



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, September 19, 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 3 Councilor Holman 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 Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills

Absent: Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Clerk of Council Phyllis Dunlap

Motion: Ward 2 Councilor Crawford moved to excuse Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo; Ward 3 Councilor 3 Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President Rosckovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman; Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: None

The motion to excuse the absence 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

Council is presently accepting applications for the Clerk of Council position. City Council will begin

interviews further into October.

Approval of Minutes

September 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Clerk of Council Phyllis Dunlap introduced the minutes from the regular council meeting held on September 6, 2022.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio made a motion to approve the September 6, 2022 minutes; 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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

President Roskovics requested an executive session prior to the meeting adjournment for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Motion: Vice President Speelman made a motion to adjourn to executive session prior to the meeting adjournment to discuss contract negotiations; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio 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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Administrative Reports

City Manager

Formal Requests:

An Ordinance to enter into an agreement with Rocky Road Paving of Geneva for the purpose of providing road restorations for the round four road restoration project in an amount not to exceed \$22,500. This project will be paid from two separate accounts; \$11,670 permanent improvement fund and \$10,830 water pollution control fund.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio made a motion to approve the 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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

An Ordinance to apply and approve documents for the OPWC Round 37 application to eliminate a

sanitary sewer overflow at the intersection of West 14th Street and Michigan Ave. The funding request is in the amount of \$255,500, of which 60% will be paid through OPWC; 40% grant and 20% loan, i.e. \$103,300 grant and \$50,000 loan. The remaining 40% will be paid as local share in the amount of \$102,200.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio made a motion to approve the Manager's request; Vice President Speelman seconded.

Discussion: The loan will be paid by the City of Ashtabula. The loan is at 0% and the term is 30 years, with no prepayment penalty.

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

An Ordinance to deem certain equipment obsolete from the office of the City Solicitor.

Motion: Vice President Speelman made a motion to approve the Manager's request; Ward Councilor 1 Foglio seconded.

Discussion: The equipment consists of three monitors, one laptop and a printer. Hard drives must be kept for a specified amount of time to meet records retention requirements.

VOICE VOTE

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

An Ordinance to make supplemental increases to appropriations in the general and water pollution control 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 made a motion to approve the Manager's request; Ward 4 Councilor Mills 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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Leaf bag pick-up will begin the week of September 26th in the Harbor and the week of October 3rd in the Wards. Pick-up is every other week.

Trick or Treat will be observed city-wide on Saturday, October 29th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Construction on the Chestnut Village Senior Apartment began today.

City Solicitor

No Report.

Finance Director

Clerk of Council

No Report.

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

SEPTEMBER 13 - Report of meeting

OCTOBER 11

NOVEMBER 8

DECEMBER 13

Community Development/ Economic Development

Ms. Mills provided a report on the Economic Development Committee Meeting held on September 13, 2022. Planning and Community Development staff attended, provided a report on zoning, code enforcement, rental inspections, cars towed through July of 2022, as well as a slideshow of the types of violations and housing situations that the Planning and Community Development Office addresses. Housing programs available to residents were discussed. Ms. Mills thanked the Planning and Community Development Department for the great job that they do with a small staff.

Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation met on September 7, 2022. Ms. Mills and Ms. Haines-DiGiacomo attended. The meeting was held at Cornelleous Park. Mary Graves, the Director, noted that a large safety day was held this past weekend at Clifford Kadon Park. The Committee viewed the fountain. It will have six panels when completed. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for this Thursday, September 22nd, at noon.

Mary is continuing to work on the Solar Eclipse event for April 8, 2024. The plan is to work on some events that would happen in the Walnut Beach area.

A group involved in pickleball uses the courts by Topky regularly. Mr. Timonere is looking into different proposals to incorporate pickleball courts.

The next meeting is October 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Finance & Personnel

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

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair Haines, Roskovics

SEPTEMBER 16 - Report of meeting

OCTOBER 21

NOVEMBER 18

DECEMBER 16

Ms. Foglio provided a report on the Finance Committee Meeting held September 16, 2022.

Mr. Timonere and Ms. Welch updated the Committee on the following topics: The City's Statement of Cash Position, Trial Balance Detail, Revenue & Expense Detail, Property Tax/Bed Tax/Income Tax and the 2022 assessed amounts. A review of the Income Tax Collection process was discussed. Ms. Foglio thanked Ms. Sheldon for all the work done on the Income Tax Collection review.

The Finance Committee will meet again on October 21, 2022.

