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Wilmington City Council

March 16, 2023

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 16, 2023, 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 7:31 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, absent.

J McKay moved to excuse the absent member (Purkey). N Eveland seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Absent member excused.

Chief Fithen 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. B Liermann seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda accepted as presented.

B Osborn moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2023, regular City Council Meeting. M Allbright seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

March 2, 2023, regular City Council minutes approved.

President McKay explained that public comments should be held until the end of the meeting for the three items under the Mayor's portion of the agenda.

MAYOR

Mayor Stanforth noted the new handicapped ramp in front of the courthouse is nearing completion. He announced community events, including the Clinton County Homeless Shelter Soup fund raiser and the Clean-Up Wilmington event on March 25.

Mayor Stanforth reported that the traffic light at Grant and Main Streets has temporarily been removed due to a vehicle running into the pole during recent hazardous weather. It will be repaired as soon as possible.

Denise Stryker and Joel Richter gave a presentation about the work of the Clinton County Homeless Coalition.

Annen Vance gave a presentation on Code Enforcement procedures in Wilmington and the status of previously reported areas identified as possible homeless camps.

Justin Dickman and Joshua Engel presented a white paper on Crime Reduction Initiatives.

AUDITOR

Auditor Mary Kay Vance had no report.

SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

Service and Safety Director Brian Shidaker introduced Resolution R-23-17 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with the Board of Trustees of Washington Township for the provision of fire and emergency medical services for the period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2028. He explained this was a renewal of an existing contract with no changes.

B Osborn moved to have the first reading on Resolution R-23-17 by title only. B Liermann seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

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Director of Law read Resolution R-23-17 by title only

B Osborn moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Resolution R-23-17 by title only. B Liermann seconded the motion.
Roll call vote: McKay, aye; Snarr, aye; Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye; Allbright, aye; Eveland, aye. Motion passed.

Director of Law read Resolution R-23-17 by title only.

B Osborn moved for passage of Resolution R-23-17. B Liermann seconded the motion.
Roll call vote: Snarr, aye; Liermann, aye; Osborn, aye; Allbright, aye; Eveland, aye; McKay, aye. Motion passed.

Resolution R-23-17 passed as presented.

City Consultant Engineer Paul Goodhue explained the City of Wilmington and LJB were co-recipients of a 2023 Engineering Excellence Honor Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies for the Rombach Avenue Project.

J McKay asked how the Davids Drive project was going. It was explained there were a few issues with maintenance of traffic, but the contractor and ODOT were fixing those.

Brian Shidaker announced that there would be a Public Works Committee Meeting on April 6 to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

CITY REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

J McKay had no report.

CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

N Eveland had no report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

M Allbright introduced Ordinance O-23-15 Establishing New Funds. Auditor Vance explained why funds have to be created to track grant expenditures.

M Allbright moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-23-15 by title only. B Osborn seconded the motion.

Discussion:

- a. #267 “CLI WILMINGTON CROSSING FY23 GRANT”
- b. #268 “ROMBACH/ELIZABETH LN TRAFFIC SYG PROJECT GRANT
- c. #608 “PFAS PLAN STUDY – AIMS #9698 WILMINGTON
- d. #610 “RAW WATER MAIN RELOC – AIMS #9312 WILM

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Law read Ordinance O-23-15 by title only.

M Allbright moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Ordinance O-23-15 by title only. B Osborn seconded the motion.

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

Director of Law read Ordinance O-23-13 by title only.

M Allbright moved for passage of Ordinance O-23-13. B Osborn seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance O-23-15 passed as presented.

M Allbright introduced Ordinance O-23-16 Making Supplemental Appropriations.

M Allbright moved to have the first reading on Ordinance O-23-16 by title only. M Snarr seconded the motion.

Discussion:

- a) From the anticipated funds of the Raw Water Line Reloc – Aims #9312 Wilm Fund to 610.350.5450 “Raw Line Relocation 73 & 380” the sum of \$970,080.00.
- b) From the anticipated funds of the Police Fund to 510.211.5521 “Motor Vehicles - Capital” the sum of \$134,324.00

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Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Law read Ordinance O-23-16 by title only.

M Allbright moved to suspend the rules and regulations and have the second and third readings on Ordinance O-23-16 by title only. M Snarr seconded the motion.

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

Director of Law read Ordinance O-23-16 by title only.

M Allbright moved for passage of Ordinance O-23-16. M Snarr seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance O-23-16 passed as presented.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

J McKay presented O-23-09 Amending certain sections and adding certain sections to Chapter 505 Animals and Fowl of the City of Wilmington Codified Ordinances and asked if there were questions. There were none.

