

COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers @ 7:00 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER.** President of Council Loughry called the Council meeting of Thursday, February 23, 2023, to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance:**
Prayer: Rev. Daniel Doty, First Congregational Church, Tallmadge.
Pledge of Allegiance: Carson Jones, 5th Grade Student at Tallmadge Elementary School.
3. **Roll Call:** Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak – present.
4. **Correcting and Adopting the Previous Meeting Minutes:**
2-9-23 Council Meeting Minutes.
Mr. Sisak: I would like to make a motion to approve the 2-9-23 minutes. Seconded Mrs. Kilway.
Roll Call: Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman – unanimous. **The 2-9-23 Council meeting minutes are adopted by a vote of 7-0.**
5. **Financial Reports:** None.
6. **Public Hearings:** None.
7. **Community Input:**
Pres. of Council: This month is Developmental Disabilities month and this evening to present to us we have Mr. James Armstrong who is the Legal Director of Summit DD.
Mr. Armstrong: Members of Council, Mayor and other officials of Tallmadge, it is my great pleasure to be here. I am James Armstrong and my official title is Director of Legal Services for Summit DD. Just to let you know our Board meeting was tonight and the last time I saw my Superintendent she was still talking to our Board President so I volunteered to come because that is not unusual and it is also my pleasure because having been the Mayor of your neighboring City, Munroe Falls, for 6 years and given the opportunity to thank Mayor Kline and his administration for the cooperation we worked with on a number of issues over those 6 years and on a personal note, Mayor Kline, who was always available by telephone if I had a question, since he is, as you all know, he is one of the Senior Mayors in our County and was always willing to lend a hand.
We really appreciate you having a resolution supporting DD Awareness Month, which is the month of March. It allows us to promote and give people who simply want a chance or an opportunity to prove what they can do and you help us do that by passing these resolutions. Something of interest is March 6th is officially our inclusion day. We have had a number of government agencies and other public and private entities contact us about our inclusion kits in which typically they will post something on Facebook within orange which is the color of DD Inclusion and also once again this year, the Akron Zoo on the dates of that weekend, March 4th through the 6th if you wear orange that day at the Zoo you will be able to have free admission into the Akron Zoo that weekend, so we have a lot of community support, but I just appreciate you having the resolution on today's agenda and I thank you for allowing me to be here on behalf of Summit DD I thank you personally.
Mayor: I just want to thank you for your service and thank you for what you are doing for Summit DD and also as a previous Mayor and so thank you for your public service.
Mr. Armstrong: I appreciate that Mayor.
8. **Agenda Additions:**
Pres. of Council: At this time I will turn it over to Mrs. Allman for our Community Award presentation.
Mrs. Allman: I am recognizing Rhonda Moffatt tonight. There was discussion of all of Rhonda's achievements and she was given the Certificate of Achievement.
9. **Reports of Administrative Officers:**
 - a. **Mayor/Director of Economic Development:** Thank you.
 - This week myself, Councilperson Kilway and Councilperson Loughry; we had a roundtable discussion with Congresswoman Emilia Sykes down at the Russ Pry Center and it was well attended by quite a few mayors in Summit County and it was just great

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Mayor (Cont'd.) that our Congresswoman from our 13th Ohio District wanted to meet and hear what we had to say and I thought it went very well and so we will see what comes out of that.

- Let's talk a little bit about some of the **development that is going on in Portage County**. This is the Summit County GIS and so it does not always show up in Portage County, but in perspective here this bottom line here is East Avenue and this is Just Cricket and everybody keeps asking what is going on in that vacant property there. The roadway now is completed from this side of the development, Maplecrest Development out to Ripley Farms and out to Parliament Drive and out to East Avenue with the traffic light running. Last week at Brimfield Trustees, the Bd. of Zoning Appeals approved the Village of St. Edwards. It is a facility to go in there and it is located out in Fairlawn and also down in Green and they also approved 9 two-unit facilities or units back in the back down inside here.

The **lot right beside Aldi's is still vacant** and I am hearing it is going to be a restaurant, but it is pretty hush, hush what it is going to be at this time. But then you also have the Aldi's that is due to open this spring. They keep saying that it is going to be this spring, but they won't give an exact date, but they say the answer is this spring.

- Going down into our annexed area, this is Rubbermaid, and it is in the JEDD and not in the annex. The 256 acres that are in Portage County/Tallmadge is out front here. This is connecting Howe Road back up to Mogadore Road. Apollo Heating: all the foundation is starting to come up out of the ground, so the underground work is being completed and so you will see Apollo Heating moving into that site.
- The 25 acres in front of Rubbermaid which is also in Tallmadge; that is Tallmadge/Portage County; that is owned by InSite who are the same developers who developed Rubbermaid and I expect to see InSite in here for the May Planning & Zoning meeting to develop that whole 25 acre site so that is moving along fairly well.
- We met today with Cosar Mold and that is on the corner right there of Portage Blvd. and they want to put a pretty nice addition on there and so things out there in our annex and out at the JEDD are doing extremely well. I am pretty happy about all of that.
- Then **Martin Wheel**, so this is the Maplecrest Golf Course, and Martin Wheel will be this whole side here. As soon as they get approval from their corporate office, they have already purchased the property, so it is just a matter of them getting the approval to break ground. They are out getting quotes right now to do that. Economic Development is doing pretty well.
- Lastly, I would just ask for your consideration of Ord. 2023-37. That is the fire truck and I am sure we will have a lot of talk about that.
- How could I forget the **Fire Station**? That is one of the brand new cameras on the new building facing out to the intersection. Pretty clear cameras. The old fire station is due to come down right after March 17th when we plan on having everyone moved from the old building into the new building tentatively and I think that is still on track to do that. They are scheduling the last shift in the old station on March 16th and the new shift starting on the 17th which as you can see our temporary doors; our roll-up doors work very well. There are 4 of them installed and so that is what we are waiting on. This Saturday some of the glass on the tower on the back of the building; there are two panels that have to be reinstalled and they are coming this Saturday to do that. We don't need that to move in; we just need the final electrical inspection which is due Monday or Tuesday of next week. End of report.

Mr. Loughry: Mayor, do you want to give an update on our after hours at Hamrick Packaging.

