

MINUTES

Wilmington City Council

January 6, 2022

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at 69 N. South St. Wilmington, Ohio, with President Mark McKay presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: J McKay, present; M Snarr, present; B Liermann, present; B Osborn, present; M Allbright, present; N Eveland, present; M Purkey, present

Chief Cravens was present as Sergeant at Arms.

Council participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Justin Dickman was Acting Director of Law.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

J McKay moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented. M Liermann seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda approved as presented.

M Purkey moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021, regular City Council Meeting as presented. M Allbright seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

December 16, 2021, regular City Council minutes approved.

President McKay presented the committee assignments for 2022 as follows:

City Revitalization Committee

Jonathan McKay (Chair)
Michael Snarr
Matt Purkey

City Service Committee

Nick Eveland (Chair)
Bill Liermann
Jonathan McKay

Finance Committee

Michael Allbright (Chair)
Bob Osborn
Michael Snarr

Judiciary Committee

Matt Purkey (Chair)
Jonathan McKay
Bob Osborn

Public Works/Enterprise Committee

Michael Snarr (Chair)
Matt Purkey
Michael Allbright

Ad Hoc Committee

Mark McKay (Chair)
Michael Snarr
Matt Purkey
Jonathan McKay

B Liermann moved to approve the Council Committee Assignments for 2022, as presented. J McKay seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Committee Assignments approved.

President McKay introduced Resolution No. R-22-01 Appointing [Matt Purkey] the President Pro Tempore of Council of the City of Wilmington and declaring an emergency.

B Liermann moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-22-01 by title only. J McKay seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Law read Resolution R-22-01 by title only

B Liermann moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-22-01 by title only. J McKay seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: McKay, aye; Snarr, aye; Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye; Allbright, aye; Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye. Motion passed.

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Director of Law read Resolution R-22-01 by title only.

B Liermann moved for passage of Resolution R-22-01. J McKay seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Snarr, aye; Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye; Allbright, aye; Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye; McKay, aye. Motion passed.

Resolution R-22-01 passed as presented.

President McKay introduced Resolution R-22-02 Appointing [Andrea Tacoronte] the Clerk of Council of the City of Wilmington and declaring an emergency

M Purkey moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-22-02 by title only. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Law read Resolution R-22-02 by title only

M Purkey moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-22-02 by title only. B Liermann seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye; Allbright, aye; Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye; McKay, aye; Snarr, aye. Motion passed.

Director of Law read Resolution R-22-02 by title only.

M Purkey moved for passage of Resolution R-22-02. B Liermann seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Osborn, aye; Allbright, aye; Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye; McKay, aye; Snarr, aye; Liermann, aye. Motion passed.

Resolution R-22-02 passed as presented.

President Pro Tempore Matt Purkey and Clerk of Council Andrea Tacoronte were sworn in.

President McKay announced a Public Hearing on February 17, 2022, for a rezoning request from Healthsource of Ohio for the rezoning of two parcels with a total area of 0.357 acres (more or less), more commonly known as 156 ½ and 168 W Main Street, from DT (Downtown Transition) to DC (Downtown Core).

MAYOR

Mayor John Stanforth recognized members of the Water and Wastewater crews who worked on Christmas Eve to repair a water main break.

He complimented Shirley Orwick of the Building and Zoning Department for her excellent work as Clerk of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Stanforth announced the eastern bridge at Sugar Grove Cemetery will be closed until further notice. It has been deemed unsafe and repairs will be made.

The Mayor also provided information on an upcoming community blood drive, the local food pantry schedule, and upcoming Murphy Theatre events.

AUDITOR – No report.

SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

Service Director Shidaker indicated the public should expect delays in the repair of the bridge at Sugar Grove Cemetery. He also stated the Streets Department was ready and prepared for upcoming snowfall and had done a great job in staying ahead of the current weather event.

Service Director Shidaker introduced Resolution R-22-03 Expressing intent to sell City surplus items to the public through an on-line auction service and declaring an emergency. He explained this is an annual piece of legislation needed to sell items on GovDeals.

B Liermann moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-22-03 by title only. M Purkey seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Law read Resolution R-22-03 by title only

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B Liermann moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-22-03 by title only. M Purkey seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Albright, aye; Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye; McKay, aye; Snarr, aye; Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye. Motion passed.

Director of Law read Resolution R-22-03 by title only.

B Liermann moved for passage of Resolution R-22-03. M Purkey seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye; McKay, aye; Snarr, aye; Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye; Albright, aye. Motion passed.

Resolution R-22-03 passed as presented.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

CITY REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

J McKay had no report but stated he would like to have a committee meeting in the future.

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

N Eveland had no report but stated he would like to have a committee meeting in the next week.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

M Albright introduced Ordinance O-22-01 Making Miscellaneous Transfers.

