

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 5th, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. 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; Snarr, present; Fickert, present; Purkey, present; Liermann, present; Swindler, absent; Williams, present. Motion to excuse the absent member. **Missed who.**

Chief Cravens was present as Sergeant at Arms.

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

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President M. McKay asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

Motion by M. Purkey and seconded by J. McKay to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

Agenda approved as presented.

President M. McKay asked if there were any changes to the minutes.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by M. Purkey to approve November 21st minutes as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

MAYOR

Mayor Stanforth introduced Greg Muenchen, the new Director of the Human Resources Department. Stanforth noted several upcoming local events and congratulated the Transit Department for the \$65,000 grant they received for elderly and disabled transit service. Mayor Stanforth also stated Mary Kay Vance is retiring as Deputy Auditor and will be assuming the role as Auditor.

AUDITOR

Auditor Hollingsworth was absent.

SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

Director Shidaker spoke briefly about the paving for 2020 and the ODOT grants for the Rombach Avenue Project. Shidaker stated there would be a piece of legislation authorizing him to enter the LPA paving agreement at the special council meeting. B. Shidaker stated the grant amount is \$2.37 million just for the paving portion. The current total of grant money is \$4,642,606.00 which is more than the \$3.8 million that was originally anticipated. B. Shidaker stated the OPWC can also approve up to \$4 million in loan funds with zero % interest if needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

City Revitalization Committee – Chairperson T. Williams had no report.

City Services Committee – Chairperson B. Liermann one piece of legislation and introduced O-19-51, An Ordinance accepting an easement, for a second and third reading.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by M. Purkey to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third readings on Ordinance No. O-19-51 An Ordinance accepting a certain easement of 0.142 acres, more or less, and donation of 0.0574 acres, more or less, of property located near Timber Glen subdivision from Hunter Properties, LLC to the City of Wilmington, Ohio.

All yeas. 6 yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by B. Liermann and seconded by M. Purkey to pass the Ordinance as read.

All yeas. 6 yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-19-51 passed as read

Finance Committee – Chairperson K. Fickert had six pieces of legislation to present. She also stated at the previous meeting the exhibit to Ordinance No. O-19-48 had an incomplete exhibit and it needed to be amended.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by J. McKay to amend Exhibit A for Ordinance No. O-19-48.

Roll call. 6 yeas.

Motion Passes.

K. Fickert introduced O-19-55 making miscellaneous transfers from “Fire Vehicle Maintenance” to “Fire Utilities” the sum of \$8,000.00 “Motor Vehicle Capital” to “Uniforms” the sum of \$15,000.00. “Maintenance Contracts” “Firearms” the sum of \$22,000.00, from “Motor Vehicle Capital” “Data Processing” the sum of \$27,225.00, from “Vehicle Fuel Police” “Capital Equipment” the sum of \$10,000.00, from “Workers Comp-Auditor” to “Medicare-Auditor” the sum of \$500.00, from “Temporary Services” to “Incidentals” the sum of \$1,000.00, and from “Sewer Facility Maintenance” to “Sewer Sludge Disposal” the sum of \$15,000.00.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by M. Purkey to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-19-55 making miscellaneous transfers.

All yeas. 6 yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by M. Purkey to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third readings on the Ordinance.

All yeas. 6 yeas.

Motion Passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by M. Purkey to pass the Ordinance as read.

All yeas. 6 yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-19-55 passed as read.

K. Fickert introduced O-19-56 making supplemental appropriations from the Police Fund to “Incidentals” the sum of \$1,000.00.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by J. McKay to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-19-56 Making supplemental appropriations.

All yeas. 6 yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by J. McKay to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third readings on the Ordinance.

All yeas. 6 yeas.

Motion Passes.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by J. McKay to pass the Ordinance as read.

All yeas. 6 yeas.
Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-19-54 passed as read.

K. Fickert introduced R-19-48 for payment of expenses from 2018, Equipment Maintenance the sum of \$4,489.00, Equipment Maintenance the sum of \$6,777.00, Architectural & Engineering the sum of \$3,451.72, and Architectural & Engineering the sum of \$5,005.05.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by M. Purkey to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-19-48 Authorizing payment of expenses incurred in prior fiscal year.