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Mayor: So, Hamrick Packaging is a pretty large building. If you have driven back into Maplecrest, it is about where the tee box was for the 1st hole and the 10th hole to put that into perspective. We had an open house there and Dennis attended.

Pres. of Council: It is an annual event at a different business in the JEDD hosted by the Portage Development Board.

Mayor: Hamrick moved from Suffield into the Maplecrest Golf Course and have built a brand-new building; state-of-the-art. I mean, it is just phenomenal what they do in there. Hamrick Package designs machines . . . if you want something packaged you give them what the widget is and they will figure out how to package it and build a machine for you and ship it to your facility and then they will install it and then that widget; that machine will package your widget. It is amazing who they work for; Nestle, Great Lakes Brewery Co., multiple companies; milk companies so they can pick up the milk cartons, put them in, slim them down, package, close it up and ship them out. So, they design the machines. They have room to expand another addition. They think within 5 years they will be expanding out there.

Pres. of Council: So, the significance is that sometimes we will all hear comments about the JEDD is nothing, but a bunch of retail jobs and some people will make issue with the price; the salaries and stuff like that, well, last year alone when Hamrick moved, they hired 12 engineers and they could hire 10 more today if they could find them. So, not all the jobs are retail. That's all I would say. Are there any questions for the Mayor?

Mr. Bozic: If you could pull up that map of East Avenue and the JEDD area. So the area to the right of the new Tallmadge Reserve all the way to say the Menards parking lot . . .

Mayor: Keep in mind this is an old map.

Mr. Bozic: Yeah, Menards is on there. From Tallmadge Reserve to say Menards, that particular section is or is not part of the JEDD? The map that we were provided at the last meeting . . .

Mayor: Everything from the Portage County line and this is the line, the red line here on East Avenue from this line all the way to Route 43, I-76 south of I-76 . . .

Mr. Bozic: The map that we were provided then might need to be updated. I believe it cuts off at Mogadore Road and then carries over unless I looked at it incorrectly. I did look at it incorrectly. I stand corrected I believe.

Mayor: That map is a little funny to read.

Mr. Bozic: It probably needs to be redesigned because it is not . . .

Dir. of Finance: It may have also been that map was when we originally started . . . the original map when that was done, those lots may not have been zoned to be part of the JEDD because they had residential, so that could be part of the issue because the JEDD requires Commercial or Industrial zoning for the property to be included.

Mr. Bozic: So, my question then, and thank you, so the JEDD and the way that I understand it; what say does the City of Tallmadge have in what gets put into the JEDD area?

Mayor: None. It is all Brimfield zoning. We do support the zoning. I have been to Portage County Development out in Ravenna to support the development of the Maplecrest Golf Course and also the Wal-Mart side back when that was first going in. Our role is the income tax agent to collect the income tax; that is Mollie's role, but their Economic Development is in Brimfield. We can assist them and we will help them but pretty much it is their zoning all the way through.

Mr. Bozic: OK.

Mayor: We can make recommendations; we can . . . DeHoff and Lemmon & Lemmon . . .

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Mr. Bozic: OK because I think that has been voiced too, I am assuming to most of us on Council is why don't we have a say in what goes in those areas. Why are we getting this? I think that is the biggest issue that I think some citizens have when it comes to what they see popping in there whether they agree with it or not, I am just saying that I think that is something that not everyone knows and they don't . . . and until tonight, I would assume that we had some form of a say because when there is a JEDD Board, if I'm not mistaken, then we have a representative who sits on the board as well.

Mayor: I am the Chairman of it.

Mr. Bozic: OK, so what is the function of the Board then?

Mayor: The function of the Board is what clients are coming into the JEDD or who is signatory to the JEDD; what can we do to help them out. It is all zoning. We could recommend and I could say I want to bring in Top Golf somewhere. I can only . . . if it meets their zoning we could work with them to do that.

Mr. Bozic: Alright. Thank you.

Mr. Bollas: On that same property, just thinking through because it didn't require rezoning, it didn't require a public hearing; is that . . .

Mayor: It did require rezoning. That is why it went to Brimfield's Zoning Board. This was the Board of Zoning Appeals that approved it.

Mr. Bollas: OK, so then like going into the proposed karate facility, we have a large sign of that going in there.

Mayor: That is a requirement of the City.

Mr. Bollas: OK, that is a requirement of the City and you are saying that wouldn't be a requirement of putting any kind of public notice on display.

Mayor: I can't tell you what their notification requirements are. I will find out for you though.

Mr. Bollas: It just keeps spinning in my head and I keep trying to figure out how that was just such a surprise that all of us in this room and seeing that on social media; we have all been curious about what is going on there. So, thank you.

Pres. of Council: Mr. Bollas, I will tell you that as the Mayor said, many municipalities and villages and townships do notification different. I believe we still notify in other municipalities; right? We did before and then we looked at maybe not doing it, but I think we still do.

Mayor: But that is why we put the sign up. We put a 500' radius . . .

Pres. of Council: But I do not know if other communities that about us reciprocate with that. I'm not sure.

Mr. Sisak: That would be really nice to know because of the new housing development going in; I'm sure that would be within 500' and people across the street.

Mayor: They were here. Brimfield residents were here during the Ripley Farm Development.

Mr. Sisak: Right, but just currently Brimfield having to send out letters potentially to our surroundings because let's face it, this is going to be a Tallmadge problem, I think. You know as far as whether it is public safety, fire, EMS because primarily their location of their fire department; this is going to be a Tallmadge issue and we are going to absorb most of those problems. So, I would probably suggest that maybe depending on how everyone is feeling, if we like it or if we don't like it, maybe we can just do a recommendation and put it into some type of legislation and say you either support it or don't support it based on how we feel and then get it to Brimfield.

Mayor: I'm not sure where that will go, but it is at least giving your opinion.

Mr. Sisak: Yeah, I think it is vetting . . .

Mayor: That's like Brimfield coming in and saying I don't want Ripley Farm either.

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Mr. Sisak: Yeah, but we had a lot of conversation about Ripley Farm; a lot.

Mayor: Yup.

Mr. Sisak: We had no conversation about St. Edwards putting in an assisted living facility and nine condo units. It is just food for thought for the rest of Council. That would be my suggestion.

