



## Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, July 1, 2013

7:00 p.m.

**Executive Session - 6:30 p.m. – Conference Room 2**

**Purpose: Discuss Pending or Imminent Litigation**

### 1. COUNCIL BUSINESS

(a) Call Regular City Council Meeting to Order and Roll Call – 7:10 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Oberlin City Council was held on July 1, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Oberlin City Hall, located at 85 S. Main Street Oberlin, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m., by Presiding Officer Sharon F. Soucy. Roll Call was taken:

<b>Council Members:</b>	Present	Absent
Charles Peterson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bryan Burgess	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sharon Soucy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth Meadows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Broadwell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aaron Mucciolo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ronnie Rimbart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Appointees:

Belinda Anderson, Clerk of Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jon Clark, Law Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Norenberg, City Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sal Talarico, Finance Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Baumann, Acting City Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(b) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Council Meeting – June 17, 2013.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2013 Regular City Council meeting as submitted was moved by Burgess, seconded by Peterson.

**Roll Call:** 6 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion Carried

- (c) Discuss and consider approving use of Sustainable Reserve Funds to conduct the 2013 Greenhouse Gas Inventory.

Dupee remarked that the Utility has prepared an application for funding from the City's Sustainable Reserve Program to contract for professional services to perform a Community-wide Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory which will ensure the accurate and complete assessment of GHG emissions for the City of Oberlin. The work will also include evaluating and quantifying the GHG emission reductions for the present and potential strategies described in the 2013 Climate Action Plan (CAP), and other tasks as described in the proposed scope of work. He provided extensive background to the City's obligations under the ICLEI Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) program and milestones completed to date.

Dupee further noted that in 2010, the City and Oberlin College individually signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Clinton Foundation and the United States Green Building Council to participate in the Climate Positive Development Program (CPDP) with a goal to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions below zero. This goal committed the City and Oberlin College to becoming a climate positive community.

In an effort to address the third milestone of the ICLEI commitment and to reach "Climate Positive Participant Status" in the CPDP, the City developed a Climate Action Plan which outlines the means of reducing GHG emissions. The Climate Action Committee comprised of a broad range of community stakeholders in the community, developed the 2013 CAP which contains ninety-four strategies. The 2013 CAP will serve as a roadmap for transitioning to a climate positive community by charting specific emissions reduction strategies and establishing a plan for measurement and verification of emissions reductions.

In order to effectively carry out commitments of the recently adopted Climate Action Plan, OMLPS staff recommended and received approval to prepare a Request for Proposals for professional services to perform the following tasks:

- Update the GHG Inventory using 2012 as the baseline emissions year using the Global Protocol for Community-Scale GHG Emissions
- Develop an Inventory Management Plan (IMP) of Oberlin's GHG emissions based on the GPC.
- Review, verify and estimate emission reductions from both current and anticipated strategies as outlined in the City's Climate Action Plan.

In May, staff issued a Request for Proposal for: Professional Services to Conduct a Community-wide Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory and Quantify Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Strategies in the 2013 Climate Action Plan and Related Tasks. Based on overall cost qualifications and relevant experience, staff is recommending the firm of Cameron-Cole, LLC. The firm will perform the work in the amount of \$25,710. It is staff's opinion that the scope of work meets the criteria for the Sustainable Reserve Program. Dupee noted that a budget adjustment would need to be made to bring the current funds in the 2013 SRP amount up to \$25,710. It was noted that The Oberlin Project Advisory Board has also agreed to cover 50% of the cost contingent on the Oberlin Project receiving a renewal of foundation funding, which they should know sometime in early August.

The City Manager and Law Director have reviewed the application deeming the project eligible for program funding. Staff is respectfully requesting a motion from Council to fund this effort. Dupee noted that Doug McMillan, Energy Services and Sustainability Initiatives Manager was also there to answer additional questions.

Mucciolo asked what stood out about the Cameron-Cole firm. McMillan, remarked that the primary reason for selecting the group was cost. They had also had some experience in working with Cameron-Cole through the Oberlin Project.

Burgess asked what the current balance in the Sustainable Reserve Fund was and if the vendor would be using inventory software to estimate emission reductions in Oberlin. Dupee noted that there was approximately \$310,000 in the Sustainable Reserve Fund to date. McMillan remarked that the vendor will model the 2012 inventory using the Global Protocol for Community-Scale GHG Emissions that was developed by ICLEI, to create an Inventory Management Plan. Other deliverables are noted in the scope of work outlined in the agreement which will include on-site training for up to four people.

