

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD, MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, August 17, 2015. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Law Director, Perry Stergios, City Engineer, Keith Dylewski, Community Development Director, Larry Marcus, and Safety Service Director, Joel Smith. On the wall to your left are agendas for anyone who wishes to follow tonight's meeting. Also if you look at the agenda, under item #5 is where the public can speak on any item that appears on tonight's agenda and then under item #17 is where the public can speak on any item that does NOT appear on tonight's agenda. I want remind anyone with cell phones, please turn them down or set them to vibrate.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Milan Chovan, Sarita Cunningham-Hedderly, Michelle Del Rio-Keller, Nancy Halter, Ed Lewis, Paul Manson, Andrea Scassa, and Shaddrick Stinson.

Roll call of 8 present

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – I need a motion to excuse Councilwoman Megan Starrett.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – So moved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Seconded by Councilwoman Sarita Cunningham-Hedderly. Roll call to excuse Councilwoman Starrett.

8 yes to excuse Councilwoman Starrett

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk.

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILMAN ED LEWIS - Gave the invocation for tonight.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILMAN ED LEWIS – Chairperson of the Finance Committee led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. READING OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Madam Clerk, are the minutes of the previous meeting transcribed and open for public viewing?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – They are transcribed, but they are not open for public viewing.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Okay. Are there any additions or corrections to be made?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – No there are not.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Then the minutes stand approved as written.

5. REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – We have arrived at #5. This is the part of the agenda where citizens may speak on a topic that appears on tonight's agenda. If you would like to speak on something, please come to the microphone at this time. Give your name and address for the record and the topic you want to discuss. In addition, please print your name and address on the Sign-In Sheet on the table before you so that your name and address appears correct on our records.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 117 – 2015

BY: ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending the following sections of Chapter 925 "SEWERS GENERALLY" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Who will be handling... Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Ord. No. 117 has received first reading. Ord. No. 118.

ORDINANCE NO. 118 – 2015

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to appropriate from the unappropriated balance of the 1229 HOME Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes, this ordinance makes money available, \$50,000, in the HOME. This is so that local qualifying groups can utilize these dollars for the rehabilitation of qualifying homes within our community. Simply just making it available for the grant process that they undergo. Are there any questions or comments? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings bringing Ord. No. 118 – 2015 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Seconded by Councilwoman Del Rio-Keller. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 118 has passed. Ord. No. 119.

ORDINANCE NO. 119 – 2015

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to appropriate from the unappropriated balance of the 3108 Unclaimed Money Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Out of this Unclaimed Money Fund there is some monies that will be going to the Courts. These are monies that were owed to them to be utilized and we're just correcting them and the rest is just a transfer to the General Fund which is an emptying out of the amounts that are currently also in the Unclaimed Money Fund. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings bringing Ord. No. 118 – 2015 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Seconded by Councilwoman Scassa. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 119 has passed. Ord. No. 120.

ORDINANCE NO. 120 – 2015 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE to appropriate from the unappropriated balance of the 2202 Insurance Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – In this ordinance, we are appropriating money into the COBRA Account. It's to pay for the COBRA Insurance that many of our people do end up having to utilize. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rule requiring three (3) readings bringing Ord. No. 120 – 2015 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Seconded by Councilwoman Del Rio-Keller. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 120 has passed. Ord. No. 121.

ORDINANCE NO. 121 – 2015 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE correcting references in Ord. No. 90 – 2015, passed on July 27, 2015, and declaring an emergency

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – In this ordinance as created by bond counsel that we passed in July, there was a typographical error in which they had utilized the wrong ordinance number at one point or a couple of different points throughout. We reviewed this at the last Committee Session for us. I did speak with the Law Director today and he has spoken with bond counsel and they are made aware of this as well that we are just making this simple amendment. We decided that it wasn't a...it didn't qualify as a correction that we were comfortable with our Clerk making considering that it dealt specifically with referencing of an ordinance. Are there any questions about this legislation this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rule requiring three (3) readings bringing Ord. No. 121 - 2015 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Seconded by Councilwoman Scassa. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 121 has passed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. PETITIONS & GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. BILLS, ACCOUNTS & CLAIMS

The Repository - \$693.60 – Publication of June Ordinances

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis, I need a motion to pay the bills.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion that we pay the bills.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Seconded by Councilwoman Del Rio-Keller. Roll call to pay the bills.

