

# Manager's Conference Minutes

## Portsmouth City Council

January 27, 2014

1. Scioto County Indigent Representation Agreement. **(Ordinance)** DA 14-07

Vice Mayor Kevin W. Johnson motioned to modify the request to reflect the cost.

The motion carried viva voce. **VOTE: ayes 5– nays 0**

2. Request for Support of Affordable Housing (**Resolution**) DA - Discussion

Manager Allen as the Wabuck Development representative to make the presentation to Council. Jessica Gardner, the development officer stated that she is at the meeting tonight to vie for the priority points for the Tax Credit Application. Wabuck Development would build 32 units at 425 Harmon Street, there is currently a vacant building there that would be torn down. The rent for a 1 Bedroom Apt. would be \$450 and for a 3 Bedroom Apt. it would be \$550. They are working in coordination with Community Action and Community Action would own 51% and the total cost would be \$5,200,000 to build. She stated that any affordable housing is a plus but old buildings are dated and the new facility would have a community room and a playground. They would use sub-contractors using local construction workers. If approved construction would start in November and last about one year.

Councilman Rich Saddler motioned to accept alternative #1

The motion carried viva voce. **VOTE: ayes 3 – nays 1 (KWJ) – 1 Abstain (S. Sturgill)**

3. Request for an **(Ordinance)** for the “Adopt a Park” program DA – Discussion

Councilman Saddler stated that discussion had begun on the “Adopt a Park program” with regard to updating and caring for the City Parks. Paul Penix started discussion with Kim Cutlip of The Scioto Foundation and she has agreed to bring information forward at the next meeting to help with funding and possibly some grants.

**Councilman agreed to move forward with legislation.**

4. Public Records Policy

**DA - Discussion**

City Manager Allen stated that he has this covered and will handle it out of his office and there's no need for a Resolution or Ordinance.

**No Action was taken**

5. Use of City Property Policy

**DA - Discussion**

City Manager Allen stated that this too will be handled out of his office and there's no need for a Resolution or Ordinance.

**No Action was taken**

6. Community Yard Sale / Flea Market

**DA - Discussion**

Councilman Saddler stated that Kismet Bratchett proposed having a community flea market to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at Spartan Stadium. Spaces will be rented to anyone wanting to set up for the amount of \$5.00. Food vendors will be charged a \$25.00 fee to rent a space. Andy Gedeon said a blanket permit from the health department can be made for the event.

**Councilmen agreed to move forward with legislation.**

7. Appraisal of the Babcock Building

**DA - Discussion**

Councilman Saddler stated that Sam Sutherland suggested getting some quotes for appraisal of the building and then reassess after it has been appraised. There was other discussion on the deterioration of the building as it is in bad shape.

**Council decided to request that the City Manager move forward with getting an appraisal.**

**Adjourned 8:25 p.m.**