-Cemetery Board, Darlena Wise-Cemetery Board, and Violet Carr-Cemetery Board, to Councils next agenda, waiving the second and third readings with emergency language, seconded by Mr. Zita.

Appointments to Boards & Commissions continued:

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Zita, Braman, Hlas, Jones, McGlone, Mowery
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Pelot moved to add the Mayor's new members appointments to the various Boards and Commissions to Council's next agenda, waiving the second and third readings with emergency language, seconded by Mr. Zita.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Zita, Braman, Hlas, Jones, McGlone, Mowery
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Pelot moved to add the Mayor's re-appointments of members to the various Boards and Commissions to Council's next agenda, waiving the second and third readings with emergency language, seconded by Mr. Zita.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Zita, Braman, Hlas, Jones, McGlone, Mowery
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Codification Updates through December 31, 2007

Mr. Pelot stated that this legislation is required to codify all of the legislation that was already adopted in 2007. Mr. Zita indicated that this is something we must do each year. Mr. Pelot moved to add this to Councils next agenda, waiving the second and third readings with emergency language, seconded by Mr. Zita.

Roll Call: yeas: Pelot, Zita, Braman, Hlas, Jones, McGlone, Mowery
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

PC Resolution #1-2008 Site Plan Review w/easements

Mr. Braman indicated that this project is on Wooster Road West and three (3) properties will be connecting to the sewer. Mr. Braman inquired if all of the conditions have been met and Mr. Pritchard stated not just yet, the final documents have been sent to the Law Director for his review of the legal issues. Mr. Pritchard indicated that by the time it gets to Council all documents should be in order. Mr. Braman stated that we are basically looking at the easement and questioned if the City would own the sewer lines and Mr. Pritchard replied yes. Mr. Braman clarified that we are only addressing accepting the easement and are not dealing with the engineering of the sewers at this point. Mr. Braman moved to add this to Councils next agenda with emergency language and waiving only the third reading, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

PC Resolution #1-2008 Site Plan Review w/easements continued:

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Pelot, Hlas, Jones, McGlone, Mowery, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Presentation by Bob Pfaff, Metro-SCAT Issue #8. AMATS

Mr. Jones turned this discussion over to Mr. Pfaff for the details. Mr. Pfaff gave a brief overview of the program he stated that over the last five (5) years their costs continued to grow astronomically and the revenues cannot keep up. Mr. Pfaff stated that in 2002 they began to make cuts in the service. In 2003 they raised the fares for transportation from \$1.00 to \$1.25, in a two-phase strategy, and eliminated free transfers. Mr. Pfaff indicated that in the following year they made additional cuts, and eliminated the routes in Norton. Mr. Pfaff stated that the City of Norton has not had fixed routes for several years, however the SCAT service continues. Mr. Pfaff stated that they have cut thirty-two (32) percent of their services since 2002, and we have reduced our expenses. Mr. Pfaff stated that coming into 2008 they knew they had a budget deficit of \$1,800,000.00 and another \$1,000,000.00 deficit in 2009 with an additional \$700,000.00 as we end 2009. Mr. Pfaff indicated that this is roughly \$4,000,000.00 that we have to address. Mr. Pfaff stated that they plan to continue to do more service cuts, such as no more weekend bus service in Summit County starting April 6, 2008. They will be eliminating nine (9) of the late evening routes, and two (2) more routes in Springfield and Cuyahoga Falls. Mr. Pfaff indicated that their goal is to return to the same service levels that were in effect seven (7) years ago, this will be slow and will take time to accomplish. Mr. Jones asked if this is a permanent levy and Mr. Pfaff indicated that this is a continuous levy. Mr. Jones asked how much revenue this levy would generate and Mr. Pfaff answered \$18,000,000.00. Mr. Jones inquired about the number of SCAT busses that were in Norton, and Mr. Pfaff indicated that he was not sure because Norton did not have assigned daily SCAT routes, it was on an as needed basis in the past. Mr. McGlone stated that the numbers just don't add up. Mr. McGlone stated you want \$18,000,000.00 and yet you are raising your budget by sixty-two (62) percent, however you state the operating shortfall is between \$2,000,000.00 and \$4,000,000.00? Mr. McGlone asked where is the other money going? Mr. Pfaff indicated that it would be used to rebuild the service levels that we have already cut, and is valued at \$10,000,000.00 per year, and will cost that much to restore over time. Mr. Pfaff indicated that capital dollars come in to build facilities, and Congress permits us to use this funding on preventative maintenance on our buildings, which is what they have been doing the last several years. Mr. Pfaff indicated that without this funding they couldn't replace busses. Mr. Mowery stated that the loss of SCAT would be devastating to the Norton residents. Mr. Pfaff stated that they estimate twenty-two thousand residents in Summit County survive with SCAT and Metro busses daily. Mr. Pelot questioned if the \$10,000,000.00 would be used to bring the services back or to sustain the current services? Mr. Pfaff replied that the funding will be used to rebuild what was taken away, and bring it back. Mr. Pelot indicated that this is a great service provided to the residents, however there seems to be no plan on how to address the 18,000,000.00 in expected revenue. Mr. Pfaff indicated that there is a plan, transportation experts designed it, however the plan describes more services than we can provide.

