



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM
4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Minutes

Opening of Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting of the Ashtabula City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Roskovics. Vice President Russell Simeone offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Members Present: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Absent: None

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Clerk of Council Ashley Bell

Absent: Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin

President John Roskovics requested an Executive Session to take place prior to the adjournment of the Regular meeting for the purpose of Personnel Employment.

Motion: President John Roskovics requested an Executive Session to take place prior to the adjournment of the Regular meeting for the purpose of personnel employment. Councilor Terence Guerriero seconded.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion: Passed.

Sunshine Law Certification

A quorum was established as defined by the Ashtabula City Council Rules of Order. The meeting met the requirements of the Ohio Sunshine Laws Open Meetings Act.

Presentations/Announcements

None.

Approval of Minutes

March 4, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the reading of the minutes in their entirety; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: None.

Voice Vote

Hearing no corrections to minutes, were approved as presented.

March 12, 2024, Emergency Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the reading of the minutes in their entirety; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None

Voice Vote

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Administrative Reports

City Manager

The following legislation was formally requested:

An ordinance to enter into an MOU with IAFF Local #165 to amend the life insurance benefit language in the collective bargaining agreement.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Voice Vote

Discussion: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

An ordinance to authorize the Lift Bridge Community Association to hold the annual Ashtabula Wine & Walley Festival in the City of Ashtabula Historic Harbor District on July 26, 2024, through July 28, 2024.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to approve the City Manager's request; Vice President Russell Simeone seconded.

Voice Vote

Discussion: None

Nays: None

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Ashtabula County Protective League with a mailing address of 5970 Green Road, Ashtabula, OH 44004 retroactive to January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2024 for the boarding of dogs seized by authorized officers and agents of the City of Ashtabula in the amount not to exceed \$22,000 per year. Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 101.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills asked what is the maximum amount the City will be charged. City Manager James Timonere stated the maximum amount is \$22,000 per year. He stated the amount is for this year only (2024). Mr. Timonere also explained The City did not have a contract in place in 2023 which is why the agreement is retroactive.

Voice Vote

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Famous Supply with a mailing address of 4625 Foster Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004 for the purchase of various plumbing materials to be installed at the City of Ashtabula Justice Center at 110 W. 44th Street in the amount not to exceed \$12,200.00.

Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 412.

Motion: President John Roskovics moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero seconded.

Voice Vote

Discussion: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Montrose Ford, Inc. with the mailing address of 3960 Medina Road, Akron, OH 44333 for the purchase of a 2023 Ford Explorer in an amount not to exceed \$38,500.00. Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 412

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to approve the City Manager's request; Vice President Russell Simeone seconded.

Discussion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman asked what the lifespan is of the City Vehicles. The City Manager James Timonere stated typically eight years, but the vehicles are exceeding that. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman also asked if leasing vehicles is an option. City Manager James Timonere responded stating the option is not feasible for the Police Department or the Fire Department. It may be an option for the vehicles used by the Housing Inspector or for the Health Department. However, leasing vehicles is not cost effective.

Voice Vote

Nays: None

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with GPD Group with a mailing address of 520 South Main Street, Suite 2531, Akron, OH 44311 for the purpose of providing engineering design and construction administration for the 2024 Paving Program in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00. Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 212.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; President John Roskovics seconded.

Discussion: President John Roskovics stated that usually the engineering cost is about 10% of the project total cost. City Manager James Timonere stated the total estimate of the Paving Program list is approximately 1.4 million dollars. Mr. Timonere stated bid packets for the City's paving projects will be assembled in the next few weeks. The bids are publicized for several weeks and the City Manager stated he will come back to council with recommendations.

Voice Vote

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

An ordinance to authorize the continuation of nine (9) Community Reinvestment Area Tax Incentive Agreements upon conditions indicated in accordance with the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero seconded.

Discussion: City Manager James Timonere stated that one of the nine is a recommendation to discontinue because the business has been sold. Mr. Timonere stated that nine incentives are all a part of one ordinance. Mr. Timonere also stated that each tax abatement rather commercial or residential is reviewed each year by two councils of the City. The councils are made up of School Board Members, City appointed members, A-Tech representatives, as well as representatives from Saybrook Township and Ashtabula Township. The Councils ensure the recipients are meeting the requirements that they agreed upon. Once the review process is complete the two councils make their recommendations to the City Council. Then the City of Ashtabula makes a recommendation to

the State of Ohio.
Voice Vote
Nays: None
Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into a settlement agreement with four (4) Dispatchers in an amount not to exceed \$60,060.00 in Settlement of Litigation. Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 101. Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; President John Roskovics seconded.
Discussion: None
Voice Vote
Nays: None
Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Ashtabula County Y.M.C.A. with a mailing address of 263 West Prospect Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004 for the purpose of providing lifeguard services for the 2024 season at Walnut Beach in the amount not to exceed \$19,483.40. Funding for this expense will be taken from the 233 fund.
Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.
Discussion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman asked the City Manager how many lifeguards will the City hire. Mr. Timonere responded and stated a minimum of two people guard the beach. He also stated the amount will not exceed \$19,483.40.
Voice Vote
Nays: None
Motion passed.

City Manager James Timonere stated recently there was a large fire at The Kinder Morgan Penny Dock, he stated he wanted to give a "kudos" to the Fire Department and all First Responders for their organized and timely action resolving the fire. First responders included the Ashtabula Police Department, surrounding Townships and the City of Geneva all came in to help with the ladder truck. Mr. Timonere also stated that Fire Chief Gruber and staff took the initiative to get trained when the ship repairs started to come into the City. He stated the Fire Department regularly goes to the docks to tour the boats and see the construction. The Fire Department was well trained for the incident. President John Roskovics asked when will the lawn bags start getting collected. Mr. Timonere responded and said mid-April. He also said the information is on the City's website.

City Solicitor

No Report

Finance Director

Absent. No report.

Clerk of Council

No Report

City Council Committee Reports

Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman provided a report from the Ad Hoc Committee. The purpose of the committee is to explore racism as a public health crisis. The committee meets monthly to increase their knowledge of the topic of racism and its impact on the citizens of Ashtabula.

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation

(4th Tuesday @ 5:00 p.m.)

Members: Chair DiGiacomo/Council Liaison to Parks and Recreation Board; Vice Chair

Mills;Holman

March 26

April 23

May 28

June 25

Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo stated the committee's next meeting is March 26, 2024, and their guest is J.P. Ducro from the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners and he will speak about the free Remote Area Medical Clinic (RAM Clinic).

Finance & Personnel

(3rd Friday @ 8:30 a.m.)

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair DiGiacomo, Simeone

March 15-Report

April 19

May 17

June 21

Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio provided the report.

Public Works/Public Utilities/Cable/Schools

(4th Tuesday @ 8:30 a.m.)

Members: Chair Mills, Vice Chair Guerriero, Roskovics

March 26

April 23

May 28

June 25

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills stated the next meeting will be March 26, 2024, with guest Lisa Newsome, Superintendent of Ashtabula Area City Schools.

Safety Forces

(2nd Monday @ 8:45 a.m.)

Members: Chair Roskovics, Vice Chair Foglio, Simeone

March 11-Report

April 8

May 13

June 10

President John Roskovics provided the report. He also stated the April meeting is canceled because of the Solar Eclipse.

Planning Commission and Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission

President John Roskovics stated the committee will meet on Wednesday, March 20.

Presentation of Legislation

President John Roskovics presented the legislation.

Additional Formal Requests

None

Public Communications on Legislation

Ryan Lencl stated that he would like to discuss the City's proposed tax abatement for the condos on Bridge Street (Ordinance Number 2024-31). He asked what fund the taxes for those properties would go into. President John Roskovics stated they are property taxes. City Manager James Timonere stated that 90% of the money from property taxes goes into the City's General Fund and 10% goes into the Permanent Improvement Fund. Mr. Lencl asked what the total amount of the tax abatement is after seven years. The Manager said the condos on Bridge Street were not valued by the county auditor, therefore he would not be able to provide a dollar amount for the tax abatement.

City Manager James Timonere stated, based on the other condos on Bridge Street that have already been evaluated, the amount is \$755.00 per unit per year. Ryan Lencl also asked if the properties at the Werner Field Development have received the tax abatement. City Manager James Timonere responded saying no they have not, and he said that the Council is the only party that can decide on tax abatement. Mr. Lencl asked if there is a public ledger that shows the quantity of properties that are receiving tax abatement and the dollar amount of the abatement. Mr. Timonere stated yes, this information is available at the County Auditor's Office. He also explained that a committee reviews tax abatement information annually and the information is reported to the state of Ohio. Mr. Lencl asked what the goal is of implementing a tax abatement. City Manager James Timonere responded and stated the City of Ashtabula has not had any newly developed property recently, specifically in the housing realm. So he is glad to offer abatement for qualifying properties as a marketing tool. Mr. Timonere also explained that The Ashtabula County Landbank did a housing study and the results concluded that the City is extremely deficient in housing stock. Mr. Timonere stated the tax abatement is not being offered to the developer but it is for the property. Whoever purchases the property receives the tax abatement. He also stated that remodeling a home also falls into the realm of eligibility for a tax abatement.

