

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

8:00 p.m.

October 1, 2019

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on September 26, 2019.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Anderson, Carr, Harrold, Kary, McNeill, Tomaselli and Woodin

Others Present: Mayor Fiala, Law Director Lucas, Service Director Bock, City Engineer Sayles, Fire Chief Ungar, Police Chief Beckwith, Chief Building & Zoning Inspector Keller, Parks and Recreation Director Banker, Finance Director Bosley, Economic Development Director Thielman, Clerk Novak

The meeting was led in Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Tomaselli.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2019.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

STANDING AND REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of Full, Mr. Carr – No report.

Economic Development Committee, Ms. McNeill – No report.

Environmental Planning Committee, Mr. Kary – No report.

Finance and Audit Committee, Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

Parks & Recreation Committee, Mr. Woodin – No report.

Personnel Committee, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Safety Committee, Mr. Harrold – No report.

Service Committee, Mr. Woodin – Reported one item on the agenda tonight.

WPCC Committee, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Clean City Commission, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Planning Commission, Mr. Kary – No report.

Shade Tree Commission, Ms. McNeill – No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Brent Woerner, American Legion Post 214, 4304 Center Street – Mr. Woerner asked for an update on the former school buildings. Mayor Fiala indicated there was a legal dispute between the partners of Building B but that was resolved recently. Construction will start on the office building with demo in the next 30 days. No update on Building A. The City has encouraged the current development team to seek another equity partner for the development of Building A but no other information is available.

Jerry Ranally, 37832 Park Avenue – Mr. Ranally asked about the light on Wilson and Park Avenue. Service Director Bock said the poles were going up today or tomorrow and the traffic department will hang the lights. Mayor Fiala updated Mr. Ranally on a project at the old Imagine Salon on Euclid Avenue stating the developer has not submitted any plans. Mayor Fiala said the owner had proposed 400 sq. ft. micro unit apartments that the City is not in favor of. Mr. Ranally asked about Courthouse Square Apartments; he was informed that work is being done inside of the building. Mr. Ranally asked about the Citizens Bank building. Economic Development Director Thielman said the broker has a user they are working with so there is interest in the property. Mr. Ranally thanked the Mayor and the administration for the summer concert series stating it was one of the better concert series the City has had.

Regarding, the changeover to Republic Waste, Mr. Bock said information regarding the new service should be going out soon, however, details are currently on the website. Residents will be receiving a 96 gallon tote and a recycling tote. Residents who can't handle the 96 gallon tote can receive the 64 gallon tote. Bag service is also available. The monthly rate is \$16.76 with a \$1 discount for senior citizens. The new service begins on November 1st. Residents who have excessive garbage may put out an additional 3 cans or 5 bags of garbage. Bulk and yard waste services remain the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made and seconded that all ordinances and resolutions be read by caption only and that as to legislation not containing an emergency clause, the rules requiring that ordinances and resolutions be read on three separate days be waived.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-91

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for and enter into a contract with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), Round 34, for funds necessary to the 2020 Concrete Slab Replacement Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2019-91 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2019-91.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-92

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to solicit statements of qualifications from any real estate developer/development team for development of a six acre City owned property, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2019-92 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2019-92.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Fiala said there will be several proposed zoning code text amendment changes in the near future including an arts review policy, guidelines for use of outdoor space on right-of-ways for entertainment and other purposes i.e., sandwich boards and outside clothing displays.

Regarding a memo distributed to Council on vacant property registrations, Economic Development Director said these registrations are used by some communities to communicate with property owners and make them aware of what is expected of them maintenance wise. He said the City of Painesville started a registry back in 2011 due to some chronic vacancies that weren't listed with a broker and the owners were fined due to various reasons. He said Willoughby has a problem with what some of the empty storefronts look like in downtown. He said Painesville waives the fees occasionally if the property is listed with a commercial broker or if an owner is making efforts to maintain the property and improve the interior. He believes it's a good way to establish dialogue with property owners. Mr. Thielman would like to discuss the registration further during a committee meeting. Mr. Woodin expressed concern about fining businesses' for long term vacancies and wanted more information. Ms. McNeill said a property owner that has open storefronts in downtown won't respond to phone calls. Mr. Tomaselli voiced his concerns about policing the policy for residential. Mr. Thielman said he would prefer having the ordinance only apply to commercial property.

Mr. Woodin thanked the Mayor for the recent Special Improvement District (SID) meeting at the Senior Center.

Mr. Woodin inquired about the Design Review Board reviewing a piece of art for the Library. Mayor Fiala said one of the artists who submitted artwork for the electric boxes had submitted a piece of art (a mural) to the arts collaborative who thought it would be a good idea for the

library. The library was consulted and they think it's a great idea. It will be discussed with the Design Review Board this week to see if they favor it. The Mayor said a mural could be put on every corner right now which is why it important an "arts code" be added to the codified ordinances.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Law Director Lucas – No report.

Service Director Bock – No report. Regarding the new garbage rates, Mr. Woodin suggested listing the rates for all five years of the contract on the website.

City Engineer Sayles – No report.

Fire Chief Ungar – No report.

Police Chief Beckwith – No report.

Building Inspector Keller – No report.

Parks & Recreation Director Banker – No report.

Finance Director Bosley – Fund balance reports were distributed noting that the City received a rebate of \$381,000 of the 2017 worker's compensation premium.

COUNCILMEN:

Mr. Woodin – No report.

Mr. Kary – No report.

Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

Mr. Anderson – Reported he will be having a Ward 5 meeting at the Senior Center on October 28th at 7:00 p.m.

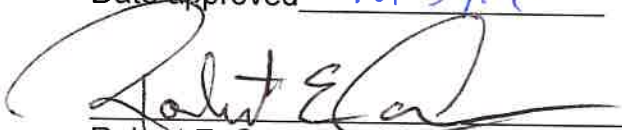
Mr. Harrold – No report.


Ms. McNeill – No report.

Mr. Carr – No report.

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Date approved 10/15/19


Robert E. Carr, President


Clerk of Council

Robert A. Fiala, Mayor