Presentation by Bob Pfaff, Metro-SCAT Issue #8. AMATS continued:

Mr. Pfaff stated that they took this plan and highlighted the areas that we took away and calculated this in to be as effective as possible. Mr. Pfaff stressed that there would not be any new services, it would only bring service back to the prior levels. Mr. Jones questioned how Mr. Pfaff felt about the March 4, 2008 Primary from other communities? Mr. Pfaff indicated that they have received positive support throughout Summit County, and that Akron, Cuyahoga Falls, and Barberton are supporting Issue 8. Mr. Jones stated that this is a tax that is not going away. Mr. Zita stated that it seems that the communities that are supporting this are the ones that received the most service. Mr. Zita discussed the loss of service that Norton has received in the past. Mr. Jones stated that he felt this is something that should be up to the voters, however he does support this but was unsure how the rest of Council feels. Mr. Pelot stated that he still has concerns on the business plan and the financial responsibility aspects, however he does support this. Mr. Pelot stated that the sad part of this is if this fail, the people who need this the most would suffer. Mr. Pelot suggested they provide the public with a detailed plan before the election. Mrs. Hlas stated that she supports this and they should already have her letter of support on file. Mr. Braman stated that he supports this, however he is also concerned with the rising costs. Mr. McGlone stated that he cannot support this, and that Summit County has other concerns that need addressed first, such as jobs. Mr. McGlone stated that he wished this were a five (5) year plan instead of permanent. Mr. Mowery stated that he fully supports this, and that most residents do not have a plan B to get back and forth. Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Pfaff for attending the meeting and discussing the issues. Mr. Jones moved to place a resolution of support on Councils next agenda, waiving the second and third readings.

Roll Call: Yeas: Jones, Hlas, Braman, Mowery, Pelot
Nays: McGlone, Zita

Motion passed 5-2.

Cleveland-Massillon Rd. Widening

Mr. McGlone stated that last year Council passed a Resolution of Necessity for this project. Mayor Koontz stated that this legislation was necessary to apply for AMATS-Issue II funding for the widening and curbing of Cleveland Massillon Road. Mayor Koontz stated that this is necessary to help spur development and has been a long time coming, over fifteen (15) years. Mr. Jones asked about the total costs for the project. Mr. Pritchard stated Phase I, which is from I-76 to the intersection of Cleveland-Massillon and Greenwich Roads, is \$10,000,000.00. Mr. Pritchard stated that Phase II, which is from Cleveland-Massillon Road south to Shannon Avenue is \$6,000,000.00. Mr. Pritchard indicated that the City has already presented a letter of intent to AMATS, and that today they hand delivered the application to AMATS for the Federal funding and the legislation is required by March 7, 2008. Mr. Pritchard requests Council suspend readings in order to meet the deadline. Mr. Pritchard stated that we do have some local match requirements and the construction deadline is 2013. Mr. Pritchard stated that we have a good shot at securing the funding for this project and we rank fairly high with traffic concerns. Mr. McGlone questioned how much the city hopes to get for funding?

