



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, October 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM
4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

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 Speelman offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Members Present: Council 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Hanes-DiGiacomo

Absent: None.

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin, Temporary Clerk of Council Phyllis Dunlap

Sunshine Law Certification

A quorum was established as defined by the Ashtabula City Council Rules of Order. The meeting met the requirements of the Ohio Sunshine Laws Open Meetings Act.

Presentations/Announcements

Approval of Minutes

October 2, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Vice President Michael Speelman moved to waive the reading of the minutes in their entirety; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Ayes: 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

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

Administrative Reports

City Manager

Formal Requests:

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Union Industrial Contractors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the purpose of providing labor and materials for the Morton Drive Bar Rake emergency repairs.

Motion: Vice President Michael Speelman moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo.

Nays: None

Motion duly passed.

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Amendola Engineering, Inc. for the purpose of conduction a mixing zone study and necessary work related to the relocation of outfall 001 discharge in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.

Motion: Vice President Michael Speelman moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo.

Nays: None

Motion duly passed.

Announcements:

This week curbside leaf pick-up is in the various wards.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for October 28, 2023 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

City Solicitor

No Report.

Finance Director

Formal Request:

An Ordinance to make supplemental increases and/or decreases to appropriations in the police levy fund, paving levy, sanitation fund, fire pension fund, police pension fund, parks and recreation fund,

housing and code enforcement fund and WPC capital fund for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Ashtabula, State of Ohio, for the period January 1, through December 31, 2023.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the Finance Director's request; Vice President Michael Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion duly passed.

Clerk of Council

No Report.

City Council Committee Reports

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation

(2nd Tuesday @ 4:30 p.m.)

Members: Chair Haines/Council Liaison to Parks and Recreation Board; Vice Chair Mills; Roskovics

OCTOBER 10 - Report

NOVEMBER 14

DECEMBER 12

Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo provided a report of the Community Development / Economic Development / Parks & Recreation meeting held on October 10, 2023. Guest Speaker - Greg Myers, Executive Director, Growth Partnership. Mr. Myers provided an overview of what the Growth Partnership is working on as well as an update on economic development in the County and in particular, in and adjacent to the City of Ashtabula.

City Manager Timonere provided an update on the Appalachian Community Grant. Mr. Timonere noted recent investment in the City is substantial.

Jamie Baker, Huntington Bank, will be the guest speaker at the November 14th meeting.

Finance & Personnel

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

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair Haines, Roskovics

OCTOBER 20

NOVEMBER 17

DECEMBER 15

The Finance Committee will meet on October 20, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

Public Works

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

Members: Chair Crawford, Vice Chair Holman, Mills

OCTOBER 23

NOVEMBER 27

DECEMBER 26

The Public Works Committee will meet on October 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Diane Crumbly, Director of Clubs, Boys and Girls Clubs, will be the guest speaker to discuss opportunities at the new club.

Safety Forces

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

Members: Chair Speelman, Vice Chair Foglio, Roskovics

OCTOBER 23

NOVEMBER 27

DECEMBER 26

The Safety Forces Committee will meet on October 23, 2023, at 8:45 a.m.

Planning Commission and Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission

The Planning Commission meets this week.

Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission met to discuss a house in the Harbor on Morton Drive to be demolished, window repairs to the new bar in the Harbor where LA Cafe once was.

Presentation of Legislation

Additional Formal Requests

None.

Public Communications on Legislation

None.

Overview / Discussion

Reading of Legislation

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

Council President Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda; Ward 3 RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion duly passed.

2023 - 143 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH WILKINSON PAVING FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$3,710.00 FOR THE RESTORATION OF SIDEWALKS ON LAKE AVENUE

2023 - 144 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL INCREASES AND/OR DECREASES TO APPROPRIATIONS IN THE POLICE LEVY FUND, PAVING LEVY, SANITATION FUND, FIRE PENSION FUND, POLICE PENSION FUND, PARKS & RECREATION FUND, HOUSING & CODE ENFORCEMENT FUND AND WPC CAPITAL FUND FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

2023 - 145 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH UNION INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR THE MORTON DRIVE BAR RAKE EMERGENCY REPAIRS

2023 - 146 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AMENDOLA ENGINEERING INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A MIXING ZONE STUDY AND NECESSARY WORK RELATED TO THE RELOCATION OF OUTFALL 001 DISCHARGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,000

Motion: Vice President Michael Speelman moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion duly passed.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Vice President Michael Speelman seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion duly passed.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: 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, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines-DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Legislation duly passed.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Notice to Legislative Authority Liquor License Transfer

From: Brenmarcs Enterprises, LLC 2234 Lake Ave. Ashtabula, OH 44004

To: Beckers Restaurant, LLC 1601 W. Prospect Ave & Patio Ashtabula, OH 44004

The business is located in Ward 3.

No concerns.

Notice to Legislative Authority Liquor License

To: DEGEES II

(Within 500 ft. of Smith Field Park)

The business is located in Ward 3.

No concerns.

Notice to Legislative Authority New Liquor License

To: The Ashtabula Yacht Club 970 W. 5th St. Ashtabula, OH 44004

The business is located in Ward 2.

No concerns.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Square One had an open house. Home Safe had an annual fundraiser.

President John Roskovics noted an article in the Washington Post on Ashtabula and Red State policies cutting short our lifespan. The article compared Ashtabula, Erie, and others and how policies affect health and lifespan. The City of Ashtabula formed a committee, led by Councilor Holman, on racism as a public health crisis. Ashtabula is addressing these issues.

Saturday is the last Super Bowl for the Ashtabula Football League at the former high school football field.

The ADDA chili cook-off was canceled. It will be rescheduled.

Public Communications on General Matters

None.

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. by Council President Roskovics.

Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, November 6, 2023, 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.

DATE APPROVED:

November 6, 2023

ATTESTED BY:

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

ATTESTED BY:

Phyllis A. Dunlap
Phyllis Dunlap, Temporary Clerk of Council