

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
BUILDING AND LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 7:00 P.M.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018**

To Order:

Chairman Bruce Abens called the Building and Lands Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

Members present: Chairman Bruce Abens and Councilman Bob Chapek.

Excused was Councilwoman Michelle Hung.

Also present: Mayor David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Councilman Dennis Boose, Councilman Martin DeVries, Assistant Clerk of Council Tara Peet, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Chief Building Inspector Guy Fursdon and Auditor Jeff Wilcheck.

Minutes:

Chairman Abens asked if there were any corrections to the minutes dated October 29, 2018. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

Discussion regarding T 124-2018:

Chairman Abens stated the reason for the meeting was to discuss the increase in Building fees. He turned the meeting over to Chief Building Inspector Fursdon for an explanation.

Chief Building Inspector Fursdon stated they now have a way to track fees for vehicle maintenance. There is a new software program that they have been using to track vehicle maintenance and the cost associated with it. The department now has an accurate picture of what it is spending in vehicle maintenance and fees need to increase to cover the cost.

Mayor Gillock stated he asked President Corcoran to send T 124 to committee because items need addressed. He noted the fees are all General Fund money. He stated the Auditor has done a good job tracking costs regarding vehicle maintenance. Mayor Gillock stated Avon's building fees are \$14,000, Berea's are \$6,000 and Olmsted Township is \$7,400. With the increases, North Ridgeville will be between \$8,000 and \$10,000. The additional money will help cover the department costs and the remainder will go back to the General Fund.

Mayor Gillock stated he found some issues with the current draft of T 124. He stated in the title and in the second whereas, it discusses the stormwater utility, but it is not in place yet. He anticipated that Council will adopt it Monday, with the emergency, in order for it to be in place for January 1, 2019. Mayor Gillock stated if it did not pass, some of the language in T 124 will need removed.

Mayor Gillock stated in Section 2 it indicates the stormwater utility will be attached and it is not and further added it needs added.

Chairman Abens stated he has heard some rumblings from other Council members that they are not comfortable with the stormwater utility and noted he is not certain it will pass.

Mayor Gillock indicated they have been working on the project for four years and it is needed. He also stated it has been discussed extensively and he has heard no opposition. Mayor Gillock stated it will set the City back.

Mayor Gillock also stated that 1444.27 needs removed completely and 1444.23 should have a consistent title to match the stormwater utility and added again that the utility was not in place yet.

Mayor Gillock stated he spoke with Andy Crites today and there was a discussion about removing the Surface Drainage Fund. He felt that the Surface Drainage Fund should be removed once the stormwater utility is in place. He noted he can waive fees if need be.

Councilman Boose stated he felt the increase in fees was reasonable and the City should cover their costs.

Chief Building Inspector Fursdon asked why 1446 was mentioned and attached when there were no changes.

The Committee agreed to take out the 1446 reference throughout the Ordinance.

Chief Building Inspector Fursdon also requested that Section 1444.13(c) be changed from \$450 to \$500.

Moved by Chairman Abens and seconded by Councilman Chapek to recommend City Council adopt T 124 as amended.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 2 No – 0

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Tara L. Peet, MMC
Assistant Clerk of Council