Cleveland-Massillon Rd. Widening continued:

Mr. Pritchard stated that our local match is \$1,400,000.00 and that would get us \$8,500,000.00 in grant money. Mr. Pritchard stated that if all goes well, we may be able to cut our local match down to \$350,000.00, however the cost splits depend on the funding sources. Mr. Jones questioned if water and sewer would be done at the same time? Mr. Pritchard stated that we do have a waterline to the middle school in process, however nothing yet for sewer connections, this is to be developed later, and it currently stops at Strickland's. Mr. Jones asked how many lanes this would be and Mr. Pritchard answered four (4) and possibly five (5). Mr. Jones stated that he was on the AMATS Board back in the 1980's and project was discussed then. Mr. Pritchard stated that this project has been discussed since the 1960's. Mr. McGlone moved to place this on Council's next agenda, waiving the second and third readings with emergency language, seconded by Mr. Jones.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Jones, Braman, Hlas, Mowery, Zita, Pelot
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Recycling Grant

Mr. Braman explained that this was to give Mr. Pritchard the authority to seek grant money for recycling. Mr. Pritchard concurred, adding that this is necessary for 2008 and is due on March 3, 2008. Mr. Pritchard asked Council to suspend readings to meet the deadline. Mr. Pritchard indicated that we are anticipating receiving approximately \$3,000.00 in grant money. Mr. Braman moved to add this to Council's next agenda, waiving the second and third readings with emergency language, seconded by Mr. Jones.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Jones, Hlas, McGlone, Mowery, Zita, Pelot
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Proposals for New Fire Station

Mr. Zita stated that Mr. Ryland has been working with several architectural firms on the design of the new Fire Station. Mr. Ryland stated that over the last several months he has met with three architectural firms to discuss concepts, locations and types of Fire Stations. Mr. Ryland suggested the City contract with Architect Mr. Thomas Klingensmith to design the new Fire Station. Mr. Ryland stated that Mr. Klingensmith has done several Fire Stations over several years and has the most experience. Mr. Ryland suggested we build the new Fire Station where the current Community Center is located. Mr. Ryland stated that this is campus central, which is what all communities are leaning towards, to have all governmental services at one location. Mr. Ryland said that this would require a traffic light at the entrance. Mr. Ryland stated that the Community Center is in need of very large and expensive repairs, such as a new roof, sprinkler systems, air and heating issues.

Proposals for New Fire Station continued:

Mr. Ryland stated that a new Community Center would be constructed using the funds we would be saving by doing a conversion of the existing Community Center to a new Fire Station. Mr. Jones asked Mr. Ryland what happened to the damaged overhang at the Community Center. Mr. Ryland replied that one of the City's salt truck went through it. Mr. McGlone questioned the bidding process for architects and Mr. Ryland stated that with the fact that the levy passed, we were approached by several architects, and this was mostly by word of mouth. Mr. Ryland stated that he believed due diligence has been taken care of because three (3) were qualified proposals to review. Mr. McGlone questioned if this had been advertised would we have received more bids? Mr. Ryland stated that we may have received more, but after talking with Mr. Klingensmith, he did not feel we would find anyone more qualified. Chief Schultz stated that Mr. Klingensmith has built thirty-nine (39) Fire Stations. Mr. McGlone stated that he had no problem with that, however a s government entity he thought we should have advertised. Mr. Ryland stated that when it comes to the actual construction firms we would advertise and go out for bids, however this is just for architectural drawings at this point. Mr. McGlone stated that it would have been nice if we all knew the Community Center was in such bad shape. Mr. Ryland stated that most of the problems have been detected in the past several months, and the fact that there have been some changes to fire codes regarding sprinklers. Mr. Jones asked Mr. Ryland where the location of a new Community Center would be? Mr. Ryland answered it would be adjacent to the park and across from the parking lot. Mr. Ryland stated that it would have bathroom facilities available from the outside and the inside, making it more functional and one that could generate some revenue. Mr. Ryland stated that we spend nearly \$48,000.00 a year on the Community Center with very little revenue coming in. Mr. McGlone asked how long would it be before we could build a new Community Center? Mr. Ryland stated approximately twelve (12) months, and Mr. Pelot questioned if we have any alternate plans in the meantime? Mr. Ryland stated that the City has looked at purchasing a HUD home in Norton to be used for a meeting place, he hoped that local churches could open up their meeting halls, and there is the public library. Mr. Ryland indicated that there would be an inconvenience for a short time, but it would be short lived. Mr. Ryland stated that there would be a lot of seed money available to build a new Community Center. Mr. Pelot questioned the use of the old Fire Station, and Mr. Ryland stated that it has an estimated value of \$200,000.00 and the sale of that would be used to construct a new Community Center. This is prime retail location, because it has sewer and water. Mr. McGlone questioned if anyone would really be interested in that parcel and he discussed the amount of vacancies at the new development just up the street. Mr. Moss indicated that the owner of that development has interests in tenants related to the health care fields and is not willing to just rent to whoever wants them. Mr. Jones discussed the location of bays being added to the current structure and Mr. Ryland indicated that we would add on to the north end for the bays. Mr. Ryland stated that all architects they met with suggested making this facility a safety center, which would house the Fire Dept. and the Norton Police Dept. Mr. Jones asked if this would cause a problem with our jail system? Mr. Ryland stated that it is not a big issue, we are classified as a twelve day jail with two (2) holding cells and one (1) drunk tank. Mr. Pelot asked if the foundation structure of the current facility has been examined and if it is structurally sound?

