



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, August 1, 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. Ward 1 Councilor Foglio offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Clerk of Council Stacy Senskey

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Finance Director Traci Welch

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

President Roskovics requested an Executive Session prior to the meeting adjournment to discuss personnel - terms of employment.

Motion: President Roskovics moved to convene an Executive Session prior to the meeting adjournment to discuss personnel - terms of employment. Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo
Nays: None
Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes

July 5, 2022

President Roskovics requested a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 5, 2022.

Motion: Vice President Speelman made a motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2022; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio 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, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Administrative Reports

City Manager

Formal Requests:

Mr. Timinore requests the first three requests appear on this agenda, the last three for a future meeting.

Ordinance 2022-105. An Ordinance allowing for additional funding of not to exceed the amount of \$75,116.00 for PID No. 94081 ATB-US-0020 and US-0084 for repair of U.S. Route 20 and U.S. Route 84 as authorized by City of Ashtabula Ordinance 2022-85. The additional funding is needed as the bids came in higher than the estimate for the project.

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

Discussion: This is an ODOT let project. ODOT will be running the project. The City is hopeful that contracts will be signed by the end of the month. Completion time is dependent upon schedules.

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Ordinance 2022-107. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a settlement agreement with Robert Wolford in an amount not to exceed \$375,000, plus applicable employer taxes to be paid over a six-year period in settlement of an employment grievance.

Motion: President Roskovics 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-DiGiacomo

Nays: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio

Motion Passed.

Ordinance 2022-106. An Ordinance authorizing the disposal of obsolete computer equipment as noted in the attached equipment list.

Motion: Vice President Speelman 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, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

The next three ordinances are requested for a future meeting.

Codified Ordinance 505.10 has to do with animal bites. The City Manager requests repealing and replacing this ordinance to include ferret species in the language of that ordinance. The current ordinance includes dog and cat bites. The ferret species needs to be added as recommended by the Health 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, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Ordinance to purchase an overhead entrance sign for the Walnut Beach Park Entrance in an amount not to exceed \$23,702.25. The funding for this project was provided from the generous donation of the MFG Foundation.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor Holman 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, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

The City Manager requests an Ordinance to enter into an agreement with ODOT to update the traffic signal at the intersection of Main Ave. and West 48th Street for railroad preemption interconnection with Norfolk Southern grade crossings to include ADA and MUTCD compliance. Funding for this

expense will be paid 100% by ODOT.

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Mr. Timonere provided a recap of the Wine Walleye Festival and thanked all that volunteered and a huge thank you to the organizers.

A successful event. Planning for next year has already begun. Sales in the wine area and the FOP Fish Fry surpassed previous sales in 2019. Many out of town visitors attended. Ward 2 Councilor Crawford noted that Little League had the 9, 10, 11 State Tournament the same weekend, adding to the number of visitors in the area. Ward 1 Councilor Foglio thanked the safety forces for their efforts during the event.

City Solicitor

None.

Finance Director

The City's 2021 Audit is complete. The opinion as well as the financial statements have been submitted to the Auditor of State. Once approved, the audit can be released to the public. This will take approximately eight weeks. Ms. Welch thanked the Assistant Finance Director, Carolyn Sheldon, and her staff for all the effort and work throughout the year. The City received a clean audit. No audit recommendations were made. There were no compliance issues.

Formal Request:

2022-108. An Ordinance to make supplemental increases to appropriations in the general, indigent alcohol treatment, local fiscal recovery, housing code enforcement, and permanent improvement 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: Vice President Speelman moved to approve the Finance Director's request; Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo 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-DiGiacomo

Nays: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio

Motion Passed.

2022-110 An Ordinance to create a new fund (222) "Local Opioid Settlement Fund" in order to account for expenditures of the local portion of the OneOhio Opioid Litigation Settlement.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the Finance Director's request; Ward 2

Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion: This fund will allow the City to account for funding received for this year and the next 18 years. The funds are limited to eligible uses per the settlement.

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio

Motion Passed.

Clerk of Council

None.

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

AUGUST 9 - **Cancelled**

SEPTEMBER 13

OCTOBER 11

NOVEMBER 8

DECEMBER 13

The Economic Committee meeting for next week has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will take place September 13th.

Finance & Personnel

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

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair Haines, Roskovics

AUGUST 19

SEPTEMBER 16

OCTOBER 21

NOVEMBER 18

DECEMBER 16

The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2022.

Public Works

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

Members: Chair Crawford, Vice Chair Holman, Mills

Report of July 25th Meeting

AUGUST 22

SEPTEMBER 26

OCTOBER 24

NOVEMBER 28

DECEMBER 27

Ward 2 Councilor Crawford presented a Public Works Committee Report.

The Public Works Committee met on Monday, July 25, 2022. The guest speaker, Jennifer Bennell

of the Empowerment Center, was unable to attend. The Committee is looking to reschedule in September.

The City Manager provide an update to the Committee. Ninty percent (90%) of the Barrate Project is complete. The water levels being processed have been extremely low, due to lack of rain.

Public Works is out patching and mowing. Public Works is noticing a number of sink holes popping up around the storm drains and in the roads which are being addressed.

The temporary cuts are due to be repaired shortly.

The West 19th where the road sort of collapsed was found to be an abandoned box that was under the street. This has been repaired.

The additional funds needed for U.S. Route 20's project was discussed.

There continue to be issues with the leaf collection at the transfer station. Cameras are in the works.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2022.

Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo inquired about also adding cameras in the parks. Mr. Timonere stated that it would be difficult to install cameras as internet access would be needed.

Safety Forces

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

Members: Chair Speelman, Vice Chair Foglio, Roskovics

AUGUST 22

SEPTEMBER 26

OCTOBER 24

NOVEMBER 28

DECEMBER 27

Vice President Speelman stated that Safety Forces are scheduled to meet on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 8:45 a.m.

Presentation of Legislation

Additional Formal Requests

Public Communications on Legislation

Overview / Discussion

Reading of Legislation

2022-105 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDATURE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$75,116.00 FOR PID NO. 94081 ATB-US-0020 AND US-0084 FOR REPAIR OF U.S. ROUTE 20 AND U.S. ROUTE 84 AS AUTHORIZED BY CITY OF ASHTABULA ORDINANCE 2022-85

2022-106 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE AND UNNEEDED COMPUTER EQUIPTMENT

2022-107 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT WOLFORD AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING

PAYMENT OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$375,000, PLUS APPLICABLE EMPLOYER TAXES, OVER A SIX YEAR PERIOD IN SETTLEMENT OF AN EMPLOYMENT GRIEVANCE

2022-108 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL INCREASES TO APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL, INDIGENT ALCOHOL TREATMENT, LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY, HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT, AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022

2022-109 A RESOLUTION HONORING OFFICER PASQUALE F. DIANGELO FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE IN LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

2022-110 AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE NEW FUND (222) "LOCAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND" IN ORDER TO ACCOUNT FOR EXPENDITURES OF THE LOCAL PORTION OF THE ONEOHIO OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

Council President Roskovics presented the legislation on the agenda for approval and 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 for Ordinance Nos 2022-105, 2022-106, 2022-108, 2022-109 and 2022-110; Ward 3 Councilor Holmes 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, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Motion: Vice President Speelman moved to waive the reading of the legislation of Ordinance Nos 2022-105, 2022-106, 2022-108, 2022-109 and 2022-110; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Motion: Ward 4 Councilor Mills moved to waive the Charter requirement of two readings of Ordinance Nos. 2022-105, 2022-106, 2022-108, 2022-109 and 2022-110, Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Adoption of Ordinance Nos. 2022-105, 2022-106, 2022-108, 2022-109 and 2022-110.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor

Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo
Nays: None
Motion Passed.

20220107. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT WOLFORD AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$375,000, PLUS APPLICABLE EMPLOYER TAXES, OVER A SIX YEAR PERIOD IN SETTLEMENT OF AN EMPLOYEMENT GRIEVANCE.

Motion: Vice President Speelman moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Motion: Vice President Speelman moved to waive the Charter requirement of two readings of the legislation, Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Motion Passed.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 2202-107.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Motion Passed.

Unfinished Business

No additional progress has been made with regard to recycling containers in the additional wards. The cost of progressing recycling through the City is about two million dollars; however, it is the City's goal to do so. The City is exploring grant opportunities and working with the Ashtabula County Solid Waste District to find ways to fund this. The carts are a cost, but the issue is more trucks with a side arm would be needed in order to run both garbage pick-up and recycling on the same day. The areas currently being serviced are serviced every other week. When the city moves to the entire city, both garbage and recycling will be picked up on the same day.

New Business

Ward 4 Councilor Mills requested a Resolution honoring the Elks 208 Lodge on their 130th year anniversary. A celebration is scheduled for August 17th.

VOICE VOTE:

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo
Nays: None
Motion Passed.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

None.

Public Communications on General Matters

Ward 4 Councillor Mills stated that tomorrow is the second primary voting day.

Ward 4 Councilor Mills and a few others attended the DeSalvatore Chiropractic expansion, phase 2, ribbon cutting that was on July 27th. They have been a huge staple in the community.

The Bands on Beach has two remaining events.

The G.O. CDC. Back to School event is this Saturday. There are 640 pre-registered students to date.

Ward 3 Councilor Holman noted that Ashtabula City School District is having a Back to School Bash on August 10th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Donations for school supplies are welcome.

Sandra Rank
2118 Pleasantview

Ms. Rank addressed the Council regarding concerns of a lack of accommodation for residents who have mental or physical disabilities, including alcohol issues at the Wine and Walleye Festival. Ms. Rank requested that the City look at how we might be able to support those who have issues with full mobility as well as with alcohol issues. Ms. Rank suggested that there be no alcohol in Point Park and that there be designated handicapped areas, restrooms and parking. Additionally, Ms. Rank requested that ADA accommodations be rolled into the ordinances as well.

Executive Session (if needed)

Council President Roskovics announced at 7:55 p.m. that 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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. by Council President Roskovics.
Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, August 15, 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.

Phyllis A. Dunlap
Clerk of Council, Phyllis Dunlap

Attested By:

John S. Roskovics
President of Council, John S. Roskovics

Date Approved:

September 6, 2022