



City of Ashtabula
Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 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. Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Members Present: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, President John Roskovics
Absent: Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Vice President Michael Speelman
Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Assistant Finance Director Carolyn Sheldon, Clerk of Council Stacy Senskey

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo moved to excuse Mr. Crawford's and Mr. Speelman's absence; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, President Roskovics

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

Presenting Resolution No. 2022-82 to Dr. Susan J. Stocker

Council President Roskovics introduced Dr. Susan Stocker who is retiring from Kent State University. Mr. Roskovics quoted, "In education, it's not so much the big picture, it's the individual ones that matter most." He recognized the many thousands of students whose lives benefited from Dr. Stocker.

Ward 1 Councilor Foglio read Resolution No. 2022-82, which listed many of Dr. Stocker's accomplishments. Dr. Stocker thanked City Council for the recognition and said, "I'm not going anywhere, stay tuned."

Executive Session

Motion: President Roskovics moved to convene an executive session for the purpose of the purchase or sale of property; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, President Roskovics

Nays: None

Motion Passed

President Roskovic indicated that the session would be attended by City Manager Timonere, City Solicitor Cooper, Assistant Finance Director Sheldon, and Clerk of Council Senskey and it would take place prior to the adjournment of the regular council meeting.

Approval of Minutes

June 6, 2022

Clerk of Council Senskey introduced the minutes from the public hearing and regular meeting held on June 6th.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes; Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, President Roskovics

Nays: None

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

Administrative Reports

City Manager

Formal Requests:

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Ziegler Heating Company with a mailing address of 5223 North Ridge West, Ashtabula, OH 44004 for the purpose of repairing two air conditioning units at the Justice Center located at 110 West 44th Street Ashtabula, OH 44004 in the amount not to exceed \$24,523.00. Funding for this expense will be taken from fund 412.

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, President Roskovics

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

An ordinance for the renewal of life insurance with MedMutual Life with a mailing address of 2060 East 9th Street, Cleveland, OH 44115 for city employee life insurance coverage. The renewal rate is \$0.205 /\$1,000 for basic life and \$0.018 per \$1,000 for Basic AD&D. Funding for this expense is taken from fund 101.

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

Haines seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, President Roskovics

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Appointments:

Emory Moore as a member of the Park/Recreation Board effective immediately with a term to expire on May 21, 2026

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, President Roskovics

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Ashtabula County Medical Center's (ACMC) helipad and emergency room entrance have been relocated to the south of the parking lot. Signage is displayed at the new entrance. The previous entrance through Rodgers Place no longer provides access to the emergency room.

Curbside leaf bag pickup ended and will resume in September. All yard waste material brought to the transfer station must be in leaf bags. Loose brush, or garbage is permissible.

Ward 1 Councilor Foglio reported motorists speeding on Walnut Boulevard.

City Solicitor

City Solicitor Cooper announced that although the State of Ohio passed a law permitting fireworks under certain circumstances, it is illegal to possess or shoot off fireworks in the City of Ashtabula. Municipalities were allowed to opt out of the new state law and the City of Ashtabula did so. To report fireworks in the City, call the non-emergency phone number (440-992-7172)

Finance Director

Assistant Finance Director Sheldon announced a formal request on behalf of Finance Director Welch.

Formal Request:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDED CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO INVESTMENT Policy

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

Discussion: Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo commended Assistant Finance Director Sheldon for spearheading the project.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, President Roskovics

Nays: None
Motion Passed.

Clerk of Council

Clerk Senskey announced a public hearing has been scheduled for July 5th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The public hearing was scheduled to introduce the 2023 tax budget for the City of Ashtabula per state law.

An educational session Clerk Senskey took recently focused on unconscious bias. Unconscious biases are subliminal prejudices that influence the way individuals make decisions. Unconscious bias occurs when individuals make spontaneous judgments about people or situations based on past experiences, culture, background, or exposure to the media. These hidden preferences can affect nearly every decision individuals make.