Proposals for New Fire Station continued:

Mr. Ryland stated that the facility is sound, and the plans are to keep all four (4) exterior walls intact, there would be no demolition of that building, simply remodeling of the inside. Ms. Charlotte Whipkey, a Norton resident, asked if it bothers them that we just passed a fire levy and part of that money was designated to go towards this building and now you want to take our Community Center and turn it into a Fire and Police Station? Ms. Whipkey stated that the people would have to go without a Community Center, and that she did not think it was a great idea to have all of your safety forces in one building. Ms. Whipkey asked if the Council meetings would still be in this room or moved somewhere else? Ms. Whipkey expressed her concerns about a potential fire at either one of these buildings; it could be a problem trying to get in through here. Ms. Whipkey stated that she did not think this was fair to the people to even think about taking away their Community Center in particular after passing the levy. Mr. McGlone stated that we would be hearing a lot more comments like this in the future from the public. Mr. Ryland stated that as Council you have to decide what is best for the City and with this plan it does not require us to go out and purchase additional land to make it happen. Mr. Ryland stated if this is such a bad idea, then why are so many other communities doing central safety centers. Mr. Ryland stated that Stow, Tallmadge, Munroe Falls, and Canal Fulton have done this already. Mr. Jones asked why don't we build a new Fire Station in the vacant land at the parking lot instead of converting the Community Center? Mr. Ryland indicated that if you were to do this you would not have a separate entrance for the Fire Station. Mr. Ryland stated that you would need a private access road going out to Greenwich Road. Mr. Moss stated that the cost of bringing the Community Center up to code is absorbed by the offset the construction of the new facility. Mr. Moss discussed the idea of borrowing money to temporarily fast track building a new Community Center. Mr. McGlone expressed his concerns with the lack of discussion on this issue and that we are being asked to make a quick decision on this. Mrs. Hlas stated that we would still have three (3) readings on the legislation. Mr. Pelot asked about the time line for construction, and Mr. Ryland answered that if we move dirt by June 1, 2008 it would be ready by January 2009. Mr. Pelot discussed the funding for a new Fire Station and that he thought it would be a few years before the revenue would be seen, so how are we going to pay for this? Mr. Moss replied that we would be borrowing the money and use the stream of income to pay off the debt and financing. Mr. Ryland stated that interest rates are very favorable at this time. Mr. Moss indicated that the debt would be structured so that we would not have any payments due until the revenue is coming in. Mrs. Hlas stated that the first step is to have an architect prepare the drawings. Mr. McGlone stated let's do the architectural plans now and then decide on the location later and think about it. Mrs. Hlas stated that in order to have an architect draw up the plans he needs to know if we are using an existing building or not. Mr. McGlone stated that he is not ready to decide this in one (1) night. Mr. Jones asked how many bays and how far north of the building would this be? Mr. Ryland answered that there are four (4) bays and some offices at the end, and there is still room between the shuffleboard courts and the historical house.