All yeas. 6 yeas.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by M. Snarr to suspend the rules and regulations and give the second and third readings on the Resolution

All yeas. 6 yeas.

Motion Passes.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by J. McKay to pass the Resolution as read.

All yeas. 6 yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Resolution No. R-19-48 passed as read.

K. Fickert introduced O-19-57, regarding the 2020 Budget. K. Fickert noted a budget workshop was held prior to the Council meeting and asked Mayor Stanforth to speak. Stanforth stated he is very proud of the budget and he is blessed to lead the city and hold the taxpayers trust. Stanforth stated without the citizens giving the tax increase, this budget would not be possible. He stated there is adequate carry over, streets are being paved, safety services are funded, and code enforcement is in place. K. Fickert commended the department heads on their fiscally responsible budgets.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by M. Purkey to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-19-57 Making appropriations for current expenses and other expenses and other expenditures of the City of Wilmington, Ohio during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

All yeas. 6 yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

K. Fickert asked that a second reading be on the next special council agenda.

K. Fickert introduced R-19-49 regarding the permanent tax increase allowing its placement on the ballot. Mayor Stanforth stated 4 years ago when he asked for this increase the goal was to pave streets and the city has just completed the largest paving project in the history of Wilmington. Stanforth also stated he promised to maintain Safety Services and Chief Cravens and Chief Mason have continued to maintain and improve these services. Stanforth also complimented Code Enforcement's, Terry Kerr, and Taylor Stuckert of the CCRPC, as they continue to tear down blight and enforce the code laws. Stanforth stated it's time to ask the taxpayers to make these improvements permanent to keep these positive changes.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by M. Purkey to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-19-49 A Resolution determining to proceed with placing a one-half of one percent (0.50%) permanent municipal income tax on the March 17, 2020 ballot, certifying the same to the Board of Elections, and declaring an emergency

All yeas. 6 yeas.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

K. Fickert asked that a second and third reading be on the next special council agenda.

K. Fickert introduced O-19-58 the Ordinance that accompanies the previous Resolution for

the permanent tax increase. This will be enacted if the ballot initiative passes on March 17th.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by T. Williams to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-19-58 An Ordinance authorizing the imposition of an additional one-half percent (0.50%) municipal income tax, amending Section 172.03 (Imposition of Tax) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wilmington, and declaring an emergency All yeas. 6 yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

K. Fickert asked that a second and third reading be on the next special council agenda.

Judiciary Committee – Chairperson M. Purkey had one piece of legislation and introduced Ordinance O-19-52 regarding the Downtown TIF for the Sugartree Corridor for a second reading. T. Williams stated he would be abstaining from the vote due to his employment with WCS.

Motion by M. Purkey and seconded by K. Fickert to give a second reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-19-52 An Ordinance declaring the improvement of certain parcels of real property to be a public purpose; declaring such property to be exempt from real property taxation; designating specific public infrastructure improvement made, to be made, or in the process of being made, that directly benefit, or that once made will directly benefit, the parcels for which improvement is declared to be a public purpose; requiring annual service payment in lieu of taxes; providing related authorization pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5709.40(B), 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.832 AND 5709.85; and declaring an emergency.

5 yeas. One abstain (T. Williams).

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

M. Purkey asked that a third reading be on the agenda for the next special meeting.

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee- Chairperson J. McKay had no report but thanked Superintendent M. Crowe on his budget.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson M. Snarr had no report.

Water Committee – Chairperson K. Swindler was absent and committee member K. Fickert had no report.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

A motion was made by M. Purkey and seconded by K. Fickert to accept Income Tax Report.

Motion passed.

Report accepted as presented.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Mayor Stanforth noted 30 trees were planted on Sugartree Street. He also thanked his brother Rick and M&R Department for their help.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by B. Liermann.

President M. McKay declared meeting adjourned.

Council adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk