



City of Pataskala *Legislative Report to Council*

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February 16, 2021 Council Meeting

Unfinished Business

A. Ordinances

➤ **ORDINANCE 2020-4379 – 3rd READING**

The City Administration recommends adding a more detailed Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule that reflects and encompasses the growing use of the City's park spaces. Minor price structure is changing for the Municipal Pool, and a park shelter rental change and Park Facility Rental (For-Profit).

B. Resolutions

New Business

A. Ordinances

➤ **ORDINANCE 2021-4383 - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – 1ST READING**

There have been a number of corrections and adjustments to the 2021 budget that have been identified and which require additional appropriations **We are respectfully requesting that Council hold the 1st reading of the ordinance at the February 16th meeting. It is anticipated that this legislation will go through all three readings, with approval requested at the 3rd reading.**

- *Sections 1-3: Jefferson Street Waterline OPWC Project* – The Jefferson Street waterline improvements project was initially included in the 2021 budget at a total cost of \$290,000 with a local match of \$72,500 and grant/loan funding of \$217,500. Since that time, it has been determined that it would be in the best interests of the city to replace the road surface after the replacement waterline construction has been completed. This would increase the total project cost by \$124,117. In addition, it appears that the city could enhance the possibility of being awarded the grant by increasing the local match by \$100,000 for a total project cost increase of \$224,117. The local match would be increased by \$181,735 and the OPWC funding would be increased by \$42,382. There are two components of this appropriation request with the first being a transfer of

\$181,735 from the Water Capital Improvements (602) fund to the Water OPWC (606) fund. The second component is the combined increase in project costs of \$224,117. **We are requesting an increase in approved appropriations of \$181,735 from the Water Capital Improvements (602) fund and \$224,117 from the Water State Issue II (OPWC) fund (606) in order to cover the estimated costs for the additional infrastructure improvements including road surface replacement.**

- *Sections 4-5: Seasonal Groundskeepers* – The original 2021 budget request for seasonal groundskeepers included two seasonal employees with a limit of 1,000 hours per employee during the season. As the pandemic continued during the budget review process, this number was reduced to 750 per employee. At this time, the Administration is comfortable increasing the number of authorized hours to 1,000 per employee. These wages and related expenses are split between the General and the Recreation funds. **We are requesting an increase in approved total appropriations of \$8,000 to cover the estimated costs of the additional seasonal groundskeeper hours.**
- *Section 6: Public Service Engineering* – During the budget development process a number of budget reductions (via project eliminations) were done to ensure an appropriate year-end carryover balance in the fund. When the projects were eliminated, we also inadvertently eliminated the general engineering dollars that were included in the same budget line as the eliminated projects. As a result, the final budget did not include the core funding for non-retainer general engineering-related services. **We are requesting a total increase in approved appropriations of \$60,000 to restore the budget back to its originally budgeted amount.**
- *Section 7: Infrastructure Improvements* – The Public Service Director is requesting additional funding to expand the 2021 RAMP program and to widen the Cable Road bridge. In the RAMP program, there are several alternative items in the bid document which the city would like to perform. Adding the additional funding would provide the opportunity to construct those improvements. As for the Cable Road bridge widening, the bridge needs widening to support increased traffic due to the construction of the new high school. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$315,000 with \$130,000 already included in the 2021 budget, leaving \$185,000 in additional required appropriations. The school district has committed to providing the city with up to \$110,000 in funding for the project, leaving the remaining \$75,000 as the city's responsibility. **We are requesting a total increase in approved appropriations of \$485,000 (\$300,000 for RAMP and \$185,000 for Cable Road bridge improvements) to provide the necessary funding for the identified projects.**

B. Resolutions

