



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 5, 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 to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Roll Call

Members Present: Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, President John Roskovics

Absent: Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Vice President Michael Speelman

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

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

The motion to excuse the absences was adopted.

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

Executive Session

Motion: President Roskovics moved to convene an executive session to discuss personnel/compensation at the ; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

The motion to convene for an executive session to discuss personnel/compensation prior to the

conclusion of the meeting was adopted.
Solicitor Cooper was asked to attend the executive session.

Approval of Minutes

June 21, 2022

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Hearing no corrections, the minutes from June 21, 2022 were adopted

Administrative Reports

City Manager

Formal Request

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Koski Construction Company, with a mailing address of P.O.

Box 1038 Ashtabula, OH 44004 as the most responsive proposal for the Union Avenue Sanitary Sewer Point Repair 1 in

the amount not to exceed \$35,750.00. Funding for this will be taken from the WPC/Wastewater fund 503.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

The motion to approve the City Manager's request was adopted.

Garbage pick-up is on schedule for the week. Sanitation staff works on many holidays during the week to avoid working on Saturdays. Thanksgiving is the only exception this year. The garbage pick-up schedules are available on the City's website <https://www.cityofashtabula.com/sanitation> and on social media. Residents should call the Sanitation Department (440) 993-8101 to make arrangements if garbage is not picked up.

Paving and construction projects have begun. Residents are advised to traverse cautiously around heavy equipment.

The Ashtabula County Commissioners and Judge Campese of the county's Juvenile and Probate Courts announced their desire to purchase the Municipal Building. A downtown Ashtabula location for city offices is most sought after if the parties involved agree.

City Solicitor

Finance Director

Sewer and trash invoices billed through May 31, 2022, and not paid by July 29, 2022, will be assessed to the property owner's real estate taxes.

Formal request

An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Office of the Auditor of the State of Ohio, Local Government Services to assist the City of Ashtabula Municipal Court in reconciling the court's cash journal with the bank for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo moved to approve the Finance Director's request; President Roskovics seconded.

Discussion: The cost of the services comes out of the court's special funds. The services are necessary for proper reporting purposes.

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio

Motion Passed.

Clerk of Council

According to a recent municipal clerk educational session, some new methods of taking minutes are preferred by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th Edition. Clerk Senskey is not attending the Ohio Municipal Clerk's Association Annual Institute held later this month.

Upcoming Events:

July 6th – Parks & Recreation Board meeting, 5p at Walnut Beach concession stand

July 8th – Dragon Empowerment Center Cultural Festival, 11a to 2p at 2300 Wade Avenue

July 12th – Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, 4p in Council Chambers

July 13th – Port Authority meeting, 8a in Pre-Council Chambers

Board of Health meeting, 130p in Council Chambers

Civil Service Commission, 5p in August A. Pugliese 2nd Floor Conference Room

Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission, 530p in Council Chambers

July 14th – Bands on the Beach featuring Andy's Last Band, 7-9p at Walnut Beach Café

July 15th – Finance and Personnel Committee meeting, 830a in Council Chambers

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

JULY 12 Special Guests from Ashtabula Metropolitan Housing Authority - Richard Kingston, Executive Director, and Regina Richardson, Director of Resident Services

AUGUST 9

SEPTEMBER 13

OCTOBER 11

NOVEMBER 8

DECEMBER 13

Finance & Personnel

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

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair Haines, Roskovics

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

JULY 25 Special Guest from Dragon Empowerment Center - Jennifer Bunnell, Community Resource Coordinator

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

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

Ordinance No. 2022-97 An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Medical Mutual Life Insurance Company in order to renew the group life insurance coverage for employees of the City of Ashtabula (City Manager, requested 6/21/2022)

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo moved to waive the reading of the legislation in its entirety; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

The motion to waive the reading of the legislation in its entirety was adopted.

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

Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

The motion to waive the Charter requirements of two readings of the legislation was adopted.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Ordinance No. 2022-97 was adopted.

Ordinance No. 2022-98 Ordinance awarding 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 to repair sections of a sewer line on Union Avenue both north and south of W. 15th St.

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

The motion to waive the reading of the legislation in its entirety was adopted.

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

Nays: None

The motion to waive the Charter requirements of two readings of the legislation was adopted.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: None

Ordinance No. 2022-98 was adopted.

Ordinance No. 2022-99 An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Office of the Auditor of the State of Ohio, Local Government Services to assist the City of Ashtabula Municipal Court in reconciling the Court's cash journal with the bank for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021 (Finance Director, requested 7/5/2022)

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor Holman moved to waive the reading of the legislation in its entirety; Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

The motion to waive the reading of the legislation in its entirety was adopted.

Motion: Ward 4 Councilor Mills moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio

The motion to waive the Charter requirement of two readings was adopted.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio

Ordinance No. 2022-99 was adopted by a four-to-one vote and will not take effect for 30 days.

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:

- Valerie Gonzalez
- Jeff Griffiths

All appointments on the committee have been filled.

New Business

Notice to Legislative Authority Liquor Permit Transfer of Ownership

From: DAVIPAM INC 1714 West 19th Street

To: PRAGI 3 INC dba Ashtabula Convenient Mart 1714 West 19th Street

Permit Class	Description
C-1	ORC 4303.11 Beer only in original sealed container for carry out only.
C-2	ORC 4303.12 Wine and mixed beverages in sealed containers for carry out.

Councilor Holman had no objections to the transfer of ownership of the liquor permit from DAVIPAM INC to PRAGI 3 INC.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

City Manager Timonere

Friday, July 22 through Sunday, July 24 is the Wine and Walleye Festival. Volunteers are needed and can sign up on the Wine and Walleye volunteer webpage

<https://www.wineandwalleyefestival.com/volunteer>. The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) is in charge

of the fish fry this year.

Councilor Foglio

The 125th annual Our Lady of Peace Parish, Mt. Carmel Bazaar is Friday, July 15 through Sunday, June 17th.

Councilor Mills

Saturday, August 6th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm is the Back to School backpack and shoe giveaway. For more information, go to GO Ministry website, <https://www.gocdc.org/>

Public Communications on General Matters

Executive Session (if needed)

At 7:52 pm, 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

The meeting was adjourned at 08:28 PM by Council President Roskovics.

Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, July 18 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.



Clerk of Council, ~~Stacy H. Senskey~~ TRACY WELCH

Attested By:



President of Council, John S. Roskovics

Date Approved:

