

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 17, 2005

President Mitten called the regular meeting of City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers and upon roll call, members answered present as follows: Breneman, Buytendyk, Cavin, Griffin, Silvestri, Topovski, Ulbright.

Joe Palermo, 440 N. Walnut Street, spoke to the issue of televising council meetings and asked why the equipment wasn't installed when the building was renovated a couple years ago. The \$55,000 wasn't in this year's budget so it has to be taken from someone's account. With the fuel costs going up and various city departments who need things, why wasn't this taken into consideration? It makes sense to wait until next year and put the sound system into next year's budget. He said he gets more from the Daily Record than he would from watching the meetings; it tells him as much as he wants to know about council.

The Clerk read a notice to the legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a transfer from Three Amigos Restaurant & Cantina, 243 E. Liberty to Downtown Grill & Café, same address for a D-5A and D-6 class permit. Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, not to request a hearing. Motion carried.

Mr. Breneman stated that tomorrow evening a finance committee meeting would be held at 5:15 p.m. in council chambers. Discussion will focus on the 2004 CAFR.

Resolution No. 2005-79 authorizing the Director of Administration to purchase items of specialized technology was read by title, being on third reading. Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri, to adopt. Mr. Ulbright called council's attention to a memo to council from Mr. Sigg regarding a company called Total Control Systems, Mogadore submitting a fairly lengthy proposal for a sound system. The prices are on the fourth page -- \$25,686 for the equipment, \$16,651 for the equipment at the career center and something like \$12,440 for installation for a grant total of about \$54,777.47 which is about right where our proposal from the tri county computer services falls. This proposal proved to Mr. Ulbright that we have chosen the right path, as the \$54,777 doesn't include preparing this room to receive the equipment. This has had a thorough first and second reading but Ms. Leedy and Mr. Erickson are present to answer any questions. A lengthy discussion followed and upon roll call, motion to adopt carried by a 4-3 vote as follows: Ulbright-yes; Breneman-no; Buytendyk-no; Cavin-yes; Griffin-no; Silvestri-yes; Topovski-yes.

Resolution 2005-85 authorizing the Director of Administration to increase the amount of a contract with Premier Staffing Group for seasonal temporary services, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on first reading. Mr. Breneman stated that this was an arrangement the city has with Premier Staffing Group; they are a vendor we have used in the past for different functions. This would be hiring someone for the maintenance division to primarily help with the leaf pick-up this fall. We need six laborers to help

with collection; year to date we have paid Premier a little over \$13,600 and we have a cap of \$15,000 that the administration can spend without council approval. But with the hire of these six laborers, we will be well above that cap. The cost is not to exceed \$45,000 payable from the operating budget of the maintenance division. A short discussion followed and Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Ulbright, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2005-86 authorizing the Director of Administration to increase the amount of a contract with the Wayne County Schools Career Center for Civil Service testing services, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on first reading. Mr. Breneman stated that this contract was not to exceed \$30,000 payable from the Human Resources division and was a budgeted item. The reason it's coming to us so late in the year is they have spent \$14,999 so far for testing. We've had a number of retirements in 2005 and due to those and future potential retirements and openings in the various divisions, we need to administer civil service testing to get a pool of applicants for future positions with the city. Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Ulbright, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to approve. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2005-87 amending Resolution No. 2005-74 by increasing the amount of the contract, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on first reading. Mr. Breneman stated that we had discussed this recently (September 6) and was an agreement with SCM Communications for telephone system services within the city offices. That original resolution stated that the cost of such contract would not exceed the amount appropriated for this purpose in the various department and division operating budgets for 2005. There were a few colleagues on council uncomfortable with that so an amendment had been made by Mr. Silvestri to put a cap of \$25,000 on the contract. Unfortunately, this comes back to us proposing an amendment to increase the amount of the contract not to exceed \$40,000 payable for these services. Mr. Sigg had presented council with a breakdown of the expenditures this year for the services that SCM has provided.

Mr. Sigg stated that most of this was routine work and reviewed the report he had provided for council on the work SCM had done. This was a busier year than normal as the community center had to be totally rewired, the parks building was upgraded for internet service and we've had some fire panel upgrades. Our total expenditures to date are \$23,406 and are rapidly approaching the \$25,000 cap set by the previous resolution.

Discussion followed and Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Ulbright, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion carried by a 6-1 vote; Mr. Silvestri casting the negative vote.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Ulbright thanked the majority of council for supporting the resolution to televise council meetings and he was confident that those who may have some doubts about it will learn and live to appreciate it because they will see the benefits long after he was gone. Mr. Ulbright stated that he had been in communication with Clear Picture and was happy to announce that the family who owns Clear Picture was prepared to make a sizeable donation to defray part of the cost of the \$55,000 as a good gesture on their part toward open government and to help us get this program ready to go. We would, of course, welcome donations from private individuals or businesses in the area who feel strongly about the support of this measure.

Mr. Buytendyk moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting so adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Judith Mitten  
President of Council

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Sheila Stanley  
Clerk of Council