Finance & Judiciary Committee Meeting
MINUTES
February 22, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Members: Chairman Ben Kessler, Richard Sharp, Rick Weber

Roll Call: All present.

Others Present: Mayor Brennan, Lou Chodosh, Beecher Hale, Bill Harvey, Bruce Langner, Mike Price, Kathy Rose and Chief Rinehart.

Review of Minutes: February 8th, 2011 – **Approved with Changes.**

Presentation and/or Special Guests: None.

Discussion of House Bill No. 3: Mr. Kessler said since all of the Ordinances listed below have been approved, he would like to discuss the updates on House Bill No. 3. President McClelland and Beecher Hale attended the last meeting on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. downtown.

President McClelland said the legislative session was still discussing another issue on their agenda. It was very busy and crowed with the House Bill No. 5 protestors. The legislative session recessed and it was indefinite as to whether or not they would stay in session long enough to discuss House Bill 3. President McClelland said he did stop at a later time and it was a fairly educational committee with both opponents and proponents speaking. There were several private individuals as well who presented arguments. One individual was a representative for St. Clairsville, Ohio who spoke against House Bill 3. He indicated the income tax issue for that city had been defeated. There were about four or five witnesses including the Mayor of Shaker Heights. He was very articulate and he thinks some of them truly get it.

Mayor Brennan said he has a feeling that the objective is $330,000 decrease might help the farmers. Mr. Morison said Senate House Bill No. 5 is currently taking the stage. House Bill No. 3 might be discussed with the budget. He said Senator Bacon is chairing the insurance committee and dealing with a lot of issues, however, he seems to get it. Mr. Morison said he thinks they will be considering some sort of compromise.

Mayor Brennan said Shaker Heights is taking the lead for the marketing basis. He said Mr. Hale needs to call every day and keep up with any information. He said he has asked Mr. Hale to keep in contact with Kathy (the Finance Director) for Upper Arlington. Mayor Brennan urged Mr. Hale to keep up with that because of its importance.

Mr. Kessler said it is a struggle and some want it passed sooner than later. March is when the budget discussions will probably be held. Mr. Morison said the Governor's budget must be completed by March 15th at the latest. This is the date when the discussion will begin but it will probably not be finalized until the end of June. President McClelland asked if this will be a broad discussion. Mr. Morison said he would guess it would be isolated. He said the Mayor's advice is good advice about keeping up with the updates through Upper Arlington's Finance Director. President McClelland agreed and

said it is important for us to keep a thumb on the pulse of this issue. Mr. Hale said he would keep in contact with Upper Arlington's Finance Director regarding this subject. President McClelland said perhaps someone from the City should consider testifying down the road. Mayor Brennan said it is imperative to contact Kathy and perhaps email the Mayor of Shaker Heights regarding a possible collation. He asked Mr. Hale to keep them updated on the status.

Ordinances & Resolutions –

Third Readings.

Ordinance 01-11 to affirm the replacement for the Service Superintendent position at the current rate of $70,200 per annum beginning January 1, 2011, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on January 25, 2011).

Resolution 01-11 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county Auditor, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on January 25, 2011).

Resolution 03-11 requesting the Auditor of Franklin County, Ohio, to make advance payment to the City of Bexley of monies held for its account in the County Treasurer, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on January 25, 2011).

Second Readings.

Ordinance 04-11 to appropriate $645,266 from the ARRA Project Fund for the purpose of recording expenses of the ARRA Project for 2011, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on February 8, 2011)

Ordinance 05-11 to certify special assessments for the various sites where the work was not done by the owner after being ordered by the City in accordance with Bexley Code Section 1490.15(b) (4) or Bexley Code Section 1492.04(b) (1), and it was necessary for the City to do the work and assess the owner, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on February 8, 2011)

First Readings.
None.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Adjourned 6:35 p.m.