Ryan Lencl also inquired about the settlement with the dispatchers (Ordinance No. 2024-39). Mr. Timonere responded stating that when the Police Department switched to 12-hour shifts, each group of officers were assigned dispatchers that worked within each platoon. According to the language in the Fair Labor Standard Act, it allows for a certain amount of working hours over 40 to be paid at regular time but only for safety service individuals. The staff in the Finance Department went to a conference and there was mention that dispatchers were not included as safety service individuals. That information was immediately reported to City Officials. The Solicitor's Department further investigated the situation and discovered the dispatchers were not included in the class of safety service workers. The City Officials discovered that the dispatchers were owed money because they were working overtime and not receiving the appropriate wages. The City self-reported this information to the dispatchers and The Police Union. The City Officials expressed that they would like to correct the error and reimburse the workers for the amount they felt was appropriate. However, some of the dispatchers decided to take the matter to court. Which is the result of the settlement agreement (Ordinance NO. 2024-39.)

Robert Dillie stated he is the owner of the condos on Bridge Street. He stated that he would like to thank Council for the consideration of a tax abatement. Mr. Dillie stated that he has businesses in the City of Ashtabula as well as the Township of Ashtabula. Mr. Dillie stated that in his opinion tax abatement is beneficial to the City as a whole. Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero asked Mr. Dillie if the tax abatement persuaded him to develop more properties in the City. Mr. Dillie responded saying the tax abatements make the properties more sellable. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman asked Mr. Dillie if he would have accepted a tax abatement at a lower percentage rate. Mr. Dillie responded and stated 75% for seven years is still a great incentive. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman stated she opposes the tax abatement and voted against the tax abatement. She thinks the tax abatement should be mutually beneficial. She stated people who have less income are not receiving the same level of tax break. She stated she believes we should be supporting our schools and our community.

Barbara Gubanyar stated she does not understand why the tax abatement continues. She stated she feels that the City is encouraging residential buildings to be placed on Bridge Street. She feels the improvements to the Harbor area of Ashtabula were not made with the premise that the Harbor is a historical area of the City. President John Roskovics responded to Ms. Gubanyar and stated that he is a non-voting member of the Architectural Review Board. He stated that the brick condos on Bridge Street were approved by the Board. He said the developers had to be in compliance with the Architectural Review Board's requests. Ms. Gubanyar said other areas should be reviewed for tax abatement and developments. President John Roskovics stated there is a proposal to build houses on West 50th Street, if the developer requests an abatement it will be considered by Council. Vice

President Russell Simeone asked City Manager James Timonere what is some of the criteria for abatements. Mr. Timonere stated that in regards to commercial developers they must submit an application to be considered for tax abatement. Each year the business must send reports to the City to ensure they are hitting their key performance indicators. In regards to residential development, residential code regulations are enforced and the City ensures they are current on their taxes. The City Manager Timonere also stated that anyone had the opportunity to develop the vacant lots in the community. Mr Timonere also stated the City is not paying anyone to develop the land. He also said tax abatement is not just for new development but people remodeling their homes are also eligible. Chip Goodell commented and said he is concerned because Council is voting on the tax abatement without knowing the dollar amount. City Manager Timonere said that the City contacts the County Auditor for a property value estimate after the development is finished. He also says that the tax abatement reports are reviewed on an annual bases. The tax abatement amounts are made public. Mr. Timonere stated the City is not struggling financially, he also said he thinks this is the best cash position the City has ever been in. He says the City is predicting a 4 million dollar carry over into the next year. City Manager Timonere said at this time there are 29 residential tax abatements on the books. The amounts range from \$125.98 to \$2281.50 off of their bill for a year. The average abatement is approximately \$895.75 for residential properties. Mr. Timonere stated that we have 12 commercial tax abatements in the City at this time. The average commercial tax abatement is \$1059.66. Mr. Timonere says he is in favor of tax abatements. He also says the City is experiencing growth and he does not think that it is a wise decisions to stop tax abatement at this time. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman says she thinks the tax abatements should be mutually beneficial. Ms. Holman stated the abatements do not need to be at 100%. She also stated investments should be made in our schools and our children. Ms. Holman asked is there a way to make the tax abatement work without compromising resources for the youth. City Manager James Timonere stated the tax money given to the schools does not change. He also stated the City has not seen this much development in a long time. Mr. Timonere said that it may have been about 15 years since new homes were constructed in the City. He said there are many incentives the city is trying to put in place to make Ashtabula more appealing than other communities. Mr. Timonere also stated the City has attempted to negotiate a lower rate for the tax abatement and it is up to Council to make changes to the tax abatement percentage.

