

## Regular Council

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The regular meeting of the Waterville Council was called to order by Mayor Timothy Pedro at 7:30 p.m. via videoconference with Council members.

The prayer was offered by Mr. Frey. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and led by Mr. Bruno.

Present at roll call were Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Bruno, Mr. Frey, Mayor Pedro, Mr. Rozic, Mr. Borowski and Mrs. Duncan.

Also present this evening in Council Chambers was Jon Gochenour, Municipal Administrator and Clerk of Council; Phil Dombey, Law Director and Melissa Cook, Recording Secretary. Steve Schult, Treasurer was present via videoconference.

### Staff Present:

Mark Williams – Director of Finance and Administration

### Citizens Present:

David Subleski – Browning Masonic by video conference

### Presentation

#### A. TARTA General Manager Kim Dunham

Ms. Dunham, along with Daniel Woodcock, TARTA Board President, Laura Koprowski, Chief Communications and Customer Experience Officer and Kelsey Hoagland, Waterville's Representative to TARTA were all in attendance via videoconference or phone to discuss TARTA's proposed new strategic plan for the future and to answer questions from Council. Ms. Dunham reviewed a power point presentation, which was included in Council's packet, which outlined the new plan. A major component of this plan was the elimination of its current 2.5 mill property tax levies with a 0.5% sales and use tax. Ms. Dunham also stated that they are seeking a \$30 million grant from the federal government to purchase new buses. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Council to support the proposed sales tax. Council then asked that the legislation supporting the TARTA initiative be moved up to the top of the agenda for the convenience of the TARTA Representatives in attendance.

### New Business:

- A. RESOLUTION 17-20 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED WHICH CREATED THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (TARTA) BY: (1) ADDING LUCAS COUNTY AS A MEMBER OF TARTA; (2) ELIMINATING TARTA'S 2.5 MILL PROPERTY TAXES AND SUBSTITUTING A 0.5 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX AND (3) ALLOCATING MONIES FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTED TO TARTA TO DIRECTLY FUND ITS OPERATIONS AND ALLOCATING MONIES FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTED TO OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF MASS TRANSIT RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE; PROVIDED THAT SUCH CHANGES ARE CONTINGENT UPON VOTER APPROVAL OF THE NEW TARTA FUNDING SYSTEM AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution authorizes the admission of Lucas County as a member of the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) which will enable TARTA to place a 0.5% sales and use tax on the November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot throughout Lucas County and the City of Rossford to replace its two exiting property tax levies which

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total 2.5 mills. If the ballot measure is approved, TARTA will redistribute a portion of the sales tax revenue to member communities on an annual basis for infrastructure improvements to help facilitate mass transit. Waterville would receive \$90,000 per year for a period of ten (10) years. If the 2.5 mill property taxes were eliminated, the owner of a \$200,000 home would save approximately \$175.00 per year. In contrast, an individual would have to spend \$35,000 in a year to pay TARTA \$175.00 in sales taxes. The emergency measure is requested by TARTA to obtain the necessary approvals from other member communities and to meet the August 5 deadline to place the sales tax issue on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

Mr. Rozic moved to adopt Resolution 17-20. Mr. Pedro seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Council also asked that Ordinance 05-20 under *Old Business* be moved up to the top of the agenda for the convenience of Mr. Subleski from the Browning Masonic Community.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- D. ORDINANCE 05-20 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WATERVILLE BY AMENDING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AT THE BROWNING MASONIC COMMUNITY, INC.

#### Second Reading

The Browning Masonic Community, Inc., 8900 S. River Road, has submitted a site plan for the construction of eight (8) “villa” type dwelling units known as “Water’s Edge Villas, Phase 2.5”. A copy of the proposed site plan was enclosed in Council’s packet for review. The new residences that will be constructed are Units 35 – 42. A “common area” is also being proposed for residents with a pavilion between Unit 20 and 21. Since this request is a change to Browning’s existing Special Use Permit, it requires the review and approval of the Planning Commission and Council. At their May 4 public meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the site plan and Special Use Permit Amendment request as presented by a vote of 4-0 with one member absent. With all of the required utilities and infrastructure constructed during prior phases, no further review of construction or engineering plans is anticipated by the City for this phase of this private development.

David Subleski of the Browning Masonic Community was in attendance by video conference to answer questions from Council.

### Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Duncan moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 Special Council meeting. Mr. Borowski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

### Citizens Comments

None

### Staff Reports

Administrator: Jon Gochenour –

- Reported that he attended and conducted a special meeting of the Finance Committee on Friday, May 22, 2020 by video conference to discuss bond and note debt refinancing. The Committee recommended that the City proceed with the scheduled debt service payments on the 2019-2020 notes and the issuance of new notes as budgeted. The Finance Committee also recommended the refinancing of the 2012 Bond issue which will save approximately \$13,000 per year in debt service payments. Moreover, the Committee supported the Fire

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Co-op Program and recommended the placement of a 3.25 mill levy for fire operations on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

- Stated that a special meeting of the Safety Committee was held on May 28, 2020 by video conference. The Committee reviewed a presentation regarding the Fire Co-Op. The Committee supported the proposed plan and recommended the placement of a 3.25 mill levy on the November 3 ballot for fire operations.
- Reported that the next unlimited trash pick-up has been scheduled for Saturday, June 27.
- Stated that a bid opening will be held on June 18 for the paving program.
- Reported that a special Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for June 23 at 7:00 p.m. by video conference.

Law Director: Phil Dombey – No report.

Finance Director: Mark Williams – No report.

Treasurer: Steve Schult – No report.

### Communications from Council Members/Committees

Mayor Pedro –

- Read a statement sending thoughts and prayers to the family of George Floyd.
- Recognized the City of Waterville staff for providing uninterrupted services to its residents over the past 75 days.
- Stated that he believes that it is important to support TARTA's new strategic funding plan for the future.
- Stated that both the Finance and Safety Committee have recommended and support the 3.25 mill levy to fund the Fire Co-Op. He added that residents should look for more information regarding this in the next 90 days.

Mrs. Duncan – No report.

Mrs. Bruno – No report.

Mr. Rozic –

- Reported that he was on the call this morning with the County Emergency Center and wanted to remind residents that on Friday, the Governor extended his orders prohibiting large gatherings of 10 or more people through the end of June. This excludes wedding receptions and funerals.

Mr. Borowski –

- Asked the Mayor if he had an opportunity to speak to the City's restaurant owners regarding a state grant to offset prior liquor purchases. Mayor Pedro stated that some owners he talked to were going to pursue this. Mrs. Duncan stated that restaurants were also able to return unopened bottles.

Mr. Bruno –

- Stated that the City has not made a formal decision to cancel the Fourth of July Fireworks Display, but he believes that cancelling them seems to be the general consensus. Mayor Pedro suggested waiting to hold fireworks on Labor Day or New Year's Eve. He added that since most surrounding communities have already cancelled or postponed their fireworks, holding ours could seriously challenge the City's safety services. It was the consensus of Council to postpone this year's Fourth of July Fireworks.

Mr. Frey –

- Reported that the FTUCD Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting to discuss

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the future maintenance of the cemeteries in the District. He added that Waterville Township will be eliminating the positions of the Sexton and his assistant at the end of June. The Trustees are working on possible options on hiring the two. He then stated that he is hopeful to have an update for Council at their next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION 10-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO MATHEWS FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 FORD F-550 CAB AND CHASSIS

*Tabled until August 24, 2020*

This Resolution authorizes the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-550, 4 x 4, dump truck cab and chassis through the joint purchasing program authorized by state law. The purchase of this vehicle was approved in the recently passed 2020 Appropriation Ordinance and replaces a 1996 Ford dump truck. The cost of this dump truck cab and chassis is \$46,457.60.

- B. RESOLUTION 11-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP BODY, SALT SPREADER AND RELATED EQUIPMENT

*Tabled until August 24, 2020*

This Resolution authorizes the purchase of a dump body, salt spreader, snow plow and other miscellaneous equipment to be installed on the Ford F-550 dump truck cab and chassis purchased through the passage of Resolution 10-20. The purchase of this equipment was included in the 2020 Appropriation Ordinance in the amount budgeted for a new dump truck. The cost of this equipment is \$38,000.

- C. RESOLUTION 12-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO DEERE AND COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE 5100M UTILITY TRACTOR WITH TRADE – IN

*Tabled until August 24, 2020*

This Resolution authorizes the purchase of a John Deere 5100M Utility Tractor through the joint purchasing program authorized by state law. The purchase of this equipment was included in the 2020 Appropriation Ordinance. The final cost of this equipment is \$53,216.79 after the trade in of a 2001 John Deere tractor (\$8,250).

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Rozic made a motion to close the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Mr. Frey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Jon D. Gochenour, Clerk of Council

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Timothy G. Pedro, Mayor