



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021**

The Committee Work Session convened on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by Dennis McGlone, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

Roll Call:	Jack Gainer	Also Present:
	Dan Karant	Mayor Zita
	Paul Tousley	Robert Fowler
	Scott Pelot (excused)	Pam Keener
	Charlotte Whipkey	Justin Markey
	Joe Kernan	Kerry Macomber
	Dennis McGlone	

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC- The following announcement from Denise Mullins was read by the Clerk and will be posted to the City Website:

Twinbrooks Garden Club Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Prince of Peace Church located at 1263 Shannon Avenue. Masks will be required. Additional information can be received by calling (330) 825-9656.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

OPWC Match for Barberton Reservoir Reconstruction – Ms. Whipkey stated this is an application to participate in the reconstruction of the Barberton Reservoir. The \$50,000 local share is payable when 10 percent of the project is completed. Barberton is supposed to participate in two of our projects and she wondered if it were the same two we have up tonight. Norton’s \$50,000 will come from Fund 450 – Storm Sewer. Mr. Fowler explained it would be two separate projects and Barberton will also contribute \$50,000 towards two Norton projects. Ms. Whipkey noted that the Barberton Reservoir may be located in Norton, but it is owned by Barberton, so would it be projects that they own a piece of or just ours. Mr. Fowler remarked they are ours; Barberton is contributing \$50,000 towards the reconstruction on Eastern Road in Norton, which is a \$4,000,000 project, and a water line. The contributions help acquire funding for the two Cities’ individual projects. Ms. Whipkey questioned the balance of Fund 450 and where the remaining money would come from. Mr. Fowler explained there would be budget transfers to cover the necessary amount before the project, which may happen in 2023. He also stated that any improvement made to the dam would help the flooding issues on Barber Road. Ms. Whipkey asked what the actual cost for the dam would be and Mr. Fowler stated he believed it would be \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000. Summit County will be a partner, too and waiving readings would not be necessary as we need to pass this by July 1st. Ms. Whipkey noted the legislation does contain emergency language. Mr. Kernan recognized that when more than one community is making application for grant monies, the application scores better. Plus, the \$50,000 of the multi-million dollar project will be returned with another \$50,000 towards our project. It is through sharing resources that makes the application more competitive. Mr. Karant asked about the details of the project and Mr. Fowler will provide a

summary once it is received from Barberton. Mr. Gainer asked about raising the height of the dam and adding walls to hold back water and remarked that this project will definitely help with the flooding problem for all areas impacted. There was additional discussion on potential project details. Ms. Whipkey moved to add Resolution No. 53-2021 to the May 10, 2021 Council Agenda with emergency language; seconded by Mr. Kernan.

Roll Call: Yes: Whipkey, Kernan, Gainer
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

OPWC Match for Taylor Road Waterline - Ms. Whipkey stated this is for \$50,000 to participate with Barberton in the application for a Taylor Road waterline. Again, the \$50,000 is due when 10 percent of the project is complete. Fund 126 would be used and contains emergency language. Ms. Whipkey asked the location and Mr. Fowler stated he believed it was Wooster to Eastern but will find out for sure. Mr. Tousley asked approximate time line. Mr. Fowler explained the grant application is due July 1, 2021 with the scoring completed around October/November 2021 and then the announcement of awards in mid-April 2022. The funding would not be available earlier than the end of the State of Ohio Fiscal Year: June 30, 2022 but more likely in the fall of 2022. Ms. Whipkey clarified that this is for drinking water and asked if laterals would be available for those wanting it. Mr. Fowler explained this is a waterline replacement so the laterals should already be there, but he would follow up to be sure. Additionally, he has requested water hydrants be added. Ms. Whipkey moved to add Resolution No. 54-2021 to the May 10, 2021 Council Agenda with emergency language; seconded by Mr. Kernan.

