

**City of Broadview Heights
Work Session Agenda
January 24, 2022**

Mr. Boldt called the **WORK SESSION** to order at 7:39 p.m.

Mr. Boldt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mr. Robert Boldt	(Ward 4 Councilor, President)
	Mr. Thomas Pavlica	(Ward 1 Councilor)
	Mr. Brian Wolf	(Ward 2 Councilor)
	Mr. George Stelmaschuk	(Ward 3 Councilor, President Pro-Tem)
	Mr. Glenn Goodwin	(Councilor At-Large)
	Mr. Joe Price	(Councilor At-Large)
	Ms. Jennifer Mahnic	(Councilor At-Large)

OFFICER(S) PRESENT:	Mr. Samuel J. Alai	(Mayor)
	Mr. Vince Ruffa	(Law Director)
	Mr. Dave Pfaff	(Finance Director)
	Chief Steven Raiff	(Police Chief)
	Chief Jeffrey Hajek	(Fire Chief)
	Mr. David Schroedel	(Service Director)
	Mr. Gary Yelenosky	(City Engineer)
	Mrs. Kathy Parsson	(Human Service Director)
	Ms. Amanda Hutcheson	(Parks & Recreation Director)
	Mr. Joe Mandato	(Chief Building Official)
	Mrs. Helen Dunlap	(Clerk of Council)

1. Discussion from Service Department. Mr. Schroedel

a. Purchase Crack Seal Machine from SealMaster

Mr. Schroedel stated that this would replace the old failing machine. We do a lot of crack sealing in the summer. There is a lot of pieces and parts to the current one that we have which is over 20 years old and it is in the repair shop more than it is on the road. They looked at two, SealMaster and Craftco, and they like the features on the SealMaster one a little bit better and it was a little bit less expensive and we are buying it off of the ODOT state bid list.

b. Emergency Repair to Boston Road Pump Station

Mr. Schroedel stated that this is an emergency repair that has already been completed for a pump at the Boston Road Pump Station. It was the main pump and we had to get it fixed quickly. We can't go without that pump for an extended period of time.

2. Discussion from Engineering Department. Mr. Yelenosky

a. Accept The Ledges for Record Purposes Only

Mr. Yelenosky stated that this was approved by council in April, 2021 under Ordinance 24-2021. This is just the plats for recording of the parcels.

b. Accept Broadview Heights Townhomes Subdivision for Record Purposes Only

Mr. Yelenosky stated that this was passed by council as a Motion in October, 2021.

c. Participate in the Cuyahoga County Contract with United Survey for Sewer Maintenance

Mr. Yelenosky stated that this is to enter into an agreement with United Survey for sewer maintenance. What he would like to do is piggyback off of Cuyahoga County's contract. They currently have a contract with United Survey that runs through June 15th. He would like to allocate \$100,000 for sewer relining and grouting. Included with the memo is a spreadsheet that identifies all of the areas that the Service and Engineering Department identified for work that needs to be done. They are working to finalize that list and come up with priority items. They will tackle them as they prioritize them. This will come out of the Sewer Fund. This was budgeted for this year.

Mr. Boldt stated that he will talk to Mr. Schroedel about The Ledges. He has an issue that he wants to make sure we hit prior to accepting this plat for record purposes. Also, he knows that in the spring Mr. Schroedel and Mr. Yelenosky walk the streets to find out what streets we are going to do. He talked to Mayor Alai last year about expanding our road program this year. Is that still intact?

Mr. Yelenosky stated that they have had preliminary discussions to this point to do so. They are just beginning those meetings now.

Mr. Boldt stated that he knows that the other cities are hitting their budget and he read about it so that is what made him think about that and bring it up. He knows they usually do that in March and April, walk it and see if anything changed during the winter but he wants to start talking about this year doing a little more than usual.

3. Discussion from Police Department. Chief Raiff

a. Purchase Body Armor

Chief Raiff stated that they want to purchase body armor for officers this year. They need 9, they have 6 present officers they will be purchasing for along with the 3 new officers.

b. Agreement with Baldwin Group and Agreement with TAC Computers for Mayor's Court

Chief Raiff stated that they are looking for an agreement with the Baldwin Group to purchase records management system import module along with support. They will also purchase from TAC Computers E-ticket writers. The cost is the printers themselves and the software to support our Mayor's Court and Records Clerks. This will come out of the Mayor's Court fund.

Mr. Wolf stated that he had a resident call and we had two officers that helped get his wife out of the street/sidewalk/driveway area at about 5:00 a.m. last Monday and they wanted to send an appreciation to those officers. One of the officers was Solemon and he doesn't remember the other one.

