



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
4717 Main Avenue

Minutes

Opening of Regular Meeting

- **Call to Order**
- **Prayer**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Moment of Silence (if needed)**

The March 7, 2022, Regular meeting of the Ashtabula City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council Vice President Speelman. Councilor Haines offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Members Present: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Vice President Michael Speelman

Absent: President John Roskovics

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Finance Director Traci Welch, Clerk of Council Stacy Senskey

Absent: none

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines moved to excuse the Council President's absence from the meeting; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Sunshine Law Certification

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

Presentations/Announcements

Approval of Minutes

February 22, 2022

Clerk of Council Senskey presented minutes from the February 22nd Regular meeting.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the minutes; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Ayes: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: Ward 3 Councilor Holman

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

Administrative Reports

City Manager

City Manager Timonere formally requested:

1. An ordinance to repeal Codified Ordinance 109.03 for the purpose of enacting replacement legislation
2. An ordinance to replace Codified Ordinance Section 109.03 to modify the competitive bidding requirements
3. An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Columbiana Chrysler Jeep Dodge with a mailing address of 100 Commerce Circle, Columbiana, OH 44408 for the purchase of a Dodge Ram 3500 Truck to be utilized in the Water Pollution Control Department. Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 504
4. An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Austinburg Truck Center of 2679 Sidley Court, Austinburg, OH 44010 through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of three (3) new Mack Granite 42-BR Trucks in the amount not to exceed \$308,409.00 for all three trucks. Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 412
5. An ordinance to approve borrowing up to \$310,500.00 from the Andover Bank for a period of five (5) years at an interest rate not to exceed 2.55% for the purpose of paying for the acquisition of three (3) Mack Trucks for Public Works
6. An ordinance to repeal Ordinance 2022-17 to modify current terms and conditions of employment for non-union personnel employed by the City of Ashtabula
7. A new ordinance to approve and adopt pay rates and other terms and conditions of employment for current non-union personnel employed by the City of Ashtabula
8. An ordinance to repeal Ordinance 2022- 21 for the purpose of granting a wage increase to the Director of Finance and other employees of the city and the City Health District, excluding elected officials
9. An ordinance to enact new payroll ordinance authorizing compensation, salaries, and wages to employees of the City of Ashtabula and the City Health District
10. An ordinance to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with three employee organizations for the purpose of defining dates for step increases within their respective collective bargaining agreements
11. An ordinance to forego Claw Backs of compensation already paid to employees within the FOP Lodge NO. 26 and IAFF Local No. 165

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to dispose of City Manager Timonere's listed (1-11) formal requests by consent agenda; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None
Motion carried.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve City Manager Timonere's listed (1-11) formal requests; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None
Motion carried.

These eleven formal requests correspond to ordinances on the legislative portion of the March 7, 2022 agenda.

City Manager Timonere formally requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with CT Consultants with a mailing address of 8150 Sterling Court, Mentor, OH 44060 as the most responsible bid, to provide administration of the WPC Industrial Pretreatment Program in the amount not to exceed \$16,000 annually for a period of two years. Funding for this expense will be taken from the 503 Water Pollution fund.

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None
Motion carried.

City Manager Timonere formally requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Gianpiero and Cynthia Piras with a mailing address of P.O. Box 2832 Ashtabula, OH 44005 to act as Concessionaire for Walnut Beach effective May 30, 2022, for a term of three years.

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

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None
Motion carried.

Discussion: Gianpiero and Cynthia Piras were the former owners of Pieros on Geneva-On-The-Lake. They had the most restaurant business experience of the three bids submitted.

City Manager Timonere requested approval of his Health District Licensing Council re-appointments of David DeGeorge, Christine Peters, and Trevor Sprague with new terms to expire February 4, 2027.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's re-appointments; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

City Manager Timonere formally requested an ordinance to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Agreement with Emily and Franklin Verdi for a tax abatement in the amount of \$260,000.00 at 100% for seven (7) years for the new residential dwelling located at 3222 Brianna Court, Ashtabula, OH 44004.

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

City Solicitor

City Solicitor Cooper said her staff is developing a monthly report of filed and resolved cases to present to City Council.

Each law enforcement agency in the County has a "Law Enforcement Trust Fund" used to defray officer education costs, equipment expenses, or undercover purchases of narcotics. The money comes from the forfeiture of funds taken from drug dealers after their arrests. The money goes through court procedures and is eventually forfeited to the law enforcement agency's trust fund. In the month of February, \$4,700.00 was submitted to the Ashtabula Police Department's trust fund and \$5,000.00 was submitted to the Crime Enforcement Agency of Ashtabula County's trust fund.

