



City of Ashtabula
Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
4717 Main Avenue

Minutes

Opening of Regular Meeting

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

Roll Call

Members Present: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman, President Roskovics, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 3 Councilor Holman

Absent: Ward 5 Councilor Haines

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

Absent: none

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to excuse Councilor Haines from the meeting; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

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

April 4, 2022

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of the minutes; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

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

Administrative Reports

City Manager

Formal Request:

An ordinance to repeal Payroll Ordinance 2022-037 for the purpose of adding the classification of Laborer without a CDL

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Formal Request:

A new payroll 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 approve the City Manager's request; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Formal Request:

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Koski Construction with a mailing address of P.O. Box 1038 Ashtabula, OH 44004 as the most responsive bidder for the purpose of providing materials and services for the 2022 Paving Contract in the amount not to exceed \$696,779.00. Funding for this project will be taken from the Paving Levy Fund 212.

Motion: Vice President Speelman moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio seconded.

Discussion: The 2022 paving project involves paving the entirety of Union Avenue and West 13th Street, and East 23rd Street between Harbor Avenue and Columbus Avenue.

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Formal Request:

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 Crew Cab truck in the amount not to exceed \$50,950.00. Funding for this expense will be taken equally from the following funds: 233 Parks Levy Fund and 412 Permanent Improvement Fund.

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Announcements:

Council passed the participation agreement with ODOT for the Route 20 and Route 84 paving project. An ordinance will come to Council after the project costs are determined and the project bid is awarded, likely after July.

Issues with leaf bags dropped off at the Transfer Station remain a problem. Leaf bag curbside pick up is in the Harbor area this week, meaning Walnut Boulevard south to West 19th Street/Carpenter Road and from the Ashtabula River heading west to the City limits.

City Solicitor

Finance Director

Formal Request:

A resolution authorizing the City of Ashtabula to use the standard allowance for the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the Finance Director's request; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Clerk of Council

Announcements:

Attended Ohio Municipal League's(OML) "Crisis Communications for Municipal Government" webinar. The OML webinar "Nuisance Abatement" "is upcoming and The City of Ashtabula is registered. The Ohio Electronic Records Committee has a free email training series available online and is provided at no cost. The Center for Public and Nonprofit Management at Levin scheduled three Zoom workshops. The May session is "Governance Roles & Responsibilities" and "Public Transparency & Communications".

City Council Committee Reports

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation - 2nd Tuesday of the month, 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

The Committee Vice Chair, Councilor Mills reported on the April meeting.

Motion: Ward 4 Councilor Mills moved to request the City Solicitor draft legislation; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio seconded.

Discussion: The Committee approved a request from the Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development to add certain language to the Codified Ordinances allowing the City to serve notice to property owners of nuisance properties in order to expedite the cleaning process. If the property owner refuses to comply within five days, the City will undertake the cleaning process for a fee charged to the property owner. The City of Conneaut has a similar ordinance.

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Motion: Ward 4 Councilor Mills moved to request the City Solicitor draft legislation; President Roskovics seconded.

Discussion: The Committee approved a request from the Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development to revise Codified Ordinance 977.11 Construction Site Conservation Plan and add a fee of \$750 for the cost of review of certain residential and all commercial project's construction site conservation plans. Stormwater management is a critical portion of such plans. The City is experiencing residential and commercial building growth, more plans are being submitted and the City's engineers should be compensated for

their review.

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10 with special guest Sarah Bogardus, Executive Director of the Ashtabula County 503 Corporation.

Finance & Personnel -

3rd Friday of the month, 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers

The Committee Chair, Councilor Foglio, gave a report of the April meeting.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio requested an ordinance approving vacation leave for the City Solicitor's new executive secretary be placed on the evening's meeting agenda; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to request the City Solicitor draft legislation allowing the Finance Director to transfer \$12,528.07 from Unclaimed Funds to the General Fund; President Roskovics seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 20.

Public Works -

4th Monday of the month, 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

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

Safety Forces -

4th Monday of the month, 8:45 a.m. in Council Chambers

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

Presentation of Legislation

Additional Formal Requests

Overview / Discussion

Public Communications on Legislation

Reading of Legislation

President Roskovics requested to vote on Ordinance No. 2022-55 separately.

Council President Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the remaining regular business legislation by consent agenda.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the disposal of the regular business legislation (Ordinance No. 2022-54 and Ordinance Nos. 2022-56 through Resolution No. 2022-62) by consent agenda; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Ordinance No. 2022-54 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN FIREWORKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500 TO PROVIDE A FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR THE 2022 WINE & WALLEYE FESTIVAL (City Manager, requested 4/4/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-55 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE TRANSIENT LODGING TAX COLLECTION INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING TRANSIENT LODGING TAXES OWED TO THE CITY OF ASHTABULA (Finance Director, requested 4/4/2022)

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: President Roskovics

Motion Passed

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of legislation

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

Nays: President Roskovics

Legislation Passed

Ordinance No. 2022-56 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST 54TH STREET BETWEEN MAIN AVENUE AND THE RAILROAD CROSSING JUST WEST OF CHESTNUT AVENUE (City Council, requested 4/4/2022)

Clerk of Council Senskey announced Ordinance No. 2022-56 required two readings and should be removed from the consent agenda format.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to amend the consent agenda to include only Ordinance No. 2022-54 and Ordinance Nos. 2022-57 through Resolution 2022-62; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None
Motion Passed.