Allbright moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-22-01 by title only. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Discussion:

- a) From 110.120.5211 "Postage and Supplies" to 110.120.5122 "Workers Comp-Admin" the sum of \$930.00
- b) From 110.120.5211 "Postage and Supplies" to 110.131.5122 "Workers Comp-Auditor" the sum of \$472.00
- c) From 110.120.5211 "Postage and Supplies" to 110.181.5122 "Director of Law-Workers Comp" the sum of \$925.00
- d) From 110.154.5111 "Acting Clerk Salary" to 110.151.5111 "Judge Salary" the sum of \$200.00
- e) From 110.154.5111 "Acting Clerk Salary" to 110.152.5111 "Clerk Salary" the sum of \$100.00
- f) From 110.155.5111 "Bailiff Salaries" to 110.156.5111 "Probation Officers Salaries" the sum of \$2,750.00
- g) From 110.133.5410 "Incidentals" to 110.133.5111 "Treasurer Salary" the sum of \$200.00
- h) From 211.390.5112 "Salaries-Taxi Dispatch/Maintenance" to 211.390.5111 "Salaries-Drivers" the sum of \$681.00
- i) From 211.390.5123 "Benefit Insurance" to 211.390.5122 "Workers Comp" the sum of \$4,322.00
- j) From 287.150.5414 "Operating Expenses" to 287.150.5111 "Salaries" the sum of \$628.00
- k) From 510.211.5123 "Benefit Insurance" to 510.211.5122 "Workers Comp" the sum of \$12,059.50
- l) From 580.500.5237 "Data Processing" to 580.500.5122 "Workers Comp" the sum of \$42.00
- m) From 605.350.5123 "Benefit Insurance" to 605.350.5122 "Workers Comp" the sum of \$2,435.00

Auditor Vance explained that the transfers were associated with electronic transactions between the last council meeting and the end of the year had not been anticipated. The transfers cover those transactions.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Law read Ordinance O-22-01 by title only

Allbright moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Ordinance O-22-01 by title only. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Purkey, aye; McKay, aye; Snarr, aye; Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye; Albright, aye; Eveland, aye. Motion passed.

Director of Law read Ordinance O-22-01 by title only.

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Allbright moved for passage of Ordinance O-22-01. B Osborn seconded the motion.
Roll call vote: McKay, aye; Snarr, aye; Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye; Allbright, aye; Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye. Motion passed.
Ordinance O-22-01 passed as presented.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

M Purkey brought forth Ordinance O-21-61 Changing the zoning of real property located on Rombach Avenue and Progress Way in the City of Wilmington, Ohio.

M Purkey moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Ordinance O-21-61 by title only. J McKay seconded the motion.
Roll call vote: Snarr, aye; Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye; Allbright, aye; Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye; McKay, aye. Motion passed.
Director of Law read Ordinance O-21-61 by title only.

M Purkey moved for passage of Ordinance O-21-61. J McKay seconded the motion.
Roll call vote: Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye; Allbright, aye; Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye; McKay, aye; Snarr, aye. Motion passed.
Ordinance O-21-61 passed as presented.

M Purkey brought forth Resolution R-21-48 A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Polaris Industries Inc., providing for a project and tax exemption pursuant to the state Enterprise Zone Program, and making determinations in connection therewith; repealing all prior conflicting ordinances.

Council Member Purkey explained the tax exemption would be for 75% of the new improvements for a period of 7 years. They anticipate 15-20 employees on their first round of hiring.

M Purkey moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-21-48 by title only. N Eveland seconded the motion.
Roll call vote: Osborn, abstain; Allbright, aye; Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye; McKay, aye; Snarr, aye; Liermann, aye. Motion passed.
Director of Law read Resolution R-21-48 by title only.

President McKay noted Council Member Osborn abstained because of his position with Laurel Oaks Schools.

M Purkey moved for passage of Resolution R-21-48. N Eveland seconded the motion.
Roll call vote: Allbright, aye; Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye; McKay, aye; Snarr, aye; Liermann, aye; Osborn, abstain. Motion passed.
Resolution R-21-48 passed as presented.

Purkey stated there would be a standing Judiciary Committee meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Council Member Snarr had no report but commended the workers who were out on Christmas Eve. He added that there are several upcoming projects.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – No reports.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Council Member Eveland shared an account of his family recently needing the City's Emergency Medical Services. He said they did a very good job and were very professional.

Justin Dickman thanked everyone who had been working on the trail on the west side of town. He said he was looking forward to using the completed trail.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was noted there may be a request for council action after Executive Session.

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M Purkey moved to enter Executive Session under Section 121.22(G)(3) – Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action and under Section 121.22(G)(4) – Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

Roll call vote: Eveland, aye; Purkey, aye; McKay, aye; Snarr, aye; Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye; Allbright, aye. Motion passed.

Council entered executive session at 8:06 p.m.

Council returned to regular session at 9:00 p.m.

M Purkey moved to authorize the mayor to enter into the contract between the City of Wilmington and International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). B Liermann seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to authorize mayor to enter into agreement passed.

M Purkey moved to authorize the administration to file suit against the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), at the discretion of the administration. M Allbright seconded the motion.

Voice vote: McKay abstained. The remaining council members voted yes.


Motion to authorize legal action again ODNR passed.

ADJOURNMENT


B Osborn moved to adjourn the meeting.

President M McKay declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST:



President of Council



Clerk