Public Works

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

Members: Chair Crawford, Vice Chair Holman, Mills

SEPTEMBER 26

OCTOBER 24

NOVEMBER 28

DECEMBER 27

The Public Works Committee will meet on September 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Safety Forces

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

Members: Chair Speelman, Vice Chair Foglio, Roskovics

SEPTEMBER 26 **CANCELLED**

OCTOBER 24

NOVEMBER 28

DECEMBER 27

The Safety Committee will meet next October 24, 2022 at 8:45 a.m.

Guest, Mr. John Kost, USS Ashtabula addressed Council. Mr. Kost is in the area to plan the 68th reunion of the USS Ashtabula; to celebrate the USS Ashtabula AU51, an auxiliary order. The USS Ashtabula was named after the Ashtabula River. It is one of the most decorated oil tanker supply ships in naval history. The reunion will be coordinated with the Wine and Walleye Festival next year.

Commissioner J.P. Ducro thanked Council for deviating from their schedule and invited any veterans' organizations throughout the County who would like to participate in this celebration to reach out.

Presentation of Legislation

Additional Formal Requests

Public Communications on Legislation

Overview / Discussion

Reading of Legislation

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

Council President Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation for Ordinances Numbers 2022-123, 2022-124, and 2022-125 by consent agenda.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve; Ward Councilor 3 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

Nays: None.

Motion Passed.

2022 - 123 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT & SUE LARKINS, FOR TAX ABATEMENT OF \$228,813.00 OF THE ASSESSED VALUE AT 100% FOR 7 YEARS FOR A NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING LOCATED AT 1427 BRIDGE STREET, ASHTABULA, OH 44004

2022 - 124 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH NICHOLAS DIGIACOMO, FOR TAX ABATEMENT OF \$216,000.00 OF THE ASSESSED VALUE AT 100% FOR 7 YEARS FOR A NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING LOCATED AT 1437 BRIDGE STREET, ASHTABULA, OH 44004

2022 - 125 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH KAREY LUNGHOFFER, FOR TAX ABATEMENT OF \$216,000.00 OF THE ASSESSED VALUE AT 100% FOR 7 YEARS FOR A NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING LOCATED AT 1439 BRIDGE STREET, ASHTABULA, OH 44004

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 4 Councilor Mills 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

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: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: Ward 3 Councilor Holman

Motion Passed.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Mills

Nays: Ward 3 Councilor Holman

Motion Passed.

Council President Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation for

Ordinances Numbers 2022-126, 2022-127, and 2022-128 by consent agenda.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve; Ward Councilor 3 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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

2022 - 126 AN ORDINANCE GIVING CONSENT TO THE STATE OF OHIO'S DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION SERVICES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO

2022 - 127 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ROCKY ROAD PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,500.00 TO COMPLETE ROUND 4 OF THE ROAD RESTORATION PROJECT

2022 - 128 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL INCREASES TO APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL 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 waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 4 Councilor Mills 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

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter requirement of two readings of the legislation; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

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Nays: None.

Motion Passed.

Adoption of legislation

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Nays: None.

Motion Passed.

Unfinished Business

ADHOC Committee on racism as a public crisis will hold the first meeting on Wednesday,

September 28th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

New Business

None.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Ward 2 Councilor Crawford noted a Facebook post from a resident in the city who had asked for a scanner for his birthday that would color match buildings. He and another resident put together funding to purchase one, and then spent \$200.00 on painting over the graffiti that was on some of the private buildings in the city. Mr. Crawford thanked the citizens for the work.

Ward 4 Councilor Mills stated that the Health Department has the updated COVID booster. Walk-in days are Tuesday and Thursday's from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. An appointment is required for children. The next city clean-up event is scheduled for April 22, 2023, Earth Day. Planning for the clean up event will begin before the end of the year. Ms. Mills updated the Council on AshCraft Adult Day Services. The Halo event will be held on November 5, 2022 at Mount Carmel. The online application is available from October 3rd through November 18th. The event is coordinated by Catholic Charties.

Ward 1 Councilor Foglio stated that AshCraft will shred important papers for individuals. The money goes to a good cause.

Ward 3 Councilor Holman stated that G.O. Community Development Corporation will be distributing winter boots from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on October 27, 2022 at 3703 Station Ave. On October 8, 2022, the Hubbard House will have its 43rd Annual Pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage is free to attend but you must have your own transportation.

Public Communications on General Matters

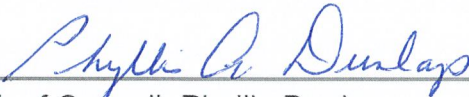
Executive Session (if needed)

Council President Roskovics announced the executive session would convene off camera at 8:06 p.m. 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 8:24 p.m. by Council President Roskovics.

Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday October 3, 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.



Clerk of Council, Phyllis Dunlap

Attested By:

John S. Roskovics

President of Council, John S. Roskovics

Date Approved:

October 3, 2022