Finance Director

The "File City Income Tax Online" link is now available by selecting "Income Tax Department" under the "Departments" heading on the City's website, <https://www.cityofashtabula.com/>. Requested documents can be scanned and uploaded, mailed, or dropped off at the Finance Department by the tax deadline in order for a completed tax return. The deadline to file is Monday, April 18th, but filing early is encouraged. The Income Tax Department hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The department will extend its hours to 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 14th, Friday, April 15th, and Monday, April 18th. Please remember that all residents over the age of 18 must file a tax return even if there is no tax due.

Ashtabula County is interested in taking over the collection of the City's bed tax. City Manager Timonere or Finance Director Welch will present the complete information to City Council for review.

Finance Director Welch thanked two staff members who hand calculated employee back wages to January 1, 2022, per the payroll ordinance. The back wages are included in the next payroll and scheduled to be paid at the end of the week.

Clerk of Council

March 7, 2022

Clerk of Council Senskey requested an ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Ashtabula Codified Ordinances.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to Approve Clerk of Council Senskey's request; Ward 5 Councilor Haines seconded.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Discussion: The replacement pages include updates to City Council members and Officials, adds Ordinances 2022-09 through 2022-12 dealing with the changes to Chapter 174 Parks & Recreation Board, and the listed State law changes to the Administrative Code, Traffic Code, and General Offenses Code. Ordinance No. 1993-157 through 2000-33 were listed twice in Appendix A, the replacement pages remove the duplication.

City resident Richard Longden submitted a Notice of Interest to Serve to be considered for an appointment on the Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission.

Clerk of Council Senskey agreed to participate in a case study with CivicPlus in order to improve user experience. Her contributions will be published on the CivicPlus website. Any input from the public is greatly appreciated.

She submitted an updated legislative expenses worksheet. She reminded the Council of the Update on Public Records Act & Open Meetings Act webinar and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Family Pride of Northeast Ohio on Thursday, March 10th, and announced The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is offering free legal advice clinics in Ashtabula Tuesday, March 15, and Tuesday, April 19 from 2-3:30 p.m. at Catholic Charities. Call 440-992-2121 for an appointment. They are now open for intake applications online in Spanish and English by going to their website, www.lasclev.org.

City Council Committee Reports

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8th in Council Chambers. Brad Blair from Ashtabula Access Capital Program will be the guest speaker.

Finance & Personnel

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 18 in the August A. Pugliese Conference room.

Public Works

The next meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25 in Council Chambers.

Safety Forces

Vice President Speelman reported on the February meeting, minutes submitted and viewable on the City's website. A request from Mr. Dean Foglio for a "No Parking" sign on the south side of Walnut Boulevard from Myrtle Avenue to Ohio Avenue.

Motion: Vice President Speelman moved to request City Manager Timonere and Chief Stell to evaluate a section of Walnut Boulevard for the purpose of adding "No Parking"; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. on Monday, April 25 in Council Chambers.

Presentation of Legislation

Additional Formal Requests

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to request to add the ordinance renewing the Finance Director's employment contract to the agenda; Ward 5 Councilor Haines seconded.

Discussion: The ordinance is intended to be on the March 7th legislative agenda

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: Ward 3 Councilor Holman

Motion carried.

Public Communications on Legislation

Overview / Discussion

Reading of Legislation

Council Vice President Speelman asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by Consent Agenda.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines moved to Approve; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2022-30 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 109.03 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION THAT ONLY REQUIRES A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT (City Manager, requested 3/7/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-31 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 109.03 EXCEPTION TO COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS DURING AN EMERGENCY (City Manager, requested 3/7/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-27 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH COLUMBIANA CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A DODGE RAM 3500 FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (City Manager, requested 3/7/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-32 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE THREE (3) NEW MACK GRANITE 42-BR TRUCKS FROM AUSTINBURG TRUCK CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$308,409.00 (City Manager, requested 3/7/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-33 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO RENEW HER EMPLOYMENT AND INCREASE HER SALARY (City Council, requested 2/22/22)

Ordinance No. 2022-34 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE 2022-17, PAY RATES AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CURRENT NON-UNION PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING WAGES OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES AND ADOPTING OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

(City Manager, requested 3/7/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-35 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING PAY RATES AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CURRENT NON-UNION PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF ASHTABULA
(City Manager, requested 3/7/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-36 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, PAYROLL ORDINANCE 2022-21 FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING A WAGE INCREASE TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AND THE ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DISTRICT, EXCLUDING ELECTED OFFICIALS (City Manager, requested 3/7/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-37 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION, SALARIES AND WAGES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AND THE ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DISTRICT (City Manager, requested 3/7/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-38 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THREE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING DATES FOR STEP INCREASES WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS (City Manager, requested 3/7/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-39 AN ORDINANCE INSTRUCTING THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO FOREGO CLAW BACKS OF COMPENSATION ALREADY PAID TO EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE FOP LODGE NO. 26 AND IAFF LOCAL NO. 165 WHICH WOULD RESULT DUE TO NEW PAY CALCULATIONS FROM RECENT NEGOTIATIONS (City Manager, requested 3/7/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-40 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ASHTABULA CODIFIED ORDINANCES
(Clerk of Council, requested 3/7/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-41 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BORROWING UP TO \$310,500.00 FROM THE ANDOVER BANK, FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS AT AN INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 2.55% FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THREE (3) MACK TRUCKS FOR PUBLIC WORKS
(City Manager, requested 3/7/2022)

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Vice President Speelman moved to convene an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and employment; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion: Vice President Speelman asked City Solicitor Cooper to join the executive session.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Vice President Speelman

Nays: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford

Motion carried.

The executive session convened off camera. After the executive session was over, Council Vice President Speelman reconvened the public portion of the meeting.

Council Vice President Speelman asked Ward 5 Councilor Haines to withdraw her motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by Consent Agenda.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines moved to withdraw the motion to handle the legislation in consent agenda format; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio seconded.

Discussion: Each piece of legislation was read individually.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2022-30 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 109.03 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION THAT ONLY REQUIRES A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-30 in its entirety; Ward 5 Councilor Haines seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of Ordinance 2022-30; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of Ordinance 2022-30

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Legislation adopted.

Ordinance No. 2022-31 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 109.03 EXCEPTION TO COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS DURING AN EMERGENCY
Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-31 in its entirety; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of Ordinance 2022-31; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of Ordinance 2022-31

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Legislation adopted.

Ordinance No. 2022-27 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH COLUMBIANA CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A DODGE RAM 3500 FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-27 in its entirety; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of Ordinance 2022-27; Ward 5 Councilor Haines seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of Ordinance 2022-27

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None
Legislation adopted.

Ordinance No. 2022-32 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE THREE (3) NEW MACK GRANITE 42-BR TRUCKS FROM AUSTINBURG TRUCK CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$308,409.00

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-32 in its entirety; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of Ordinance 2022-32; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of Ordinance 2022-32

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Legislation adopted.

Ordinance No. 2022-33 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO RENEW HER EMPLOYMENT AND INCREASE HER SALARY

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-33 in its entirety; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion: Ward 3 Councilor Holman said the following, *"One of the reasons I ran for Council was to help the City make improvements in its practices and policies and to be intentional about decision-making and improve the quality of life for all residents regardless of their street address, economic status or other reasons they find that may prevent equal access to opportunities, growth, and success. As an educator, I'm always conscientious of how to enable individuals to continue to develop into their best selves. I believe that in order for the City to grow, our departments, committees, and employees must do the same. Council has been asked to increase wages for many if not most employees. While I understand inflation and employees' need to keep pace with the cost of living, I am not in favor with increasing the budget without any accountability. I believe it is our responsibility to conduct performance reviews and offer constructive feedback to our employees so that they have a clear idea of how they are performing and ways they can continue to get better. With these types of reviews, we ensure that jobs get done with the level of proficiency and satisfaction and, when not, have strategies for continuous improvement. This being said, I am in*

favor of increases to support our employees and their families, but not without accountability and ongoing development. This expectation will enable Ashtabula to better monitor our knowledge and skills to keep pace with the 21st century. As a matter of fact, most employees welcome constructive feedback and find value in the process when done well and mutually beneficial. While we not only need to hold employees accountable but ourselves and City Councilors for our collective responsibilities. While I am satisfied with both Ms. Welch's personality and performance, I am not in favor of permanent or continuous contracts. And for this reason only I am voting 'No'"

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of Ordinance 2022-33; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: Ward 3 Councilor Holman

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of Ordinance 2022-33

Yeas: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: Ward 3 Councilor Holman

Legislation adopted.

Ordinance No. 2022-34 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE 2022-17, PAY RATES AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CURRENT NON-UNION PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING WAGES OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES AND ADOPTING OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-34 in its entirety; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of Ordinance 2022-34; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of Ordinance 2022-34

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None
Legislation adopted.

Ordinance No. 2022-35 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING PAY RATES AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CURRENT NON-UNION PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF ASHTABULA

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-35 in its entirety; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of Ordinance 2022-35; Ward 5 Councilor Haines seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of Ordinance 2022-35

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Legislation adopted.

