

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MARCH 23, 2015

Call to Order

Mayor Steve Miller called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 PM at the Fairfield Municipal Building, 5350 Pleasant Avenue.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Cincinnati Christian Elementary Tradetown Mayor Zach Slakey led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Wilson called the roll of Council. Present members were Councilmember Adam Jones, Councilmember Marty Judd, Councilmember Debbie Pennington, Councilmember Chad Oberson, Councilmember Mike Snyder, and Councilmember Bill Woeste.

Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Pennington, moved to excuse Councilmember Senger. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Modifications

No agenda modifications.

Executive Session Requests

No Executive Session requests.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Military Proclamation - KC Ray Corey

Mayor Miller presented a proclamation to KC Ray Corey to honor him for his military service. He thanked Mr. Corey for his sacrifice for our country and our community. Mr. Corey thanked the city for the recognition and said he is proud to serve our country.

Proclamation - Dave Crouch, Public Utilities Director

Mayor Miller presented a proclamation to Dave Crouch, honoring him for 30 years of service with the City of Fairfield. Mayor Miller expressed his thanks for Mr. Crouch's dedication throughout his career with the city. Mr. Crouch thanked the city for a great career and thanked the employees for being such a great team. Each councilmember also expressed their thanks to Mr. Crouch for always doing so much to help each of them and the residents of the city. Mr. Pizzano also recognized Mr. Crouch for all of his hard work during his career and thanked him for being such a great employee of the city.

Citizen Comments

Thomas Montgomery, 515 Vinnedge Court, addressed Council regarding the recent decision to deny the senior citizen apartment complex. He has concerns with the process that was followed. He is concerned with the comments regarding too many multi-family residences and the concerns with EMT calls. The west side does not have a lot of multi-family and the EMT calls will increase as the residents age. He asked Council to consider the purpose of the Planning Commission, if Council is not going to follow recommendations received from them, as well as where people on the west side of the city will live as they age.

Councilmember Oberson commented that he did not receive any positive comments regarding the senior housing complex, only negative comments. He voted based on the comments he received, which were that the residents did not want the complex. He urged residents to contact their councilmember, even when they are happy with something, so that the council has more information to use in their vote.

Agnes Barr, 25 Fairgreen Circle, addressed council regarding the decision on the senior housing complex and stated that she currently lives in a three-story townhouse in Fairfield that is too much house for her. She wants to come back to this part of Fairfield, where the community center and shopping are located, and she is disappointed that Council voted against the complex. She doesn't see any downside to the complex, since it is age-restricted, there will not be children or school issues to worry about and the rent is reasonable without being too low to bring in more lower-income families. She asked if it can be revisited.

Councilmember Pennington commented that she spoke to a lot of people about the complex and many people told her that they did not want it. She made phone calls and also spoke to people at Historical Society meetings and everyone told her that they would not sell their paid-for homes to move into an apartment.

Bob Rollins, 9 Glenwood Court, addressed Council regarding the senior housing complex. He is concerned about where the city is going with the recent decision and the process that was followed. He stated that if there is no place for seniors to move to when they cannot take care of their homes, they will leave the city. He also stated that the Planning Commission put requirements in place to maintain the property, what will happen to all of the individual homes when they cannot be maintained? He does not think EMT runs is an issue, because it was not going to be assisted living or nursing home, but no matter what, EMT runs will increase as the city ages.

Councilmember Snyder requested a status on the project and Law Director John Clemmons stated that the entire process is over and would have to be started again in order to look at the project again.

Public Hearing(s)

No public hearings.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Woeste announced that the Home Expo will be April 11 at the Community Arts Center. More information is available online.

Councilmember Snyder commented that various new boards and commission members will be appointed tonight, and along with that, he recognized Bob Breen for three terms on the Parks and Recreation Board. He thanked Mr. Breen for his service to the city.

Councilmember Oberson announced that paving of Pleasant Avenue will start in May and go through August. He also announced the annual Rotary auction on May 3.

Councilmember Pennington announced the annual Easter Egg-stravaganza on March 28 at Harbin Park and the opening of the 2015 fishing season at Marsh Park Lake. More information is available online.

Councilmember Judd announced that the annual Oakwood Water and Sewer Study showed Fairfield as the fourth lowest in the region. Also, the new Wastewater generator is now in place.

Councilmember Jones announced that the Police Department received recognition from the Butler County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness for Excellence in Law Enforcement. He thanked the department for their excellent work.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2015

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2015 were approved as written

OLD BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Bill Woeste, Chairman; Adam Jones, Vice Chairman, Mike Snyder, Member

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 1141.02, the City of Fairfield, Ohio, Zoning Map.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Woeste presented the third reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Bill Woeste, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 18-15. APPROVED 6-0.

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 1141.02, the City of Fairfield, Ohio, Zoning Map.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Woeste presented the third reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Bill Woeste, seconded by Councilmember Adam Jones moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 19-15. APPROVED 6-0.

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 1141.02, the City of Fairfield, Ohio, Zoning Map.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Woeste presented the third reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Bill Woeste, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 20-15. APPROVED 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mike Snyder, Chairman; Bill Woeste, Vice Chairman, Debbie Pennington, Member

Simple Motion: Motion to appoint Mark Wendling as the City Manager effective May 1, 2015.

