

## **KIRTLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **December 16, 2019 – Work Session**

The work session meeting of Kirtland City Council commenced at 6:35 p.m. Council members present were: Scott Haymer, John Lesnick, Richard Lowery, Jeffrey Ruple, Matthew Schulz, Joseph Smolic and Kelly Wolfe.

Mayor Kevin Potter, Law Director Daniel Richards, Assistant Finance Director Louis Slapnicker, City Engineer Philip Kiefer, Service Administrator Duane Martz, Police Chief Lance Nosse and Fire Chief Anthony Hutton were also in attendance.

Council President Lowery explained to the public the purpose of a work session, noting that specific questions from Council can be addressed. He noted that discussion during a work session is helpful in moving through the agenda during the regular Council meeting.

Council President Lowery invited Vince Crawford of Waste Management to address Council regarding a resolution on Council's agenda.

Vince Crawford advised that he is a Public Sector Manager for Waste Management, noting that he deals with the communities that Waste Management services throughout northeast Ohio. Mr. Crawford noted that he spoke to Council last year regarding a resolution that was passed, and it was agreed that recycling costs would be looked at again to compare by year. Mr. Crawford stated that unfortunately recycling commodities have continued to drop to an historic all-time low for the past four months. He stated that the resolution shows the average cost per month, noting that the amount of material that comes out of the City of Kirtland is divided by the house count (of the participating residents).

Mr. Crawford stated that China stopped the imports of paper and cardboard. He noted that 50 percent of the world's volume of cardboard was previously sent to China, and the paper market is at an historic low. Mr. Crawford stated that all of the materials are still being recycled, but it is at a cost.

Mr. Crawford explained how the increase in cost is calculated. Answering Councilman Smolic, Mr. Crawford stated that the increase last year was 49 cents. Mr. Crawford advised that there are some new paper mills opening in this area; some of the Chinese companies are coming over to the United States to re-open paper mills that have been idle for many years.

Answering Mr. Smolic, Mr. Crawford stated that their plant processes approximately 7000 tons of material every month. He noted that a bale of paper can sit for only 30 days or it will start to decompose. There was discussion regarding the increase in cost of recycling to residents.

Councilman Smolic inquired about the cost of recycling aluminum and plastics and if there is averaging of the different components. Mr. Crawford stated that all materials are run through the process, which gives the total value. He stated that the cost is based on weight, not volume, and paper weighs much more than the same volume of aluminum or plastic. Mr. Crawford stated that cardboard and paper are approximately 60 to 70 percent of the weight inside the container.

Mr. Smolic inquired if Waste Management does any type of computer recycling. Mr. Crawford answered that they do not.

There were no further questions from Council for Mr. Crawford, and Council President Lowery thanked him for attending the meeting.

Referring to the meeting agenda, Mayor Potter noted that the temporary appropriation ordinance is on third reading; he inquired if there were any questions from the new Council members. There were no questions from Council in this regard.

Mayor Potter stated there are some appointments and reappointments on tonight's agenda. He noted that there is legislation reappointing Joseph Vinciquerra to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Mayor stated that he believes Mr. Vinciquerra has been doing a phenomenal job on the Commission; he is insightful, articulate, thoughtful and is willing to express his opinion. The Mayor stated there is a resolution appointing Lita Laven to the Board of Zoning Appeals; she is an engineer for the Northeast Ohio Sewer District, and she will bring a new dynamic to that Board. He commented on her thoughtfulness and insightfulness to many issues in the City. Mayor Potter stated that there is legislation appointing Terry Simonian to the Civil Service Commission. The Mayor noted that Mr. Simonian is a long-time firefighter and fire inspector, as well as a zoning inspector in other localities.

Mayor Potter noted that there is legislation for reappointment of Dana Dennis and Susan Matticoli to the Board of Tax Review, noting that both have been valuable members of that Board.

The Mayor noted there is legislation appointing Irene Druzina to the Board of Health in Lake County. He noted that Council received a copy of Dr. Druzina's resume. The Mayor stated that her credentials, history and background are impressive, and she will bring value to that Board.

Mayor Potter stated there are two reappointments to the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Board, Amy Buchanan and Christine Speece, noting that both are employees of the City and Chief Hutton speaks highly of them serving in that capacity.

Noting that there will be an upcoming Charter review, Councilman Lesnick stated the importance of making sure that Article III of the Charter and Title 8 of the code are updated to reflect all of the Boards and positions, their responsibilities and experience necessary.

Councilman Lesnick inquired about the City's role in the appointment to the Lake County Board of Health. Mayor Potter stated that the Board of Health is the governing body for the local health department; it is composed of at least five members and the members serve five or more years. He noted that Dr. Druzina will be filling an unexpired term. He stated that the Chief Executive, with the approval of City Council, appoints a Board member from the City. The Mayor reviewed the functions of the Board from information provided by the Board of Health, noting that he can provide a copy to Council. Dr. Druzina was present at tonight's meeting, and she stated that she would be happy to come back and report to Council after she has attended some meetings. Dr. Druzina noted that it is an unpaid position. Fire Chief Hutton stated that the Health Department works closely with Fire Departments; he noted that Kirtland is a pod site. He stated that the Fire Chiefs work with the Board members in dealing with various issues. Dr. Druzina noted that the opioid crisis is probably the number one issue currently. Council President Lowery stated that as a long-time employee of the Cleveland Clinic, Dr. Druzina comes with very high recommendations, and he thanked her for stepping up to fill this position.

Council President Lowery stated that going forward, every effort will be made to make sure that information is provided to Council members as early as possible and as thoroughly as possible, so that Council is prepared to make decisions without doubts.

With regard to the resolution for Waste Management, Council President Lowery inquired if it is necessary to adopt the legislation at tonight's meeting. Mr. Richards stated it is important to make sure there is no lapse in service.

Responding to Councilman Lesnick regarding the finances for the year, Mr. Slapnicker stated that they completed the November financials, and he is currently working on preparing an estimate for 2019. He stated that he can provide that information before the new year.

There was no further discussion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. upon the unanimous consent of Council.

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