Mrs. Kilway: So that would be similar to isn't it called Mulberry Gardens right there in Munroe Falls. We didn't have any kind of a say when that came in and that is the exact situation.

Mr. Sisak: It's really not; their fire department is about a mile and a half from there. Brimfield Fire is probably . . .

Mrs. Kilway: They are similar sized communities and fire departments, and we have mutual aid with both of them quite often.

Mr. Sisak: I would beg to differ.

Pres. of Council: Anything else for the Mayor?

- b. **Director of Admin./ Safety:** Good evening everyone. Just a couple quick things to report on. One is, you may have heard that we had an exercise last Friday at the High School. The City and the Tallmadge City Schools hosted the **first ever full-scale joint training exercise focused on active shooter hostile event response**. This intensive training took place during a teacher training day last Friday morning when students were out of school.

The training involved the structured realistic scenario that allowed first responders and school staff to sharpen their skills and improve their procedures in the event of an actual incident. We are in the process of gathering information from evaluators and observers which will be converted to an after action report that lists specific action items that will describe the strengths and opportunities for improvement for our Police and Fire Departments and the school district.

Numerous teachers and a few students participated in the exercise and contributed a very useful level of realism that benefited everyone involved. We are indeed grateful to the teachers and the school staff in particular for their participation in an exercise that is necessarily based on everyone's worst nightmare.

We were also joined by a number of our colleagues from around the region including law enforcement and fire department responders and dispatchers from Mogadore and Stow. Representatives from Tallmadge City Schools, Grove City, Ohio, Summit County Emergency Management Agency, the City of Akron, the City of Twinsburg, the City of Stow and the Summit County Sheriff's Office helped evaluate the training and will be providing feedback as I just described. Although in the interest of protecting sensitive information and procedures, specifics of the exercise will not be discussed in public, it is safe to say that the City's first responders and school system learned a great deal and benefited widely from the exercise. You will also be interested to know that they performed well and in a way that well represents Tallmadge.

A violent intruder at any location is, but particularly in a school, is something that we pray never happens of course, but if it does we want to be as prepared as possible and the recent exercise helped a great deal in this preparation. We are grateful for all of those who participated, assisted and evaluated.

So, a couple of other quick things, one is I think Councilman Bollas had asked either last meeting or a couple meetings ago, about the status of our **tower, relatively new truck** that had been out of service for some period starting around Christmas. I basically put together a chronology that I think he shared with everyone on Council recently, but I just wanted to kind of cover the chronology as it occurred.

There was discussion regarding the events that took place during that time.

The last point I wanted to make in my report was as the Mayor mentioned, we are

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Dir. of Admin./ Safety (Cont'd.) requesting that Ord. 2023-37 be passed at 1st Reading. We want to do this quickly to take advantage of a discount that is available only until the end of February on this particular lease/purchase and the majority of this lease/purchase is already in the budget and has been approved, however, the quote we had was from last year, last summer actually, and so it has increased by \$15,000 which will also cover an increase in interest rates that has occurred since and so that is the legislation that we have for 2023. That is the end of my report. Any questions?

Pres. of Council: I wanted to let you know that I received several comments from our residents that were very appreciative of the way we communicated that training event. Then secondly, I was with Superintendent Woods last night and he went on and on about how thankful he was and how helpful it was to the district, so thank you for that.

Dir. of Admin./ Safety: Excellent.

Mr. Bozic: So, I believe we were notified as Council of that particular event. I believe it was like the afternoon before and so probably I think it was done on Friday and I think we were notified I think maybe like 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. on a Thursday and I was just wondering if that was done . . . why was Council notified so late in the game; why we were not pulled in a little sooner especially if it was a training for kind of all aspects of our City from Police, Fire, and the schools; Council kind of holds a portion of that as well if we were to say open up a command center during an emergency. So, that is my question is basically how do we . . . why were we not notified sooner?

Dir. of Admin./ Safety: The plan, the extensive plan, to notify the public appeared to work by the way because we literally got no inquiries from the public, but to answer your specific question, part of the plan was we did not want inquiries from the public or journalists especially. We didn't want it widely publicized which is why we didn't notify Council among others. We didn't put out any notice to anyone until that point in time. Council was notified first though before it was passed out to the public or put on social media, but the reason was we didn't want anyone to know or visit us during the training.

Mr. Bozic: OK.

c. **Dir. of Pub. Service:** Good evening. I would like to request that Ord. 2023-33 is passed at 1st Reading.

- The **MRDD auction** has been moved to the month of April; April 12th through April 19th. The advertisement for the auction at the DD building starts March 22nd.
- Lastly, I have a couple of slides. So, we have our **concrete paving program** that went out for bid, and we base everything on our PCR which is paving condition rating, and this is done by a consultant. We are actually updating the PCR this year. The **concrete bid came in at \$413,000** and you can see the streets that are being done there, the pavement repair was over 1,800 square yards of concrete on those streets. Sidewalk repair was over 8,000 square yards of concrete. Then curb and gutter and that is probably the most curb and gutter we have done since I have been here. It is a pretty good **concrete bid**. The **contractor is Cementech**. They are local. We are going back out to bid for the alternate which is now its own project and that is the N. Munroe sidewalks which is part of that ARPA funding so I will be coming back to Council with that next.
- **Asphalt** – the base **bid came in at \$642,000** and the **contractor was Cardinal**. They did a nice job for us last year.
- The last one is **pavement marking**. That **bid came in at \$97,000**. **J.D. Striping is the contractor**, and they are pretty well known. We are going to do this work at night; 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. and that is weather permitting and keep in mind that the temperature plays with that. It has to be 50° and the

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Dir. of Pub. Service (Cont'd.) pavement has to be dry, but remember it is against the law to drive through the pavement marking so if you get white or yellow paint on your car and you go through it, the contractor is not going to cover. That is in the Ohio Revised Code. That's it for my report unless there are any questions.

- d. **Dir. of Finance:** Good evening. Just a reminder that it is income tax season and so if you have any residents with questions, feel free to refer them to me or RITA's website where they can obtain forms or file on-line.

