



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, December 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. Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was observed for Mr. Randy Carusso, former City Fire Fighter with over thirty years of service.

Roll Call

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

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

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

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to excuse Vice President Speelman and Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, seconded by Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

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

The City Manager requested an Executive Session prior to the meeting adjournment for the purpose of discussing the purchase and sale of property at the conclusion of the meeting.

Motion: Ward 2 Councilor Crawford moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the purchase and sale of property at the conclusion of the meeting, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

November 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Council President John Roskovics introduced the minutes from the regular council meeting held on November 21, 2022.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2022 regular council meeting, seconded by Ward 4 Councilor Mills.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Administrative Reports

City Manager

Formal Requests:

City Manager Timonere requested the following residential tax abatements of 100% for seven years: 2219 Walnut Blvd., 1606 Walnut Blvd., 1610 Walnut Blvd., and 3404 Brookdale. The formal ordinances will be available at the next council meeting if approved.

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

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed.

An Ordinance to enter into an agreement with Concierge Health Network, a Schneider Organization, incorporated in Ashtabula for the purpose of providing primary care medical services for the City of Ashtabula employees. This agreement is for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31,

2023.

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

Discussion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo noted that it will be up to individuals in the plan if they want to use this; however, should they want to use it the primary care physician can be seen daily if desired. It is all free.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed.

An Ordinance to enter into an agreement with Concierge Nurse Navigators in Ashtabula for the purpose of navigating employees through the current health care plan for the City of Ashtabula. This agreement is for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

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

Discussion: Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo noted that at first this was offered at no cost with the understanding that the City would start paying. Mr. Timonere confirmed that the first year is free. The City is self-funded. This service assists employees with navigating to the needed services.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Mngr. Council Rpt. 12-5-22

With the snow storm a couple weeks ago, the City did get behind on picking up leaf bags. Leaf bag curbside pick-up will be extended. This week the harbor area will be picked up. The week of December 12th, the Wards will be picked up. That will conclude leaf pick-up. Residents can bring leaf bags to public works for the next two weeks.

At the end of this week on Friday, beginning at 7:00 p.m., the rescheduled Downtown Christmas Parade will begin.

City Solicitor

No Report.

Finance Director

The City held the budget hearing earlier this evening. The budget is on display for the next ten days. Council will vote on the budget at the December 19th council meeting.

Clerk of Council

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

DECEMBER 13

JANUARY 10

FEBRUARY 14

MARCH 14

APRIL 11

MAY 9

JUNE 13

The Community and Economic Development Committee will meet on December 13, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. The guest for the meeting is Octavia Harris.

Finance & Personnel

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

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair Haines, Roskovics

DECEMBER 16

JANUARY 20

FEBRUARY 17

MARCH 17

APRIL 21

MAY 19

JUNE 16

Finance & Personnel will meet on December 16, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Public Works

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

Members: Chair Crawford, Vice Chair Holman, Mills

DECEMBER 27

JANUARY 23

FEBRUARY 27

MARCH 27

APRIL 24

MAY 22

JUNE 26

The December 27th Public Works meeting has been cancelled.

Safety Forces

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

Members: Chair Speelman, Vice Chair Foglio, Roskovics

DECEMBER 27

JANUARY 23

FEBRUARY 27

MARCH 27

APRIL 24

MAY 22
JUNE 26

The next meeting is scheduled for December 27, 2022.

Presentation of Legislation

President Roskovics introduced the legislation.

Additional Formal Requests

None.

Public Communications on Legislation

None.

Overview / Discussion

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 ; Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed.

President Roskovics introduced Ordinances 2022-148, 2022-149, 2022-150 and 2022-151.

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

2022-148 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND RATIFYING THE TERMS OF A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THREE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS INCORPORATING SAID TERMS

2022 - 149 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING PAY RATES AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CURRENT NON-UNION PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF ASHTABULA

2022 - 150 AN ORDINANCE ACKNOWLEDGING THE HIRING OF CATHERINE R. COLGAN AS ASSISTANT SOLICITOR IN THE CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE AND APPROVING ADDITIONAL PAID VACATION LEAVE

2022 - 151 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING MCKENZIE BURGAN AS CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING ON DECEMBER 12, 2022, AND AUTHORIZING A WRITTEN CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

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 John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed.

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

Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Adoption of legislation

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to adopt the legislation, Ward 5 Council Haines DiGiacomo seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

A ribbon cutting was held at Capatina's on Main Ave.; a long-standing business with new ownership. A ribbon cutting was also held for Envy-us Boutique on Center Street.

Lights on the Lake is going on. The Nutcracker is at the Arts Center.

There is a new salon owner on Main Ave. December 31st is Ward 5 Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo's official last day as a salon owner.

Public Communications on General Matters

David Thomas

Ashtaula County Auditor

The County is about to kick-off the triennial update. Total evaluation happens every six years. It

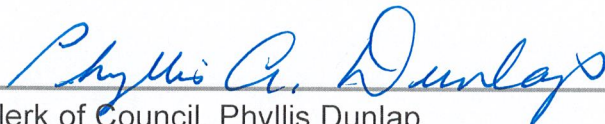
was last done in 2020. A triennial is done at three years. This is something every county does. Every three years, the auditor's office will look at the market, real estate values, sales that have happened all across the county and do a market update on every parcel. It is for 2023. Questions can be directed to the County Auditor's Office. There is no field work involved in this review. Everything is based on January 1 of the year. Property taxes are paid in arrears. The update will be done in 2023 and the bill for 2023 will be sent out in January 2024. Mr. Thomas provided information about how the process works. Information will be sent out the residents.

Executive Session (if needed)

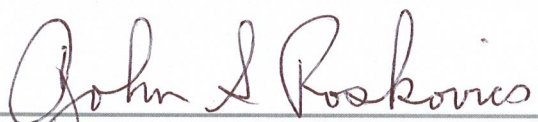
Council President Roskovics announced the executive session would convene off camera at 7:33 p.m. After the executive session was over, Council President Roskovics reconvened the public portion of the meeting, with no action taken.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. by Council President Roskovics. Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, December 19, 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:


President of Council, John S. Roskovics

Date Approved:

