

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
February 17, 2009**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, February 17, 2009. Council President Edward Podmanik called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Podmanik, Rosso, Huska, Bring, Kovach, Elliott, Smith, Diebold, Mayor Piskura, Law Director Graves, Safety/Service Director Arendt

Absent: Treasurer E Hoenig, Finance Director Smith (excused)

Attending: Members of the Media

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

\*\*\*\*\***COMMITTEES**\*\*\*\*\*

**ROADS & DRAINS: None./SAFETY: None./BUILDINGS, LANDS,**

**VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: None.**

**/ORDINANCE:** Chairman Elliott advised I have 3 things; firearms which Erie Shore Outfitters has requested – does anyone have any objections to this? None were heard. Law Director Graves explained issue which is 549.12(d)1. \*Motion by Elliott to add Council#012 amending section 549.12(d) to Tuesdays Council agenda. Yeas All. Chairman Elliott continued next up is the snow ban issue, this was actually referred to my committee from the Safety Committee. Issue was clarified – non-issue. Chairman Elliott continued I had been getting a number of calls being tied up to their trees in front yards – possible safety issue. At this time we are considering an ordinance stating that your dog has to be in the backyard if unattended. After a brief discussion, leave on agenda for further discussion.**/FINANCE: None./PARK BOARD: None.**

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**MAYOR:** Mayor Piskura gave update on Apples and advised of possible theory for Shoreway Shopping Center. All of the public component as well as the infrastructure dollars, we are putting in for the stimulus package. I think we have already put in 11 different requests, I have already had multiple meetings. It was just signed earlier today. There was a brief discussion on map of theory. Mayor Piskura advised right now there is leasing agents working on a preliminary leasing plan for that plan. What the whole goal is is to take the increased property valuation along with the income - figure out how much it is going to profit the city and then figure out how much we are going to lease them the land for, how much the infrastructure is going to costs and what the TIF is going to costs and what stimulus money we get – in the end, we are going to have a comprehensive leasing plan along with the financials to see whether or not we can make this plan work. If it is works, then we will continue to move forward. So probably the next thing you are going to see are some numbers, some preliminary estimates on the numbers and then as we start working through the numbers that will start getting more details. I am excited and the developers are excited, they think we are going to be able to do it and what is important is as far as the public in-

frastructure; the library, post office, city hall – we have talked about it before but we don't want to go out and bond a whole new borrow to do a whole new big improvement but what we are hoping to do is to take the increased revenues that are generated from that district along with the TIF, along with the what-ers and make it work stand alone by itself. As long as in the end the city at least breaks even over the capital life of the structure then we will spurred the redevelopment. Mr. Elliott asked now this plan wouldn't call for any purchasing of any houses or anything like that? Mayor Piskura answered no and I have already said in the past that I will not advocate or try to take anything by eminent domain that is residentially owned. If they want to sale then more power to them or if it is a commercial property and it is the only commercial property that is inhibiting some kind of major redevelopment, I would perhaps – as long as we could cut a deal to relocate whoever that tenant might be – I don't think that I would shy away from trying to push the issue commercially but definitely not residentially, I have already made that promise and I think Council has already made that clear that they don't want that to happen. Mr. Diebold asked do we have any idea when we are going to have any figures on that stimulus plan, I know it just passed today. Figures of what we may be capable of getting? Mayor Piskura answered \$428 billion dollars is what is allocated that we can put in for. It is sectioned out – it is \$787 billion and the part that we are eligible for is like \$428 billion but it is parceled off and sent to each state individually for the state administrations to pass out. I haven't seen the latest number for our state was, it started off at 6 billion and I think it is down to more around 4 billion. Of that 4 billion, if you do the math on every political subdivision based on population in the state, our share is about 9 to 11 million. That is all we know right now until something comes from the administration at the State level. Mr. Diebold stated did you mention 90 days, as long as we can get the construction of the project going in 90 days we have a better chance at it. Mayor Piskura answered the key to getting stimulus money is shovel ready and the last I heard it was 180 day turn-around. They want something within 180 days but I think the sooner the better. Law Director Graves asked what type of green components or wind mills would be incorporated into this? Mayor Piskura answered the plan is always subject to change but there are a couple of key components that we are going forward with as far as green which is a larger wind turbine, something more along the lines of between a 50 and 225, a geothermal everything and the green building number 6 – we have applied to have that be a complete green building with a green roof with grass and trees on top of the building. Mr. Bring asked you use geothermal for all the buildings? Mayor Piskura answered yes, so that is what we have applied for green. Our bid for smaller wind turbines is going out I think in tomorrow's paper or maybe the day after. So we are moving along. Mrs. Huska asked so you are actually tending toward leasing this area? Mayor Piskura answered we have discussed 2 separate options; first of all – I think everybody is in agreement that we don't want to keep the center, we want to just facilitate it and give control over to somebody else. We can either lease it or we can sale it and put some covenants in the deed to make sure that we have some kind of control in case this kind of crap ever

happens again. The developers and the finance people are leaning more towards the city retaining ownership and leasing it to them because that opens up some more creative financing to get the deal done if we retain the ownership. I mean we are not going to make any money on it, we are just going to lease it and it is just going to be an in and out thing./**FINANCE DIRECTOR**: **None.**

**/SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR**: Safety/Service Director Arendt advised we submitted 4 more letters for grants today, even though they may be premature but they are going to be in there as soon as Ohio is ready to discuss that. We met with a company for the geothermal heating yesterday, we are going to have some plans drawn up and the tentative idea that we have at this point is to do Apples first under geothermal with the plan to be able to expand to the whole shopping center. Again it depends on how much money we are going to get. We have applied for the large wind turbine that would be at the boat launch on one of the pier areas out there – not on the parking lot area./**LAW DIRECTOR**: **None.**/**COMMUNICATIONS**: **None.**/**OLD BUSINESS**: **None.**/**NEW BUSINESS**: Council President Podmanik advised our Clerk will be going out for some surgery, when we bought the computer downstairs I insisted it be a portable which is a laptop. Kay has offered to after she gets out of the hospital and she will be stuck at home for a while to take care of some of her work at home. With no objections, I will authorize her to take that laptop and hard drive home to do her work. Committees will probably have to hand scratch your notes as best as possible in her absence.

### **ORDINANCES FOR COUNCILS AGENDA:**

- 1.) Council#007 – SECOND READING – an ordinance amending section 351.99(d) of the codified ordinances increasing the penalty for parking violations.
- 2.) Council#012 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance amending section 549.12(d) of the codified ordinances of the City of Sheffield Lake regarding sale, transfer and display regulations of firearms, and the declaring of an emergency.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach to adjourn at 7:43 PM. Yeas All.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL AFFIRMATION:** This Meeting Of The City Council Of The City Of Sheffield Lake, Ohio Was Held And Conducted Under All Rules And Regulations Governing The Sunshine Laws Of The State Of Ohio As They May Apply. All meetings are recorded and available in council offices.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Kay Fantauzzi*

*Edward R Podmanik*

*and/or*

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**COUNCIL PRO TEM**

*Richard Rosso*

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Council of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of WORKSESSION of February 17, 2009.

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**MAYOR**

*John J Piskura*