Just to update Council on my staff. I do have a new payroll person. She is doing a great job and so we have replaced that position after a retirement last year. End of report.

- e. **Ass't. Dir. of Law:** Good evening. I do have a reminder on behalf of Law Director Raber about a few upcoming events that she is involved with. So, on **March 16th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Law Director Raber and Summit County Councilwoman Christine Higham are hosting a **free self-defense class**. That is sponsored by the Summit County Prosecutor's Office and that will be held at the Tallmadge Rec Center. Then on **April 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** we are participating in another **Drug Take Back** and that will take place again at the Tallmadge Police Department. You may remember receiving an e-mail recently about an upcoming training; the Ohio Ethics Law Training and that is for public officials and so it is not open to the public, but we hope to see you all in attendance on April 28th. End of report.

10. Reports of Standing Committees of Council of the Whole:

a. Planning and Zoning

Carol Kilway, Chair

Rebecca Allman, Vice Chair

The Planning & Zoning Committee deals with land use, zoning, conditional uses, planning, economic and community development, and public property.

i. First Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions

- A. **Ord. 2023-34 – P.H. on 4-13-23 @ 7:01 p.m.** – Amending the zoning map by rezoning the property of Applicant, Todd Meighen for GT Brazilian Jui Jitsu, Porra LLC, Owner, located at 51 Southeast Avenue, Parcel 6000098, consisting of approximately 0.3884 acres from Industrial District (I-1) to General Commercial District (C-3) and approving the existing general development plan.

Sponsor: Councilperson Kilway

Mrs. Kilway: I call the Planning & Zoning Committee to order. We have Ord. 2023-34 before us at 1st Reading. The ordinance was read into the record. This is at 1st Reading for us and it is in front of Planning & Zoning on March 2nd where they will make recommendations to us. We need to set a public hearing for this on April 13th @ 7:01 p.m. Is there anything from the administration on this?

Mayor: That is the old Pool Town site. If you have seen, they have been working on the building. It is all freshly painted, and they are doing a nice-looking job on the exterior. They can't do much inside except some cosmetic stuff.

Mrs. Kilway: Historically that area, and I am talking about 40 or 50 years ago, there was a lot of industrial in that area and it has consistently changed to commercial. This is something we will let Planning & Zoning take a look at and make sure that it is something that we are all in agreement with and we will go from there.

Mayor: This business is currently in South Plaza, and they are moving from there so they can get more room and they own the building now instead of leasing a spot. Great use for that location.

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Pres. of Council: Mrs. Kilway, Mayor, is this Todd Meighen the same that used to be one of our Police Officers?

Mayor: Yes.

Mr. Bozic: Does this particular property fall within our Architectural Review boundary area?

Mayor: It just misses that.

Mrs. Kilway: Anything else at this time? Hearing none, I will close committee.

ii. Additional Items: None.

b. Finance

Craig Sisak, Chair

Jonathon Bollas, Vice Chair

The Finance Committee deals with budget, appropriations, reappropriations, bonds, franchises, investments, and expenditures.

i. First Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions.

A. Ord. 2023-30 – Allowing the Director of Public Service to apply for and accept the Safety Intervention Grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, appropriating the necessary funds and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor Kline

Mr. Sisak: I call the Finance Committee to order. We currently have Ord. 2023-30 at 1st Reading. The ordinance was read into the record.

Dir. of Finance: We will receive the funds after we apply for them. The items we are asking for are kind of items that they guarantee to be funded.

Mr. Sisak: Can I get a motion?

Mrs. Kilway: I move for the adoption of Ord. 2023-30. Seconded Mr. Bozic.

Roll Call: Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas – unanimous. **Ord. 2023-30 is passed by a vote of 7-0.**

B. Ord. 2023-31 – Authorizing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and the Mayor to enter into a contract for playground safety surfacing and a new swing set at the Memorial Park Playground and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Dir. of Pub. Service Rorar

Mr. Sisak: Again, can I get a motion to approve?

Mr. Loughry: I move for the adoption of Ord. 2023-31. Seconded Mr. Bollas.

Mayor: This is a budgeted item that was approved.

Mr. Bozic: So, the playground surface includes just the swing set area or all of it?

Dir. of Pub. Service: All of it. We will do similar to over there at Maca where we will shrink down the areas with concrete and then we will do the rubber surface.

Mrs. Kilway: What is the supply chain like for these types of items right now? Will we get it in in the spring so that it can be used pretty much of the summer or are we not really sure?

Dir. of Pub. Service: This will be probably in July. They want to put it down when it is warmer.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic – unanimous. **Ord. 2023-31 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

C. Ord. 2023-32 – Accepting donations to the City of Tallmadge for 2022 and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Dir. of Finance Gilbride

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Mr. Sisak: Next, we have Ord. 2023-32. The ordinance was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway: I move for the adoption of Ord. 2023-32 at 1st Reading. Seconded Mrs. Allman.

Roll Call: Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman – unanimous. **Ord. 2023-32 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

D. Ord. 2023-33 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the lease/purchase of two Mack 5-ton dump truck cabs and chassis through the State Purchasing Program and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Dir. of Pub. Service Rorar

Mr. Sisak: Next, we have Ord. 2023-33. The ordinance was read into the record.

Mr. Loughry: I move for the adoption of Ord. 2023-33. Seconded Mrs. Kilway.

Roll Call: Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway – unanimous. **Ord. 2023-33 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

E. Ord. 2023-36 – Authorizing the Mayor to contract with inSITE Advisory Group, LLC for economic development consulting services without competitive bidding; appropriating the necessary funds, and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor Kline

Mr. Sisak: Next, we have Ord. 2023-34. The ordinance was read into the record. We will go ahead and give that a 1st Reading tonight.

Mayor: Just to give you, and I am not expecting it to be adopted tonight and I am not even asking for it. inSITE Advisory Group is a firm that helps with economic development and due to the fact that I am not running for re-election I decided to contract it out to get some help for a contract ending December 31, 2023 with a renewal period if the next Mayor wishes to pick them up for a while. They will help us with our overlay zones that we are looking at on West Avenue; the old Rocky's skating rink area; we really need help with the development of that and Midway Plaza development if we get that opportunity up there and just some different things around town. Even though myself and Helene have been going out to quite a few businesses, I think they can use some outside consultant help. They are well-known throughout the industry.

