

CITY COUNCIL

October 25, 2017

The October 25, 2017 special City Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Don Spiegel, President. City Council members present were Roxie Karg, Marc Mays, Rick Roberts, Don Spiegel, Bill Thornton, and Kenneth Wessler. Bob Blocksom was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Rae Wessler, Income Tax Commissioner; Shelagh Ellis; John Walker; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this meeting was to consider legislation to join a coalition of municipalities retaining special counsel to challenge the constitutionality of amendments to Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code relating to municipal income tax.

Mrs. Wessler explained the impact on the City of upcoming amendments to Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code as contained in House Bill 5 and House Bill 49, as recently passed as part of the State's Budget. It was noted that a coalition of over one hundred municipalities has been formed to challenge the constitutionality of these amendments.

Mr. Ellis stated that the City has three options including: do nothing and amend the City's Codified Ordinances Income Tax code to comply with the State regulations; make a financial contribution of \$2,000.00 to the coalition; or join the coalition at a cost of \$2,000.00. It was noted that the fees to join the coalition vary between municipalities and are based on population. Mr. Ellis recommended that the City become a coalition member.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to place Ordinance No. 23-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO JOIN A COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES RETAINING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR PURPOSES OF INITIATING LITIGATION TO CHALLENGE THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 718 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE RELATING TO MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 23-13 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mays, to place Ordinance No. 23-13 on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 23-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 23-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 23-13 was duly adopted.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Don Spiegel, President