Broadwell asked if Oberlin College's work would be provided to Cameron-Cole. McMillan remarked that the global protocol is designed more specifically for government entities and larger organizations than the college. However, the college intends to consolidate its inventory findings with t the City's at a later date.

Motion to authorize funding for the Community-wide Greenhouse Gas inventory in order to commence implementation of the 2013 Climate Action Plan was moved by Burgess, and seconded by Broadwell.

**Roll Call:** 6 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion Carried

**(d)** Update on Efficiency Smart Success Story – Doug McMillan.

Council heard a status report from Doug McMillan regarding the above stated purpose. PowerPoint Presentation attached.

Burgess asked how the VEIC with AMP program would continue once it expires in 2013. Dupee remarked that AMP has been in contract negotiations with VEIC and that the process is almost complete. The expectation is that staff will have new contracts for AMP members to consider after it has been reviewed by PUC. City Council should see a newly revised contract in the Fall of 2013.

Soucy asked if staff had expected this level of success with the program. McMillan remarked that it was a difficult program to start up back in 2011, but as the program has evolved over the years, staff has been very satisfied with its success.

Broadwell was asked to recuse himself from the next item on the agenda due to his being a board member of the Oberlin Heritage Center.

**(e)** Discuss and consider scheduling a Special City Council meeting for July 22, 2013, at 7 p.m. for the purpose of hearing an appeal of the Historic Preservation Commission's decision to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness to the Oberlin Heritage Center, for the proposed Roof Replacement Project at the Jewett House.

Law Director Clark noted that Chapter 1187 of the City's Codified Ordinances states that if a Certificate of Appropriateness is denied the property owner has ten days to file an appeal with Council. Council then has thirty days to respond.

Mucciolo noted that he would be out of town on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, and asked Council to consider a different date.

Burgess asked if Council were required to hold an appeal hearing. Clark answered in the affirmative, noting that the Code states that "City Council shall hear the appeal and render a decision within thirty (30) days of the filing of the notice of appeal."



The Clerk read as directed.

Motion to approve the ordinance on first reading was moved by Peterson, seconded by Burgess.

Acting City Manager, Jeff Baumann stated that Council will recall that it authorized the City Manager to submit an Issue II application last fall to the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding to make improvements to South Professor Street. They received notification from the County Engineer's office that their application was approved as long as they agreed to accept it as no interest loan funds, which they agreed to do.

Council is aware of the Sanitary Sewer projects that have happened along South Professor Street over the course of the last several months. They are now looking to award a contract to complete those street improvements by resurfacing South Professor Street from West College South across the bike path to a manhole that is located near the northernmost entrance to the OMLPS complex on South Professor Street:

Preliminary specifications call for the replacement of deteriorated sandstone curb with a new Type 6 curb including a new underdrain to improve drainage and enhance service life. Curb replacement will include new ADA-compliant ramps and pavement crosswalk markings at all intersections. Bike lanes will be added in each direction to connect the Central Business District to the North Coast Inland Trail. Active transportation improvements will encourage safe, healthful transit for school children, college students, residents and visitors.

Baumann remarked that invitations were sent to property owners and residents on South Professor St. inviting residents to a public meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the proposed improvements. There were 5 attendees, with Oberlin College being the best represented. The general consensus of the people that attended the meeting and the people that he has subsequently spoken with is that they will be able to find a way to work around the benefits of having bike lanes on both sides of the street and the impacts of parking.

The project was also bid with an alternate for a LED solar operated signalized system at the bike path crossing.

Member heard a presentation from City Engineer Randall Roberts on the Wireless solar powered LED enhanced Bike/Pedestrian Crossing warning sign with motion sensor bollards and push button. A power point presentation is attached.

Meadows said that she was happy to see this because she frequents the bike path. She questioned whether matching funds were available for this type of safety equipment. Roberts said he would have to research the information but he was certain that there was something available.

Mucciolo asked if the sensor would be active on a continuous basis. Roberts concurred that they would be on around the clock, but would only be activated by motion sensor.

David Ashenurst, Sumner Street asked why the motion sensors couldn't blink all night like the stop lights.

Tony Mealy, South Professor Street said he attended the meeting about the improvements. He remarked that the flashing light was just a warning. Cyclists would still need to stop.

Burgess raised concerns with the durability of the sensor bollards. In addition he noted that if they were to use solar power for the bollards then they could justify using sustainable reserves funding for the project, which he would support.

Roberts noted that existing bollards should help to protect the new ones. Burgess stated that he is also concerned about the weather durability of the bollards, as well as to potential incidents of vandalism.









- The celebration is being offered earlier than July 4<sup>th</sup> to coordinate the festivities with other communities throughout the county.
- Rain date has been set for July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanked sponsors for their support

**7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- Request for status report on the Green Acres project.

**8. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Follow up on the email he sent a week ago concerning the new Budget Bill that the state legislature recently approved.
  - Explained changes made to the following areas:
    - Roll Back Program.
    - Homestead Program offered to Seniors

Burgess asked if the Ohio Municipal League would provide a summary of the two year budget that was recently signed by the Governor. Talarico remarked that he would keep Council posted.

**9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- None

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Being that there was no further business to come before Council at this time the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Attest:**

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BELINDA B. ANDERSON, CMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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RONNIE J. RIMBERT  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: 08/19/2013

POSTED: 08/20/2013

# **Efficiency Smart**

**OMLPS**

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## **Efficiency Smart**

- **Established by AMP working with VEIC over a 2-year period**
- **Managed by VEIC –**
  - **One of the premier energy efficiency organizations in the U.S.**
- **Program began in 2011**
- **Three – year program**
- **Presently 49 utilities participating**
  - **Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan**

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## **Efficiency Smart**

- **Goal to reduce energy usage by 81,000 MWh by the end of 2013**
- **Reductions are verified by an independent third party**
- **Reductions are guaranteed**
  - **The difference between goal and actual savings will either be refunded or additional services provided at no cost.**

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## **Efficiency Smart**

- **Oberlin's goal**
  - **1424 Mwh**
- **Presently at 4932 MWh reduction**
  - **346% of goal - largest of any community**
  - **Savings of \$456,706 annually**
  - **Savings of \$4,334,372 lifetime**
- **Estimated 381 MWh savings in pipeline**

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## **Efficiency Smart**

- **Oberlin Rebates**
  - **Commercial**
    - **\$239,431**
  - **Residential**
    - **\$13,215**

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## **Efficiency Smart**

- **Commercial**
  - **Rebates**
  - **Key Accounts Manager**
  - **Technical Assistance**
    - **Back room**
    - **Walk through**

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### Efficiency Smart

- Residential
  - CFL give-away
    - 2669 bulbs
  - Appliance Rebates
  - Reporting for Super Rebate program

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### Residential

- Savings \$9142 annually
- Savings \$53,980 lifetime
- Super Rebate Program
  - Additional \$3280 in rebates
  - 45 customers

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### Lorain County JVS



- Total rebates – \$108,850
  - Lighting
  - Mechanical
  - HVAC
- Largest in Oberlin
- One of the top 5 rebates in the ES program

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### Oberlin College



- Total - \$86,047
- Lighting
- HVAC
- Mechanical

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### General Plug



- Lighting
- Mechanical

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### Republic Services



- Lighting
- Mechanical

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### **Mercy Allen Hospital**



- HVAC control system

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### **Kendal**



- Lighting
- Potential HVAC

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### **Lorain County Metroparks Splash Zone**



- Lighting

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### **Oberlin Public Library**



- Lighting
- Mechanical

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### **City of Oberlin**



- Lighting
- HVAC
- LED street lights – potential \$46,000 rebate

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### **Others**

- Lorenzo's
- The Feve
- Agrinomix
- Route 58 Storage

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# 2013-05 S. Professor St. Pavement Improvements

## Alternate #1

Wireless solar powered LED enhanced  
Bike/Pedestrian Crossing warning sign with  
motion sensor bollards and push button

# LED Enhanced Sign with Rapid-Flash Beacon



RFB uses irregular flash pattern similar to emergency flashers used on Police and emergency vehicles referred to as wig-wag or stutter flash pattern.



# Motion Sensors on Bike Path

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## Wireless Bollard

Pedestrians and bicyclists can passively trigger flashing BlinkerSign® LED signs, in-pavement LEDs, beacon warning systems and other ITS devices. Actuators are housed in anodized aluminum cabinets that can be secured to concrete or asphalt.

- Install virtually anywhere, utilizing wireless control if needed
- Designed to interface with ITS devices
- Dependable precise control with minimal maintenance
- Battery operated: no grid wiring required
- No trenching or concrete cutting required



# Push Button for Pedestrians

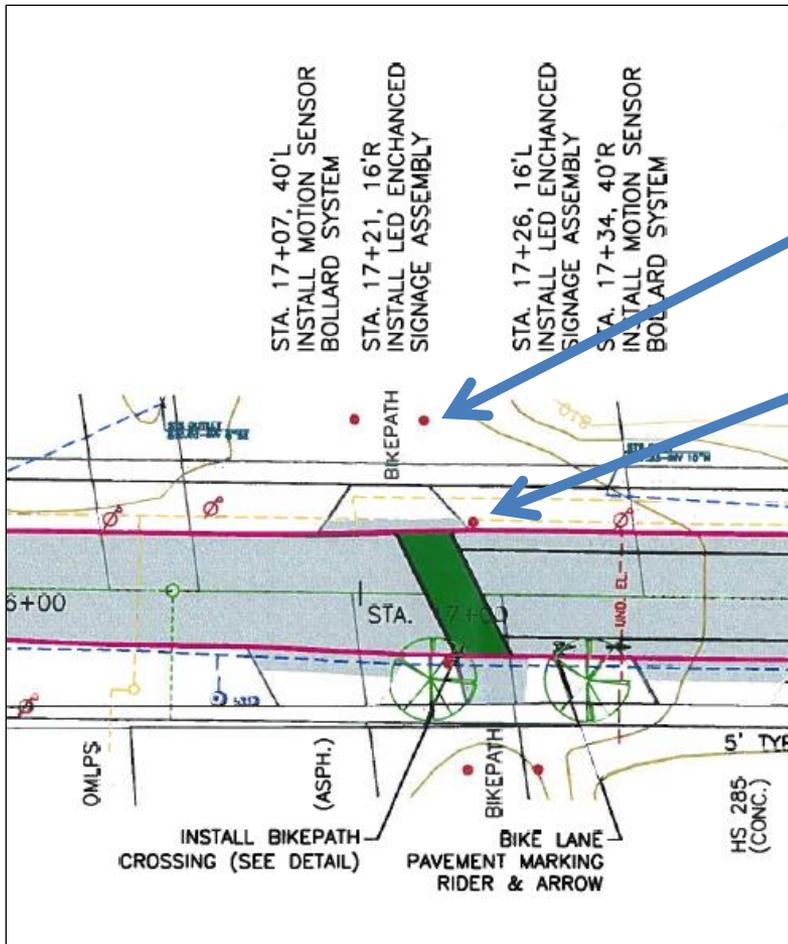


## Push Button

- Activated with less than 2 lbs force
- Provides two-tone audible confirmation as well as visual confirmation
- Cannot be jammed or stuck in "on" position
- Wind, hail and vibrations have no effect
- Superior grade pre-treatment and powder coat
- Stainless steel button cap
- Meets ADA, MUTCD and TAC requirements
- Transient protection that meets and exceeds NEMA specifications



# Site Layout



Infrared Motion Sensor Bollards

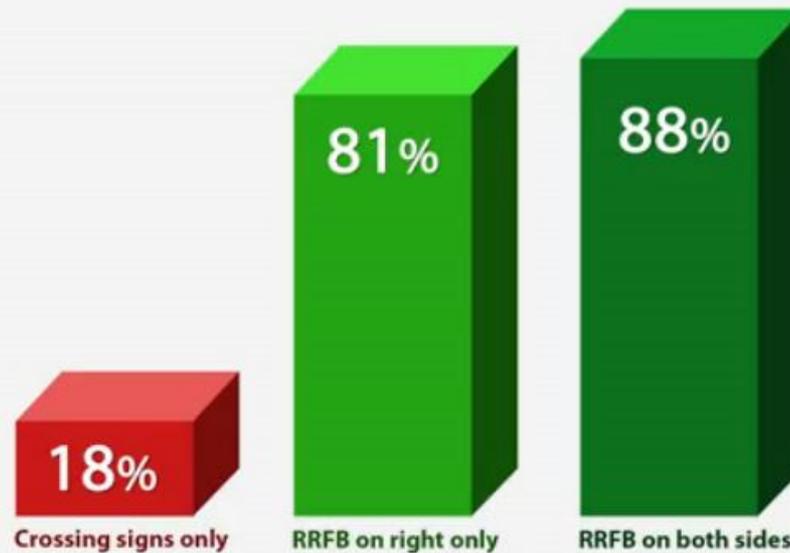
LED Enhanced Pedestrian/Bike Crossing Warning Sign with Rapid Flash Beacon

# Improved Compliance

Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB)



## Driver yielding behavior



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