8 yes to pay the bills

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk. The bills will be paid.

10. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Treasurer's Report – July 2015

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk and those reports will filed that in the appropriate area.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

12. RESOLUTIONS & REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

13. CALL OF CALENDAR

14. THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

15. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 107 – 2015

BY: RULES, COURTS AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 2(D) OCCUPATION LIST OF CLASS TITLES – WASTEWATER TREATMENT DEPARTMENT of Ordinance No. 127 – 1997 by amending Section 2(D) OCCUPATION LIST OF CLASS TITLES – WASTEWATER TREATMENT DEPARTMENT, and establishing new classifications and eliminating classifications under Section 2(D) OCCUPATION LIST OF CLASS TITLES – WASTEWATER TREATMENT DEPARTMENT in the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilwoman Scassa.

COUNCILWOMAN SCASSA – Thank you, Mr. President. I know at last week's Work Session I'd indicated about possibly giving this another reading, however, the Engineer did contact me asking if we would be willing to bring this forward for a vote tonight. He is here this evening if anyone has any questions although I don't believe anyone had any last week. And Keith had indicated that they wanted to get moving with getting people within the right classifications that are within this ordinance and they also want to do move on getting the new IT position filled as well. And Keith also confirmed that that IT position is not being funded with General Fund money. So that money for that salary is not coming out of the General Fund. So, with that being said, does anyone have any questions that need to be answered at this point? With that being said, I will

make a motion that we bring Ord. No. 107 forward for a vote and suspend the three (3) readings.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Seconded by Councilman Chovan. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 107 has passed. Ord. No. 108.

ORDINANCE NO. 108 – 2015

BY: HEALTH, WELFARE AND BLDG. REGS. COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE establishing the Housing Market Reinvestment Program (HMRP), and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Stinson.

COUNCILMAN STINSON – Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Ord. No. 108 has received second reading. Ord. No. 109.

ORDINANCE NO. 109 – 2015

BY: RULES, COURTS AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE adopting a “Petty Cash Policy” that shall be in effect in the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilwoman Scassa.

COUNCILWOMAN SCASSA – Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Ord. No. 109 has received second reading. Ord. No. 110.

ORDINANCE NO. 110 – 2015

BY: RULES, COURTS AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE adopting a “Cash Drawer Policy” that shall be in effect in the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilwoman Scassa.

COUNCILWOMAN SCASSA – Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Ord. No. 110 has received second reading. Ord. No. 114.

ORDINANCE NO. 114 – 2015

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to reduce appropriations in the 1234 Park and Recreation Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This is the \$65,000 that Council had allocated for a golf manager that was never utilized by the Park and Rec Board. It is still sitting in the salary line item of the Park and Rec side of that Board. We had discussed reducing that appropriation which would put that back into the cash fund and then when they

were wanting to use that or spend that, they would have to come back to Council in order to be able to do so, where it currently lies. There is no reason for them to have to come to Council to discuss the expenditure. Are there any questions or any reason to hold this up any longer or are we ready to move forward this evening? Seeing no comments, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings bringing Ord. No. 114 – 2015 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Seconded by Councilwoman Scassa. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 114 has passed. Ord. No. 115.

ORDINANCE NO. 115 – 2015 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE amending CHAPTER 181 “INCOME TAX” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon and enacting new Section 181.031 LEVY OF ADDITIONAL TAX to reflect the increase in the municipal income tax rate from one and eighth-tenths (1.8%) to two percent (2.0%) to be effective January 1, 2017, subject to approval of the electors of the City of Massillon at a Primary Election to be held in the spring of 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Ord. No. 115 has received second reading. Ord. No. 116.

