

## MINUTES

**Wilmington City Council**

**March 17, 2022**

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 17, 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

Sergeant Rager was present as Sergeant at Arms.

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

### **PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

J McKay moved to accept the agenda as presented. M Allbright seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda accepted.**

M Purkey moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2022, City Council Meeting as presented. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

**March 3, 2022, regular City Council minutes approved.**

### **MAYOR**

Mayor Stanforth reported the new telemetry system in the water department has been a success, with the utility department able to provide early detection on water leaks at citizens' homes.

Mayor Stanforth provided information regarding the upcoming Murphy Theatre schedule and local civic organization events. He also announced the April 23 Clean-Up Wilmington and Earth Day events, upcoming hazardous waste collection, and tire recycling events.

**AUDITOR** – Auditor Vance – No report.

### **SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Service Director Shidaker presented PowerPoint presentation of upcoming issues:

- Rombach Avenue construction resumes March 21.
- Downtown Intersection Project begins March 28.
- Timber Glen Subdivision, Phase VI, construction starts the week of March 16.
- N. Mulberry Street Improvements begin March 28.
- Centerpoint Energy (Vectren) will be starting a project with week of March 7 in the northeast quadrant of the city.
- The city expects to receive a bill from DP&L for moving utility poles as part of the Rombach Avenue project. The estimate of this bill is over \$400,000.
- Outline of upcoming supplemental appropriations.

Mike Mandelstein expressed safety concerns regarding the new pedestrian island on Rombach Avenue in front of the park.

N Eveland asked the status of hiring a construction inspector for projects. B Shidaker explained the ODOT projects have their own inspectors, but funding would be required for construction inspection of city-managed projects and private development. Eveland said he would have a committee meeting set up to discuss further.

N Eveland stated he had complaints from tenants on Airborne Road because the contractor was closing the lanes outside of the contractual working hours of 9-3. Stanforth explained the Port Authority requested the change in working hours during the preconstruction meeting. Stanforth noted he had gone through the construction with only a one-to-two-minute delay.

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**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION**

**CITY REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE – J McKay – No report.**

**CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – N Eveland – No report.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

M Allbright introduced Ordinance O-22-13 Making Supplemental Appropriations.

M Allbright moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-22-13 by title only. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Discussion:

- a. From the available excess funds in the General Fund to 110.120.5926 "Airborne Road Transfer" the sum of \$590,928.53
- b. From the available excess funds in the Permissive Tax Fund to 210.330.5512 "Airborne Road Match" the sum of \$300,000.00
- c. From the anticipated funds in the ODNR-Clarksville Connector Phase I Fund to 563.430.5416 "Project Expenses" the sum of \$500,000.00
- d. From the available excess funds in the State Highway Fund to 201.330.5600 "S. South Street Match" the sum of \$15,000.00
- e. From the available excess funds in the General Fund to 110.120.5232 "Davids Drive Engineering" the sum of \$284,551.00
- f. From the available excess funds in the Sugar Grove Cemetery Fund to 580.550.5236 "Direct Deductions" the sum of \$7,000.00
- g. From the available excess funds in the Street Lighting Fund to 201.330.5236 "Direct Deductions" the sum of \$8,200.00
- h. From the available excess funds in the Police Fund to 510.211.5236 "Direct Deductions" the sum of \$3,000.00
- i. From the available excess funds of the Taxi Fund to 211.390.5525 "Grant Expenses" the sum of \$25,000.00
- j. From the available excess funds of the Permissive Tax Fund to 210.330.5274 "Reflectivity Program Expense" the sum of \$10,000.00

M Purkey noted he appreciated the transparency and explanation of finance items by the administration.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

**Director of Law read Ordinance O-22-13 by title only**

M Allbright moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Ordinance O-22-12 by title only. B Osborn seconded the motion.

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

**Director of Law read Ordinance O-22-13 by title only.**

M Allbright moved for passage of Ordinance O-22-13. B Osborn seconded the motion.

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

**Ordinance O-22-13 passed as presented.**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

M Purkey brought forth Ordinance O-22-08 Amending Ordinance O-19-48 to increase wages under the employee pay plan for calendar years 2022, as amended.

M Purkey moved to third reading on Ordinance O-22-08 by title only. J McKay 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 Ordinance O-22-08 by title only.**

M Purkey moved for passage of Ordinance O-22-08. J McKay seconded the motion.

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

**Ordinance O-22-08 passed as presented.**

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Purkey brought forth Ordinance O-22-09 An Ordinance declaring the improvement of a certain parcel of real property to be a public purpose; Creating an Incentive District TIF; Declaring such property to be exempt from real property taxation; Designating specific public infrastructure improvements made, to be made, or in the process of being made, that directly benefit, or that once made will directly benefit, the parcel for which improvement is declared to be a public purpose; Requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; Providing related authorizations pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40(c), 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.832 and 5709.85; and Declaring an emergency.

Purkey moved to have the third reading on Ordinance O-22-09 by title only. B Liermann seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

**Director of Law read Ordinance O-22-09 by title only**

M Purkey moved for passage of Ordinance O-22-09. B Liermann seconded the motion.

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

**Ordinance O-22-09 passed as presented.**

Purkey brought forth Ordinance O-22-11 Rescinding and/or revoking Ordinance 5090 and hereby setting salaries of City Council Members and Appointed Salaried Officials to at least meet the minimum amount required by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) to obtain one year of credit for one year of service.

M Purkey moved to have the second reading on Ordinance O-22-11 by title only. B Liermann seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was an extensive discussion of the legislation. Purkey recounted the history of prior discussions. Members of Council reviewed salaries from other jurisdictions and noted that some were higher and some were lower than the City of Wilmington. N Eveland stated he was uncomfortable voting affirmative at the last meeting, but he has since done enough research that he was now comfortable supporting the measure. There was a discussion of lack of public interest in civic involvement. M Snarr noted he had trouble reconciling the large jump in salary. Purkey pointed out that it was quite possible no one on the current council would benefit from the increases as it would not become effective until the following term.

Mike Mandelstein suggested the city check to see if OPERS can amend the rules and lower the minimum salary required to receive service time. B Osborn pointed out that council has plenty of time to consider the issue, as they would not need to decide anything until the end of the year. Purkey stated he would put together a list of research items for the Human Resources Department. Liermann stated he thought it was important to have a unified front.

Liermann moved the second reading of O-22-11 be postponed until the following criteria were met: 1) Additional information was to be obtained from the City's Human Resources Department and 2) The information was to be reviewed by the Judiciary Committee.

Allbright seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed.

**Second reading of O-22-11 postponed until criteria met.**

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

M Snarr reported that a small plane crash landed in Caesar Creek Lake, which caused the Water Department to change water sources to the reservoirs. The plane was removed and there was no fuel leakage, so the City is back on Caesar Creek water now.

### **REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

M Purkey moved to approve the Auditor-Treasurer Report – February 2022. J McKay seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

**Report approved as presented**

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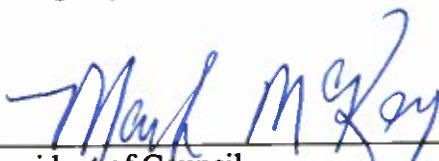
J McKay said there was a water line break near High and Vine. Nick Selding, Josh Schnell, and Mark Romohr worked on it earlier in the week from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. troubleshooting and fixing the break.

**ADJOURNMENT**

B Liermann moved to adjourn the meeting.

**President M McKay declared the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.**

ATTEST:

  
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President of Council

  
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Clerk