

This Special Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 9:53 p.m. by John Ruediger, Council President.

PRESENT: John Ruediger, Jon Hannan, Chuck Kocisko, Jessica Timmons, Carmen Laudato, Julie Field

ABSENT: Bridget Pavlick

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor  
Paul Janis, Law Director  
Kevin Grimm, Fire Captain  
Troy Beaver, Police Lieutenant  
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director  
Bill Miller, Service Director  
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director  
Rob Peters, Economic Development Director  
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director  
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager  
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

**MOTION: TO EXCUSE MRS. PAVLICK.**

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Ms. Laudato. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

**Special Business**

T-6381 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE SERVICES NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REVOLVING LOAN FUND PLANS FOR HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO COMMENCE THE CONTRACT SERVICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Ms. Timmons. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2017-152.**

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Ms. Timmons. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6430 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-128, THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. [#18]

Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

Moved by Ms. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2017-153.**

Moved by Ms. Timmons, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6431                    AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF MONIES FOR PLANNED EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

Moved by Ms. Timmons, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2017-154.**

Moved by Ms. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6432                    AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STREETSBORO AND THE STATE OF OHIO, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE AGREEMENT.

Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Ms. Laudato. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2017-155.**

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

**Schedule a Special Council Meeting for Second Reading of T-6427 Zoning Text Amendments for Medical Marijuana Related Uses <sup>[amended]</sup> and T-6428 Medical Marijuana Moratorium Extension**

Mr. Ruediger said this Special Council Meeting was needed to have a reading of these ordinances, and if it wasn't held the moratorium could lapse. Mr. Janis clarified a Special Council Meeting was required for both T-6427 and T-6428 because if T-6427 did not pass (it required a 2/3 majority vote), then the moratorium would expire with nothing in place, so T-6428 was to extend the moratorium. Mr. Ruediger said if Council didn't care about the moratorium expiring, then Council wouldn't need a special meeting. Mr. Janis would recommend not doing that, but if Council didn't care about going bare then Council wouldn't need to pass anything.

The Special Council Meeting would be for a second reading of these items, not for the vote on them. The readings needed to be at least 10 days apart. The Council Members had busy schedules this month, but at least four Council Members were needed for a quorum at a Special

Council Meeting. Mr. Janis clarified that if Council didn't enact something by January 8, 2018 then the moratorium would expire with nothing in place; there needed to be three meetings with the third meeting being on January 8, 2018 and there had to be 10 days in between each meeting. After some further discussion it was determined there could be a quorum on Thursday, December 21, 2017. The agendas would be delivered to the Council Members' homes (per the Charter) on Tuesday by Police Officer since it was a Special Council Meeting.

**MOTION: TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017 AT 5:30 PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS FOR THE SECOND READINGS.**

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon roll call, **motion carried.** Mr. Ruediger said he would not be able to attend that night.

**Reconsider T-6411 Authorize Second Amendment for the Electric Aggregation**

Mr. Ruediger said that when he looked at the language that had passed, he noticed it said the City of Streetsboro shall have the authority to aggregate the retail, but it didn't look like there was a mandate. He said the Mayor had said he was going to check with NOPEC, and Mr. Ruediger had heard other cities were doing something else where they were getting an even more substantial discount. Mr. Ruediger asked Mayor Broska what he had learned by checking with NOPEC.

Mayor Broska said he had provided Council with everything he had from the NOPEC webpage. Streetsboro was at or below everything that NOPEC had offered. He researched further today and got on to the PUCO website where they had apples to apples comparison charts and it showed our costs were competitive. It listed fixed rates, variable rates, terms, and penalties when you leave. There were 168 brokers that could service Ohio and he didn't want to interview them all when he saw what they had to offer on the PUCO website, the NOPEC website, and what Buckeye Energy Brokers had offered. Mayor Broska thought Buckeye Energy Brokers was doing OK, but Council Members were welcome to do the same research he had done.

