



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, April 15, 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. President John Roskovics offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin, Clerk of Council Ashley Bell

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia moved to excuse Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

The motion to excuse the absence was adopted.

President John Roskovics requested an Executive Session to take place prior to the meeting adjournment for the purpose of personnel employment.

Motion: Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, moved to request an Executive Session; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, seconded.

Discussion: City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper was invited to the Executive Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

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

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to waive the reading of the minutes in their entirety; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

VOICE VOTE

Hearing no corrections to the minutes, they were approved as presented.

April 1, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Administrative Reports

President John Roskovics announced City Hall is moving to a new location, and this is the last Council Meeting in this building. City Manager Timonere said the new address is 4230 Lake Avenue. President Roskovics also mentioned the opening of an inclusion playground at Walnut Beach. The grand opening will take place on Tuesday, April 16 at 11:30 a.m.

City Manager

The following legislation was formally requested:

An ordinance to approve The Ashtabula County Solid Waste Management Plan on behalf of the City of Ashtabula.

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

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Jack Doheny Companies, Inc. with a mailing address of 1860 Summit Commerce Park, Twinsburg, OH 44087 for the materials and services to repair the Aquatech Combination Sewer Cleaner in the amount not to exceed \$14,000.00. Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 503.

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

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An Ordinance to enter into an agreement with Rocky Road Paving with a mailing address of 3142 Padanarum Road, Geneva, OH 44041 for the purpose of providing the 2024 Round 1 Road Restoration from street cuts from storm sewer repairs in the amount not exceed \$14, 210.00 Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 412.

Motion: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Wilkinson Paving with a mailing address of 1911 Virginia Avenue, Ashtabula, Oh 44004 for the purpose of providing the 2024 Round 2 Road Restoration from street cuts from sanitary sewer repairs in the amount not to exceed \$17,805.00. Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 503.

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

Discussion: City Manager Timonere stated the asphalt plants will open in the next week or two; because of that, the street cut repairs were sent out for bid. The street cuts were performed in the winter and the paving ordinances are for permanent repairs. Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero asked if the road repairs are inspected. The City Manager replied there is a two year look back on the cuts. If there is an issue with the repairs a representative from the companies is contacted and

the company will come back to remedy any issues.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with ODOT to authorize participation in the 2024-2025 ODOT Road Salt Bid as indicated in the agreement.

Motion: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: City Manager Timonere reminded The Councilors that the City enters into the agreement with ODOT without knowing the price. After The City Officials make the agreement, the tonnage is submitted to ODOT, ODOT considers all of the City's areas and responds with the price. Typically 2500 tons of salt are ordered per year. The City Manager also stated the City can use between 200-300 tons of salt during a snow snow storm.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into a new construction Community Reinvestment Area Tax Agreement with Paul and Mary Ellen Dovenor 1614 Walnut Blvd, Ashtabula, OH 44004 at 100% for seven (7) years for the new residential dwelling, Permanent Parcel Number 68-406-10-003-00.

Motion: President John Roskovics moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

The City Manager announced leaf bag pick up started, bags are to be placed on the tree lawn. City Hall is closed to the public from April 18-22, City Hall is moving to a new location (4230 Lake Avenue). In the future there will be an open house at City Hall for the community. Signs for the new building are out for bid. City Council meetings will continue to stream on the City of Ashtabula's website, The City's Facebook page, as well as the Boxcast Application. The Council Meetings will no longer broadcast on Spectrum channel 1024. Several roads in the city are in the repaving process, this includes Route 11 which is a part of the ODOT program. The City Manager mentioned there was additional emergency staff on duty for the eclipse on April 8. The Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities (ACBDD) and the City of Ashtabula are opening an inclusion playground at Walnut Beach. The project is budgeted for \$500,000. The grant funds, allocated under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), were designed to establish the first inclusive playground in Ashtabula County, the largest county geographically in Ohio.

City Solicitor

None

Finance Director

None

Clerk of Council

None

City Council Committee Reports

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
April 23-Canceled
May 28
June 25

Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo announced City Clean up day, April 20.

Finance & Personnel
(3rd Friday @ 8:30 a.m.)
Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair DiGiacomo, Roskovics
April 19-Canceled
May 17
June 21

Public Works/Public Utilities/Cable/Schools
(4th Tuesday @ 8:30 a.m.)
Members: Chair Mills, Vice Chair Guerriero, Roskovics
April 23
May 28
June 25

Safety Forces
(2nd Monday @ 8:45 a.m.)
Members: Chair Roskovics, Vice Chair Foglio, Guerriero
April 8-Canceled
May 13
June 10

Planning Commission and Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission
(3rd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.)
April 18
May 16
June 21

President John Roskovics stated the Historic Preservation Commission approved an outdoor bar and lighting area for Bridge Street Tavern. A special meeting will take place on April 16 to discuss parking for the hotel on Bridge Street.

Presentation of Legislation
President John Roskovics previewed the legislation.

Additional Formal Requests

Public Communications on Legislation

Overview / Discussion

Reading of Legislation

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 43

A RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ASHTABULA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 -44

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JACK DOHENY COMPANIES, INC., FOR AQUATECH COMBINATION SEWER CLEANER REPAIRS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 45

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ROCKY ROAD PAVING FOR VARIOUS STREET CUT ROAD RESTORATIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 46

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WILKINSON PAVING FOR VARIOUS STREET CUT ROAD RESTORATIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 -47

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2024

Council President Roskovics entertained a motion to dispose of the ordinances by consent agenda.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to waive the reading of the legislation; 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; Vice President Russell Simeone seconded.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays:

Motion passed.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Legislation passed.

Unfinished Business

Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman inquired about zoning legislation in the Historic Harbor. The councilor referenced residents in the Walnut Beach area that made renovations to their homes. Councilor Holman also referenced the new construction in the Harbor and asked if new residents were aware of zoning legislation. The City Manager stated there was a public meeting about the zoning in that area. The City Solicitor stated there is discussion about hiring a consultant that will draft a rezoning proposal for the City. The proposal would be presented to the Community Development Committee and that committee approves or disapproves the proposal.

New Business

None.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills provided a report about the RAM Clinic. The clinic serviced 477 patients and provided over \$375,000 in free medical services. The clinic bridged the gap between people who are under insured and need medical services. Several local businesses donated food for the volunteers.

Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman stated on May 9 at 6 p.m., she is hosting an event at the Ashtabula County District Library "The Racial Wealth Gap Simulation".

Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman asked about the Appalachian Funds from the State of Ohio. The City Manager stated the only information he has is that Ashtabula County is receiving funds. Those funds will place a medical clinic inside of one of the Elementary School Buildings to improve student's access to care. This initiative will partner with Ashtabula County Medical Center. No other updates are available.

Public Communications on General Matters

Executive Session (if needed)

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. by Council President Roskovics. The council reconvened the public portion of the meeting.

Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, May 6, 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:

May 6, 2024

ATTESTED BY:

John S. Roskovics
John S. Roskovics, President of Council

ATTESTED BY:

Ashley Bell
Ashley Bell, Clerk of Council