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The 300 Fund Housing Rehab

- There are funds that have been recaptured. People pay off their loans as a result of having a home improvement project and we have to keep track of these and report annually to the state on it. If you see a \$15,000 grant matching housing rehab activity, that is in partnership with the county and the CHIP grant fund. We pledge an additional \$15,000 out of this recapture money to do some additional work that is kind of a match. It gets you bonus points when you are applying. They say estimate about \$37,000 total this year.

Fund 303-City Redevelopment

There are a couple of encumbrances out of that. The \$20,000 is we are working with the three designated historic districts and the downtown groups. We are going through the process to revise our design standards for the historic districts and the downtown. We have participants from each one of the districts on that committee. So the exciting project coming out of that is each district will have some distinct flavor of standards. They are not all the same. You will see those come out for the downtown as well. The \$29,000 is the housing survey work. That is the consultant's fee.

Fund 304-CD Administration Fund

This is the General Fund.

Fund 309-US EPA Brownfield

This is the last year for that project for that grant. We have a couple more projects that have come up to be evaluated. We are hopeful that we can get access into Mosaic. We don't have right of entry to go in and do a Phase II. We only have right of entry to do a Phase I by the South Carolina folks. It is now in limbo.

Is there anything we can do to put out information? I know that we have at some point, but so I hear about that constantly. I know everyone does, but I mean I think the important piece is that we cannot just go on to someone's property and take things or move things or change things. It is no different than anyone of our homes. I think we need to get an education piece out to the community and say it the way it is that we can't go on a property we don't own. People don't understand. They hold us responsible for something we did not do. We were lied to and a situation occurred. A lot of things happened along the way. At the end again we cannot just go onto a property we don't own. We can't take the property and we can't take things off of it. I am worried about the safety aspect of it. I have had someone say to me they wanted to discuss the safety of it and the City's liability and responsibility. They kind of tied it into a project I once

was involved in. It is imperative that soon we circle back around and inform the public with an update on the status of this issue and be blunt.

This request should come from the Public Safety Committee. Since it is Code Enforcement that has initiated the actions, thankfully, because they were starting to do the same things on the other property. It was stopped. Under Code Enforcement and Public Safety that would be the vehicle to do an announcement. On the Linden site there is an interested party. So that is moving towards some conclusion, but they have identified the cost to clean it up is much less than what was originally conceived. Now you have a developer/owner who has come to the table wanting to take the next step and get in to clean it up. I think you are going to see that within the summer.

The work City Hall has done to file on that property for so many days in a row. That is another thing that needs to be said. Don't sit there saying we haven't done anything when we have done something every day.

Mr. Bennett thinks the other site strategy since it went to Sheriff's sale and nobody bid on it. So now the title still sits with the folks in South Carolina. I think the strategy there is to do the receiver discussion we have had on other properties and do the same thing there. Have the receiver have the non-profit file a complaint into court and get access to it and then we can come in and do the Phase II which nothing on that site really scares me. We know there is asbestos. In their ponds we think we will find some lead. It is really not that significant. Then you can break the grant to go in and clean it up.

Mr. Vincent: I am back on Phase II on the Mosaic property.

Mr. Bennett: We can't get access. Nobody is available. I think if we use that non-profit receivership as blight into our community down in Lexington area and get the court to assign ownership.

There is \$365,000 remaining in the grant fund of the original \$650,000. A Phase II would cost around \$40,000 to \$50,000. Then you can draw up the remediation plan. The grant pays for that. It can write the specifications for demolition. They can pay for that. It just can't pay for any of the cleanup. This grant runs out at the end of this year. We can ask for an extension if we have a project, but we have a couple of small ones, but Mosaic is really a good fit. If there was something somewhere that would come in and say hey, we think we want to assess this, but there is nothing out in the county that has been eligible. It was asked if delinquent real estate taxes trigger any enforcement action that would push the owners to allow any of this. No was the answer.

Fund 311-Revolving Loan Fund

This is the small old revolving loan fund that you all authorized us to do some architectural stuff up on the 600 block of Main Street. We are still sitting here waiting for the Port Authority to come back on whether they are going to take that project on or not. That money is sitting there.

Fund 317-FY 17/18 Allocation

This is the second year of that so you are going to see Larzelere paved. You will see the Cliffwood Avenue sidewalks constructed this year and then just doing the rest of the work on that. Those are the two big projects and finishing up with the Health Department for the Community Health Services that was the other project under that grant.

Fund 322-FY 17 Critical Infrastructures

That is the Mead Street, Ridge, and Brighton Blvd. curb and sidewalk projects. Chip will start designing that this year. That is a two year grant so we have next year to build that as well.

It was asked if the brick sidewalks at least on Brighton will they be preserved. Mr. Bennett said they will not be getting into that area as they are going from Ridge heading toward State Street.

Fund 323-FY 18 CHIP

This is the City and County partnership for housing repair on owner occupied plus then some one-off projects of Zanesville residents and county residents where you come in and I have a roof leaking, a furnace that is not working and is owner occupied. We are doing our first rental rehab out of this grant as well. So, we are working with a landlord who will accept a small amount of money and fix the rent at an affordable level for five years. It has always been owner occupied for a long, long time. I am a believer we cannot turn our back on 60% of our housing stock. So working with local landlords making those investments to bring the quality of the house up and fix some problems. We then sign an agreement. It is a loan that is forgivable over a period of years, but they agree to fix the rent for their tenant for that same term.

Mr. Sharrer asked if Mr. Bennett had made his trip to MAREA to speak with the Relator's Association about the plans and changes the City is making. Their meeting is a conflict with other meetings so Mr. Bennett has not made it yet. Mr. Bennett said the deal with the landlord is only for one at least at this time.

If one of our constituents says or we know of somebody that they have a housing repair that they need done, can we send them to see you about this program. Mr. Bennett said yes, but they go to the County to see Sheila Samson as she administers the program. They are the lead and we are the partner by the State design. There is a whole list of things they have to bring with them. It is open now for investment. It is on the County website for Community Development or type in CDBG Muskingum County.

The other part of what we are doing with some of our money as this is something I had asked Sheila to put in the application. We are doing some additional house painting. We did five units in 2017 as part of that grant and those are spectacular projects. The neighbors get the benefit of that as well. That project is growing. You will see that over two years.

Fund 324-ARC Downtown Wireless Grant

We just kind of put that place holder there. We will see everybody in a couple of weeks and talk about a downtown network.

What else is going on is Mr. Arnett and Mr. Bennett went down to see some folks in Athens. Dr. Jason Jolly out of the Voinovich. We have asked them to facilitate our opportunity zone discussions. You recall we talked about a Community Development Committee a couple nights back. We have two designated census tracts that are Opportunity Zones as defined by the Great American Tax Project where they restructure the tax. Our tracts are Putnam off of the bridge and it goes all the way down to Alfred Street and I believe it turns and comes up Pine Street. State Street is all of State Street, the exit is included in that Opportunity Zone that goes up on the other side of the high school and comes up turns and hits Maple Avenue and comes down to Linden and comes wrapping back down around Lee Street. That is an Opportunity Zone. So a qualified tax investment of someone, a developer wanting to do a project of their capital gains gets benefit back. We were talking to Dr. Jolly about facilitating our stakeholders group. We are inviting some key stakeholders to convene to look at the two districts and there is representation from both districts that will be on that plus others. What are the projects that we want to incentivize? What are we looking to attract and create the prospectus for both of those zones? Then we advertise it to the country. Columbus is doing very specific targeted investments. If you look at the Columbus opportunity zones, the Continent. They want to see opportunity money dropped in there. So they have picked very targeted projects that are old. I think ours is going to be a little different. I would love to see, and Steve and I have talked about that interchange at State Street. This is a perfect opportunity to put a project there and to incentivize. So, this group will be bringing to the Mayor and this Council their belief on a project in each zone and what they would recommend to Council and also incentivize. The State of Ohio came out and said anybody investing in any Ohio Opportunity Zones they are giving a state tax credit. What do we want to incentivize? What incentive do we want to throw on local money to have somebody come and bring their money? I fully expect there would be a group of people probably in our own community that would want to take advantage of sheltering and forgiving capital gains as well. So, it is not only outside, it is inside as well. That project is front and center besides it is CDBG. I will be writing CDBG grants leading the CAC here very shortly. Are there any questions?

Mr. Vincent: No questions, professor. I guess you did a good presentation. Thank you, Mr. Bennett. We appreciate it.

Police Department, Tony Coury

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Mr. Vincent: We are glad you are here. Thanks for coming.

Police Chief Toney Coury

I have two and a half years in as Chief of Police.

What we have going on at the PD right now is we are just kind of getting in that upswing with the weather changing.

- Things we have set in stone are I took possession of two brand new vehicles a couple of weeks ago. We have an outside builder for them out of Mt. Vernon this time due to a delay from City Vehicle Maintenance. We could have two cruisers built and back to us within five to ten days, but it will probably end up being about four weeks because we are still waiting on some stuff we ordered six months ago that is still on back order and the company refuses to take our calls.

- A couple of miscellaneous things going on with those cars is some new computer equipment as we switched to Panasonic. We copied what the State Patrol was using with the Panasonic and Toughbooks. I felt like we needed to go with a camera system that also would speak with that computer system well. They have a Panasonic camera. I was a little sticker shocked when we outfitted them as it was about \$6,000 a car for a computer and two cameras: one pointed out the front and one that shines on the prisoner. These cameras are for recording our activity. They come on if the car gets to a certain speed or the pitch in the car gets to a certain degree to show us what happened and usually we have about a minute or maybe two minutes feedback. It is recording, but it only goes back in one minute segments. It is amazing how far our cars go in one minute especially when something is happening. We can actually see the violation take place if it was something quick. Normally, if the car quickly accelerates it would kick on. I think the speed is a little in excess of probably 75 mph. We don't get to that speed very often during the day and afternoon shifts, but midnight shift could because there are not a whole lot of cars. Then if you kick on the lights it automatically kicks on the camera system. The new technology now is if you open the back door it could actually have a trigger to kick on the back seat camera so you can record whatever they are doing in the back seat. You can see it with infrared at night time and see it pretty clear in the day time.

- The other big ticket things are LEXIPOL; we are looking at outsourcing our policies and procedures. It is like a risk management group. We are going to sit with these people for 150 hours. It is two hours a day for two days a week. We have a whole panel you might say being six or seven people involved in this and I asked for volunteers from our patrol. We only had three requests to participate. I have myself and two captains. What they do is they send you a blue print of all the policies and procedures and stuff you have that fix the mandate of the State of Ohio. We kind of go through them and look at them and say yes we like them or no we want to tweak here and there. From the training I am currently in they talked a lot about risk management, policies and procedures, and they said if your manual is not 500 pages you are probably shy. Our manual is about 230 pages. It is time to get up to 2019 with the rest of the agencies.

- On top of that once we get our policies and procedures in compliance and up-to-date our officers will get a daily reminder or quiz by e-mail. They will need to read a small section and answer a question or two. This comes 365 days a year and does not stop while they are on vacation. They can take it at work or they can take it on their phone or they can wait and take it when they get back to work, but 500 pages are a lot of pages to read and a lot to try to remember. There will be ten to twelve sections on like use of force, pursuits, stuff like that which are highly critical. There are need-to-know sections and they will be tested on these sections yearly. They must know critical information in order to go on the street. It is a great

tool for liability. This will cover the City a lot better. We will be able to document if an officer has read a policy and they sign off on it. There is no excuse they can give for violation of that policy because they sign off on the process. Now if violated, we can change their behavior with that documentation. With LEXIPOL they update all the laws as they change, and it happens frequently, the State Supreme Court, U.S. Supreme Court, it changes a lot. To go in the old way and keep track of that is impossible. They will track those changes and forward them to the Chief automatically. If we get updates we would forward them to the Law Director and let him know what is changing so he can keep abreast of it.

•If the Chief writes a general order today; it used to be the Chief would write general orders and they would never get into the policies and procedures because it was yesterday and things become not as important six months down the road as there were today. John Doe that gets hired tomorrow how do we hold him responsible if he has no idea that general order even exists? LEXIPOL will update them right away or the following calendar year. I am not 100% on that, but it does go into our policy as fast as it can go in.

Mr. Vincent: If items do need to come to Council it could take some time so the Law Director needs to be involved.

Chief Coury said there are already over 250 to 300 agencies already in the state of Ohio. He was not sure of the count. There are a lot of agencies on board here. Cambridge LEXIPOL use of forces it looks a lot like Newark or Hebron because they are all LEXIPOL controlled. If we get a lawsuit or somebody wants to sue us LEXIPOL's selling point is a lot of attorney's back down when they find out you are supported by LEXIPOL because they have a team of lawyers that constantly make sure we are up-to-date. To build the cost is about \$35,000, but the annual fee will be \$15,000. I hope to be able to use some of that training every day toward their annual training they are required to get every year. That will be new so we hope to get that started. I talked with Rhonda last week about our budget and that was one of the questions is where we are going to take that money from and we had some other questions about that contractual line item. Hopefully, we get started about the beginning of May.

Mr. Vincent asked if that is all figured out. Ms. Heskett said Tony and I talked last week. We are going to have to revisit that line item in June because this is a new expenditure and when we put the permanent budget in place he wasn't quite sure where the numbers were going to land as far as the build and the annual fee. So, yes, we can get started, it is in there and ready to go, but I think we will probably have an appropriation change to increase that line item in June or September.

Chief Coury said the rest of our stuff was kind of small. I wasn't asking for a whole lot. We are going to try to get some windows put in the top half of the police department. We did the bottom half two years ago. We still have some work to do at the TR building. Modern is putting in some new windows over there. Hopefully, we can get them to move on over to the police department sometime this year before winter. The temperature control and looks will be better. We will coordinate with what the fire department as they have plans to do the same thing.

We did ask for some SRT hearing protection. Basically, the last calendar year we did the new Kevlar Helmets and gas masks which is kind of the third phase of it. It is getting them the

hearing protection so when they are all geared up and going in they have these big headphones over their ears and they have a push to talk button conveniently located so they do not have to find a radio. That is the last phase of their equipment request they made for 2018, but they were talked into doing some in 2018 and 2019. The radios are on a different frequency than the rest of the police radios and we believe it is secure. The IT Department and Mark Brown do a lot of the work for us. They are the radio guys. It is a lot clearer and not as many disruptions. They are a noise reducing headphone system and will buffer the loud noises.

Mr. Vincent said Council has been concerned about safety equipment and glad the equipment is being updated. Safety vests, bulletproof vests and everything are in pretty good shape for the officers? Chief Coury said our vests are under order and they should arrive the second quarter this year. They have a life expectancy of 5 years and it took some time to get them ordered. The vests will still work that they have.

Some of the old vests will go to the fire department and the Chief expressed his concerns they have to realize they are for training and training only because I can't authorize them to wear an expired vest and go into do an operation with us knowing they are expired. The Chief doesn't want anything to happen to them and some attorney somewhere would say you knew the vests were expired and you let them wear them anyway.

We asked for a detective's vehicle a new SUV or a pickup truck and we have decided we will take some money from the drug forfeiture money the 821 Fund. With that in mind, Sheriff Lutz has asked if we were interested in a pickup truck he was no longer using. We are interested. The Sheriff has one more payment on it. He is going to talk seriously so if the price is right the Chief will consider it. It is a 2017 GMC Extended Cab pickup truck, full size, with 4 wheel drive. We would have to put a hard shell on the back of it with pull out trays and stuff. In the winter time around here we would probably have a smaller car around for him to take evidence to London, Ohio. There is no sense taking a 4 wheel drive that gets 12 miles to the gallon. I told him he can no longer go to London unless it is an emergency as he can take evidence to Cambridge where BCI comes every Tuesday. It is hard to change their habits.

Server issues were asked about and the Chief said we are in okay shape as far as he knows. We have some issues with the new camera systems and all of that stuff because they don't quite line up and we may have to set them off on another server by themselves. Lisa hasn't expressed any concerns with me about the server. We are looking to go to Dropbox which I was pushing earlier. So a drop box professional for business we did do some webinars with them. It costs about \$250 a year per license. We thought maybe six licenses: myself, the two captains, a couple on the detective bureau, and one in the evidence. We spend about \$7,000 a year just in media like thumb drives and discs. Our hopes are that we could get that stuff into the cloud and when the County Prosecutor's office, or even our prosecutor, or defense attorneys can have a link set up for them to go up and grab it and pull it down themselves. Then Dan Long at the County came up with the idea of if they download it onto their Dropbox then it will assign whoever X,Y, and Z is for the defense a link so they can go up and grab their part of the evidence. Mike Haddox may not go for it, but I don't know how much more I can do than give it to them on the cloud and say there it is. Do whatever you want to do with it. Murder