Ordinance No. 2022-57 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, PAYROLL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-037 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING THE CLASSIFICATION OF LABORER WITHOUT A CDL (City Manager, requested 4/18/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-58 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION, SALARIES AND WAGES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AND THE ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DISTRICT (City Manager, requested 4/18/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-59 ORDINANCE AWARDED BID - COPIES TO BE PROVIDED AT MEETING per Ohio Revised Code 9.28 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$696,779 FOR THE 2022 STREET PAVING PROGRAM

Ordinance No. 2022-60 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH COLUMBIANA CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A DODGE RAM 3500 CREW CAB FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND PARKS & RECREATION (City Manager, requested 4/18/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-61 AN ORDINANCE ACKNOWLEDGING THE HIRING OF JULIE VENCILL AS AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN THE CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE AND APPROVING ADDITIONAL PAID VACATION LEAVE (City Solicitor, requested 4/18/2022)

Resolution No. 2022-62 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ASHTABULA TO USE THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE FOR THE LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AS AUTHORIZED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (Finance Director, requested 4/18/2022)

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of the legislation (Ordinance No. 2022-54 and Ordinance Nos. 2022-57 through Resolution No. 2022-62); Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

ROLL CALL VOTE Adoption of legislation

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

Nays: None

Ordinance No. 2022-54 and Ordinance Nos. 2022-57 through Resolution No. 2022-62 Passed.

Unfinished Business

House Bill 563 and Resolution in Opposition to House Bill 563

Motion: President Roskovics moved to request a resolution in opposition to House Bill 563; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion: House Bill 563 takes away the City's ability to monitor and regulate short-term rentals.

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Motion: President Roskovics moved to request the Planning Commission to consider rezoning property; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion: This topic was discussed during the Pre-Council meeting. Three parcels on the east side of the Ashtabula River south of the lift bridge are zoned M2 - Heavy Industrial. In the past, Council expressed the desire to see them rezoned to C2 - Commercial to protect the integrity of the area's waterways and remain consistent with the zoning in the Bridge Street area. Merchants on Bridge Street expressed their support to President Roskovics.

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

New Business

City Manager Timonere:

An application was submitted requesting the block starting at West 34th Street to West 33rd Street (a paper street) between West Avenue and Ann Avenue be rezoned. It is currently a mix of several zoning classifications and the City Manager recommends it be rezoned R2-Residential. The new owner plans to build several homes in the area.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

City Manager Timonere:

Aqua cleaned Walnut Beach and collected over 200 pounds of garbage. They have a monetary donation to present to the City for further clean-up efforts.

Ward 4 Councilor Mills:

Councilor Mills and Councilor Foglio attended the ribbon-cutting event for Harbor Hound, a new business on Lake Avenue for grooming pets. Harbor Hound offers pet supplies for sale and services such as pet sitting.

Councilor Mills, Vice President Speelman, and City Manager Timonere attended the presentation by students at Braden Jr. High. Several groups of students invented clever plans on how to make Ashtabula a destination spot. Councilor Mills said the students were enthusiastic and their insights were inspiring. Vice President Speelman enjoyed seeing the students "exercise their brain" and listening to their creative ideas.

Ward 3 Councilor Holman:

Ashtabula Area City Schools is celebrating Cinco de Mayo day on Wednesday, May 4th, instead of the 5th. The school district will have activities for the students and their families in honor of people of Mexican descent.

Vice President Speelman:

A retired Marine, after serving 21 years, Vice President Speelman visits the local VA Clinic. Veterans should have recently received an email sent from United States Senator Sherrod Brown's office requesting input on the VA

Clinics. Vice President Speelman urges all veterans to participate in the survey, or reach out to federal legislators, because veterans should be treated better than they are treated by the Veterans Administration services.

Public Communications on General Matters

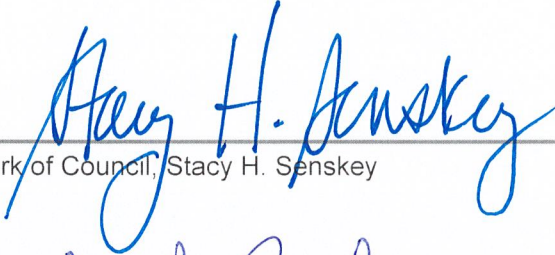
Ms. Pivovarnik discussed transient or homeless people taking up residence in abandoned homes in her neighborhood. The problem is creating increased violence and crime, interrupting regular sleep patterns, and devaluing neighboring homes. She has contacted several City departments and commends their responses and actions. She suggests the owners of abandoned homes should be held accountable for neglecting their homes. Ms. Pivovarnik suggests requiring the homeowner to install personal surveillance systems on or near abandoned homes. The surveillance feed could be outsourced or monitored by the police. She suggests the homeowner pay for the costs associated with the surveillance. The City Manager agreed that many different City departments watch those homes regularly and secure them when needed. Those costs are normally passed down to the homeowner. Ms. Pivovarnik thanked the City for all its help.

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment

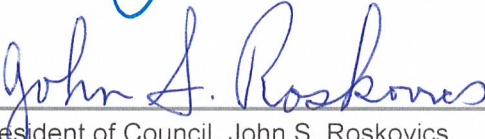
The meeting was adjourned at 08:15 PM by Council President Roskovics. Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, May 2, 2022, in Council Chambers. The Pre-Council meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Attested By:



Clerk of Council, Stacy H. Senskey

Date Approved:



President of Council, John S. Roskovics

