

Brooklyn City Council Finance Committee
November 26, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci

ABSENT: None

Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2018. MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to approve. VOTE: To approve: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky. Abstain: Pucci. **APPROVED**

Ord. #2018-76, Amending Chapter 155 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn to bring it into alignment with the Ohio Revised Code. Councilwoman Pucci asked if there would be minutes provided. Clerk Banish responded that minutes were always taken and available in the past. MOTION by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to recommend Council **adopt**. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Ordinance #2018-77, Adopting a policy for the use of City of Brooklyn credit cards pursuant to R.C. 9.21(A). MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to recommend Council **adopt**. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Ord. #2018-80, Authorizing the Mayor enter into a Shared Services Agreement between Brooklyn and Parma Heights for the position of Animal Control Officer. Councilwoman Pucci asked some questions regarding: mileage (Chief Mielke was not sure; Dir Butler said it states equal split of all costs, so should include that); a rough estimate on the salary/benefits (Dir. Raguz replied \$70-80,000); if animals were brought here and how the costs were done (Chief Mielke and Mayor Gallagher said it will be split, and Parma will help with costs, adding that the ACO has a good relationship with Pet Supplies Plus and gets many donations from them). **2nd Reading**

Ord. #2018-81, Establishes the Capital Reserve Fund. Chairman Van Kirk explained this can be used for the purposes of existing debt obligations, financing of new debt and capital acquisitions, and capital improvements due to depreciation. Councilwoman Pucci asked if this is for existing debt and for future, not planned yet; Dir Raguz said correct. She asked if this will start a sinking fund; Dir. Raguz said this is like one, but more flexible. MOTION by Pucci, second by Paulitzky to recommend Council **adopt**. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Ord. #2018-82, Determines the percentage of Income Tax receipts goes into the General Fund (84%), Capital Improvement Fund (15%) and the new Capital Reserve Fund (1%). MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to recommend Council **adopt**. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Ord. #2018-84, Repeals a previously adopted Ordinance regarding the Tax Increment Equivalent Fund (TIF), and adopts this with changes relating to the old AG site. There is a change to the plat and notice to Polaris added and done. **2nd Reading**

Res. #2018-10, Approving the application of the City to the Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant Program for an Exterior Home Repair Grant Program. This will be a matching grant for \$50,000 with the city matching 50/50, to be used for outside maintenance. Councilwoman Pucci asked how we'll verify the financial situation; Mayor Gallagher said in their application, through their taxes. Councilwoman Pucci asked what if there is more need than money; Mayor Gallagher said it would be priority for pending violations/income priority. It was noted in the attached application the cap amount to be changed to \$3,000. Councilwoman Pucci asked about an intern and who makes the final decision; Mayor Gallagher said that will be up to the Building Dept. **1st Reading**

Ord. #2018-85 , Approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Community Reinvestment Area Tax Agreement with Cleveland American, LLC, Holdings Cleveland American, LLC and Medical Mutual of Ohio at the estimated cost of \$23M. Chairman Van Kirk said this is the old AG facility, with changes being the notice for the school, and the legal description and attached plat. **1st Reading**

Ord. #2018-86, Amended Annual Appropriations. Dir. Raguz said these are not to exceed amounts, as talking about at the budget meetings. **1st Reading**

Ord. #2018-87, Annual Appropriations. The General Fund amount is under \$15.5M. **1st Reading**

Ord. #2018-89, Authorizing the Capital Improvement Plan for 2019. **1st Reading**

Ord. #2018-90, Authorizing the Updated Capital Improvement Plan for 2018. Chairman Van Kirk said these are all additional Capital items, the bulk being for a new garbage truck. This, along with Ord. #89, will need passed at the Dec. 10th Council mtg. which should be the last meeting for the year. **1st Reading**

Dir. Raguz reported he sent out October financials.

Chairman Van Kirk brought up about the Recreation Center and allowing those outside (ex. Brooklyn Acres, on the Cleveland side) to use it at a discounted rate. He said half are in Brooklyn half in Cleveland (Councilwoman Pucci said it's more than half on the Cleveland portion), can we do legislation to allow this. Dir. Butler said he doesn't know if legislation currently exists for it, but if we are looking to allow it, it should be legislated. He expressed some concerns, mentioning an equal protection clause, and had thoughts on a discount being allowed for "some" Cleveland residents, but not all. He said to do it with a disclosure. Councilwoman Pucci said she had previously mentioned this being done.

Mayor Gallagher said she and Mayor DeGeeter will meet with NOACA and Cleveland Councilman Kevin Kelly about getting the Ridge/480 corridor done; it was knocked down for the tip list. With three in a partnership with the County it would be hoped to get that section done. –Howard Hanna is looking to purchase the property next to JD Norman on Tiedeman; that is CIC property and will go to the CIC first, before coming to Council. She said they already purchased the JD Norman property/building. There are some delinquencies in taxes on the property. –Celeste Westfall (payroll) attended a quarterly meeting and learned there will be a lower Workers Comp. premium. –Would like the city to continue the Heritage Home program, as residents have used it for visits and guidance and used some services. –The Master Plan surveys are going out, and some are coming in already. Reminder post cards are going out to those that have not returned them. –The Bd. of Development Disabilities (ours is located on Memphis) has had a law change, and a big change is they have to outsource their provider (not the County). Councilwoman Pucci asked if it would be an outside agency with the same services; Mayor Gallagher said yes, with the new State law they don't want the administrative also doing provider services. This change will take place in 2020. She just wanted Council to be aware.

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to adjourn. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky.

Mary-Jo Banish, Clerk of Council

Minutes approved: 12.10.18