

The Chair moved (8:01 p.m.) that the full Council reconvene to general session. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

The roll was called and votes were recorded as follows:

Yes: Mr. Colavecchio No: (none)
Mr. DeRemer
Mr. Iula
Mr. James
Mrs. Klinger
Mr. Mader
Mr. Pallotta
Mr. Rubino
Mrs. Snyder
Mr. Weinhardt
Mrs. Pyke

Motion adopted. The Council reconvened in general session.

Without objection, the Chair stated that Temp. Ord. A-14 would be held over until a further meeting of the Committee.

Temp. Ord. A-15

An ordinance amending Section 777 of Title Seven, Part One of the Codified Ordinances, relating to secondhand dealers, and declaring an emergency.

Proponent testimony was offered by Chief Jack Davis and Det. Chad Lengle. Chief Davis stated that the proposed ordinance would assist the Department in dealing with stolen merchandise being sold from secondhand dealers. After a series of burglaries in the past three years, stolen items were discovered in the inventory of secondhand dealers. Recordkeeping under the existing ordinance was not sufficient, and the existing ordinance does not adequately require recordkeeping by secondhand dealers. Det. Lengle

stated the proposed ordinance helps the Department by requiring the secondhand dealers to maintain records of who is selling merchandise to them, and what items are being bought.

The Chair asked what stolen items were most likely to be bought by secondhand dealers. Det. Lengle stated that jewelry and electronics, including CDs, video game systems, and DVDs were the most common stolen items sold to secondhand dealers. The Chair asked if it would be useful to have a website where secondhand dealer inventory could be viewed by the public. Det. Lengle stated that secondhand dealers will be required to photograph jewelry items. As to other items, this would not assist the public because there are so many copies of CDs, games and DVDs that they cannot be uniquely distinguished in a photograph. Recording serial numbers of these items is sufficient. The Chair asked if the Department has a good relationship with the secondhand dealers in the City. Det. Lengle stated that the City does have good relationships with most if not all of the secondhand dealers that do business in the city. The Chair asked if the Detective Bureau developed the ideas reflected in the proposed ordinance. Det. Lengle stated that most of the secondhand dealers have implemented these ideas on their own, and have been very cooperative in doing so. However, after finding a "cash for gold" dealer not doing so, the Department determined that revisions of the ordinance were necessary to make these ideas mandatory. The ordinances of several other municipalities were reviewed.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Snyder, who asked if the ordinance applies to consignment shops selling such things as furniture and housewares. Det. Lengle stated that the ordinance does not cover such items as furniture, clothing and housewares. Ms. Snyder asked if the ordinance would apply to a dealer in secondhand items who also runs a consignment

business. Chief Davis stated that consignment shops already keep the required records because they are obligated to pay the owner upon sale of the consigned goods. Ms. Snyder asked how the secondhand dealer registration fee was arrived at. The Law Director responded, stating that he believed it was based upon the Tallmadge ordinance governing the same topic, upon which this ordinance is based.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Ord. A-15 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Non-Agenda Items

Temp. Ord. A-17

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to increase appropriations in the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund, and declaring an emergency.

Proponent testimony was offered by Street/Sanitation Superintendent Charles Novak. The increase in appropriations is for the purpose of purchasing additional road salt. The City has enough salt to get it through this season. This increase is to allow the City to buy salt for next season. The City's current salt contract offers prices that are advantageous as compared to those that will be available in September after the current contract expires.

The Chair asked where the money will come from. Mr. Novak stated that the money will be appropriated from the unappropriated balance in the SCMR Fund. The requested increase in appropriations is \$300,000. The Finance Director stated that the amount budgeted for salt purchases in 2014 was \$282,745, and the administration is seeking an additional \$300,000 because of the harsh winter weather. The amounts requested are available because the City

has banked savings in this fund that occurred due to previous mild winters.

The Chair recognized Mr. Weinhardt, who asked if the purchase of additional salt will occur all at one time, and whether the City has storage capacity to accept that amount of salt. Mr. Novak stated that the City does intend to purchase it all at once, and the City the available storage capacity. This amount of money will support a purchase of 7,000 to 7,500 tons of salt. The City has capacity to store 10,000 tons of salt. Approximately 3,000 tons are currently in storage.

The Chair recognized Ms. Klinger, who stated that during the budget process, it was noted that transfers in to the SCMR Fund from the General Fund had been reduced by \$200,000, and that the previous administration indicated that this money was not needed, when in fact this transfer in could have covered two-thirds of this proposed purchase. Ms. Klinger stated that during last year's budget process, she asked to talk about increasing this line item, and the previous administration refused to do so. Mr. Novak stated that amount budgeted for salt purchase was the same as it was for the previous two winters. Although the amount was reduced, it reflected lower market prices for salt, and despite the reduced budget amount, it would still have purchased that same amount of salt.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked how many big storms could be handled with the amount of salt on hand. Mr. Novak stated a large storm might require the use of 1,000 tons of salt. There is enough salt on hand to deal with the remainder of the season. This purchase is designed to purchase salt at today's lower rates instead of the higher rates that will prevail later in the year. Mrs. Pyke asked the Finance Director how much unappropriated money is available in the SCMR Fund. The Finance Director stated that the balance as of January 31st is \$516,876. Mrs. Pyke asked whether repairs to streets damaged by

this winter's severe weather would need to be paid for from the SCMR Fund. The Finance Director stated that these repairs would be paid for from the Capital Projects Fund, not the SCMR Fund.

The Chair recognized Mr. Weinhardt, who asked Mr. Novak when the market rate for salt will change. Mr. Novak stated that the severe weather has caused shortages such that when the City's contract expires in September, the rate for salt will be higher than the City's current contract price. Mr. Weinhardt asked if it would not be sufficient to buy less salt now and more salt in July and August. Mr. Novak stated that there is a danger that the producers will refuse to sell salt at all if a customer has reached its quota. The City has already exceeded its purchase quota, but the company is so far still willing to sell.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Ord. A-17 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Public comment regarding legislative prayer

The Chair entertained comments from the following individuals regarding legislative prayer:

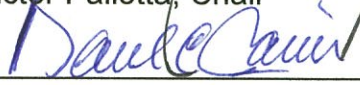
Sheryl Aronson
David Aronson, Ph.D.
Dana Frase
Mary Nichols-Rhodes
Ted Shure
Edward Sturkey
Chris McCombs
Thomas Bloom
Susan Howard

Adjournment

Without objection, Chairman Pallotta adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.



Victor Pallotta, Chair



Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council