



City of Ashtabula
Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
4717 Main 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. President Roskovics offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Members Present: Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Vice President Speelman, President Roskovics

Absent: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio

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

Absent: none

Motion: Councilor Crawford moved to excuse Councilor Foglio from the meeting; Councilor Haines seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Councilor Crawford, Councilor Holman, Councilor Mills, Councilor Haines

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

May 2, 2022

Motion: Vice President Speelman moved to waive the reading of the minutes; Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Ayes: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Councilor Crawford, Councilor Holman, Councilor Mills, Councilor Haines

Nays: None

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

Administrative Reports

City Manager

Formal Request

An ordinance to execute Change Order #2 with Koski Construction Company with a mailing address of 5841 Woodman Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004 for additions and deletions of materials and services for the Lake Avenue Paving Project in the negative amount of \$3,195.00, to be deleted from the original project cost, for a final project cost of \$461,846.65.

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Councilor Crawford, Councilor Holman, Councilor Mills, Councilor Haines

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Formal Request

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 2022 season at Walnut Beach in the amount not to exceed \$15,091.60. Funding for this expense will be taken from the Park Levy fund 233.

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Request for Council Approval for Administrative Board Appointments

James Trisket, for a term to end December 7, 2024

Roxene Trebuchon, for a term to end March 31, 2025

Daryn Capitena, for a term to end May 1, 2025

Nick Detore, for a term to end May 11, 2025

Richard Vendetti, for a term to end May 12, 2027

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Councilor Crawford, Councilor Holman, Councilor Mills, Councilor Haines

Nays: None

These appointments were approved, effective immediately.

Discussion: For re-appointments, the individual is asked if they want to continue to serve on the board, and the City Manager evaluates how effectively the person has served during the term. To be appointed to a board, an individual must show interest in the board and possess experience related to the purpose of the board. The individual should commit to the board for the full term of the

appointment.

Request for Approval for Housing Board Appointments

Terry Hackathorn, for a term to end October 3, 2022

Daryn Capitena, for a term to end October 3, 2023

Meghann Stell, for a term to end April 1, 2024

Sal Jackson, for a term to end October 3, 2024

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

These appointments were approved and effective immediately.

Request for Approval for Parks & Recreations Board Appointment

Earl Tucker, for a term to end May 21, 2026

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

This appointment was approved and effective immediately.

Request for Planning Commission Appointments

Nick Detore, for a term to end May 12, 2024

James Trisket, for a term to end December 7, 2024

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None These appointments were approved and effective immediately.

The City's website <https://www.cityofashtabula.com/boards-and-commissions> displays a list of the Boards and Commissions and the application. Interested individuals are encouraged to fill out an application.

City Solicitor

Finance Director

Clerk of Council

Formal Request

An ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Ashtabula Codified Ordinances

Motion: President Roskovics moved to Approve the Clerk's request; None seconded.

Discussion: The Codified Ordinances are updated quarterly and include City and State laws.

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Clerk Senskey participated in a case study for CivicClerk, which can be read online: <https://www.civicplus.com/case-studies/ashtabula-oh>. She was grateful for the opportunity to demonstrate the City's progress and bring more awareness to the City.

Clerk Senskey remains a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Records Management Committee. She attended the May 5th meeting of the Ashtabula Community Advisory Panel (CAP). The meeting centered around several local industries' safety protocols and employment opportunities. A-Tech and the Northeast Ohio Regional Airport also made presentations. She also attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion at Fat Sally's Warehouse on May 11th. The owners, Amy and Cory Nagle expressed thanks to City Council for approving the rezoning request.

Upcoming Event Announcements

Ribbon Cutting for Harbor Print Center 856 Lake Avenue, Monday, May 23 at noon

Ribbon Cutting for Ohio Medical Uniforms 2324 Lake Avenue, Tuesday, May 24th at noon

President Roskovics has been studying census data regarding the City of Ashtabula. He mentioned the city's home values are among the lowest in Ohio. Other data included the age of residents and income levels. He is concerned that retail expansion could be hampered if companies only rely on the data and don't see the City's qualities in person. In the 2000s, the Chamber of Commerce commissioned a retail market analysis study, which showed that \$61.2 million was leaving Ashtabula County. Bringing businesses and services to the City of Ashtabula involves active recruitment since the data doesn't tell the whole story. Buying locally provides additional data for interested investors.

City Council Committee Reports

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation

The Committee Chair reported on the May meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

The 503 Corporation receives grant funding which makes money available to loan to businesses. They have a program to make loans to minority-owned businesses.

Finance & Personnel

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 17, 2022.

Public Works

The next meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022.

Safety Forces

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. on Monday, May 23, 2022.