Roll Call: Yes: Whipkey, Kernan, Gainer
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Services for Waterline for Norton Commerce Park – Mr. Kernan explained this is an agreement with GPD for engineering services in the design of Norton Commerce Park water project in the amount of \$58,355. Mr. Fowler added this is part of the sewer project and it is now reasonable to plan for water. Mr. Kernan stated there is emergency language and inquired on waiving readings with Mr. Fowler responding we may need the third waived if it moves faster. Ms. Whipkey questioned Scope of Services under Waterline Sections F and G because it states the fire looping/suppression design is excluded and asked if hydrants would be included. Mr. Fowler explained they are not designing for fire protection at this point. Barberton does have a model they use. Once the size of a building is determined, then the water system needed to provide fire flow will be designed. Mr. Kernan moved to add Resolution No. 55-2021 to the May 10, 2021 Council Agenda with emergency language; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, McGlone
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Services for Greenwich Road Resurfacing – Mr. Kernan explained this is an agreement with GPD for engineering services for the Greenwich Road resurfacing in the amount of \$18,450 from Medina Line Road to Cleveland-Massillon Road. This is an AMATS project and will include

oversight. Ms. Whipkey noted that Task #1 references Sanitary Sewer and Mr. Fowler stated that was an error as it is strictly resurfacing and it will be corrected by the May 10, 2021 meeting. Mr. Fowler further explained that AMATS has allowed each community to apply for two projects and Norton chose to do design specifications for Greenwich Road and could bid it in July to have it done this year. Mr. Karant noted that with all of the construction activities occurring in that area, there will be a lot of heavy truck traffic on Greenwich and wondered if this was the right time. Mr. Fowler explained that with AMATS, they are using federal funds and explained the proposed schedule of roads that would qualify. So we were only left with Cleveland-Massillon or Greenwich and we chose Greenwich. It would likely be in two phases with Medina Line to Hametown as phase one and phase two going to Cleve-Mass. Mr. Kernan moved to add Ordinance No. 56-2021 to the May 10, 2021 Council Agenda with emergency language; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, McGlone
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Services for Eastern Road Reconstruction Phase I and Phase 2 – Mr. Kernan explained the next two items are agreements with GPD for the Eastern Road reconstruction: Ordinance 57-2021 is Phase 1 in the amount of \$29,700 and Ordinance 58-2021 is Phase 2 in the amount of \$220,405. Mr. Kernan asked if the Kungle Road Culvert could be moved to Phase 1. There was discussion pertaining to this modification and the idea was to reconfigure that intersection with some major improvements in Phase 2. We have applied for a lot of funding and there are multiple participants with the County putting in \$200,000, Barberton \$50,000, and perhaps \$50,000 from New Franklin. Mr. Gainer stated everyone is concerned with Kungle and it would allow traffic to resume if the culvert was repaired at least with Phase 1. Mr. Fowler explained it comes down to money; if Council wants to pay the \$300,000 for that and the resurfacing, but would not be his recommendation. That would be cash where the other would be grant money. Both Phase 1 and Phase 2 are not grant applications. Phase 2, if successful, will allow for significant improvements to the road, including widening and regrading. However, it would not be feasible to move the culvert replacement from Phase 2 to Phase 1 for various reasons. Phase 1 is a project between only Norton and Barberton; there isn't any federal grant money available for that end of Eastern as it is not a federal road. Phase 2 is OPWC funds which has many partners, including the Cities of Norton, Barberton, New Franklin and the Counties of Wayne and Summit. The engineering services are quite different for Phase 1 and Phase 2. Also, the funding sources are different. Mr. Fowler noted that with the job creation numbers and list of participants, the funding application for Phase 2 should be extremely competitive. Mayor Zita remarked that whenever there are multiple jurisdictions involved, discretionary points are added to the grant application. Mr. Tousley asked if Eastern Road would remain open during construction of Phase 2 and Mr. Fowler remarked that because it is a major road project, the engineer will need to determine traffic flow during construction and may be similar to how Cleveland Massillon was handled for traffic. Mr. Kernan moved to add Ordinance No. 57-2021 to the May 10, 2021 Council Agenda with emergency language; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, McGlone
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kernan moved to add Ordinance No. 58-2021 to the May 10, 2021 Council Agenda with emergency language; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, McGlone
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Services for Johnson Road Waterline Observation – Mr. Kernan explained this is an agreement with Engineering Associates for the oversight of the installation of 12” waterline on Johnson and Parkwood Road in the amount of \$74,000. Mr. Fowler stated they received OPWC funding for the project. Mr. Kernan moved to add Ordinance No. 59-2021 to the May 10, 2021 Council Agenda with emergency language; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, McGlone
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Contract with MGT for IT installation for city hall renovation – Mr. Kernan stated this will include cameras and upgrades that will make our recordings easier to use and the amount of the contract is \$20,652. Mr. Fowler added it will include an audio cabinet, mixer and microphones. Ms. Whipkey noted that not only will this improve the public’s viewing of Council meetings, it is also for security cameras throughout City Hall. Mr. Fowler concurred. Mr. Kernan moved to add Ordinance No. 60-2021 to the May 10, 2021 Council Agenda with emergency language and waiving second and third readings; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, McGlone
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Services for Greenwich Road Sewer – Mr. Kernan stated this is for an agreement with EDG for engineering services and oversight of the Greenwich Road sewer in the amount of \$57,502. Mr. Fowler stated we received OPWC funding to pay for the sewer design. Mr. Kernan noted Norton has used this firm extensively and that the legislation needs to be passed by July 1, 2021. Ms. Whipkey asked where the laterals will be located that is referred as being added and Mr. Fowler replied he believed it meant that any laterals eliminated will be replaced, but will double check. Mr. Kernan moved to add Ordinance No. 61-2021 to the May 10, 2021 Council Agenda with emergency language; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, McGlone
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Police Vests purchase – Mr. Karant explained this is to purchase nine ballistic vests to replace vests, which expire after five years of use according to the manufacturer. Mr. Karant noted there is a 75% reimbursement and the total cost is \$10,490.90. Mr. Fowler stated we needed to get them ordered so requested waiving readings. Mr. Tousley noted that the invoice references a quantity of nine on one model and a quantity of ten on the other model. Ms. Keener said the