Proposals for New Fire Station continued:

Mr. Alex Stavarz, a Norton resident, agreed with Mr. McGlone's concerns about not advertising for engineering firms, and that he did not think it was fair to other engineering firms. Mr. Stavarz stated that he did not see the emergency in moving this along. Mr. Ryland strongly disagreed with the need for emergency. Mr. Ryland stated that we have to decide either to make the repairs to the Community Center or build a new Fire Station and there is a time element. Ms. Jill Miller, a Norton resident, stated that when the Community Center was built her husband had offered to help out with the plans. Ms. Miller stated that this Community Center lacks a lot to be truly functional and to make it profitable it needs work. Ms. Miller indicated that you need at least three (3) sinks, the electric needs addressed, you cannot even use two (2) coffee urns at the same time. Mrs. Miller asked the Administration and Council to consider using her husband's services in their decisions. Chief Schultz stated that this decision was not done lightly, he had forty (40) or more architects contact him and that he called every reference Mr. Klingensmith gave him and found no complaints. Chief Schultz stated that he wants to see this project done right and would not want to have any delays. Chief Schultz stated that the Fire Station has a leaking roof and with the last rain we had a leak that rained in onto our backup communications center which started an electrical fire. Chief Schultz stated that this is an old building that is not safe and it does not make sense to throw away the fire levy money into fixing this building. Mr. Pelot questioned the idea of combining the Fire and Police Departments and Chief Schultz stated this is a good idea because we already work closely with them now and he discussed this with Chief Carris and he is in favor of it. Chief Schultz stated that even before the levy was passed he brought this idea of combining the safety forces because it would be more efficient. Mr. McGlone agreed we need the Fire Station and the Community Center needs addressed, however he cannot see losing the facility for twelve months or even more. Mr. Pelot asked what our options were and Mr. Ryland stated that Council could direct Mr. Moss to look into financing the construction and being the process. Mr. Pelot questioned the costs of building a new Community Center and Mr. Ryland replied approximately \$100.00 per square foot. Mr. Pelot discussed the dedication plaque to Shirley McGuire and questioned if this would be moved to the new facility. Mr. Moss indicated that this would be Council's decision. Ms. Gayle Brenner, a Norton resident, stated that she likes the idea of joining forces and considering budgets it is a wise thing to do. Mr. McGlone asked about the use of the old Police Station and Mr. Ryland stated that we have ideas, it would not be torn down, and we could use it for Administration offices or lease it out. Mrs. Elaine Tompkins, a Norton resident, stated that it has been one hundred and five (105) days since the election and the approval of a levy. Mrs. Tompkins stated that this is a mammoth operation to start without advising the entire public of your plans. You have paid for a Community Center, and questioned what happened to the maintenance money the city allocated for this? Mrs. Tompkins stated that you need to take the time and look at this, and the fact that thirty (30) percent of the fire levy money was to be used for a new building. Mrs. Tompkins stated that the Community Center belongs to the community and you should get their input on this before rushing into it. Mr. Pelot questioned the cost of the engineering and Mr. Ryland stated that it is included in the \$1,600,000.00 and that amount also includes the architects fees.

Proposals for New Fire Station continued:

Mr. Jason Sams, a Norton resident, thanked the Administration for finally looking to the future like Jackson Township just did. Mr. Sams commented on the five (5) regular residents who come and are the vocal minority. The vocal majority is out there-the residents that are watching today. Mr. Moss stated that we do budget and spend money on maintenance to the Community Center, and the last project cost \$16,000.00 to replace the fascia. Mrs. Tompkins asked how old the Community Center is and Mr. Jones stated he believed it is approximately twenty (20) years. Mr. Jones stated that we did just get this today and he would like to see this put on the internet to those who use the Community Center and get their input, maybe wait for a couple of weeks, it may turn out to be positive feedback. Mayor Koontz indicated that all of the facts are not readily apparent, and we need to look at timing, demands may be there to do this now. Mr. Jones stated that we should have been apprised all along, all he is asking for is a couple of weeks to look it all over, and he would like to see some drawings. Mr. Ryland stated that he does have some conceptual drawings and you are all welcome to come in and take a look at them. Chief Schultz stated that he discussed this with Mr. Klingensmith and he offered to come to Council and the Administration to answer any questions. Mr. Pelot stated that this is just for the architectural drawings and not the construction. We have time for the residents to come forward and ask their questions.