ORDINANCE NO. 116 – 2015 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 181.15 “CREDIT FOR TAX PAID TO ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY” OF CHAPTER 181 “INCOME TAX” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon by enacting a new Section 181.15 “CREDIT FOR TAX PAID TO ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY” of said CHAPTER 181 “INCOME TAX”.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Ord. No. 116 has received second reading.

16. **NEW & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

17. **REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

MARSHA HARRIS – 2455 Cyprus Dr. S.E., Massillon, OH. Sunday, August 30, 2015, we’re having our Homeowner’s Association Meeting. I’m the president. We’re inviting all city officials or anybody who would like to come. If you’re a city official and you’re running for office and you want to make a short campaign speech, I’m good with that too. I have reminder cards for anybody who might want one.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Is there anyone else?

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Could I just ask a question?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Sure.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Marsha, what time was that meeting.

MARSHA HARRIS – 3:00 p.m.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Is there anyone else? Mr. Marcus.

LARRY MARCUS – I'd like to talk to Council.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Pardon?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Would you like to call him up?

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Would you like to come up there?

LARRY MARCUS – I apologize that I missed the Work Committee meeting last week. I did get a replay on one of the blogs. So I'd like to, if I could, talk a little bit about CDBG and our partnership with HUD. As was requested, I've given a pretty sizeable stack, over 300 pages, on our CDBG Program. One copy to Mr. Manson and another copy to the Clerk. I didn't want to burn a lot of paper for all the Committee members, Council members. But I do have a handout, if I could, for all the Council members. This is a memo and then a copy on the third page of the information that was delivered to Councilman Manson and the Clerk so you can see what is available, is you so choose. But the first page is a memo I delivered to the Mayor Friday, which is an important memo and it was based on my call with HUD, our rep in Columbus who confirmed that our funding for the coming year has been renewed. It is something that we'll be getting a letter on any day now. Our letter last year, again, this is for the period from July 1st to June 30th. We know what our amount is, \$609,000. Last year we got \$611,000, that change is just based on a little change in our low income population here in Massillon. I share with you on the second page an overall summary of the application; the monies, the \$609,000, some highlights on there. You know it is just a small change from last year. Our Code Enforcement, we did make a small cut of 20%, which I'll talk about a little later. Housing was increased. Our non-profit funding has remained about the same. That is limited to about 15% of our award. I did add that our final Hampton Inn payment happens under that period, although it'll be made on August 1st and the last thing is that we are going into the year with a good carry-over. I would characterize the phone call as very positive, very encouraging. They appreciated the steps and improvements that we're trying to make right now. I did, again, we're talking about the Federal government. I've got the register here that is really my "Bible". It's a very cumbersome process. The 300 pages that I shared with you, primarily include a revision, a report that we had to revise some 257 pages. Again, we had our rep come and visit us and it resulted in a report dated May 19th, a copy, again, has been provided. We had three (3) findings in that report in May and its findings that we've been working on ever since. The biggest one of which, related to our code enforcement. I would add that all three (3) findings, code enforcement, the first, were weaknesses that we've had in place for years. They are weaknesses that we inherited. I inherited from my prior director and he inherited from his prior director. And that principally was that we were accounting for 100% of the cost of our two (2) code enforcement officers, 100%. While probably 70% or 80% of their time is in low to moderate income neighborhoods, we had been accounting for that, their salaries 100%. We since done a lot of work to correct that. The finding was placed and that resulted to what you may have read in the paper, the \$34,000 that was put forward with the help of the Auditor last Monday, and I apologize, again, I wasn't here. I appreciate the Auditor's help to get that correction. They went back two (2) years. They asked us to go back two (2) years and identify those places and activities where we've been