Mayor Broska commented that there was discussion on social media yesterday where one individual said they had done the research and found a lower rate. But Mayor Broska said there was nothing that said people had to participate in the aggregate program. If people wanted to do the research, they could. It had also been suggested by the individual on social media that the City should administer the program, but that would be a logistical nightmare that the City did not have the staff to handle. Individuals were welcome to do their own choices, but the aggregation program was set up to be relatively seamless, and people could opt-out if they wanted. Mayor Broska added that it was not stated anywhere that the aggregation program would always be the cheapest; it was a stable price for 2, 3 or 4 years, that all it's been.

Mayor Broska noted the person that had said in a previous meeting that the citizens could have saved \$2 million had based that on 6,000 customers, but there were not 6,000 East Ohio Gas customers in Streetsboro. There were only about a couple thousand customers involved and if they were left to be on their own, many of them would not do the research and would get stuck with whatever price Dominion or First Energy would put them at. At least in the aggregation program, if they wanted to do something differently, they could do something differently, but it would be up to them.

Mr. Ruediger commented that the notice that was sent out literally looked like a piece of junk mail or a solicitation. Mayor Broska said the City could have them add "Do not throw this away" or the broker could do something to make it better. Mr. Ruediger wanted to see if the brokers could get Streetsboro a better price and he also wanted to see what other cities were doing. Someone had said they thought Stow was able to get a program that was only \$2.29/mcf

compared to Streetsboro's \$3.47/mcf. Mayor Broska reviewed the apples to apples chart he had and listed prices from \$2.78 out of Cincinnati to \$6.05 and some of them were one month – variable. He could try to call Stow, but he was always hesitant when he heard “someone said,” but he could make a call. Mr. Ruediger said he heard it from someone who lived in Stow and was looking at the letter he had received.

Mr. Ruediger proposed moving this issue to the next meeting in January for an update, but the Clerk noted a reconsider, as this was listed on the agenda, could only be done at the next proceeding meeting (which was tonight). Mr. Ruediger mentioned that Council had asked Mr. Bellish to remove the termination fee, but Mr. Bellish had said it wasn't his termination fee to remove. The Clerk noted that the City had received the updated/revised agreement on December 15, 2017, after the last meeting, with the termination fees not listed for both residential and commercial. The motion to reconsider could only be made by someone on the prevailing side of the previous vote (Mr. Ruediger or Ms. Laudato). Mr. Ruediger liked that they had removed the termination fee. Ms. Laudato suggested getting this signed and then at a later point in the year discuss putting it back on the ballot and see if it was something the voters still wanted. Mr. Ruediger thought the aggregate had been important in the past, but right now was not as great as it used to be.

**MOTION: FOR RECONSIDERATION OF T-6411 AUTHORIZE SECOND AMENDMENT FOR THE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION**

Moved by Ms. Laudato, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-6411                    AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE CONTRACT WITH FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP. TO SUPPLY ELECTRIC POWER AND ENERGY TO ELIGIBLE CONSUMERS WITHIN THE CITY OF STREETSBORO PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM, FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS COMMENCING WITH CUSTOMER METER READINGS IN MARCH, 2018; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT.

Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Ms. Laudato. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2017-156.**

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Ms. Laudato. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.** Mr. Ruediger asked Mayor Broska if he could still get information on what other cities were doing. In the future, Mr. Ruediger wanted to see this not be presented as emergency legislation, so it could be presented earlier before any deadlines. He also wanted the City to look to see what other brokers could get for Streetsboro in the future.

**Announcements**

City Hall will be closed on Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25, 2017 for the Christmas Holiday.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018 for New Year's Day.

There will be a Service Committee, a Safety Committee and a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018 starting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

There will also be a Special Council Meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before this Special Meeting of Council, and upon motion by Ms. Laudato, seconded by Mrs. Field, this meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

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John Ruediger, President of Council

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