J McKay moved to have the third reading on Ordinance O-23-09 by title only. M Allbright seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

Director of Law read Ordinance O-23-09 by title only.

J McKay moved for passage of Ordinance O-23-09. M Allbright seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance O-23-09 passed as presented.

J McKay introduced Ordinance O-23-14 Approving the Preliminary Planned Unit Development Plan for DDC Management, LLC; and Amending the zoning map by changing the zoning of real property to include a PUD (Planned Unit Development) overlay on TN (Traditional Neighborhood) parcels located on Lincoln Street in the City of Wilmington, Ohio. He said they would entertain questions from the public in an orderly manner.

Kirk Ridder of DDC Management spoke about remediation of the drainage issues in the southwest corner of the project, pedestrian connectivity offered at Kentucky Avenue, setback requirements, and a notation about the HOA on the front of the plat. He also spoke about lot width and ingress/egress to the north portion of the site. Mr. Ridder provided graphics showing the type of homes that would be built, noting that no builder had been selected so he could not provide the exact drawings.

N Eveland asked if the concept of making the street one-way at Kentucky Avenue was discussed in Planning Commission. Paul Goodhue explained why this approach was not feasible.

N Eveland questioned whether two cars could fit into the garage as they are quite small. He further indicated that he did not agree with the Fire Chief's assessment that it would be okay to have over 60 houses on the northern side of the subdivision without building a bridge as a second egress. Stuckert answered that the city did not want infrastructure built which will then need to be maintained based on the tax base of a few residential homes. When there is more infrastructure north of the city, it may make sense to build the bridge using financial tools such as tax increment financing.

David Rupp asked if it was a two-phase project and Ridder answered affirmative. He asked if it was a government housing project and the answer was no. He expressed concerns about traffic and parking, the completion of the walking trail, and several items of the traffic study. He also stated concerns about the mailbox configuration, sewer capacity, and the Homeowners Association.

Stuckert provided examples of existing homes within the city with similar setbacks and conditions.

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Randy Gray debated the examples provided by Stuckert and the growth potential of the city.

Jamie Knowles – Stated concerns about the width of the street, the pricing structure for the homes, and cost of joining a homeowner’s association.

Ridder gave a general overview of how homeowner association fees are determined.

Tony Thomas – Questioned why the developer was in Wilmington. Ridder answered that the potential for growing job markets made Wilmington attractive as a tertiary market for them. Stuckert explained the importance of new housing to the process of municipal growth.

J McKay moved to have the second reading on Ordinance O-23-14 by title only. M Allbright seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Liermann, no; Osborn, aye; Allbright, aye; Eveland, aye; McKay, aye; Snarr, aye. Motion passed.

Director of Law read Ordinance O-23-14 by title only.

J McKay requested the third reading be on the agenda for the next regular council meeting.

Clerk Tacoronte asked if there were any stipulations to be added to the legislation prior to the next council meeting. M Allbright said that the public seemed to be worried about the lot size. N Eveland said that the items presented to council by Tacoronte were a good summary of the issues and might be placed in the legislation.

J McKay presented Resolution R-23-15 Authorizing a reduction or waiver of active open space in Timber Glen Phase VI Subdivision.

J McKay moved to have the second reading on Resolution R-23-15 by title only. M Osborn seconded the motion.

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

Director of Law read Resolution R-23-15 by title only.

J McKay requested the third reading be on the agenda for the next regular council meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

M Snarr had no report.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

J McKay moved to accept the Auditor Report – February 2023, as presented. B Liermann seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports accepted as presented.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

David Henry – 853 Kathryn Drive - Candidate for Municipal Court Judge.

David Rupp – 963 N. South Street - PUD development

Jamie Knowles – 550 Brook Blvd. - Sewer line collapse in Denver addition. Homeless issues.

Josh Schlabach – 496 N. South Street - PUD development

Tony Thomas – 204 Fisher Street - Municipal Court Judge election.

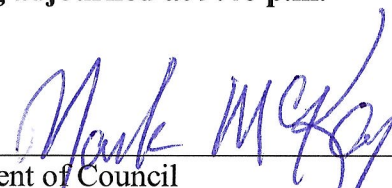
Jane Johns – 3537 S. Beechgrove Rd - Sugar Grove Cemetery and homelessness

ADJOURNMENT

B Liermann moved to adjourn the meeting.

President M McKay declared the meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

ATTEST:



President of Council



Clerk