Steve Wychock stated he thinks giving a residential tax abatement to the most sought-after place is ridiculous.

Overview / Discussion

Reading of Legislation

Clerk of Council Ashley Bell presented the following legislation for the Council's consideration.

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 31 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH DSTRANS, LLC, FOR TAX ABATEMENT AT 100% FOR 7 YEARS FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS LOCATED AT 1443 AND 1445 BRIDGE STREET, ASHTABULA, OH 44004

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 32 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO AMEND THE LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT IN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN IAFF LOCAL #165 AND THE CITY OF ASHTABULA

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 33 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE LIFT BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PERMISSION TO HOLD THE ANNUAL ASHTABULA WINE & WALLEYE FESTIVAL IN THE ASHTABULA HARBOR HISTORIC DISTRICT ON JULY 26 THROUGH 28, 2024, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY OF ASHTABULA

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 34 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A 2023 FORD EXPLORER FROM MONTROSE FORD, INC., FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,500.00

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 35 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY ANIMAL PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 36 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FAMOUS SUPPLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLUMBING ITEMS FOR THE ANNEX

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 37 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP OF AKRON, OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE 2024 PAVING PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$95,000

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 38 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF NINE (9) COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS UPON CONDITIONS AS INDICATED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-39 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DONALD LANSBURY, ABIGAIL VOLPI- HAPER, BRITTANY BRANTLEY, AND DEBORAH GAMBILL AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,060, IN SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

After the reading of the legislation titles, Mr. Roskovics announced Mrs. DiGiacomo would not like to include Ordinance Number 2024-35 if the council decides to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda. Ms. Holman proposed to not include Ordinance Number 2024-31 in the consent agenda format.

Council President Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda for ordinances: 2024-32,2024-33,2024-34, 2024-36, 2024-37, 2024-38, 2024-39.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, moved to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

Motion: Passed

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Timonere stated the only ordinance that needs to be removed from consent agenda is 2024-31. The revised consent agenda will include Ordinance Numbers 2024-32,2024-33,2024-34,2024-35, 2024-36, 2024-37, 2024-38, 2024-39.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed

Mr. Roskovicks asked for anoter motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda for ordinance to include all Legislation except for Ordinance 2024-31.

Council President Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda for ordinances: 2024-32, 2024-33, 2024-34, 2024-35, 2024-36, 2024-37, 2024-38, 2024-39.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, moved to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda ; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None

Motion passed.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Adoption of legislation 2024-32, 2024-33, 2024-34, 2024-34, 2024-36, 2024-37, 2024-38, 2024-39

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Legislation passed.

Motion: None

Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the reading of Ordinance number 2024-31; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: None

Voice Vote
Motion passed.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Adoption of Ordinance Number 2024-31

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman

Legislation passed by a 6 to 1 Vote.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio stated that she was notified that Captain Jeffery Gianantonio is retiring from the Fire Department on May 17, 2024. She is requesting that a resolution is made for him because of his 30 years of service.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to draft a resolution for Captain Gianantonio's retirement; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to appoint Tim Dibble to the Parks and Recreation Board; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion: None

Motion passed.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills announced that G.O. Community Development Corporation is hosting an Easter Basket giveaway on March 28, from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. She also mentioned that the Ashtabula Downtown Development Association is having an Easter event sponsored by The Space on Main. The event is Saturday, March 30, at 2:00 p.m. The event takes place in Cornelius Park and includes an egg hunt, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and refreshments.

Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio stated Our Lady of Peace food pantry is giving away produce on April 9, in the parking lot of Mount Carmel Community Center. This event will take place every 2nd Tuesday.

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills stated Tuesday is Primary Election Day.

Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman mentioned that Ashtabula Area City Schools Superintendent Lisa Newsome will be the guest speaker at the upcoming Public Works meeting. She stated that to her understanding, the tax abatement must be presented and approved by the School Board. The City

Manager reported the information presented to the School Board in regard to tax abatement is if a tax abatement is over 50 percent on commercial property.

Public Communications on General Matters

None

Executive Session (if needed)

President John Roskovics announced that Council will go into Executive Session and no action will be taken.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by Council President Roskovics. The Council reconvened the public portion of the meeting.

Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, April 1, 2024, in Council Chambers. The Pre-Council meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

DATE APPROVED:

April 1, 2024

ATTESTED BY:

John S. Roskovics

John S. Roskovics, President of Council

ATTESTED BY:

Ashley Bell

Ashley Bell, Clerk of Council