



**City of Ashtabula**  
Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting  
Monday, June 6, 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. A moment of silence was observed for Adam Holman, father of Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman and long-time educator in the community.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, President Roskovics

Absent: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Vice President Michael Speelman

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

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to excuse Ms. Holman and Mr. Speelman's absence from the meeting; Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo seconded.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

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.

**Approval of Minutes**

**May 16, 2022**

Motion: President Roskovics moved to waive the reading of the minutes; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

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

## **Administrative Reports**

### **City Manager**

Formal Requests:

An ordinance to make an application with the State of Ohio Development Services Agency Allocation Grant requesting a total of \$150,000.00 for park improvements at Smith Field

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Koski Construction Company with a mailing address of P.O. Box 1038, Ashtabula, OH 44004 for the purpose of repairing sections of the sewer line on Union Avenue in the amount not to exceed \$24,750.00

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

Discussion: This expense will be funded from the Water Pollution Control/Wastewater Fund 503.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the purpose of providing funding in part for the paving of portions of West Prospect Road and State Route 84 in accordance with the agreement. The estimated cost for the City of Ashtabula is \$309,914.00

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion: This expense will be taken from the Paving Levy Fund 212, and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 261, respectively.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Council members did not approve the City Manager's formal request for two ordinances to approve zoning changes. Legislation pertaining to rezoning requests was removed from the agenda.

A resolution to approve the petition for special assessments for a Special Energy Improvement Project, and a plan for public improvements with the Ashtabula, Conneaut Energy Special Improvements District, Inc.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to Approve the City Manager's request; Ward 2 Councilor

Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

An ordinance to proceed with the acquisition, construction, improvement, installation, and equipping of certain public improvements in the City of Ashtabula in cooperation with the Ashtabula, Conneaut Energy Special improvement District, Inc.; and declaring an emergency

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

An ordinance for levying special assessments for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, installing, and equipping certain public improvements in the City of Ashtabula, County of Ashtabula, Ohio in cooperation with the Ashtabula, Conneaut Energy Special Improvement District, Inc.; approving the substantially final forms of an energy project cooperative agreement providing for the financing of those public improvements and a special assessment agreement regarding those special assessments, and authorizing the execution and delivery of said agreements and declaring an emergency

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Concord Road Equipment MFG, Inc. with a mailing address of 348 Chester Street, Painesville, OH 44077 for the acquisition of three (3) Snow & Ice Control Truck packages in the amount not to exceed \$298,514.37 in total.

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

Discussion: Funding for this expense will be taken from the Permanent Improvement Fund 412.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Andover Bank, for a period of five (5) years in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 at an interest rate of 3.60% for the purpose of outfitting three (3) Mack trucks with snow and ice equipment for the Public Works Department

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

Haines-DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Curbside leaf bag pick-up ended for the summer. Leaf bags are accepted at the Transfer Station.

## **City Solicitor**

### **Finance Director**

Formal Requests:

An ordinance to make supplemental increases and/or decreases to appropriations in the General, Police Levy, Food Service, Public Works, Public Health Nursing, Auto License Tax, Probation, Law Enforcement Trust, Motor Vehicle License, Court Special Projects, Sanitation, Fire Pension, Parks & Recreation, Local Fiscal Recovery, CDBG, Code Enforcement, Permanent Improvement, Water Pollution, WPC Capital, Workers Compensation, and JEDD I – Saybrook Twp Rte. 20 Funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Ashtabula, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2022

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

Discussion: The request corresponds with Ordinance No. 2022-93 on the legislative agenda.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

An ordinance authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund into specific funds

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to Approve the Finance Director's request; Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: The request corresponds with Ordinance No. 2022-94 on the legislative agenda. The specific funds are Water Pollution Capital Fund 504, Saybrook JEDD Fund 801, and Ashtabula Township JEDD 802.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

### **Clerk of Council**

Clerk of Council Senskey read a letter presented at the opening ceremony of the 2022 International Institute of Municipal Clerks Annual Institute in Little Rock, Arkansas. It was written by former President Bill Clinton. The class schedule at the institute was intense. Her favorite quote of the conference was by Clint Pulver, "It's not about being the best in the world, it's about being the best FOR the world." City of Ashtabula lapel pins were in great demand and Clerk Senskey came back with many pins from other municipalities around the world.