Mr. Sisak: This is not the same organization as InSite in Portage County?

Mayor: No.

Mr. Sisak: We will just give this a 1st Reading.

F. Ord. 2023-37 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the lease/purchase of a fire engine through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; appropriating additional funds and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor Kline

Mr. Sisak: Next, we have Ord. 2023-37. The ordinance was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway: I move for the adoption of Ord. 2023-37 at 1st Reading. Seconded Mr. Loughry.

Mr. Kilway: According to the ordinance, there is a slight increase in the cost to order this was \$15,000; is that correct Mollie?

Dir. of Finance: Yes. So, there are two issues at hand here. Both actually being economic issues, but interest rates, since we preliminarily calculated this, are higher so I did an inquiry to a couple of the banks to see what a 10-year lease would look like on that and we ran the numbers and it is likely we will see, you know, I guess about \$12,000 on my calculations but I put \$15,000 just to kind of save us a little bit of wiggle room in case anything . . . I know I was just in an economic seminar yesterday and it is likely that the Feds are going to increase the rates again and so the sooner I can at least get this one through it will save us a little bit; probably another quarter percent is what they

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Dir. of Finance (Cont'd.) are looking at from the Fed for a borrowing increase. Then the other factor which I can't speak on, but Dr. Cooper can is the increase in the overall costs of items now.

Mayor: We also have the Chief and the author of the committee that worked on this, Nick Sampson, Lieutenant Sampson or I mean Battalion Chief; I demoted you. He is here if Council has any questions. If you recall, Nick was the one who designed and put together the ladder truck which he did a phenomenal job and if you recall, former Chief Passarelli talking about his ability to come up with good specs for the truck; good for the City of Tallmadge. The Pierce truck is really . . . we have all Pierce trucks. It was a better engine that we were looking for and they were able to put that together for an additional \$15,000 on what was already budgeted and that is primarily due to the increase and cost from last year to this year.

Mr. Sisak: Yeah, I guess to kind of start off the conversation, how did we get from there to here and not know about of the increases? Well, we knew about the increase in the loan rates, but not the increase in the pricing. So, how long has this truck been put together and how long have we been sitting on it. Now it has come to almost an emergency and Council has to pass it tonight . . .

Mayor: It is not an emergency. You don't have to pass it tonight.

Mr. Sisak: Well, then we will lose money. That's not fair to us and it is not fair to the citizens. So how long have we been sitting on this that we have known that there is an increase . . .

Mayor: We got the quote, what is the date on the quote?

Mr. Sisak: I didn't get a quote; that was a spec sheet. I am still waiting on a quote and other related documents. Are we going to do a presentation like I asked as well.

Mayor: You guys made the motion.

Chief Underwood: I don't have a presentation for you.

Mr. Sisak: No. I had requested one to the Safety Director. I apologize that wasn't communicated to you. I didn't mean to put you on the spot John.

Mr. Bozic: So, I am assuming that you guys were working together on the specs for the truck.

Chief Underwood: There was a committee.

Mr. Bozic: Who all was on the committee?

Chief Underwood: Nick Sampson, Deputy Chief Stasik, . . .

Mr. Bozic: So, you guys have obviously been working on this for months; right? I mean that is probably how long it has taken you to kind of go through and pick out pieces parts and what you would like on the truck. So, that is why I am kind of agreeing with Councilman Sisak here because I think what he is trying to say is you guys have been working on this for quite some time; you have had this for quite some time. I guess that is and you may not have the answer but I guess when did you guys bring this to the administration to say hey this is the truck we want; can we move forward with the purchase of this truck.

Chief Underwood: I don't have the exact date that we first met. It has been a couple of weeks because we have been going through some things and we finally came to our conclusion of which truck that I wanted along with the committee.

Mr. Bozic: I guess my other question then with this particular truck and I think the Mayor just said it, but it is a Pierce truck, so it is the same manufacturer as our ladder truck.

Mr. Underwood: Yes sir.

Mr. Bozic: So, our ladder truck we just found out that we had an issue with it; a maintenance issue; a paint issue and I guess have we put some thought into . . . those are some massive parts failures if it is sheering off bolts on a fan assembly . . .

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Chief Underwood: I agree.

Mr. Bozic: So, did we look at other manufacturers?

Chief Underwood: We did look at other manufacturers. The mainstream engine is the Cummins and that is what we have for both. I think that was just some sort of anomaly. I don't predict that for any of our other trucks. So, to say that maybe a different engine would have helped us in that instance. I am not a mechanic either, but even our mechanics looked at it and said they had never seen that before.

Mr. Bozic: So, the warranty work then is handled by that Atlantic Company; right? What is the warranty that Pierce provides, or do they provide a warranty to say like this is our warranty on our equipment.

Chief Underwood: They provide, I believe a one-year warranty that covers a lot of that. Cummings has one and I believe it is a five-year warranty. So that was covered under this part to that specific issue that you are talking about.

Mr. Bozic: Right. So, every truck that we get will have a standard one-year and that's it?

Chief Underwood: That is truck inclusive is my understanding. The paint was recognized earlier and it became an issue when one of the older trucks went down and the pump had to be reworked and so we held on to the tower and so that is why there is a long stretch of that truck being out of service for this last period because there were multiple things being addressed.

Mr. Bozic: In the meantime, obviously our services we provide our citizens weren't necessarily a factor because we were still able to utilize our mutual aid agreements with surrounding cities; is that accurate?

Chief Underwood: Yes.

Mr. Bozic: I think that is all I have for now.

Mr. Sisak: I have a question for Ms. Gilbride. This is a lease/purchase; what did we do with the tower; did we do a lease/purchase?

Dir. of Finance: No. We actually issued bonds for that because we were refinancing another set of bonds and because that was over \$1 million. We went ahead because we had the opportunity to actually straight bond it. This purchase isn't quite large enough for that.

Mr. Sisak: What is the total on this; do we know? The total on the truck? I just have the \$15,000 is on the legislation.

Dir. of Finance: Oh, you want to know the purchase price.

Chief Underwood: \$912,000 that is the price coming forward.

Mayor: Chief, when is the delivery date of the truck; how long does it take to get these in?

