

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021

CITY COUNCIL CONVENED IN SPECIAL SESSION AT 12:00 PM AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PRO TEM MIKE RAY. ON A CALL OF THE ROLL THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO THEIR NAMES: ANITA DAVIS, JIMMY HUGHES, LAUREN MCNALLY, JULIUS OLIVER, MIKE RAY, AND SAMANTHA TURNER, 6. BASIA ADAMCZAK AND PRESIDENT DEMAINE KITCHEN WERE ABSENT.

COMMUNICATION

COM-21-127 NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MS. DAVIS WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

RESOLUTION

RES-21-11 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONEOHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MS. DAVIS THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

REMARKS

COUNCILWOMAN TURNER ASKED FOR THE DOLLAR AMOUNT THE CITY COULD RECEIVE IN THE SETTLEMENT.

ATTORNEY LIMBIAN RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD DEPEND ON THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION OF THE VARIOUS ENTITIES. IF THERE IS 70% PARTICIPATION THE CITY WOULD RECEIVE \$811,053.37, BUT IF THERE IS 100% PARTICIPATION IT WOULD BE \$1,158,647.67. A PORTION OF THAT WILL GO TO THE STATE OF OHIO AND A PORTION WILL GO TO A REGIONAL FOUNDATION THAT WILL FIND WAYS TO COMBAT THE OPIOID CRISIS.

COUNCILWOMAN TURNER ASKED WHAT THE TIMELINE WOULD BE.

ATTORNEY LIMBIAN ANSWERED THAT HE WOULD DEFER TO ATTORNEY TERRY GRENGA.

ATTORNEY GRENGA NOTED THE MONIES CAN BE GIVEN TO THE CITY IMMEDIATELY, BUT THERE IS AN 18 YEAR GUIDELINE TO SUSTAIN THE EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE CRISIS LONG TERM.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES ASKED IF THIS WOULD COVER LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES.

ATTORNEY LIMBIAN ANSWERED THAT THERE IS A LIST OF APPROVED USES AND IT COVERS A WIDE RANGE OF INTERVENTION, TREATMENT, EDUCATION AND RECOVERY SERVICES. HE HOPES THAT INTERVENTION WOULD MEAN A LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPONENT, BUT HE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ANY SPECIFIC DIRECTIVE ON THAT.

COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS ASKED IF THERE IS A POSSIBLITY OF GETTING ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDING.

MAYOR BROWN RESPONDED THAT THERE IS OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENTS. THERE ARE OTHER PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES THAT MAY FOLLOW SUIT.

COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS ASKED IF THERE ARE DOLLAR FIGURES THAT WOULD GO ALONG WITH OTHER POTENTIAL SETTLEMENTS.

MAYOR BROWN ANSWERED DOLLAR FIGURES WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

COUNCILWOMAN MCNALLY ASKED HOW THE CITY WOULD TRACK THIS AND IF THERE WOULD BE A SPECIAL FUND.

MR. MIASEK STATED THAT NO FUND HAS BEEN SET UP YET. THIS WILL BE RECEIVED OVER 18 YEARS, AND AFTER THE FIRST CHECK IS RECEIVED, BASED ON HOW THE STATE AUDITORS WOULD LIKE IT DEPOSITED, HE WILL COME TO COUNCIL TO ASK HOW THEY WOULD LIKE IT EXPENDED THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS.

COUNCILMAN OLIVER ASKED IF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT WANTED TO COMMENT FURTHER REGARDING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPONENT.

ATTORNEY GRENGA STATED THAT SOME OF THE MONEY COULD BE USED FOR THE TASK FORCE OR OPIOID EDUCATION BUT NOT ON THE TREATMENT SIDE.

COUNCILWOMAN TURNER SUMMARIZED THAT IT LOOKS LIKE THESE DOLLARS COULD POSSIBLY BE EARMARKED FOR POLICE, PUBLIC HEALTH OR EVEN THE COURT SYSTEM AS IN THE DRUG COURTS.

MR. MIASEK STATED THAT WHEN IT COMES TO WHETHER THE COURTS WILL USE THE FUNDS, IT WILL BE AT COUNCIL'S DIRECTION. IT WOULD GO INTO A FUND DESIGNATED BY WHAT THE STATE AUDITORS ADVISE, BUT IT WILL BE DIRECTED BY COUNCIL THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE SIDE.

THE RESOLUTION WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

UPON MOTION COUNCIL ADJOURNED

APPROVED: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021


CLERK


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL