

Capital Improvements Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
February 27, 2018

The Capital Improvement Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday February 26, 2018 following the Service with these members present:

Jonathan Lang, Chair
Dee Hall
Jeff Rath
Mark Labutis
Sean Fennell

We wish to Report:

1. **Resolution No. 18-18** appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 335, Capital Improvement Fund, in the amount of \$15,000.00 (Traffic Enforcement Devices)

Account	Description	Amount
335.203.5312	Law Enforcement Supplies	\$15,000.00

Director Baum- \$15,000.00 for law enforcement supplies for traffic devices later this spring.

Motion by Mr. Labutis to send to full Council, second by Mrs. Hall

Mr. Rath- wondering why we don't have money in the budget and when I say

Director Baum- this was not an anticipated expense and because of the cost by definition they meet a capital improvement as well as with the expected life.

Mr. Lang- are there other options that are less expensive than what we are doing here?

Director Baum- I supposed there could be but what I will say is the Chief and his team did the research and this is the item they felt was most appropriate with the software and the support that goes along with it and electronic record. Make no mistake the parking measure device is the cheapest part of this it is the software that will keep the records for

however many years that is deemed by the Law Director's office to be the appropriate amount is the true cost of this.

Mr. Lang- the money from the parking enforcement does the city get that money back?

Director Baum- probably not all of it probably a small portion of it like a dollar or two from a traffic citation goes to the city the rest of it is mandated by the State where it goes so there isn't a financial incentive to writing citations to people.

Mr. Lang- have you looked at the numbers in terms of estimated tickets we may write so we may know if at some point these will pay for themselves?

Director Baum- no, only because I don't know what that percentage of the citation it might be and I will say that a parking magistrate can fine you the entire \$20.00 or a portion of that amount. It is never been a solid number it has always been a moving target.

Mr. Lang- what is the life expectancy of the devices?

Director Baum- I would say half a dozen years but I couldn't give you a number it would depend on in climate weather and how often they are used but like any electronic device we try to get 6 years out of a Taser.

Janet Green 1791 Olympic Court- she asked what it is that this money is going to be spent on.

Director Baum- in accordance with the new legislation for parking downtown we are purchasing a parking gun which is a device that will measure the location of a vehicle whose record will be held electronically so that 2 hours or however long later any vehicle still in a two hour zone there will be an electronic record that the vehicle is in violation, a parking ticket will be electronically issued and an electronic record kept for the Law Director's office to use at any subsequent proceeding that is requested by the violator after they are given the citation.

Ms. Hall- I think that we discussed earlier if you move your car it can still be tracked.

Director Baum- these devices will track you anywhere within one of the 2 hour zones. Honestly the 11 hour zone is a moot point for us we aren't going to be enforcing traffic for 11 hours a day. In these two hour zones if you are in violation anywhere else in the two hour zone there will be an electronic record of it. You can't write a paper parking ticket anymore and throw it in a file, that doesn't work. We have moved past that, the Law Director's office doesn't want to entertain it, apparently magistrates aren't interested in it they want an electronic record of it for a multitude of reasons. Now we must buy a system that will also incorporate with Marcia Phelps' Clerks office. We could buy just anything it has to interface with CMI which is the IT company that works with the Clerk of Courts office.

Mr. Cost- how large of an undertaking is that going to be to interface with the Clerk of Courts office?

Director Baum- I don't believe so because that was part of the selection process. The city's general IT contractor, Alpha Link is in communications with the software company that works with the Clerk's office and they don't think that there will be any problems. I don't know that it will be as easy as plug and play, it rarely is but they wouldn't have proposed this is Alpha Link who I trust implicitly hadn't said you can do this that is not a problem.

Mr. Cost- how soon do you envision this?

Director Baum- I would like to be issuing parking citations by May but that is what I would like to do I can't give you a firm date at this point because it may take 6 months just to get the software.

Mr. Blake- remind me if you will, when we created the special improvement district was adopted those dollars are going to pay for the officer correct?

Director Baum- correct

Mr. Blake- besides this equipment do we have any other obligations to the agreement and was this a part of that because this is coming out of our dollars not the special improvement, right?

Director Baum- you are correct. I am unaware of any other obligations to the special improvement district other than a case by case basis. If they are going to put on an event and want to hire security from the Newark Police Department we will certainly entertain what the event is we won't work for just any event. What I will also say is that traffic enforcement isn't just for the special improvement district. It can be used anywhere in the city of Newark. The money is coming out of Capital Improvement because it is City of Newark property. I don't want the special improvement district buying it because I don't want the special improvement district owning software that is interfaced with the Clerk of Courts office.

Mr. Lang- just to clarify you mentioned handicap spots are there other 2 hour parking enforcement zones outside of downtown or are we talking about other parking violations? And they can be used for that as well?

Director Baum- we are talking about other parking violations. They can be used for parking anywhere. These can be used for grocery store fire lanes, handicap spaces anywhere.

Mr. Fraizer- do we have limitations with that where you have to have the physical device or can we use the laptops in the cruisers?

Director Baum- I think that you are going to have to use the physical device for the electronic record to satisfy both the magistrate and the Law Director's office.

Mr. Lang- help me understand the deployments, one to be used by the officer downtown and one to be kept...

Director Baum- one to be kept in a patrol supervisor's vehicle for use downtown or anywhere else. We will still be obligated to enforce parking downtown on a daily basis complaint driven of course typically but it wouldn't be fair to charge the special improvement district for parking enforcement on a day that we aren't contracted to.

Mr. Rath- I was down at Scorpios this weekend and I noticed a 30 minute parking sign.

Director Baum- we have 30 minute parking signs for loading and unloading.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Jonathan Lang, Chair