Chief Underwood: This one is 34 months for this one.

Mayor: The other one that you were looking at.

Chief Underwood: \$40,000 to \$42,000.

Mayor: \$40,000 to \$42,000 and the Pierce was \$30,000 to \$36,000.

Chief Underwood: Yes sir.

Pres. of Council: Did that enter into your decision?

Chief Underwood: It did.

Mr. Sisak: What do we have budgeted for . . . we probably had budgeted like . . .

Dir. of Finance: We had \$100,000 budget for the lease payment.

Mr. Bozic: What is the exact Model Number because I am looking through that spec sheet and there are numbers in there but . . . what is the exact stock number because I am also on an Atlantic Emergency site, and they list in-stock inventory.

Mayor: I cannot give you that sitting here. Nick, do you have the . . .

Nick Sampson: It is a 1,000 gallons heavy duty rescue pumper. It has an Enforcer

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Nick Sampson (Cont'd.) chassis with a MX13 motor, and it has 1,000-gallon tank and a 1,500 gallon per minute pump. You probably will see a Saber chassis on that if I had to guess which has a smaller engine. So, we decided to upgrade to the larger engine.

Mr. Bozic: So, with this particular truck that we are looking at, do we have . . . I know you said we are doing a lease option with this, but is it . . . do we have an actual signed agreement with this company to say yes, we are going to purchase this?

Dir. of Finance: This is what the legislation is authorizing, so no we do not at this time. You have to pass that legislation for us to be able to sign the agreement.

Mayor: The same as the legislation you just passed a little bit ago to buy two 5-ton dump trucks. I mean, it is the same thing. We don't have an agreement.

Mr. Bollas: In reviewing the list of options that we had received from the time of the quote in August to now, were there any big sacrifices made in terms of truck options you know when you are building it out because of the rising costs of parts and what not. Anything that comes to mind that may be a concern or anything that you had to like sacrifice like a want versus a need type of scenario?

Chief Underwood: I see . . . I think that what you have in front of you fulfills our wants. So, it has everything that we require; we are asking for with your support.

Nick Sampson: We took a few things off of it to get it down. Specifically, a hose reel; it has a rubber hose that rewinds. You can put out trash fires, grass fires and that kind of thing and it just rolls back up into the truck. We took that off. We took the front suction off of it. That is a way to hook up to the fire hydrant. It is a big suction tube that comes off the front of it. We also took a generator off of it from our initial wants.

Mr. Sisak: Can that stuff be added at a later date and time?

Nick Sampson: I would say no. The original price came back at almost \$1 million.

Pres. of Council: So, the things that you eliminated from this truck; do we have those things available on other pieces of equipment in the department presently?

Nick Sampson: Just generators.

Pres. of Council: So, we have generators and basically when you had to make some budget decisions, you thought we would be OK in eliminating the other two things?

Nick Sampson: A lot of things have changed with battery operated lights and they are not selling many generators on trucks anymore.

Mayor: And the suction is just coming off the side . . .

Nick Sampson: No, it was coming off the front bumper. There are two on the side.

Mr. Sisak: You said that is going to be our front-line rescue?

Nick Sampson: Rescue pumper; yes. It is replacing a 2000.

Mr. Sisak: What is the plan for replacing the next oldest engine? Is there a plan?

Chief Underwood: We have not discussed the next one.

Mr. Sisak: How big is the cab. How many firefighters does it fit?

Chief Underwood: Five.

Mrs. Gutman: I just want to clarify that the things that you took off aren't things that you feel would affect your response time and your ability to get water on the fire?

Chief Underwood: No.

Mayor: Do you not have like a 5 and 10-year replacement plan that you presented to us in the past and when you ordered the ladder truck you said that we needed to start working on the next truck and we are at that time. Just like the squads. You have a time frame, so it is not like we are not looking forward to seeing what we need to do. You are always looking at your capital projects that you need and equipment replacements. Is that correct?

Chief Underwood: Yes, there is a plan.

Mr. Sisak: That is not what we can control at this point in time. So, we have a motion and a second.

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Roll Call: Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **Ord. 2023-37 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

Mr. Sisak: Is there anything else to come before Finance? Hearing none, I will go ahead and close Finance.

ii. **Additional Items:** None.

c. **Personnel**

Jonathon Bollas, Chair

Adam Bozic, Vice Chair

The Personnel Committee deals with personnel, labor relations, insurance claims, Rules of Council and State Statutes.

Mr. Bollas: Good evening. I call the Personnel Committee to order. We have no legislation or additional items at this time. Does anybody have anything to come before the Personnel Committee that they would like to discuss this evening?

Mr. Bozic: I would like to ask a question that I think we have all been wondering and you have asked before is about the compensation study. I believe we have been told several times it is coming and we have talked about it and we have heard about it and they have reviewed it. Do we have any other update or change in that?

Dir. of Admin./Safety: Yes, we are still in the process right now. The job descriptions are being reviewed and making sure that they are accurate, and it has been provided by the Clemans Nelson's vendor. Based on that then we will have the final information and that will base their report on that.

Mr. Bozic: When . . . what was the start date of that study?

Dir. of Admin./Safety: I don't know off hand. I can find out.

Mr. Bozic: Can you provide Council with a copy of that agreement and the scope of work that they were providing?

Dir. of Admin./Safety: I think we already did that, but we can do it again.

Mayor: Ask Mr. Bollas. He has been on the committee.

Mr. Bollas: So, there was a meeting that I could not attend last week for a progress update and Mr. Loughry did attend and then I received the documents of what was handed out there regarding some of the data analysis and thank you for that, but I don't have the date off hand of like when it was initiated. There was a proposal and then various recommendations discussed, but I guess out of looking at the documents because I wasn't there, I just, now that I am talking through it, I don't know where you ended it in terms of the next steps.

Dir. of Admin./Safety: So, the next steps are the job descriptions which were delivered today to the Department Heads and so they will be reviewing them in great detail. They have 2 weeks to do so and then they will be delivered back to Clemans Nelson for review, analysis and incorporation into what will eventually be their report.