Ordinance No. 2022-36 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, PAYROLL ORDINANCE 2022-21 FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING A WAGE INCREASE TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AND THE ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DISTRICT, EXCLUDING ELECTED OFFICIALS

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-36 in its entirety; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion: Payroll ordinances reflect a new pay scale and remain in effect until Council passes a new payroll ordinance. The payroll ordinances instruct the Finance Department to pay the wages as specified.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor Holman moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of Ordinance 2022-36; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of Ordinance 2022-36

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Legislation adopted.

Ordinance No. 2022-37 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION, SALARIES AND WAGES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AND THE ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DISTRICT

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-37 in its entirety; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of Ordinance 2022-37; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of Ordinance 2022-37

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Legislation adopted.

Ordinance No. 2022-38 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THREE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING DATES FOR STEP INCREASES WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-38 in its entirety; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor Holman moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of Ordinance 2022-38; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of Ordinance 2022-38

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Legislation adopted.

Ordinance No. 2022-39 AN ORDINANCE INSTRUCTING THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO FOREGO CLAW BACKS OF COMPENSATION ALREADY PAID TO EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE FOP LODGE NO. 26 AND IAFF LOCAL NO. 165 WHICH WOULD RESULT DUE TO NEW PAY CALCULATIONS FROM RECENT NEGOTIATIONS

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-39 in its entirety; Ward 5 Councilor Haines seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of Ordinance 2022-39; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of Ordinance 2022-39

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Legislation adopted.

Ordinance No. 2022-40 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ASHTABULA CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-40 in its entirety; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of Ordinance 2022-40; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of Ordinance 2022-40

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Legislation adopted.

Ordinance No. 2022-41 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BORROWING UP TO \$310,500.00 FROM THE ANDOVER BANK, FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS AT AN INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 2.55% FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THREE (3) MACK TRUCKS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-41 in its entirety; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of Ordinance 2022-41; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of Ordinance 2022-41

Yeas: Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman

Nays: None

Legislation adopted.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Ward 1 Councilor Foglio - Reported a huge pothole on East 23rd Street that severely damaged a resident's vehicle. City Manager Timonere indicated that particular pothole is the responsibility of Aqua, but the resident should call his office to report the damage. His office will reach out to Aqua and Aqua will follow up with the resident.

Ward 4 Councilor Mills - Dirt bikes and Four-wheelers have been reported driving on City roadways. Off-road vehicles, including golf carts, are not permitted on the roads.

A resident came to the meeting after reporting to Councilor Mills about an issue with double-parking on West 54th Street between Main Avenue and Adams Avenue.

Motion: Ward 4 Councilor Mills moved to request a traffic study on West 54th Street from Main Avenue to Adams Avenue; Ward 5 Councilor Haines seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ward 5 Councilor Haines - A homeless camp is located on West 54th Street near the railroad tracks. Neighbors are concerned the area is attracting varmints. She asked the City Manager to investigate.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Ward 5 Councilor Haines reported the building on Main Avenue that previously caught fire is in the process of being demolished.

Ward 1 Councilor Foglio reported the church building on Lake Avenue is also in the process of being demolished.

Ward 3 Councilor Holman announced she and other female Councilors were invited by Ashtabula Area City Schools to celebrate International Women's Day on March 15th.

City Manager Timonere announced a group of students from Braden Junior High came to the City for the basis of a school group project. On Thursday, March 24 at 9:30 a.m. the students will present their projects to City Manager Timonere and any Councilors who wish to attend.

Ward 4 Councilor Mills reminded everyone about the Remote Area Medical free clinic at Lakeside High School on April 2nd and 3rd.

Public Communications on General Matters

Speaker 1: James requested further answers to the homeless situation. City Manager Timonere admitted it is not just a City of Ashtabula issue, but a nationwide problem. The work is ongoing, but it will never be completely resolved.

Executive Session (if needed)

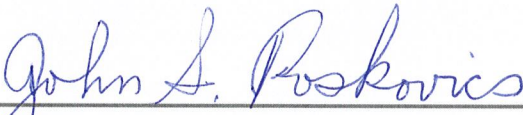
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. by Council Vice President Speelman.

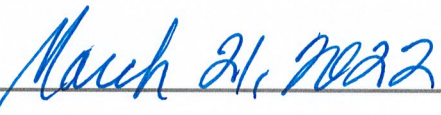
Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, March 21st in Council Chambers. The Pre-Council meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.


Clerk of Council, Stacy H. Senskey

Attested By:


President of Council, John S. Roskovics

Date Approved:


March 21, 2022