

COUNCIL CAUCUS MINUTES
Tuesday, September 5, 2023– 7:00 p.m.
Mayfield Village Civic Hall-Mayfield Village Civic Center
6622 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio

The Council of Mayfield Village met in Caucus Session on Tuesday September 5, 2023. Council President Schutt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Arndt, Mrs. Jurcisek, Mr. Marquardt,
Mr. Murphy, Mr. Schutt and Mr. Williams

Also Present: Mayor Bodnar, Mr. Wynne, Ms. Calta, Mr. Cappello,
Chief Carcioppolo, Chief Matias, Mr. Russell,
Mr. McAviney, Mr. Tierney, Mr. Marquart,
Ms. Wolgamuth and Mrs. Betsa

Absent: Mr. Meyers

Council President Schutt stated, please let the record reflect that Mr. Meyers is excused from this evening's meeting.

MAYOR

Thank you, Council President. I just wanted to wish everyone a Happy Belated Labor Day. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the three-day weekend and be with your families and see fun things that were going on in Cleveland. I also wanted to let everyone know if you don't know already that our Service Director Scott Sipos will be returning tomorrow. We are looking forward to welcoming Scott back. In the meantime, high thanks and high praise to Lenny Tierney and Frank Stupczy who stepped in to fill the gap while Scott was out. Lenny, thank you very much. Please pass along our appreciation to Frank. We appreciate all you have done. You have really stepped up to the plate. You did a great job. Thank you.

Mr. Tierney stated, thank you.

Mayor Bodnar stated, that's all I have.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mayor Bodnar.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Schutt stated, it is great news to hear that Mr. Sipos will be back with us starting tomorrow. As Mayor Bodnar mentioned, hopefully everyone enjoyed their Labor Day weekend

and enjoyed the nice weather we had as well. Also, I just wanted to mention to keep Mr. John Marquart and his family in your thoughts and prayers on the passing of his father about a week and a half ago. Condolences, Mr. Marquart.

Mr. Marquart stated, thank you, Council President.

Council President Schutt stated, we have a couple of birthdays. Councilwoman Jennifer Jurcisek and Mr. Wynne both celebrate their birthdays on September 20th. Happy early birthday to both of you.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION
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**1) Changes to Codified Ordinance Chapter 123 – (Bidding and Advertising)
(Ordinance 2023-10) (Law Department)**

Ms. Calta stated, everyone should have in their packets a copy of an amended Codified Ordinance Section 123.02. That's the section where we set the competitive bidding threshold. That State recently upped that threshold to \$75,000. We are recommending adoption of this. With the \$75,000 threshold, it gives the Village some more flexibility. Three quotes will still be required for anything between \$50,000 and \$75,000. With the \$75,000 instead of leaving it at a number that doesn't trend with anything and then you have to go back and amend it and it jumps from \$50,000 to \$75,000, the State is now going to allow that to escalate with an automatic escalator starting in 2025. We have also put that in so it will escalate automatically at a rate of 3% as determined by the Director of Finance. With regard to advertising, we typically advertise in the newspaper of general circulation. The State also amended the statute to allow posting on our website and social media accounts. We have added that in. We can continue to advertise in the newspaper if we choose to do so but we can also post on our website and social media accounts depending on what we think the audience should be for any sort of bid that is put together and that we want to get out into the public. That's pretty much the two main changes to that section. Does anyone have any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Ms. Calta.

**2) Legislation assessing the costs for the boarding of an unclaimed animal (Ordinance 2023-11)
(Law Department)**

Ms. Calta reported, earlier this year we had a violation for-

Chief Matias stated, animal cruelty.

Ms. Calta stated, animal cruelty, thank you. The dog was taken in by the animal warden and unfortunately the animal stayed with the warden and there was a significant amount of boarding fees that accumulated while the criminal case was pending which normally would have been part of that criminal case but unfortunately the dog owner passed away. So we have this unpaid boarding fee that we are looking to have this approved at the Special Meeting tonight so that it can be placed on the tax duplicate. The deadline to get assessments to the County for the next tax duplicate is September 11th which is why we are asking to have that on a Special Meeting tonight and approved so they can be sent down and put on the tax duplicate.

Council President Schutt stated, makes sense. Any questions?

There were none.