Mayor: They are at our will right now. We gave the Department Heads two weeks from today to get that stuff back to us. This is not a rush. We are not in a big hurry to get this thing done. This is a very long process to go through and Clemans Nelson is the professional at doing this and Council . . . they will actually be here to present to Council when that report is done.

Mr. Sisak: (Inaudible) microphone not on

Mr. Bollas: That was going to be my next question. Earlier today I communicated a posting that I saw for the City of Stow regarding lateral proposals to Chief and I know in the last meeting we were talking about laterals with the Personnel Committee and you know coming up with a recruiting strategy and so any update about social media posting, job posting and what not?

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Dir. of Admin./Safety: Yeah, I can update you where we are at so far. So, we are advising the strategy approach to it. Currently we are planning a meeting with the union to discuss incentives that we might be able to offer that might rub up against the current collective bargaining agreement so we want to come to some understanding with the union about that. That is our next step and I think we have that meeting planned in a couple weeks. As soon as that is finished and we reach some agreement there, if we have to do some sidebar agreement or something with the contract or not, that will be determined then then the posting I think we will have one opening at that point; one officer opening; one or two perhaps but at least one will be posted right away. So, we have a posting drafted. We are just looking into what incentives we can offer to get the most bang for our buck and one of the strategy provisions is we are going to be posting it on www.governmentjobs.com like Cuyahoga Falls did with some success some months ago.

Mr. Bollas: Thank you. Any other comments or questions for Personnel?

Mr. Bozic: So, as you mentioned, we did receive that and as I am looking through it, I did recall and in that document the signature date by Mayor Kline was June 13, 2022. It says project timeframe is 18 weeks. I think we are well past the 18 weeks and so you know you said they are at our will, but it doesn't appear that they are because it appears we are at their will at this point if we are well beyond that 18 week timeframe. I would beg to differ on the fact of it being not important to get it done in a timely manner because we have a lot of big decisions coming up this year. We just had one last year with the Fire Chief and we are going to have one this year with our Police Chief and we have some other personnel changes that may happen within that department. I know that we had just put in Lieutenants within the Fire Department and created a full-time position for Safety Director and so I guess my question is we are creating all of these positions, but we don't really know if we are above the bar or below the bar or are we right where need to be. So, I think that I am maybe kind of voicing some of Council's frustration with this is that we haven't . . . we keep getting told it is coming but you know that is 18 weeks from June is already come and gone and we are still waiting so I think that is most of what, or at least my point is you know that 18 weeks; how much longer do we need to wait?

Dir. of Finance: Can I, I guess, comment on the fact that this is a study. This is additional things that we need to do and we need to fit in to all the other things that we are doing. We are trying. We initiated the study. We want to get it done, but everything doesn't go exactly the way we want it to go every time we do it. I wish we could be given some grace and some opportunity to do our jobs and try to do the best we can. Every deadline we don't make we are chastised for. We are doing it, I promise you. We have just sent out and given Department Heads 2 weeks to review these job descriptions because we want it to be right. We don't want to find out that we did a study and we rushed it through and made sure we were done in 18 weeks and then have a bad product. That is where we are at. I apologize to all of Council if you don't think we are doing it fast enough, but at the end of the day this is something we are adding in to do during all of our other job duties that don't go away. So, I would just ask you to consider and give us an opportunity to present you with a product. We are almost there. We are almost to the finish line with it. We are working with the vendor, but things come up that need our immediate attention sometimes and we just don't have the opportunity to complete things as fast as we would like to. This study is also going to require us to review all the ordinances that are currently under the City's jurisdiction in compensating non-bargaining employees and so that is the next step in this process and so just getting it doesn't finish this process.

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Dir. of Finance (Cont'd.) with these employees' wages how we can implement that in. So, I appreciate that you want to get these employees money and see the study and all of that, but I would ask for you to appreciate that sometimes our everyday jobs get in the way of some of these studies and we have to decide that the everyday stuff has to take precedence and I just would ask that you consider that when you are asking us why we are not meeting these deadlines, that is part of it and we are working through it.

The attorney who is working on this presented some issues and we felt that there were some things and it was going to be important that these job descriptions had not been reviewed by Department Heads yet and we felt it was more important that we take these 2 weeks to review these job descriptions were accurate so he could re-evaluate where he put people to make sure again that we want to do it right; we are trying to do it right; we are doing our best.

Mr. Bozic: Great and I truly do appreciate that explanation. That is more explanation than we have gotten about this study in the last year basically or since June at least. So, thank you for providing at least some of that insight and I mean that is basically what we have been asking for. Give us an update. We just keep getting you know two weeks from now, oh we had a meeting and we discussed a little bit about this and that and that is all we get.

Mayor: She just told you. She didn't give you any other information than what you just asked for.

Mr. Bozic: Every meeting when we ask about this it is well it's delayed, we are still working on it; it's coming; two weeks from now; two weeks from now. She provided more insight as to the job descriptions are being reviewed; this is being looked at now, the Department Heads are providing their input. That is way more information than we've gotten in the last 6 months, which is unfortunate because she has been sitting here the entire time, but and thank you Ms. Gilbride for providing that information, but who is in charge of the actual review or the study? Our Dir. of Administration or our Mayor. Who is the go-to?

Mr. Sisak: Who is the owner?

Mayor: I am the owner of it.

Mr. Bollas: Alright, I will close the Personnel Committee. Thank you.

i. **Additional Items:** None.

d. **Community Issues**

Mary Gutman, Chair

Carol Kilway, Vice Chair

The Community Issues Committee deals with Parks and Recreation, civic affairs, and liaison between Council and the Recreation Board and intergovernmental affairs.

i. **First Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions**

A. Ord. 2023-35 – An emergency ordinance to accept the New National Opioid Settlements: Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor Kline & Dir. of Law Raber

Mrs. Gutman: I call Community Issues to order. We have before us at 1st Reading tonight Ord. 2023-35. The ordinance was read into the record. I think we want to leave this at 1st Reading. Is there any discussion? Hearing none we will move on.

B. Res. 2023-3 – A resolution expressing support for Developmental Disabilities Awareness for the month of March and providing for immediate enactment.

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Sponsor: Council and Administration.

