



## City of Pataskala *Legislative Report to Council*

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### Legislative Report

#### November 15, 2021 Council Meeting

#### Unfinished Business

##### A. Ordinances

➤ **ORDINANCE 2021-4403 – 2022 BUDGET - 3<sup>RD</sup> READING**

The proposed budget numbers contained in the updated exhibit reflect the amendments to the legislation as approved by Council at the November 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting. The balance of the proposed budget remains otherwise unchanged. **We are respectfully requesting that Council hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading at the November 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and approve the proposed budget. In the event Council wishes to amend the proposed budget, we would bring it back to Council for a 4<sup>th</sup> reading and passage at the December 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.**

➤ **ORDINANCE 2021-4404 - INCOME TAX ALLOCATION RATES – 3<sup>RD</sup> READING**

Once the debt service and operational funding requirements were identified, the allocation of income tax revenues between the Debt Service, Street, Police and Capital Improvements funds were calculated. The initial portion is taken off the top to cover any outstanding debt service requirements. After that amount has been calculated, the next level is then allocated to the Street and Police funds to cover their current year operational needs. Any remaining funds at that point are allocated to the Capital Improvements funds. The 2021 allocations were as follows: 32.9% - Street; 55.0% - Police; 10.6% - Debt Service; and 1.5% - Capital Improvements. For 2022, the allocations are proposed as follows: 45.0% - Street; 44.1% - Police; 9.4% - Debt Service; and 1.5% - Capital Improvements. **We are respectfully requesting that Council hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading at the November 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and approve the legislation at that time.**

➤ **ORDINANCE 2021-4405 - SEASONAL PARKS & RECREATION PAY RATES – 3<sup>RD</sup> READING**

Typically, employee wage rates are set by collective bargaining agreements or the pay matrix. Including seasonal wage rates in the Pay Matrix would significantly increase the size and those employees are not eligible for step increases as provided for in the Pay Matrix. As a result, we've prepared legislation that will set the pay rates or pay ranges for the seasonal Parks & Recreation employees during 2022. We intend to bring this back to Council annually to update the rates as needed. **We are**

respectfully requesting that Council hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading at the November 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and approve the legislation at that time.

B. Resolutions

New Business

A. Ordinances

➤ **ORDINANCE 2021-4406 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2021-4402 AND (RE) APPROVING THE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE PATASKALA CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

When the city of Pataskala adopted Ordinance 2021-4402 the Walter H. Drane Company that prepares and publishes our revisions included replacement pages that included an increase to the income tax rate set forth in Section 171.01(B)(1). However, this increase was not passed by the electorate at the November 2, 2021 election so we need to now repeal Ordinance 2021-4402 and re-approve the 2021 Replacement Pages to the Codified Ordinances – without any change to Section 171.01(B)(1).

As this will need to take effect this year the Administration is asking council to declare an emergency and waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings in accordance with Section 4.06 of the Charter.

➤ **ORDINANCE 2021-4407 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

As we are heading into the end of the year, a final supplemental appropriation ordinance has been prepared for Council's consideration.

- *Income Tax Collection Fees* - The first item on the supplemental is a requested increase of income tax collection fees and refund expenses. This is a direct result of the 2021 income tax collections coming in better than originally anticipated. Earlier this year, the revenue forecast was increased to reflect the higher level of collections, but the appropriations were not increased at that time. **We are requesting a combined increase of \$55,250 which is spread across the Street (201) fund, the Police (208) fund, the Capital Improvements (301) fund and the Debt Service (401) fund.**
- *Municipal Pool Water Bill* - After having a successful season at our pool facility, we are beginning to have a better understanding of what the cost of water would be for our pool facility. This past season we have a final bill to pay which will close out our billing cycle for the 2021 season. **We are requesting an increase of \$4,300 in the Recreation (206) fund to pay this invoice.**
- *2021 Soccer Program Insurance Fees* – The city's youth soccer program is a member of the Ohio Soccer Association, an organization which help covers the cost for the associated risk management fees for our coaches and athletes against liability claims. The fee is paid annually to ensure that the program remains in good standing and continue to receive such benefits such as coaching clinics, player liability, background checks. **We are requesting an increase of \$3,800 in the Recreation (206) fund to pay the 2021 premium.**

We are respectfully requesting that Council hold the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Ordinance at the November 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Due to the likelihood that there may not be a mid-December meeting, we will be requesting that Council dispense with the 3<sup>d</sup> reading and adopt the ordinance at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Consent Agenda

### 3. Motions

➤ **MOTION TO APPOINT PASTOR JAMES DEWHURST TO REPLACE MS. LORETTA KING ON THE WARDS AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION.**

Mr. Epperson has appointed Pastor Dewhurst to replace Ms. King who moved just before the initial meeting of the wards and boundaries commission. Administration has already met with Pastor Dewhurst to bring him up to speed on the commission.

➤ **MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPLY FOR VACANCIES ON THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE AT THE END OF 2021.**

The city has several citizens whose terms are up on various boards and commissions as of December 31, 2021. Previously Council and the Mayor decided to advertise for anyone interested in serving (including incumbents). We usually advertise for two weeks, and this motion will allow us to do that and conduct interviews at the December 6, 2021, meeting.

### 4. Resolution