

KIRTLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 4, 2023 – Work Session

The work session meeting of Kirtland City Council commenced at 6:38 p.m. Council members present were: Ronald Fenstermaker, Suzanne Grazia, Matthew Schulz, Joseph Smolic and Julie Symonds. Absent: Scott Haymer and Eric Ziegler.

Mayor Kevin Potter, Law Director Matthew Lallo, Service Director Joseph Fornaro and Fire Chief Anthony Hutton were also in attendance.

Mayor Potter noted there are four pieces of legislation on tonight's agenda under New Business. He requested that the first two (23-R-79 and 23-O-80) be adopted tonight, for his appointment as Director of Public Safety and Mr. Fornaro's re-appointment as Director of Public Service. The Mayor noted there is also legislation to negotiate terms for citywide broadband internet services, which can proceed to the next readings. He noted there is legislation relating to the OPBA contract, which is on First Reading tonight; Mr. Lallo confirmed this can proceed to Second Reading. Answering Councilman Fenstermaker, Mr. Lallo advised that the Union ratified it according to the terms discussed with Council. Mr. Lallo noted he has a meeting scheduled next week regarding the Fire Department contract negotiations. Answering Council President Smolic, Mr. Lallo said the contracts expire on 12/31/23, noting that there could be back pay if not finalized until January.

With regard to Resolution 23-R-79, Mr. Lallo noted there is no mention of pay; he noted it is best practice to have it included in the legislation. He suggested that Council amend it to include the pay rate. In discussion, it was noted the annual pay rate (\$5603) is the same for Director of Public Safety and Director of Public Service. Mr. Lallo noted that the term begins on December 1, so he recommended that Council amend the legislation and pass it tonight as an emergency.

With regard to the Parkwood drainage project, Mr. Fornaro advised that Mr. Courtney will come up with a plan to get this out to bid. He noted there is a proposal for design work in the Eisenhower area, which has a lot of drainage issues; hopefully this can go out to bid as well. Mayor Potter noted this has been an issue for many years, noting that a drainage study will be done to determine the drainage remediation needed. Mr. Lallo said he expects that there will be legislation on the next agenda for an MOU with Lake County Stormwater.

Mayor Potter advised that Mr. Slapnick will not be able to attend tonight's meeting, but there will be legislation on the next agenda for the final budget amendment and for the temporary appropriations.

With regard to the Standing Committee assignments, Council President Smolic said he will forward that to Council members to review, noting it will need to be on the next agenda.

Upon request of the Law Director, Council President Smolic stated he would entertain a motion to convene an executive session to discuss employment of two public officials, pursuant to Article I, Section 7(a) of the City Charter. Mr. Fenstermaker so moved, and Ms. Grazia provided the second. **ROLL CALL: MOTION CARRIED 5/0 (VOTING YEA: FENSTERMAKER, GRAZIA, SCHULZ, SMOLIC AND SYMONDS. VOTING NAY: NONE).** The time was 6:49 p.m.

Upon adjournment of the executive session, the work session meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

There was no further discussion, and the work session meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. upon the unanimous consent of Council.

President of Council

Clerk of Council