3) Tax Rate Resolution for Tax Year 2023 (Resolution 2023-54) (Finance)

Mr. Wynne stated, if Council remembers, back in June we passed the Alternative Tax Budget for 2023. It set the breakout of our property tax revenue between the different funds we have. The County has approved that Alternative Tax Budget and now the Tax Rate Resolution is what makes it official so when they generate their property tax bills for next year, it will reflect those tax rates in the budget.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions for Mr. Wynne?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mr. Wynne.

4) Renewal of IT Services (Konica Minolta/All Covered – not to exceed \$17,000) (Administration)

Mr. Wynne stated, All Covered is the company we have been using for years to do all of our IT services. They work with Jeff Thomas to provide all of the support for our equipment and our servers. The monthly fee for their services is approximately \$1,100 per month. We always include an additional \$3,000-4,000 in the request for any additional services that might occur during the year where Jeff would have to contact them for some additional support which gets billed on an hourly basis.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mr. Wynne.

5) Grove Food Truck Parking Lighting Improvement Project (Engineer)

Mr. Cappello stated, this is now out to bid. The bid opening will be on September 15th. We will make our recommendation at the Council meeting on the 18th.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions for Mr. Cappello?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mr. Cappello.

6) Aintree Park Neighborhood Sanitary Relief Sewer Project (Engineer)

Mr. Cappello stated, this project is also out to bid. We will open the bids on September 15th. This is to help alleviate potential flooding in the Aintree Park area.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mr. Cappello.

7) Police & Fire Wellness Program – Mental Health Component (Police)

Chief Matias stated, thank you Council President. Both of my items today have been developing over the past week or so so I apologize for not having any paperwork for you. We will have it all together for the Council meeting.

If you remember back, last year we were awarded a grant from the State for our wellness program. We have been running the fitness and mindfulness side of that program for the past few months. The second component was for mental wellness which included wellness checks for all first responders, some training components and we finally got that approved through the State to use Crossroads Health in Mentor for a total cost of up to \$18,400. It's a reimbursement. That will last through the end of 2024. I will have all of that paperwork to you for the Council meeting.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

8) Purchase of three (3) 2024 Dodge Durangos (Police)

Chief Matias stated, ever since COVID, getting vehicles has been quite a challenge for all of the police departments. Basically, we usually would be in a cycle where we would get two or three new cars each year to have a nice turnover for our fleet. We basically have gotten one car over

the past three years, so we are trying to get caught up on vehicles. We have the opportunity to get Dodge Durangos from our vendor. The State bid contract has been extended until the end of September. Dodge is taking orders for 2024 Durangos. What that means is we can order 2024 Durangos at the 2023 State bid price. Statewide, who we have used for years, is working on getting a quote for three new Durangos which would replace two of our marked cars and then replace one of our detective vehicles. The current detective vehicle we have is a 2015 Dodge. The detective vehicle lasted a little bit longer but this one has seen its day and its ready to move on. I should have a quote for you by the next Council meeting for three new Dodge Durango. They are 2024's with the 2023 State bid pricing.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

Mr. Wynne replied, just to add to what the Chief said. These three vehicles are in the Capital Budget. They were planned for. The previous order we talked about, we ordered 4 vehicles in 2021. We received one. The other three might be coming in this month.

Chief Matias stated, I should have them by the end of October. They are real cars that they made.

Mr. Wynne stated, so there was a two-year lead time with getting the last order. It makes sense to take advantage of locking in this price and at least getting on the list, not knowing how long it will take.

Mr. Arndt asked, how many miles are on the 2015 detective's car?

Chief Matias replied, the 2015 detective car has 24,000 miles which is about standard because it's not used for patrol. Naturally we will plan to sell it. Just one more point. The reason we are looking at the Durango SUV's, Dodge isn't making the Chargers anymore moving forward, not in a police model. Basically no one is making a car anymore. It's hard to find cars. Everything's either going to be the Explorer, the Tahoe or the Durango for police vehicles.

Mr. Arndt stated, thank you.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions or comments?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Chief.

Any Other Matter That May Come Before Council

Council President Schutt asked, are there any other matters to come before Council this evening?

There were none.

There being no further matters, the meeting concluded at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Betsa, MMC
Clerk of Council