Presentation of Legislation

Additional Formal Requests

Ward 3 Councilor Holman

A resolution authorizing the creation of an ad hoc committee to study racism as a public health crisis and make recommendations to City Council

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines moved to approve the Councilor's request; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines
Nays: None
Motion Passed.

Overview / Discussion

Public Communications on Legislation

Reading of Legislation

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

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines moved to approve the disposal of the regular business legislation by consent agenda; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Resolution 2022-72 A RESOLUTION HONORING OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH FOR SERVING THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA FOR 125 YEARS (City Council, requested 5/2/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-73 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE #2019-01 AUTHORIZING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH RIVER BEND HOTEL, LLC, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERING INTO A NEW COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT (City Manager, requested 5/2/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-74 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH RIVER BEND HOTEL, LLC, FOR TAX ABATEMENT AT 75% FOR 10 YEARS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HOTEL AT THE CORNER OF WEST 6TH STREET AND MORTON DRIVE, ALSO KNOWN AS GOODWILL DRIVE (City Manager, requested 5/2/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-75 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEDICOUNT MANAGEMENT, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) BILLING FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA (City Manager, requested 5/2/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-76 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SHARING A RESERVE ENGINE WITH THE ASHTABULA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT (City Manager, requested 5/2/2022)

Ordinance No. 2022-77 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO (Ashtabula Fire Chief, City Council, requested 5/2/2022)

Resolution No. 2022-78 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL (Ward 3 Councilor, requested 5/16/2022)

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines moved to waive the reading of the legislation in its entirety; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Legislation Passed.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Formal Request

Council President Roskovics asked for a resolution recognizing Kent State University Ashtabula Campus Dean Susan J. Stocker, Ph. D. on her retirement. Under her tenure, the campus has grown physically and through enrollment. Kent State University has been one of the biggest economic drivers in the City and an asset to the community.

Motion: President Roskovics moved to Approve; Ward 5 Councilor Haines seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Notice of Interest to Serve: Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission

Councilmembers need to update the terms of various boards and commissions appointments that have expired. Clerk Senskey has received notices of interest to serve on the Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

President Roskovics

The hospital began demolishing houses and buildings in anticipation of its expansion.

Councilor Mills

With summer approaching, Mrs. Mills reminds the residents about the grass and noise ordinances and laws prohibiting fireworks in the City. She asks citizens to remember the City's Mission Statement "To provide services and partner with our citizens, businesses and neighbors to enhance the quality of life for all who live in and visit Ashtabula" and be considerate and a good example.

Councilor Holman

The Cinco de Mayo event held at Ashtabula Area City Schools was a successful event with over 70 participants. Ms. Holman thanked the Public Works/Public Utilities/Cable/Schools Committee and Council for sharing information about the event.

Vice President Speelman

"Remember why Memorial Day is a holiday." "Take a moment to think about folks that have come before us." Other council members thanked Mr. Speelman for his service in the military. There will be a Memorial Day parade downtown.

President Roskovics

The second Council meeting in June will be held on Tuesday the 21st because the Juneteenth federal holiday is observed on Monday, June 20th.

Councilor Haines

Ms. Haines announced she would be married before the next Council meeting.

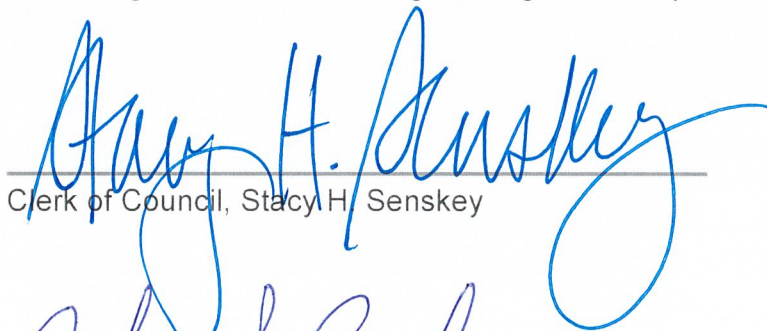
City Manager Timonere

Mr. Timonere congratulated all the area high school graduates and hopes those going off to college return to the City to help make Ashtabula better for everyone.

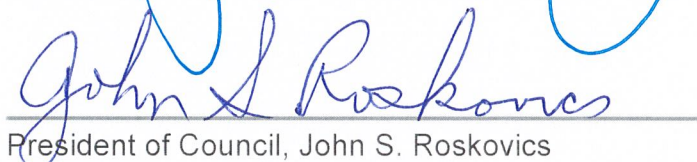
Public Communications on General Matters

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 07:48 PM by Council President Roskovics. Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, June 6 for a public hearing about two rezoning requests. The public hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and be followed by the Pre-Council meeting. The Regular Council Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.


Clerk of Council, Stacy H. Senskey

Attested By:


President of Council, John S. Roskovics

Date Approved:

