

COUNCIL

April 16th, 2020

Wilmington City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 16th, 2020 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; Eveland, present; Liermann, present; Swindler, present.

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 B. Liermann 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 J. McKay and seconded by K. Fickert to approve April 2nd minutes as presented.
Motion passed.
Minutes approved as presented.

MAYOR

Mayor Stanforth gave a brief update on the Phase 7 improvements for the landfill, noting they have begun work on the expansion. Stanforth also gave a shout out to Superintendent Crowe and his crew regarding the most recent EPA inspections where they cleared all their past violations. He said the EPA have shown they have a lot of trust in our Sanitation Department.

Stanforth mentioned the milling and paving project, and stated they had one complaint about the noise, but that is just a small part of the process and the crews have to start early to get the job done. Stanforth also complimented the “behind the scenes” workers who have kept the water, sewer, and trash services going. He also complemented all the essential workers everywhere who are keeping everything running.

AUDITOR

Auditor Vance had no report but noted that one item on the supplemental legislation is regarding the election cost. It will need to be reviewed and more information will be forthcoming.

SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

B. Shidaker gave an update on the postponement of the Rombach Avenue Project which will now take place next spring. Shidaker stated that the funding would still be in place, but we will not know if it will be reduced. The amount will be pending the ongoing cost of additional emergency funding for the pandemic. Shidaker also noted the landfill expansion was underway, and the project is moving along.

Shidaker reviewed the Paving Project and noted 37 streets will be repaved. He also reminded Council that these were encumbered funds from 2019. Shidaker stated the milling has been going on all week from sunrise until dusk and he anticipates the project will be completed within the next 2 weeks.

B. Shidaker introduced R-20-12 regarding the Cemetery Bridge Project. Two bids were received, but one was disqualified by ODOT for improper paperwork. The remaining bid was from Fillmore Construction, who the city has worked with in the past. Shidaker noted this is a 95% match grant that will be covered by the State of Ohio.

J. McKay asked if the project could be completed before Memorial Day Weekend. B. Shidaker stated he would not know details of the timeline until they entered into the agreement and had a pre-construction meeting.

Motion by K. Swindler and seconded by J. McKay to give the first reading by title only on Resolution No. R-20-12 Authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to enter into contract with the lowest and best bidder for the CLI Cemetery Drive Bridge Project-PID 107995 and authorizing expenditure of funds for same, and declaring an emergency.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by J. McKay and seconded by M. Purkey to suspend the rules and regulations and give second and third reading by title only on Resolution No. R-20-12.

Roll Call.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Resolution by title only.

Motion by M. Purkey and seconded by J. McKay to pass the Resolution as read.

Roll Call.

All yeas.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Resolution No. R-20-12 passed as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

City Revitalization Committee – Chairperson M. Snarr had one item regarding a contract with Rozzi Fireworks. M. Miller clarified this was something they have been working on with the Auditor's office regarding funding with Retained Hotel Lodging tax money. She stated they are still working on the details, and this is just a motion to continue moving forward. Mayor Stanforth noted the importance of having the fireworks this summer. M. Miller stated additionally that if the event cannot go forward as planned, there will be a "rain date" scheduled.

M. Purkey asked if the cancelled events that were approved and funded by the committee would be reimbursed. M. Miller stated some of the events would not refund because they will be merged with other events or are currently postponed. She also stated that for the remaining funded projects and events, she will be touching base with the recipients and their plans going forward.

M. Snarr asked if there had been any progress on getting private funding from local entities for the fireworks. M. Miller stated she had not been approached by anyone who was interested in funding the event. M. Miller stated the current cost would be around \$13,000 for just the fireworks and Park Director J. Isaac also asked that there be some additional funding included for preparation of the event. M. Miller stated this would not exceed \$15,000 for the entire event.

Motion by M. Snarr and second M. Purkey to financially support the fireworks event.

All yeas.

Motion passes.

City Services Committee – Chairperson N. Eveland had no report but thanked the City Emergency Services departments for all the work they are doing keeping everyone safe during this time.

N. Eveland also asked that at the next meeting they can be provided an update to Council regarding the financial impact of the pandemic on the City. M. Miller stated the Finance Committee, along with the Tax Department, City Treasurer, and City Auditor have been working on this diligently. She stated a lot of the numbers needed to make the

predictions and give comprehensive updates on the finances are not yet ready for presentation.

Finance Committee – Chairperson K. Fickert had one piece of legislation to present, and also addressed the concerns of N. Eveland in regard to the projections and numbers being affected by the pandemic. K. Fickert also stated the first quarter for the Tax Department was the best first quarter in the history of the department, and once the numbers are available, they will be provided to Council.

M. Vance clarified that the projections would change, depending on the ongoing factors and revenue streams. She also noted the postponement of Tax Day does not mean that the city will not receive their funds, they will just be receiving them at a later date. K. Fickert thanked M. Vance for the work her department has been doing.

P. Fear stated he would also need to look at the rest of the April numbers to see if there would be a lag or change in the revenue. Mayor Stanforth stated it would be very optimistic to expect the numbers by the next Council meeting, and he was in favor of letting the departments gather all their numbers before having an update. M. Vance agreed with Mayor Stanforth that it would be difficult to have accurate information to present by the next meeting.

N. Eveland had questions about payroll and other city expenses. M. Vance clarified that they are unable to look at projections until they have the numbers, but assured Council the city is still within its budget.

K. Fickert introduced O-20-14 Making supplemental appropriations from the General Fund to “Direct Deductions” the sum of \$25,850.00, from the General Fund to “Tech Grant Expense” the sum of \$23,996.62, and from the Cemetery Fund to “Bureau of Employment Services” the sum of \$ 365.00.

Motion by K. Fickert and seconded by M. Snarr to give the first reading by title only on Ordinance No. O-20-14 making supplemental appropriations.

All yeas.

The Law Director read the Ordinance 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 Ordinance.

All 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.

Motion passes.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. O-20-14 passed as read.

Judiciary Committee – Chairperson M. Purkey had no report but stated there are things on the horizon and a committee meeting would be forthcoming.

Public Works Committee – Chairperson K. Swindler had no report.

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee- Chairperson J. McKay had no report.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

A motion was made by M. Purkey and seconded by J. McKay to accept the Auditor Treasurer Report as presented.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

P. Fear asked if there was anything that needed to be done about promoting voting for the Tax Levy. M. Miller stated legally the administration cannot participate, but she encouraged Council to continue to speak to their constituents.

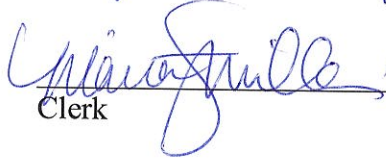
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by N. Eveland at 8:18 p.m.
President M. McKay declared meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



President of Council



Clerk