## **City Council Committee Reports**

### **Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation**

**(2nd Tuesday @ 4:00 p.m.)**

**Members: Chair Haines-Digiacomo/Council Liaison to Parks and Recreation Board; Vice Chair Mills; Roskovics**

**JUNE 14**

**JULY 12**

**AUGUST 9**

**SEPTEMBER 13**

**OCTOBER 11**

**NOVEMBER 8**

**DECEMBER 13**

### **Finance & Personnel**

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

**Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair Haines-Digiacomo, Roskovics**

**JUNE 17**

**JULY 15**

**AUGUST 19**

**SEPTEMBER 16**

**OCTOBER 21**

**NOVEMBER 18**

**DECEMBER 16**

### **Public Works**

**(4th Monday @ 5:00 p.m.)**

**Members: Chair Crawford, Vice Chair Holman, Mills**

**JUNE 27**

**JULY 25**

**AUGUST 22**

**SEPTEMBER 26**

**OCTOBER 24**

**NOVEMBER 28**

**DECEMBER 27**

### **Safety Forces**

**(4th Monday @ 8:45 a.m.)**

**Members: Chair Speelman, Vice Chair Foglio, Roskovics**

**~~JUNE 27~~**

**JULY 25**

**AUGUST 22**

**SEPTEMBER 26**

**OCTOBER 24**

**NOVEMBER 28**

**DECEMBER 27**

The Committee Chair reported on the May meeting. The June meeting was canceled.

## **Presentation of Legislation**

### **Additional Formal Requests**

### **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 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the disposal of the regular business agenda by consent agenda; Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

**Ordinance No. 2022-79 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO A CONTRACT WITH KOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESURFACING LAKE AVENUE (City Manager, requested 5/16/2022)**

**Ordinance No. 2022-80 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY Y.M.C.A. FOR LIFEGUARDS (City Manager, requested 5/16/2022)**

**Ordinance No. 2022-81 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ASHTABULA CODIFIED ORDINANCES (Clerk of Council, requested 5/16/2022)**

**Resolution No. 2022-82 A RESOLUTION HONORING DOCTOR SUSAN J. STOCKER (City Council, requested 5/16/2022)**

**Ordinance No. 2022-83 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR ALLOCATION GRANTS OF A TOTAL OF \$150,000 FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT SMITH FIELD AND ADMINISTRATION (City Manager, requested 6/6/2022)**

**Ordinance No. 2022-84 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KOSKI CONSTRUCTION TO REPAIR SECTIONS OF A SEWER LINE ON UNION AVENUE BETWEEN W. 19TH ST. AND W. 16TH ST. (City Manager, requested 6/6/2022)**

**Ordinance No. 2022-85 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REPAIR OF U.S. ROUTE 20 AND U.S. ROUTE 84 (City Manager, requested 6/6/2022)**

~~**Ordinance No. 2022-86 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONING CHANGE OF TWENTY-SEVEN (27) PARCELS OF LAND ON THE BLOCK BETWEEN W. 34TH STREET AND W. 33RD STREET AND WEST AVE. AND ANN AVE. FROM A MIXTURE OF C-1, COMMERCIAL, R-2, RESIDENTIAL, AND M-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL (City Manager, requested 6/6/2022)**~~ **REMOVED**

~~**Ordinance No. 2022-87 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONING CHANGE OF FOUR (4) PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ASHTABULA RIVER, JUST SOUTH OF THE LIFT BRIDGE FROM M-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL TO C-2 COMMERCIAL (City Manager, requested 6/6/2022)**~~ **REMOVED**

**Resolution No. 2022-88 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PETITION FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND A PLAN FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS; DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, INSTALLING, AND EQUIPPING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIBED IN THE PLAN FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN COOPERATION WITH THE ASHTABULA,**

**CONNEAUT ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC. (City Manager, requested 6/6/2022)**

**Ordinance No. 2022-89 AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, IN COOPERATION WITH THE ASHTABULA, CONNEAUT ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (City Manager, requested 6/6/2022)**

**Ordinance No. 2022-90 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, INSTALLING, AND EQUIPPING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN CITY OF ASHTABULA, COUNTY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, IN COOPERATION WITH THE ASHTABULA, CONNEAUT ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC.; APPROVING THE SUBSTANTIALLY FINAL FORMS OF AN ENERGY PROJECT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF THOSE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING THOSE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SAID AGREEMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (City Manager, requested 6/6/2022)**