4. Discussion from Finance Department. Mr. Pfaff**a. Medical Mutual and Ameritas for Medical/Dental/Vision Coverage Renewal Rates**

Mr. Pfaff stated that this is one item but it will be two pieces of legislation. The first will be the medical insurance with Medical Mutual. We did receive a 13.7% increase but if council recalls during the contract negotiations the unions agreed to make the cost of the PPO Plan, their contribution higher so right now if someone stayed on the PPO they would be paying \$775 vs. \$208 on the HSA. We anticipate everyone moving to the HSA. Medicare eligible people would not be eligible to contribute to an HSA so we are going to create an HRA for them that will operate similar and at the same cost as the HSA. When you factor in the net of everything total the increase is about 2.7% or \$54,000 for the year. Dental and Vision would stay with Ameritas. Ameritas did increase the dental by 9.5% but that also falls in the 2.69% is dental, vision and medical all together.

Mr. Pavlica asked when the cut-off for joining the HSA.

Mr. Pfaff stated that open enrollment just started and it runs through roughly mid-February. If someone hasn't gotten back to them regarding which plan they would like then Finance will reach out to that person and let them know that they need to make an election for a plan.

Mr. Pavlica stated then you will know by the end of February if everyone is on board.

Mr. Pfaff stated yes and in a weird way if someone elects not to go on it then it actually now because of the \$775 per month, the city is better off if people would stay on the PPO, it just wouldn't make any sense for the employee to stay on that.

Mr. Boldt stated that if we were to go out for brokers next year, what month we should think about doing so.

Mr. Pfaff stated that we should probably do that sometime around May or June. He actually has an RFP from the Regional Income Tax Agency because they went through that process recently. He can submit

that RFP and adjust it for us and send it out to 4-5 brokers and he can get that back from them and meet with them and we can determine if we want to stay with the current broker or move to another broker.

Mr. Boldt stated that he thinks that it is time just to check. He is not saying that we are going to change anything. Let's just find out the cost of money.

5. Discussion from Parks & Recreation Department. Ms. Hutcheson

a. Trugreen Agreement

Ms. Hutcheson stated that the services provided are virtually the same as last year and the cost is about the same. The only additional money was for the area around the fire department.

b. Accept donation from American Red Cross

Ms. Hutcheson stated that this donation is because we were holding the blood drives they are just offering a \$250 Amazon gift card.

c. Playground Equipment purchase from American Ramp Company

Ms. Hutcheson stated that after demolition of the half pipe out at the skate park there was another piece, a large piece out there that had also broken down and on further analysis of the rest of the pieces her staff and she have truly realized that we need to just go and demolish everything and tear everything down and then start over. They would like to provide that for the community. The drawings are there. The cost is approximately \$54,000 but she believes that this is very vital for the community.

Mr. Pavlica stated that he thinks that this is a great idea to do this and it gets a lot of activity out there and it keeps the children off of other developments and streets and that. He thinks that it is a great idea to move forward on that.

Mr. Boldt stated that he thinks that if it is a preventable accident it will pay for itself.

Mr. Price asked if they looked for any Nature Works funding on this.

Ms. Hutcheson stated that they did not because we had already been in process with this company.

6. Discussion from Human Services Department. Mrs. Parsson

a. Amend Codified Ordinance Section 258.06(B)

Mrs. Parsson stated that they had the Human Services Advisory Board meeting about 1 ½ weeks ago and during the meeting they were discussing how currently Section 258.06 of the Codified Ordinances does

not agree with the Charter as to the frequency of their meetings. The Charter states that they will meet once per calendar quarter and Section 258.06 states that they will meet monthly. They would like to have the Codified Ordinances updated. She understands that the board has been meeting quarterly for quite some time instead of monthly. They just want to update that to have the ordinance to agree with the Charter.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE RESIDENTS

None this evening.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

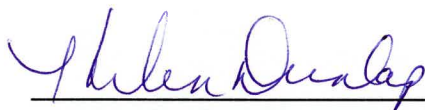
Mr. Stelmaschuk stated that he was talking to our Police Chief on the way in this evening and he mentioned that our road/streets are in better condition than some of the other cities he is familiar with.

Mr. Boldt stated he agrees and once they go bad they really become costly. One last thing that the Mayor probably wanted to mention is that we have the Charter Review so please submit your names for the Ward Representative because they would like to start meeting in February.

ADJOURN

Mr. Boldt stated that with no further business to come before council, this meeting is adjourned.

The time was 7:51 p.m.



HELEN DUNLAP, CLERK OF COUNCIL



ROBERT BOLDT, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL