

Manager's Conference Minutes

Portsmouth City Council

April 14, 2014

1. Mandatory Income Tax Filing

CM - 14-18

Councilman Kalb how you would catch someone not filing a tax form within the city. City Manager Allen stated that it has been a problem but would like to begin with the Ordinance making it mandatory. Solicitor Haas stated that people who live or work in the city are subject to this mandatory filing. Councilman Kevin E. Johnson disagrees with this proposal as the city is raising rates on most other things within the city and now making it mandatory if you live or work in the city.

Vice Mayor Johnson recommended Alternative #2 and ask that the Solicitor modify the language within the Ordinance.

VOTE: 6 Ayes - 0 Nays

2. Reduction of Income Tax Credit

CM - 14-19

City Manager Allen stated that the City would make this announcement public but it wouldn't take effect until January 1, 2015 and the taxes wouldn't be collected until 2016.

Vice Mayor Johnson recommended alternative #2 and ask that a 6 year Sunset Review be put into the Ordinance so that it would be automatically reviewed. Other Councilmen disagreed with the sunset review and Vice Mayor Johnson withdrew his request and recommended alternative #3 "take no action" and requested more information from the City Auditor.

VOTE: 6 Ayes - 0 Nays

3. Fund Transfer - Consent Agenda item

CM - 14-20

Auditor Williams stated that this is a standard fund transfer where the money was deposited into the General Fund and should have been deposited into the Playground Trust Fund.

Vice Mayor Johnson recommended alternative #1

VOTE: 6 Ayes - 0 Nays

4. Residential Refuse Rates

CM-14-21

City Manager Allen recommended repealing Ordinance #13 of 2013 and replacing it with this proposed Ordinance regarding the rates as it was not enough of an increase to impact the deficit that we're facing in that department.

Councilman Kalb suggested raising the senior rate at 75%, and the "Others" at a 90% increase. The Senior rate would be \$15.50 and the "Others" rate would be \$18.50 and the Regular rate would remain as proposed at \$20.50.

Vice Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager about a reduction in cost for those who recycle. The Manager responded that it currently cannot be done as there is no way to track who recycles and who doesn't.

Councilman Meadows recommended alternative #2 Modify the request with the pricing change that Councilman Kalb recommended.

VOTE: 6 Ayes - 0 Nays

5. OWDA Construction Loan - Lawson Run

CM-14-22

City Manager Allen stated that we need to get this loan to continue the project.

VOTE: 6 Ayes - 0 Nays

Discussion items

1. **Chip Program** - City Manager Allen is recommending that we turn the CHIP program over to the County, but we would be responsible for doing the screening and the income verification process. We would want \$6,000 of that money for this process but the County would administer the Grant money. The down side of that is that the County may not use any of that money within the City. Solicitor Haas stated that this program has created a lot of problems. Mayor Sturgill asked the Manager to do some investigating as there are more than enough properties within the city that this can be used on.
2. **SOMC Vacating Alley** - this will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. **Sciotoville Dollar General** - Solicitor Haas stated that there is an alley that will need to be vacated to move forward with the store. Councilman Meadows stated that if we had given this 3 readings this could have been caught prior to the Ordinance being passed.
4. **Proposed Decertification of Chillicothe Street as a portion of U.S. #23** - Vice Mayor Johnson is proposing that we petition the State to decertify a portion of Chillicothe Street from 12th Street to 2nd Street North and South as U.S. #23 and re-route U.S. 23 North to Gay Street and U.S. 23 South to the Carl Perkins Bridge.

Councilman Saddler stated that ODOT would not re-route to the Carl Perkins Bridge and he proposed changing the wording to Washington Street.

Vice Mayor Johnson recommended alternative #2 Modify the request with the above changes.

VOTE: 6 Ayes - 0 Nays

Adjourned 8:45