

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

7:01 p.m.

April 19, 2022

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on April 14, 2022.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Kary, Merhar, Tomaselli, Anderson, Carr and Garry

Others Present: Mayor Fiala, Law Director Lucas, Service Director Palmisano, City Engineer Lannon, Fire Chief Ungar, Police Chief Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director Banker, Finance Director Bosley, Clerk Novak

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2022.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

STANDING AND REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of Full, Mr. Carr – No report.

Economic Development Committee, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Environmental Planning Committee, Mr. Kary – No report.

Finance and Audit Committee, Mr. Tomaselli – Reported one item on the agenda.

Parks & Recreation Committee – No report.

Personnel Committee, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Safety Committee, Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

Service Committee – No report.

WPCC Committee, Mr. Garry – Reported one item on the agenda.

Planning Commission, Mr. Kary – No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Joe Waltos, 3911 E. 365th Street, Willoughby – Mr. Waltos voiced concerns about cars speeding on E. 365th Street. Chief Schultz will speak with Mr. Waltos after tonight’s meeting to address the problem.

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 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-45

A resolution authorizing the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the purchase of a Belt Filter Press for the Willoughby-Eastlake Water Pollution Control Center.

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2022-45.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-46

A resolution authorizing the Director of Finance to transfer funds from the General Fund to various other funds, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2022-46 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2022-46.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Fiala said he is restarting two projects; the Chagrin River Trail and the Osborne Park Project. He said these projects were put on hold due to COVID. Regarding the amphitheater and Chagrin River Trail project, there will be a public engagement meeting in June (tentative date of June 15th) near the river. He said the Smith Group has asked that a stakeholder group be put together which is currently taking place (Council is included in this group). Some other outside groups will be invited as well including Andrews Osborne Academy, the Willoughby Fine Arts and members of the baseball leagues. Once the list is established, it will be shared with Council.

Mr. Carr asked if there was an update on the bridge art piece. Mr. Fiala said the art piece was ready to be installed, but the artist was not happy with the finish on the stainless steel. Tom Thielman, the artist and the sign company went to Cleveland Heights to view a piece of art and they are now trying to mimic the finish on that piece. Mr. Carr asked if there was any update on using the back parking lot of the library as public parking. Mayor Fiala said the next step is to put together a memorandum of understanding on how the relationship will work. He said some parking spots will be leased for overnight parking and the lot will eventually be redesigned to eliminate the ATM. Mayor Fiala will confirm if the tow away signs are still up in the parking lot.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Law Director Lucas – No report.

Service Director Palmisano – No report. Mr. Carr asked if Mr. Palmisano could coordinate the meeting with Abbotts Manor and Pine Ridge Plaza. Mr. Carr said the residents of Abbotts Manor are looking to put a cross walk in to the plaza. Mr. Tomaselli said he drove across the bridge (Mentor Avenue bridge) and said the lights were on and it looked beautiful. He asked if there was a light missing. Mr. Palmisano said yes; there is one missing in the southeast corner. He said it's been out for a long time and a replacement has been ordered. Mr. Palmisano said the Illuminating Company changed the lights on Mentor Avenue to Kirtland Road with LED lighting.

City Engineer Lannon – No report. Regarding the Chagrin Mill housing development, Mr. Merhar said he received a few calls regarding a zoning variance for 12 of the lots to be taken down to 52 ft. Mr. Lannon said he didn't attend the meeting, but said it's being requested because it's a curved street. The inside lots on the curve could be 150 ft. wide in the back but 40 ft. in the front. Instead of pushing the house back on the lot, the developer is trying to keep the setbacks uniform. Mr. Carr affirmed that the developer was not asking for a rezoning but simply a variance for the houses to line up uniformly. Law Director Lucas said that what the developer is asking for is consistent with what was approved on the plat.

Fire Chief Ungar – No report. Mr. Garry asked about the fire at DeMilta Scrap. Chief Ungar explained that when their investigators can't pinpoint the cause of a fire, they are allowed to leave a fire as undetermined. This allows them to open the case at any time; he said it's not a bad ruling to have. He said they are pretty confident they know where it started but don't know how yet.

Police Chief Schultz – Chief Schultz said there was another deadly force incident in Michigan recently. Over the past five years there have a number of these incidents involving law enforcement. He stressed the importance of training and education for his police officers; he said he has four officers trained in defensive tactics; officers Ross Shirey, Dan Lastoria, John Greig and Taylor Zana.

Building Inspector Keller – Absent.

Parks & Recreation Director Banker – Ms. Banker said unfortunately the Lions Club pickleball court project was not selected for the grant. She will look into other grants. She has been working with the Smith Group to have a second public meeting. At that meeting they will

show the changes that have been made to the two proposals that they originally had for Osborne Park. The meeting should take place sometime in May. She is working with Jason at the Smith Group on two grants; National Coastline Resilience Fund and Natureworks. The pool staff is currently at 42. An e-mail went out to past employees; 4 people from 2019 are interested in coming back.

Finance Director Bosley – Ms. Bosley thanked Council for the passage of the legislation.

COUNCILMEN:

Mr. Kary – Mr. Kary thanked Judean Banker for the list of concerts in downtown and at Osborne Park.

Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

Mr. Merhar – No report.

Mr. Garry – No report.

Mr. Anderson – No report.

Mr. Carr – Mr. Carr asked Council to think about their summer schedules so the Council schedule can be adjusted.

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Date approved

5/12/22

Robert E. Carr, President

Clerk of Council

Robert A. Fiala, Mayor