



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

Finance Committee

200 South Hamilton Road
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Michael Schnetzer, Chair
Karen J. Angelou
Brian D. Larick
Jamie Leeseberg
Nancy R. McGregor
Brian Metzbower
Stephen A. Renner

Kimberly Banning, Clerk of Council

Monday, December 11, 2017

Council Committee Room

Immediately Following Committee of the Whole

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schnetzer called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

Present 7 - Michael Schnetzer, Stephen A. Renner, Nancy R. McGregor, Karen J. Angelou, Brian D. Larick, Brian Metzbower, and Jamie Leeseberg

2018 BUDGET DISCUSSION

[ORD-0102-2017](#) TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018.

Larick asked last year or maybe two years ago; assessment saying under planned expenditures; if we are under, we haven't done something we thought was important, we misestimated, or something is out of line; what is being done to strengthen that; so we can do more with planned funds; Bury said mainly falls in operational; not with salaries in benefits; made a change to try to bring that estimate closer to what we believe is the actual; used past 3 year actual average to start as the base; anyone to go above that had to provide justification; cut down by a little over a million; Larick said okay, feels better; pool liner is small line; are we seeing better use of those funds; leave it to Council; preference is to put off that project; other adjustments not included in general statement; believes we have time to make those decisions; Schnetzer asked the alternative to the liner; Barr said same work we did last year; fill up with water and one day you lose several tons of gallons of water; feels this has been going on for a number of years; maybe half has been resurfaced in some way; asking for that in the 2018 budget; risk is greater each year; pool will close if we have an emergency; that is worst case scenario; Schnetzer asked for all in cost of fixing that type of scenario; a concrete

patch option; Barr said revenue will depend on when; beginning of season would be daily passes and memberships; Leeseberg asked if you could close the pool and still need staff for everything else; if we abandoned pools, will still need staff to take care of them; Barr said sooner we get the liner in, reduces the risk of pool bottom failing; Angelou asked how long it takes to have liner ready to go; Barr said would be done in the fall; regardless, would not occur this summer; needs to be warm enough to do the work; Larick asks that it be brought as a supplemental with report and photos and the situation this year, and not be put into appropriations; Angelou said liner smooths bottom surface; weren't some people cutting their feet; is a safety issue; Barr said liner smooths that out; company would prep that pool bottom; Angelou said planning to get pool ready and not put this in until Fall; Barr said correct; would still prep pool bottom as we always do in the spring; get through the season, get the company hired and contracted and then do the work in the fall; Angelou said does appear there is a possibility to bring this back; Larick said exactly; good information to have now; what is lead time; Barr said would get pictures in late April early May; lead time would be no more than 90 days; would come back in June likely with pictures and report and the funding at that time; Schnetzer asked, what is the difference; seems like a formality; Leeseberg asked when warranty would start; Barr said when project is complete he imagines; Leeseberg said 10 years from then, reality is, we do not have a lot of planning and zoning for this type of project; is it a reality that we will have placement for this pool in next 10 years; Metzbower said we do not know; Renner said feels similar as Mr. Schnetzer; said Barr said risk is missing 200 gallons of water; same risk as last year; Barr said you run the risk each year without liner; Renner asked if he sees the risk increasing with time; Barr said absolutely; Renner asked what work can be done so that you would not have a supplemental in June; Barr said no work can be done to not need the liner; liner is needed no matter what; Larick said it is not coming out now; it is going to happen; can make an informed decision in the summer; Renner asked if Barr has information to convince we need it now; Barr said other than information that has been provided; nothing we can do but patch and repair; still doing patch and repair work; is \$11K; still run the risk this year; not enough lead time between good weather and pool opening to get it done this year; Schnetzer asked how a \$110K supplemental will be reflected; Bury said will get booked as appropriation; will show we bumped appropriations with all supplementals; Schnetzer asked if it will be a wash or a negative; Bury said a wash if it is spent; a positive if we do not spend the funds; Barr said can get with company on lead time to get on their schedules; all of their work in the mid-west is being done at the same time we need it done; if this is approved, will call first thing 2018 to get on their schedule; Larick said still bring a supplemental, if timing is earlier, bring it earlier;

would prefer we have a picture; seems to be more logical; Barr said we have some pictures from previous years; can get that together; Larick said has been discussion for many years; was an epoxy solution put in with some level of warranty with some cost associated; not sure what that was; Barr said will get that information; Larick said a supplemental is not a bad thing in itself; everything being a supplemental, is a bad thing; regular things as a supplemental are bad; things driven by unknown causes or should not have been part of ordinary budget, nothing wrong with those supplementals; have come a long way with supplementals; should be better planned; doing an awesome job; Metzbower said feels like we are splitting hairs; this is an important item to not just get this done now; Angelou said this is a 50+ year old pool that has had a band-aid approach; what is the best guess that the entire thing could fail; Barr said 1990-1991, walls and gutter system completely re-done; those are approaching 30 years old; those are in good shape for another 20 years; bottom is what is in trouble; added a main drain to meet flow rate for sanitary rate; cost was roughly \$35K; also got a new boiler; pool liner gives us a guarantee of 10 years; could be longer to help the bottom; Leeseberg said understands desire for more information; agrees with Mr. Barr, is a matter of when not if; one small hole can cause more damage; not protected this year; looking at 6-8 years for the next planned phase of a pool; will use majority of that lining's warranty; no brainer; respect desire for more information; have used the pool himself; something needs done; Barr asked if we can get the liner prior to pool opening, but it would then open late like July 1, is there a desire; Larick asked for requirements to do it and get it open on-time; Barr said he is not sure but can call the company and ask; Larick asked if it is a top or base; Barr said floor and walls; additional protection to walls; Barr said fall is likely only option; McGregor asked where they do swim lessons; Barr said Hunters Ridge.

Angelou asked about smart streets policy, and safe routes to school, are we including broad-band; Priestas said do not have smart streets policy yet; would expect a smart streets policy; already looking at ways to expand fiber network; Angelou said it is becoming another utility; need to address it within City policies; Mayor Kneeland said we do have policy, but it is not specific to smart cities; add conduit; asking vendors for communication infrastructure when they install conduit; Angelou said we need to address that; Mayor Kneeland said has been pitching this for years.

RECOMMENDATION: Regular Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

8:06 p.m.