Mrs. Gutman: Next, we have Res. 2023-3. The resolution was read into the record. If you will just humor me, I think it would be nice to read the pertinent part of this resolution. Mrs. Gutman read that part of the resolution. Now, could I have a motion to adopt?

Pres. of Council: I move for the adoption of Res. 2023-3. Seconded Mrs. Kilway.

Pres. of Council: I would like to thank Mr. Armstrong for sitting through our meeting this evening.

Roll Call: Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak – unanimous. **Res. 2023-3 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

ii. **Additional Items:** None.

e. **Safety**

Adam Bozic, Chair

Craig Sisak, Vice Chair

The Safety Committee deals with disaster services, communications, fire, and paramedics, police, and health.

Mr. Bozic: I call the Safety Committee to order. We currently have no legislation in front of us this evening. I will open it up to Council and the Administration for any input or comments.

Mr. Sisak: Mr. Bozic, we were talking about the Human Resources study that is being done. I think we really haven't delved into the Police study that we received, and I was wondering if we could maybe have a special meeting to review that document in the near future.

Mr. Bozic: The particular study you are in reference to was the evaluation and analysis of the department as a whole. OK. I hear that we had one meeting with Mr. Loughry, Mr. Bollas, myself, Law Director Raber, Mayor Kline and Dr. Cooper.

Pres. of Council: The Chief was there.

Mr. Bollas: Yes, Chief Williams was there as well. We didn't really have any outcomes, it was more or less an airing of grievances than it was actually addressing the particular study. We did discuss . . . I know this has been so long ago, but we discussed the particulars of I want to say it was the . . . Chief Williams, if you remember, help me out. I don't recall the exact . . . I know he is working on some of the outcomes that were developed in the study for the administration of the Police Department to work on. I know that he has been working on those.

Mayor: The flow charts, the policies, the manuals of personnel . . .

Mr. Bozic: So, it might be a good idea if we could get a recap meeting set up to kind of maybe take a look at where we are at with that. I am happy to be in attendance or not be in attendance if Mr. Sisak would like to be involved with that . . .

Dir. of Admin./Safety: Could we just make a presentation maybe at the next meeting that describes current status and progress made on the objectives of the report?

Mr. Sisak: That is perfect.

Mr. Bozic: That would be great.

Dir. of Admin./Safety: OK.

Mr. Bozic: Thank you Mr. Sisak. Are there any other topics for the Safety Committee?

Pres. of Council: Last evening I was able to attend a presentation put on through the school district on social media and so they brought in a speaker that was pretty renowned throughout the country and did a couple presentations in the elementary building yesterday and last evening was basically for adults and parents and then today there were going to be two in the high school. All I will tell you is I left that very

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Pres. of Council (Cont'd.) overwhelmed with how easy it is to make a mistake especially for those people that game and are chatting with they think only their friends, but there are others in the world that are watching and just how easy it is to make mistakes just like on an e-mail when we get phished all the time and Justin tries to trick us. We get phished on social media as well and anyway with someone with five young grandchildren that spend a lot of time on their devices, I am happy that parental controls are in place, but it is an item that our residents really need to inform themselves on because bad stuff can happen very quickly. Thank you very much.

Mr. Bozic: I know somebody who recently had purchased something on-line, and it was a fake account and they lost quite a bit of money from that, and I know that Officer Quillen, or Sergeant Quillen has posted a lot of information about scams and things like that and so I appreciate the Administration and the Police Department for doing that. What steps can maybe this might be something that we want to include on our website is what steps our citizens can take if they are involved in one of those scams; do they report it to the Police Department; how should that go about. Maybe just a quick little infographic or something on-line that might be helpful to our citizens.

Ass't. Dir. of Law: Thank you for that Mr. Bozic. The Law Department is actually working on a few blurbs like that, but we also would encourage the public to either contact the Police Department or the Law Department and we can help them through that process.

Mayor: At the next Council meeting you may have legislation requesting re-appropriation of funds for the demo of old Station 2, but we did receive the grant. We don't have all the details on it. In the budget process we did not put any money in for the demos because of these grants. We actually have two grants for the Fire Station; one is through the land bank that we can utilize that if we did not get the other grant, but we are receiving both grants and we are still waiting on those details, but it is going to be a reimbursement grant meaning we have to spend the money up front and then we get reimbursed. So you are aware; it is forthcoming.

Mr. Bozic: Hearing no other input for the Safety Committee; I will close committee.

i. **Additional Items:** None.

f. **Public Service**

Rebecca Allman, Chair

Mary Gutman, Vice Chair

The Public Service Committee deals with streets, highways, sidewalks, buildings, and improvements: water, sewer, electricity, gas, energy resources, recycle, waste, and trash.

Mrs. Allman: I call the Public Service Committee to order. We have no legislation before us. Does anybody have anything for the Public Service Committee.

Mr. Bozic: I just wanted to comment on Mr. Rorar. I have been driving around town a lot and have been seeing your guys out and again, they are doing an excellent job everywhere throughout the City.

Mrs. Allman: I close committee.

i. **Additional Items:** None.

11. **Reports of Special Committees:**

a. **Council Operations Committee**

i. **Additional Items**

12. **Announcements:**

Mayor: I just told some of the Council members that we would go through the Fire Station tonight after Council, but it is already 8:30 p.m. and we have a Board of Control that will probably

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Mayor (Cont'd.) last close to 20 minutes or so. So tomorrow if you want to go through it, we are going to move people in in a couple of weeks so it is really at a final stage that you can see pretty much the end product. If anybody would like to go through tomorrow. I am available. We will go at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow. We are not talking about anything so we can have more than 3 Council members there. I am just going to show you the building. I think Chief Underwood will also be there at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Bozic: I just have one comment. I just wanted to thank our Clerk of Council, Mrs. Burton for providing some last minutes give-away items for when I had the opportunity to speak at the Career Fair at the Tallmadge Middle School. So, thank you for providing that on such short notice. That brings up another point that perhaps we could put together an order for maybe some small trinket items like that whether it be pencils, pens or something like that.

- 13. Adjournment:** Mrs. Kilway moved to adjourn. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman – unanimous. **The Council meeting of 2-23-23 adjourned at 8:37 p.m.**

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Adopted:

Susan E. Burton, Clerk of Council

Dennis K. Loughry, President of Council