

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
July 1, 2014

There was a meeting of the Service Committee in Council Chambers on Monday June 30, 2014, immediately following the Finance Committee. These members were present:

Bill Cost Jr.	Ryan Bubb
Jeff Rath	Alex Rolletta
Jeremy Blake	

We wish to Report:

1. **Ordinance 14-18** changing the zoning classification of certain real property, generally described as 398 Eastern Avenue, City of Newark, Licking County, Ohio, from that of Single-Family Residence – RH High Density zoning district, to GO – General Office zoning district was considered.

Director Rhodes- we are asking you to send this on to the Planning Commission and at the Planning Commission meeting we will have a public hearing and then I will render an opinion after that hearing. The intent here is to tear a house down and create additional parking for the facility. I have had some further discussion about fencing, Councilman Cost and I discussed fencing today and we will take that into consideration when we give our opinion as to whether or not it should be changed.

Motion by Mr. Rath to send to full Council, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Rath- which Ward?

Director Rhodes- 1st

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. **Resolution No. 14-55** authorizing and directing the director of public service to enter into a right to a lease agreement and easement agreement on behalf of the City of Newark for certain real property located at Levin Park, Sharon Valley Road, Newark, Ohio, parcel 054-286350-01.000 lot 5 consisting of 21.30 acres was considered.

Director Rhodes- the City has been approached and I have had discussions with a group called Telecom. They would like to put a cellphone tower on the back part of Levin behind the baseball fields up close to the woods. We have spent a little time talking with the property owners that Levin backs up to one being the Evans Foundation the other being Gary, there has been no opposition from them. We have

had preliminary discussion with them regarding the placement so it can be up close to the woods as to not take away from the esthetics of the park. I have not negotiated with them but generally these leases carry a value of \$9,000.00-11,000.00 a year. Director Coffman negotiated one that went on top of Horns Hill and it brings in \$10,000.00 a year. That is about what I would look at, maybe some increases every year. I would certainly negotiate that they pay for all the construction, maintenance and repairs. I am asking you permission to negotiate with them. If we are successful in our negotiations I would suggest that the dollars are rolled into the General Fund.

Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Rath

Mr. Rath- are they going to need to construct a road that will go through the park to the tower location?

Director Rhodes- no we won't, maybe a temporary road that they use to place the tower. The Newark Little League cuts the grass quite often and they have tractors going across there. I think that a truck going across there would be just fine to service the tower. If we need a temporary one to place the tower we will get all those details out, it's not something that we have talked about. On the back part of the ball fields Licking Rural has a power station there already and we are envisioning this being to the left of that power station and up on the woods a touch.

Mr. Rolletta- were there any other offers from other providers

Director Rhodes- no, I think the cellular groups that they represent have a gap in coverage. It's not something that we put an RFP out for. They were looking at other entities including the college but they weren't interested then they came to us. Since we have a power station up there, we do own the land and as long as we could get it up near the woods I stated I would be willing to make a presentation to Council. I looked at it as another opportunity to bring another \$9,000.00-11,000.00 at no cost to us. In the negotiations will be talk about esthetics, we will talk about if they have to build a roadway in and we will talk about how they repair that roadway. I can't get into those details now because I don't have the permission to negotiate.

Mr. Cost- the other tower that you spoke of on Horns Hill how long ago did you say that was?

Director Rhodes- Director Coffman negotiated that one, I would say about 4 years.

Mr. Cost- has there been a good situation?

Director Rhodes- it has been a good thing the City gets \$10,000.00 a year. The only work there is on our part is my office getting it down to the Treasurer's office.

Mr. Cost- is there any liability on our part

Director Rhodes- no, they are responsible for that

Mr. Cost- the money goes into the General Fund

Director Rhodes- yes it does.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Bill Cost Jr, Chair