Councilmember Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Judd, moved to approve a simple motion to appoint Mark Wendling as City Manager effective May 1, 2015. Motion carried 6-0. SIMPLE MOTION NO. 2-15. APPROVED 6-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Employment Agreement with Mark T. Wendling for the City Manager position.

Councilmember Mike Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Bill Woeste moved to read the following ordinance by title only.
Motion Carried 6-0.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an Employment Agreement with Mark T. Wendling for the City Manager position. This agreement will be effective on May 1, following Mr. Pizzano's retirement on April 30. Legislative Action: Councilmember Snyder presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Mike Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Bill Woeste moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Mike Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Marty Judd moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. Mayor Miller and Council welcomed Mr. Wendling into his new role as City Manager. ORDINANCE NO. 21-15. APPROVED 6-0.

Simple Motion: Boards & Commissions Appointments appoint the following residents to serve on Fairfield's boards and commissions effective April 1, 2015:

Councilmember Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Pennington, moved to approve the boards and commissions appointments effective April 1, 2015. Motion carried 6-0. SIMPLE MOTION NO. 3-15. APPROVED 6-0.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Bill Woeste, Chairman; Adam Jones, Vice Chairman, Mike Snyder, Member

Councilmember Bill Woeste, seconded by Councilmember Mike Snyder moved to read the following two (2) ordinances by title only.
Motion Carried 6-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an encroachment agreement with RTFD, LLC dba Skyline to temporarily use a portion of an existing surplus right-of-way for a parking lot and dumpster location.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an encroachment agreement for Skyline to use a portion of a right-of-way that is not in use for a temporary parking and dumpster location. The Skyline is moving from the far end of the city to the site of the restaurant that burned down and will need to use the right-of-way during the transition. Legislative Action: Councilmember Woeste presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Ordinance amending ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 1141.02, the City of Fairfield, Ohio, Zoning Map by approving the amended concept plan for the Village Green Planned Unit Development and the Final Development Plan for The Cove at Village Green Planned Unit

Development.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an ordinance approving the amended concept plan for the Village Green Planned Unit Development and the Final Development Plan for The Cove at Village Green Planned Unit Development. The landownership project location is behind the library on 1.6 acres. The joint public hearing with Planning Commission will be set for April 13, 2015. Legislative Action: Councilmember Woeste presented the first reading of this ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chad Oberson, Chairman; Mike Snyder, Vice Chairman, Bill Woeste, Member

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to read the following three (3) ordinances by title only.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Ordinance to enter into a three (3) year contract with Contract Sweepers & Equipment for street sweeping services.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Contract Sweepers & Equipment for street sweeping services. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oberson presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Adam Jones moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Adam Jones moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 22-15. APPROVED 6-0.

Ordinance to enter into a three (3) year contract with Capital Electric Line Builders, Wagner-Smith Division for Traffic Signal Maintenance services and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Capital Electric Line Builders, Wagner-Smith Division, for Traffic Signal Maintenance services. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oberson presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Adam Jones moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 23-15. APPROVED 6-0.

Ordinance to enter into a contract with Precision Concrete Cutting for the 2015 Sidewalk Repair Program.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Precision Concrete Cutting for the 2015 Sidewalk Repair Program. Precision Concrete Cutting can provide a service to residents that involves shaving off a portion of the cracked sidewalk and repairing it when possible, rather than replacing the entire block, which can save money for those that are eligible and choose to use the service. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oberson presented the first reading of this ordinance.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Marty Judd, Chairman; Chad Oberson, Vice Chairman, Adam Jones, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with Franklin Miller, Inc. for the purchase of a Dimminutor Open Channel Comminutor to replace the existing JWC Environmental Channel Grinders and declaring an emergency.

Councilmember Marty Judd, seconded by Councilmember Bill Woeste moved to read the following ordinance by title only.
Motion Carried 6-0.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Franklin Miller, Inc. for the purchase of a Dimminutor Open Channel Comminutor to replace the existing JWC Environmental Channel Grinders. The maintenance for the current channel grinder continues to increase, and the purchase of the new product will save the city on maintenance costs for approximately five (5) years. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Marty Judd, seconded by Councilmember Adam Jones moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Marty Judd, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 24-15. APPROVED 6-0.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Terry Senger, Chairman; Debbie Pennington, Vice Chairman, Chad Oberson, Member

Councilmember Debbie Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Marty Judd moved to read the following two (2) ordinances by title only.
Motion Carried 6-0.

Contractual Appropriations - \$83,000 for the 2015 Sidewalk Repair Program; \$58,000 for the purchase of Dimminutor Open Channel Comminutor.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended contractual appropriations for the 2015 Sidewalk Repair Program and the purchase of the Dimminutor Open Channel Comminutor. Legislative Action: Councilmember Pennington presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Debbie Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Marty Judd moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Debbie Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 25-15. APPROVED 6-0.

Non-Contractual Appropriations - \$3,350 funding for temporary employee in Building and Zoning Division.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an appropriation for funding for a temporary service employee in Building and Zoning Division. The temporary service employee will be in place for

approximately six (6) weeks until the permanent employee can transfer from Finance to Building and Zoning. Legislative Action: Councilmember Pennington presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Debbie Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Debbie Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Marty Judd moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 26-15. APPROVED 6-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- Monday, April 13 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 27 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 11 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

No Executive Session.

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 8:15 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____