Mr. Zita moved to add this to Council's next agenda for a first reading only, seconded by Mrs. Hlas.

Roll Call: Yeas: Zita, Hlas, Braman, Jones, Mowery, Pelot
Nays: McGlone

Motion passed 6-1.

Unfinished Business:

Mrs. Hlas briefly discussed the new Fire Dept. equipment expected to be received with the Homeland Security grant, and inquired about the list of equipment. Chief Schultz stated that Council should have already received the list; however we are getting new heart monitors and AED's, twenty-two (22) breathing tanks, masks, etc. Mrs. Hlas stated that after the completion of the purchase of the Service Garage the City came in under budget at a total cost of \$473,335.78.

Mr. Zita discussed the recent issues with various trash haulers (other than J & J Refuse) collecting trash at various hours in the early mornings and would like to add this discussion to the next Work Session agenda. Mr. Zita stated that he believed the contract with J & J Refuse stipulates no pick-ups any earlier than 6:00 AM and would like the legislation to address this. Mr. Pelot questioned if the City's noise ordinance might have something in it to address this and that preparing legislation might be a moot point. Mr. Pritchard stated that he would look into the contract details and the noise ordinance for the next meeting.

New Business:

Mr. Pelot stated that Mr. McGlone is interested in bringing back the issue of having the Law Director appear in court on the City's behalf and preparing a resolution of non-support on the expansion of the MAD. Mr. McGlone stated that the last time this came up for a vote, we did not have a full Council present and that he wants to bring it back so everyone can vote on this. Mr. Pelot indicated that we are approaching the deadline for the engraving of the granite bench for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park in Clinton and urged any residents still interested to contact City Hall. Mr. Pelot reminded the Administration that we need to finalize the agenda for the Annual Work Shop for March 31, 2008. Mr. Pelot stated that if we are to have any guest speakers, we need to provide them ample time to prepare. Mr. Pritchard indicated that the Administration has selected one guest speaker so far.

Public Comment-Non Agenda Items:

Ms. Charlotte Whipkey, a Norton resident, spoke about the \$42,500.00 check the City received last week from Mr. Copen and that Mr. Copen stated this was for a new vehicle, however the Finance Director had commented that this was to pay off an older vehicle. Mr. Moss clarified his earlier statements and that this recent check is for a second fire truck that the Norton Fireman's Association had purchased for the City.

Mrs. Elaine Tompkins, a Norton resident, spoke about the MAD (see attached).

Topics for the next Work Session:

Mr. Pelot placed the trash haulers legislation, and the MAD Resolution of non-support on the next Work Session agenda. Mr. Moss indicated that he needs to replace one employee in the Finance Dept. Mr. Moss indicated that Ms. McCall took a leave of absence a year ago and will not be returning. Mr. Moss indicated that Ms. McCall was performing more advanced duties than the position called for and would like to fill this position with a higher skilled employee. Mr. Moss stated that he has the job descriptions for the old and new positions and would present that to Council at the next Work Session. Mr. Ryland asked to place the Non-Bargaining employees salaries & MPO revisions on the next Work Session agenda. Mr. Ryland stated that we have received a proposal for the water & sewer access fees study, and would like to place this item on the next Work Session agenda.

Mr. Moss gave a brief update on the meeting with the Newpark Drive business owners held last week. Mr. Moss stated that Mayor Koontz and Mr. Braman attended the meeting. Mr. Moss stated that engineers are working on the preliminary plans which include an additional turn lane adjusting the water back flow pressure timing, and raising the road levels above the ten (10) year flood plain. Mr. Moss indicated that the road level increase could be anywhere from nineteen (19) inches to three (3) feet, which will increase the stability to accommodate the heavy truck traffic in that area. Mr. Moss indicated that he expects to have the drawings in about sixty (60) days and there may be another meeting scheduled with the business owners.

Topics for the next Work Session:

Mr. Braman stated that he has attended these meetings and complimented Mr. Moss on the fine job he does explaining the project and financing details to the business owners.

Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Committee Work Session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Scott Pelot, President of Council

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