



## City of Pataskala *Legislative Report to Council*

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### Legislative Report

#### July 18, 2022 Council Meeting

#### **Unfinished Business**

- A. Ordinances
- B. Resolutions

#### **New Business**

- A. Ordinances

#### **Consent Agenda**

- 3. Motions
- 4. Resolution

➤ **RESOLUTION 2022-060 - OPERS PENSION PICKUP**

As part of the new contract with the Finance Director, Council has agreed to a 100% “pension pick up” (up from 50% in the previous contract) of the Finance Directors share. In order to comply with OPERS regulations, the city is required to adopt a resolution authorizing and establishing the pension pickup program. This was last done in 2021 via Resolutions 2021-032, and it established the program for the Finance Director. The 2021 legislation (2021-032) provided for a 50% pickup of the employee share, while this legislation will replace that resolution and increase the rate to 100%. This change will not go into effect until the new contract year starts in 2023. **We are requesting that Council approve the resolution at the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

➤ **RESOLUTION 2022-068 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH VERDANTAS, LLC TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY TREATMENT PROCESS ANALYSIS, AS REQUIRED BY THE EPA, FOR THE EXPECTED EXPANSION AT THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY.**

The Utility Department has identified the need to expand the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) in the near future to accommodate future growth. The first part of that process is to expand the discharge permit for the WRF with the EPA.

The EPA requires several studies and reports be completed as a part of the discharge permit amendment process. Those studies include expected increase in loadings, alternative options to the treatment process, cost analysis and efficiency analyses to name a few.

Using the City-wide RFQ submittals, we have selected Verdantas to complete this process on behalf of the Utility Department. Verdantas has provided a quote not to exceed \$35,000 for this process. The funds for this are available using some savings from the SCADA computer upgrade project and some money from the 2022 operational budget.

This concept was presented to the Utility Committee on July 18. Approval of Resolution 2022-068 is recommended.

➤ **RESOLUTION 2022-069 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A NEW POLICE K-9 AND K-9 HANDLER TRAINING PROGRAM FROM STORM DOG TACTICAL**

The Police Department currently has one K-9 unit, K-9 Joker, after the retirement of Officer Morton in December of 2021. The Department has hosted fundraising events and accepted donations for the K-9 program for years in addition to a percentage of court costs from Mayor's Court that goes to the K-9 fund. The proceeds from donations and Mayor's Court will be used to fully fund this purchase. The Department will select an officer for the program, and he/she will be required to sign a contract to protect the Departments investment in the K-9 and the program. This legislation allows for the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Storm Dog Tactical for the purchase of the dog and handler training program.