- C. Mr. Karant reminded all that the Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast is on Thursday and interested parties should sign up on the Kiwanis Facebook page. A minimum \$5 donation is requested; however, Mr. Karant said that should not prevent someone from attending.

ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Committee Work Session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.


Dennis McGlone, President of Council

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on May 10, 2021.


Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

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latter is an extra outer shell. Mr. Karant moved to add Ordinance No. 62-2021 to the May 10, 2021 Council Agenda with emergency language and waiving second and third readings; seconded by Mr. Tousley.

Roll Call: Yes: Karant, Tousley
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Development and TIF Agreement with Addison – Mr. Gainer stated this is a rework of the TIF Agreement and deferred the discussion to Administration. Mr. Markey explained the original legislation allowed Mr. Fowler to approve certain changes. One change is the Developer has decided to work with the Development Finance Authority of Summit County, which is the Port Authority, to issue revenue bonds to pay for the public infrastructure costs of the project. It did not change obligations the Developer had with the City or any other items negotiated by the City prioritized by Council. This decision has impacted the minimum service payment, which is \$79,000, and guarantees repayment of the bond. Other than this, there are no major changes and none of Council's priorities were circumvented. Mr. Markey will provide a red line version to Council so they can see exactly what language has changed from the original agreement, which will be repealed in its entirety. Ms. Whipkey noted that Exhibit C – Public Improvements: Preliminary Cost Budget was missing. Mr. Markey stated he will provide Council the budget document including a spreadsheet with exact amounts. He stated the budget process remains the same including distribution to the schools and the city. Now, the Developer is guaranteeing \$79,000 for City Waterline Fund and the City will receive a tax lien to ensure this guarantee that is basically a mortgage. Ms. Whipkey noted this is a 20-year agreement but the TIF is a 30-year agreement and Mr. Markey said this would be clearer once he provides the spreadsheet. Even during the 20 years we would get the water line payment. Ms. Whipkey confirmed that because this is tax related, it will be done twice a year and Mr. Markey concurred. Anything generated by the TIF goes into the TIF Fund; the schools are paid first, then the water line payment and the remaining revenue is split. Mr. Gainer asked the Administration if there is contact information regarding the party that will be selling this project as he had someone maybe interested in buying and Mr. Markey said they will look into it. Mr. Gainer moved to add Ordinance No. 63-2021 to the May 10, 2021 Council Agenda with emergency language; seconded by Mr. Karant.

Roll Call: Yes: Gainer, Karant
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

TOPICS FOR NEXT WORK SESSION – Monday, May 17, 2021

- A. Determination of sewer benefit charge on Cleveland-Massillon Road. Ms. Whipkey asked if we could get sewer charge amounts as she had been asked once again and if there were problems with the line that was preventing hook ups as it was rumored there were. Mr. Fowler responded he had asked Mr. Slagga for the calculations on the final cost as it had just closed about April 12th and the lines were ready other than the legislation.
- B. Mr. Gainer requested information on the expiration of the Barberton Water Agreement.