



## City of Pataskala *Legislative Report to Council*

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### Legislative Report

#### August 21, 2017 Council Meeting

#### Unfinished Business

##### A. Ordinances

- **ORDINANCE 2017-4290 – 3<sup>RD</sup> READING – An ordinance adopting the Planning and Zoning Commission’s recommendation to deny the rezoning request for the property located at 7856 Hazelton-Etna Road, Pataskala, Ohio (Parcel Number 064-152988-01.000)**

This ordinance would rezone the property located at 7856 Hazelton-Etna Road from the PRO– Professional Research Office district to the LB – Local Business district. The applicant is requesting to rezone the property so that it may be used as a daycare facility.

The property was rezoned from the AG – Agricultural district to the PRO district in 2007. This rezoning included a limitation text that listed nine permitted uses. While a daycare facility is a conditional use in the PRO district, it was not included as a permitted or conditionally permitted use in the limitation text; therefore, it would not be allowed. As a result, the applicant had to rezone the property. A daycare facility is a conditional use in the LB district.

The rezoning request was heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission at the June 7, 2017 hearing. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the rezoning request by a 3 to 3 vote. A tie vote results in a recommendation of denial because a majority of those present did not vote to recommend approval.

- **ORDINANCE 2017-4292 – 3<sup>RD</sup> READING – An ordinance to revise Section 505.11(c) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio.**

This ordinance would amend the Discharge and Non-Discharge Map to include lots in platted subdivisions in the Non-Discharge area. These lots were inadvertently omitted from previous amendment and it has been Council policy to place lots in platted subdivisions in the Non- Discharge area. At their July 10 meeting, the Agricultural

Committee recommended the Planning and Zoning Department proceed with the amendment as presented for consideration by Council.

## New Business

### A. Ordinances

#### ➤ **ORDINANCE 2017-4294 – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

This piece of legislation has been prepared, and is being respectfully submitted to Council for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the August 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting. The primary purpose of the legislation is to remove/modify all of the budget items related to the construction and financing of a Police station in 2017. As the project clearly won't take place until 2018 at the earliest, we're recommending the items listed below.

- *Section 1: Police Station Debt Service* – The 2017 budget in the Debt Service (401) fund for the Police station project included approximately \$331,000 in planned cost, including: underwriter's discount, bond counsel, and interest/principal payment on the bonds. This section would eliminate all of the expenses associated with issuance of the debt for the project.
- *Section 2: Bond Improvements* – The 2017 budget in the Bond Improvements (302) fund included \$4.5 million for the construction of the Police station, and an interfund transfer of \$600 thousand to the Debt Service (401) fund to pay off the architectural design note (with interest) and roll the balance into the permanent funding. We have already paid off the note with cash on-hand, and no longer need to include it in the bond issuance. In addition to eliminating the proposed spending, all budgeted revenues associated with the issuance of debt and interfund transfers will be eliminated concurrent with the changes to the expense budget.
- *Section 3: Interest Expense* – Due to the elimination of the expenses in Section 1 above and the extension of the architectural design note (which resulted in higher than planned interest expense), an interfund transfer from the Capital Facilities (308) fund to the Debt Service (401) fund is required to ensure adequate funding to cover budgeted debt service spending in 2017.
- *Section 4: Police Station Project Rebid* – As Council decided to reject all of the bids proffered for the Police station construction project, the Administration will need to rebid the project. However, the original contract with the project architect, Horne & King, did not contemplate plan reworking and an additional bidding process to be managed. They have indicated that they estimate the additional cost to be approximately \$16,000 for these additional efforts. This section provides for the additional appropriation from the Capital Improvements (301) fund to cover the increased costs.

## B. Resolutions

- **Resolution 2017-056: OPBA Contract Ratification** – The city has reached tentative agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association (Sergeants only – no officers) on all issues, including wages and benefits. The OPBA members have voted on the agreement, and approved it as presented. Resolution 2017-056 has been prepared and is being presented to Council for consideration at the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Here are some of highlights of the proposed contract:
- Calls for 3.25% wage scale increase in 2017, 3.25% in 2018 and 3.0% in 2019
  - Increases uniform allowance from \$700 in 2016 to \$1,000 by 2019.
  - Standardizes a number of payroll-related items that have been inconsistent between the city’s collectively-bargained employees and the non-union (e.g. minimum use of comp time, etc.)
  - Employee contributions toward the health care insurance premiums will remain at 10% for 2017 and 2018, but are subject to a reopener for 2019.
  - The grievance process has been streamlined, eliminating a verbal step in the process.
  - Expanded language has been added to the agreement which spells out how an injured employee is to be treated once they have exhausted all injury leave, sick leave, compensatory time and vacation leave.
  - Aligned their holiday calendar to match that of most of the city. Specifically, it eliminates the Columbus Day holiday, and instead added the Friday after the Thanksgiving holiday.
  - Standardized definitions of ‘immediate family’ and ‘extended family’ when applying for bereavement leave.
- **Resolution 2017-057: Non-Union Pay Matrix** –
- As the city has now formally reached agreement with two out of three bargaining units, it is appropriate at this time to present the 3-year pay matrix for all non-union employees (excluding the Administrator and Finance Director) for Council approval. The proposed pay grids reflect 3.25% increases in 2017 and 2018, and a 3.0% increase in 2019. These pay rate increases match those received by the FOP and the OPBA. The scale (like those in the unions) will be applied retroactively back to January 1, 2017 for all impacted employees.