



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
4230 Lake Avenue

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. Council President Roskovics 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, Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin, Clerk of Council Ashley Bell

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 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

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

Regular Council Meeting Minutes June 3, 2024

Administrative Reports

City Manager

The following legislation was formally requested:

An ordinance to execute Change Order #1 with Koski Construction with a mailing address of 5841 Woodman Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004 for the purpose of providing additional work to be done as part of the project in the amount not to exceed \$9,566.37. Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 412.

Motion: Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo inquired about a flag pole being placed at the Municipal Complex. The City Manager stated that a flag pole is not a part of this project.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An ordinance to execute Chang Order #1 with J. Severino Construction with a mailing address of 937 West 52nd Street, Ashtabula, OH 44004 for the purpose of providing additional work to the project in the amount not to exceed \$16,523.35. Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 504.

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

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An ordinance to execute Change Order #1 with Jack Doheny Companies, Inc, with a mailing address of 1860 Summit Commerce Park, Twinsburg, OH 44087 for the purpose of providing additional work to the Aquatech Combination Sewer Jet in the amount not to exceed \$13,000.00. Funding for this expense will be taken from funds 504 and 412.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with MC Construction with a mailing address of 630 West 30th Street Ashtabula, OH 44004 for the purpose of repairing the overhand and façade at City Bus Garage located at 425 West 24th Street Ashtabula, OH 44004 in the amount not to exceed \$21,800.00. Funding for this project will be taken from fund 412.

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

Discussion: The City Manager stated the City's contribution to the Ashtabula County Transportation System (ACTS) includes the free use of the bus garage. The City is also responsible for mechanical issues. Heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) costs are split between the counties.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Development Office of Community Infrastructure with a mailing address of P.O. Box 1001 Columbus, OH 43216-1001, for the purpose of administering Community Development Block Grant Program Revolving Loan Funds.

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

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

Nick Detore is re-appointed as a member of the City's Planning Commission for another term, to commence immediately with an expiration date of May 12, 2027.

Juneteenth is Wednesday, June 19. The City offices are closed, but garbage pickup will run on its

regular schedule. The Ohio Department of Transportation paving project is ongoing. The completion date is August or September. The City's paving project will start mid-July with a completion date of September. Until paving is complete, there will not be cross walks on the roads that are being serviced. There are not any temporary crosswalk markers available at this time. A sinkhole developed on Bridge Street. City officials performed an exploratory dig. No issues with the pipes were detected. The project at Smith Field will be completed on August 30.

City Solicitor

No report.

Finance Director

The following legislation was formally requested:

An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for custody accounts with Huntington National Bank for the City of Ashtabula as part of the discretionary investment management services contract with Meeder Public Funds, INC.

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

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for discretionary investment management services with Meeder Public Funds, INC. for the City of Ashtabula.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the Finance Director's request; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

Clerk of Council

No report.

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

June 25

July 23

August 26

Finance & Personnel

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

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair DiGiacomo, Roskovics

June 21

July 19

August 16

Public Works/Public Utilities/Cable/Schools

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

Members: Chair Mills, Vice Chair Guerriero, Roskovics

June 25

July 23

August 26

Safety Forces

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

Members: Chair Roskovics, Vice Chair Foglio, Guerriero

June 10-report

July 8

August 12

President John Roskovics provided the report. The City Manager requested a quote for a "Rip Tide Warning" sign. The sign will be in English and in Spanish. A sign will be placed near the boardwalk as well as on the back end of the beach. Lifeguards are hired every summer season for the City of Ashtabula's beaches.

Planning Commission

The meeting date changed to July 2.

Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission

President Roskovics stated the commission approved new signage during their last meeting. The Commission also approved an outdoor covering for Rennick's Meat Market. Benches were approved for the Carlisle Pavilion on Morton Drive. A motion was tabled regarding a decision for a cement pad.

Presentation of Legislation

President John Roskovics previewed the legislation.

Additional Formal Requests

Public Communications on Legislation

None.

Overview / Discussion

Reading of Legislation

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-67

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH KOSKI CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECT AT THE HEALTH AND FIRE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS CITY HALL

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-68

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH J. SEVERINO CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE OPWC W. 14TH STREET SSO IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-69

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH JACK DOHENY COMPANIES, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL REPAIRS TO THE AQUATECH COMBINATION SEWER CLEANER

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-70

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CUSTODY ACCOUNTS WITH HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AS PART OF THE DISCRETIONARY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT WITH MEEDER PUBLIC FUNDS, INC.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-71

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR

DISCRETIONARY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH MEEDER PUBLIC FUNDS, INC. FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-72

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MC CONSTRUCTION TO REPAIR THE OVERHANG AND FAÇADE AT 425 W. 24TH STREET, ASHTABULA, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 73

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JEFFERSON HEALTH CARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL, AND VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.

Council President Roskovics entertained a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio None moved to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo 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 2 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.

Adoption of legislation

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.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Re-open Hearing of Planning Commission's decision at 1317 Bridge Street

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to table the hearing of the Planning Commission's decision at 1317 Bridge Street; President John Roskovics seconded.

Discussion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio does not think the matter will be resolved by tabling the issue. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman stated there is additional information that the Council should discuss in private.

(There was not an Executive Session requested.) City Solicitor Cooper stated a decision has to be made. The parties involved have a right to appeal the decision. The appeal process does not start until the Council

makes a decision and the decision is reduced to writing and given to the parties involved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills,

Nays: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio

Abstention: Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero

Motion passed.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills stated the website for the Wine and Walleye Festival is live. You may visit the site if you would like to volunteer for the event. The event is July 26-28 on Bridge Street. The Beach Glass Festival takes place June 22-23 on Bridge Street.

Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo stated "Bands on the Beach" is June 27 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at Walnut Beach Park.

Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman stated the events that took place on June 15 (Juneteenth and Ashtabula Pride) went well.

The City Manager stated the sign that faces south honoring Dr. Shelby is back up. It was removed because of construction.

Public Communications on General Matters

Micheline Guerriero, 6237 Lake Road West. Stated she and her husband own the building at 1317 Bridge Street. She spoke with the City Manager in an attempt to reach a compromise regarding the changes that were made to her building. She would like the matter regarding her building to be resolved.

Bob Licata 6237, Lake Road West. He and his wife own the building at 1317 Bridge Street. He stated he submitted a compromise (a different color trim) to the Planning Commission. The compromise was denied by the Planning Commission. The Commission would like the changes the owners made removed.

Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio stated the Ashtabula Pride Festival was great and there were no incidents.

Finance Director Augustin wanted to thank all the City employees for their support last week. There was a payroll issue. The City employees were not paid until Monday, June 17, opposed to the scheduled date of Friday, June 14.

Executive Session (if needed)

N/A

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M. by Council President Roskovics.

Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, July 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:

July 1, 2024

ATTESTED BY:

John S. Roskovics

John S. Roskovics, President of Council

ATTESTED BY:

Ashley M. Bell

Ashley M. Bell, Clerk of Council