Upcoming Events:
Thursday, June 30th
Bands on the Beach – Madison Jazz Project, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 5th
Public Hearing 2023 Tax Budget – 6:00 p.m.
Pre-Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

City Council Committee Reports

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation
(2nd Tuesday @ 4:00 p.m.)

Members: Chair Haines/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

The Committee Chair reported on the June meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12th. Council President Roskovics thanked the hospital for staying in the City of Ashtabula. Ward 4 Councilor Mills pointed out the project will use local businesses as much as possible. The meeting is available for viewing on the City's website.

Finance & Personnel

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

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair Haines, 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

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 seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, President Roskovics

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Ordinance No. 2022-95 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ZIEGLER HEATING COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRS TO THE AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM AT THE MUNICIPAL COURT BUILDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,523.00 (City Manager, requested 6/21/2022)

Resolution No. 2022-96 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDED CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO INVESTMENT POLICY (Finance Director, requested 6/21/2022)

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward

3 Councilor Holman, President Roskovics

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter requirement of two readings of the legislation; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, 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 3 Councilor Holman, President Roskovics

Nays: None

Legislation Passed.

Unfinished Business

Council President's Appointments to Ad Hoc Committee

President Roskovics appointed the following to the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Racism as a Public Health Crisis:

- Michael F. Charley
- Mary Chatman
- RoLesia Holman
- Jessica Leveto
- Bill Osborne
- Trisha Patton
- John Roskovics

The committee has room for two more appointments.

New Business

Councilor Holman

Ashtabula Area City Schools and the Dragon Empowerment Center scheduled a cultural festival on July 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Participants will enjoy fun, educational events designed to learn more about cultures in other countries. It will be held on the elementary campus located at 2300 Wade Avenue. Dragon Empowerment Center's Community Resource Coordinator, Jennifer Bunnell is scheduled to be the special guest at the July 25th Public Works/Public Utilities/Cable/Schools Committee meeting.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Crosswalks were recently repainted on Main Avenue and Bridge Street.

Councilor Foglio

The Beachglass Festival is on June 25th and 26th. The Mount Carmel Bazaar is on July 15th, 16th, and 17th.

Councilor Holman

The Jarrod Bunch Football Camp is on June 25th and June 26th and is held at the Spire Institute.

Councilor Mills

The crosswalk nearest to The Bakery on Main is most welcome because it is hard to see at the intersection.

Community Action scheduled a book shopping day for Thursday, June 24th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 4200 State Road, the old State Road elementary school. Hundreds of new, high-quality, books are available. The books are for teens and adults and are available free because of a grant through the Molina Foundation.

City Manager

City staff was painting streets and crosswalks, however, the machine needed to be repaired. Meanwhile, a new machine was ordered and will be available in September. Since then, the old machine was repaired and the staff returned to painting. The water-based paint is showing signs of wear. Ashtabula County may be helping with the long stretches of roadways.

The Madison Jazz Project is playing at Bands on the Beach on Thursday, June 30th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The event is free to the public and the concession stand is open.

President Roskovics

The Blessing of the Fleet event was held on June 12th. He's attended for many years and has always enjoyed the event. Pontoon boats can be rented at Harbor Yak.

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.

Executive Session (if needed)

Council President Roskovics announced the executive session would convene off camera. After the executive session was over, Council President Roskovics reconvened the public portion of the meeting, with no action taken.

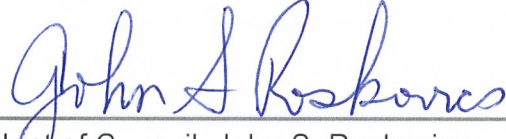
Adjournment

Following the executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 08:06 PM by Council President Roskovics.

Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Tuesday, July 5th, 2022, in Council Chambers. A Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:00 p.m.. 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:


7-5-2022