**Ordinance No. 2022-91 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SNOW & ICE CONTROL TRUCK EQUIPMENT PACKAGES FROM CONCORD ROAD EQUIPMENT MFG., INC. (City Manager, requested 6/6/2022)**

**Ordinance No. 2022-92 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BORROWING UP TO \$300,000.00 FROM THE ANDOVER BANK, FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS AT AN INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 3.60% FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR SNOW AND ICE EQUIPMENT FOR THREE (3) MACK TRUCKS FOR PUBLIC WORKS (City Manager, requested 6/6/2022)**

**Ordinance No. 2022-93 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL INCREASES AND/OR DECREASES TO APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL, POLICE LEVY, FOOD SERVICE, PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING, AUTO LICENSE TAX, PROBATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST, MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE, COURT SPECIAL PROJECTS, SANITATION, FIRE PENSION, PARKS & RECREATION, LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY, CDBG, CODE ENFORCEMENT, PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT, WATER POLLUTION, WPC CAPITAL, WORKERS COMPENSATION, AND JEDD I – SAYBROOK TWP RTE 20 FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 (Finance Director, requested 6/6/2022)**

**Ordinance No. 2022-94 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND INTO SPECIFIC FUNDS (Finance Director, requested 6/6/2022)**

**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: President Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the

legislation; Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, President Roskovics

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, President Roskovics

Nays: None

Legislation Passed.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

#### **Council President Appointments to Ad Hoc Committee**

Motion: President Roskovics moved to delay appointments to the ad hoc committee to study racism as a public health crisis for two weeks; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

#### **Council Appointment**

##### **Parks & Recreation Board**

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines moved to appoint Mary Kiehl to the Parks & Recreation; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion: Mrs. Kiehl serves as secretary on the Parks and Recreation Board currently. Her new term expires on May 21, 2026.

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

## **Tell Us Something We Don't Know**

Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Mrs. Haines-DiGiacomo commended the Ashtabula Police Department and Officer DiAngelo. "He has made Main Avenue great!"

Councilor Mills

Pretty Good Books of 4535 Main Avenue, along with Framed on Main, held a charity event. Pretty Good Books raised nearly \$200.00 for Homesafe and Framed on Main raised around \$300.00 for

Suit Yourself. GO CDC held a shoe giveaway, handing out over 500 pairs. On August 6, they will be holding a back-to-school backpack and shoe giveaway. Students are encouraged to bring in their old backpacks, as they will be handed out to homeless individuals. The new concessionaire at Walnut Beach was doing well. Bands on the Beach starts Thursday, June 16, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with In Cahootz. The concession stand will be open for the event. Mrs. Mills thanked the many City departments for doing a fantastic job dealing with the increase in summer activities.

Councilor Foglio

Mrs. Foglio congratulated all the area's 2022 graduates. "This is the time to spread your wings and fly."

President Roskovics

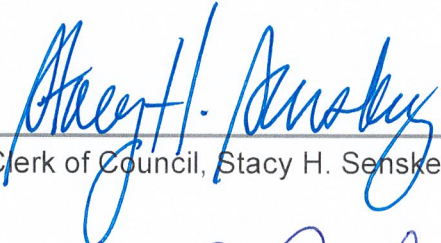
Mr. Roskovics congratulated Mrs. Foglio. She is due to be inducted into the Edgewood High School Hall of Fame this fall.

### Public Communications on General Matters

**At this time, the public is given the opportunity to address members of Council and the Administration on general matters pertaining to the business of the City of Ashtabula. Per Council Rules, the person desiring to address the dais must first provide their name and address, or their name and the community in which they reside, or their organizational affiliation. Each member of the public will be given a maximum of 5 minutes to speak, unless permission, by a simple majority voice vote of City Council, is granted.**

### Adjournment

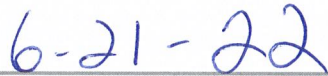
The meeting was adjourned at 07:44 PM by Council President Roskovics. Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, in Council Chambers. The Pre-Council meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Clerk of Council, Stacy H. Senskey

Attested By:

  
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President of Council, John S. Roskovics

Date Approved:

  
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