ineligible. Second part of the finding was that we had not been keeping a lot of documentation to really kind of monitor and identify when we were in the low income, moderate income neighborhoods versus when we were not; when we had our code enforcement. This is a finding that other cities have had, I would add. Canton, we talked with Barberton, Alliance, and it's really a result as HUD has not really made changes, but they've increased their scrutiny on this activity in cities. And so, they have really raised their scrutiny on that and that was really what created our finding this time. So again, we spent a lot of time, invested a lot of time. I would show you that our code enforcement guys now are analyzing every activity they have. They're giving us hourly activity ratings and I've shared a copy of our last example with that in the packet. So, we are going through that finding. The third finding was one that was also a weakness that we have not been performing on before and that's an annual visit to our non-profit organizations that we fund. Again, we fund about 90,000. In 2013, we helped 12; this coming year you'll see we have 10; about the same amount of funding. HUD has a checklist that they'd like us to go out and perform on. We are in the process of doing that, in fact, I have the last one tomorrow. They ask that we complete these by September 15th, so, we've been doing that. We have good non-profits, we've never really had any abuse or anything, but it's been something that they've asked us to take care of, so, we are. Again, I think on code enforcement, the point I want to make which is really probably the greatest of findings that we had, it's a really vital city service and to be physically responsible when we had to make some changes for our two (2) code enforcement, we did cut back their hours. These guys work very hard, but we have cut back about two (2) days out of the week for two (2) enforcement officers so we've got about eight (8) days on, two (2) days off. I would add that we've changed our map, updated our map which had been a weakness that we've had. We had an old map that we were working from from 2000. We've updated it based on census data that is current to today. And like I said, we've done a lot of improved increased documenting. So, in that report, though, that I share and I would add that we sat down with the Independent; shared the same information Friday morning. The Mayor, the Safety Service Director and myself met with the editorial staff there. We shared the same information. We're trying to be transparent on that. But the concern that was raised was that funding could be cut. We need to make improvements, but funding could be cut. The nice thing is that Thursday on my call with our rep, he was very positive and very encouraging. Again, we're taking steps to correct these weaknesses. CD office is working right now on the 2014. Again, our year goes from July to June, so I'm working on that. Our last report was a little late and that resulted in the yearend review of some comments of criticism. One was when I did this first report, again, 300 pages; it's a cumbersome report; I was a little late on getting that. I'd been advising HUD and they said to just keep working on it and get in, but I was a little late in that. So, we're on track; we're making improvements. I would add that the Mayor and I and one of our code enforcement officers, David Maley, went down to HUD. Took the initiative, called them. They were kind of caught off guard as to why and it was really because we wanted to learn more of the program. We wanted to reaffirm our commitment and so we did make a good visit and it was very positively received. They were very complimentary that we had made that trip. Again, I would add that we've been doing well with our HUD funding. We've been in this partnership for over thirty (30) years. The CDBG program is almost forty (40) years; just celebrated an anniversary. We have twelve (12) non-profits that we funded. Groups for homeless, Salvation Army, Family Living Center, Domestic Violence, healthcare for the poor, the West Stark Medical Clinic; we had been funding. Elderly care for the poor through West Stark Elderly Care, Faith in Action Caregiver and low-income youth, which we work with Lighthouse Visions and Boys and Girls Club. I would add our Housing, which is done by Beverly Lewis as Director, does a great job. We've worked with a lot of emergency home repairs and so forth in Fair Housing. But, again, as I mentioned, our yearend review resulted in a letter dated May 29. That letter has been included. Again, the first citing was our yearend report is late. Our yearend report for this year is due September 30th and I've been working around the clock and it will not be late. I am not going to let this funding be pulled. We've already gotten it continued and the biggest thing for me is or our department is that we've got to show improvement. The encouraging part of that phone call Thursday was the discussion that with a year in place as we start going through these things like doing the application which is a 300 page report, again; the

yearend review, another 300 pages. We're getting through these. Knowledge, more efficient production, we've made an accounting correction in our revision. We found an error in our accounting. It resulted in a \$92,000 increase to our reserve balance. That was about all the difference they wanted. They were appreciative that we were able to correct that. I've committed to improvement. You know, this job has become a full time job for me. I came from Federal programs in the SBA in lending, but the CDBG program is a cumbersome program. I am committed to improvement. I go quarterly down to Columbus to meet with HUD and peers. I've reached out to my peers in Canton and Alliance and I would just say that we are doing as much as we possibly can. It is a full time job and for that reason, I would say some of the comments that were made Saturday or last Monday on economic development, we're working through that. I think as I gain efficiency or as our department gains efficiency, some of those issues with economic development will go away. Working with the Mayor, Safety Director to do whatever we can to improve in those areas too. So, I'll just leave it at that. I would welcome you if you ever have a question, call me. I'd take a call 24/7; my cell phone. I think some of the questions that were raised last Monday; I would urge you to call me if you ever have any questions. I'll leave it at that unless there are some now.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Are there any questions for Mr. Marcus?

LARRY MARCUS – Again, the report's available.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis?

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – When you stated that you had met with the Auditor for the covering of the \$34,000, I haven't seen anything yet, so, as Finance Chair I have to ask, what account or how is that being taken care of?

LARRY MARCUS – I apologize. I thought last Monday night's business and it was inserted as I understood. It's included in there that there's a transfer form that came from the Auditor's office to transfer \$34,000 which is the request made by HUD back to our CDBG account. The offset to that, as I understood, was from the General Fund and I want to be careful, I thought that was presented. I'll make sure you'll get copied.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – It may have come in late and we'll probably see it at the next Work Session.

LARRY MARCUS – It was a \$34,000 transfer.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – But it will be a transfer?

LARRY MARCUS – Yes, transfer.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I would expect to see it at the next Work Committee meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman councilman...

LARRY MARCUS – And we'll be drawing those monies down. We're trying to work with HUD to get the clarification on how to account.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Are you done Councilman Lewis?

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Chovan?

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Thank you. So then the \$34,000 that we need to give back to them out of the General Fund, was that what led you to reducing the hours for the code enforcement staff to kind of offset that \$34,000? I guess I don't understand why the cut.

LARRY MARCUS – Again, going forward and the way we've been doing it is those code enforcement activities that are eligible, those that are low-income neighborhoods, we're able to get reimbursement from HUD. Again, just for the sake of discussion, about 70% to 80% of our salary in activity. Those that are outside, we have been covering through our Building Dept. which is where they are ultimately employed. The correction was for the past two (2) years which they've asked us to go back, identify as best we can the ineligible activities and that resulted in a \$34,000 correction. Our change in hours was really a result to reduce the overall burden to our General Fund/Building Dept. We cut two (2) days out of a week between the two (2) officers. Eight (8) days on, two (2) days off.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Thank you.

LARRY MARCUS – And our plan is to keep going through the balance of this year, we feel that are budget can endure that. We've had a lot of discussions with the Safety Director, the Budget Director, our Building Dept. head and Code Enforcement guys. Are plan is and expectation is that the balance of this year, that approach will work. We will re-evaluate going forward. If we can increase the hours or if we need to decrease the hours.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Okay, thanks.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Are you done?

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – I am.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilwoman Del Rio-Keller?

COUNCILWOMAN DEL RIO-KELLER – Thank you. When you say they are taking furlough two (2) days a week. Are they each taking two (2) days or are they each taking one (1) day a week?

LARRY MARCUS – We leave them a little bit of flexibility on which days they take. Right now, we have David Maley taking three (3) days, two days one week, one day another week and Jim Johnson taking one day on that, so that we only have two days off between the team.

COUNCILWOMAN DEL RIO-KELLER – Okay. A week?

LARRY MARCUS – Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN DEL RIO-KELLER – Okay.

LARRY MARCUS – These guys are very diligent in trying to get through this. I know you folks talked to them about code enforcement issues.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Is there anyone else? Thank you. I'd like to remind everyone that the next Work Session will be Monday, August 31, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. August 24th is the free week. The next Council meeting will be September 8th due to Labor Day. Councilman Lewis I need a motion to adjourn.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I move that we adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Seconded by Councilman Stinson. This meeting is adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, CLERK OF COUNCIL TONY TOWNSEND, PRESIDENT