

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Taylor at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J.R. Rausch, Tracy Richardson, Nevin Taylor, Mark Reams, and Henk Berbee. Deborah Groat- excused.

OTHERS PRESENT Mayor John Gore, Finance Director Jenny Chavarria, Chief Floyd Golden, Chief Jay Riley, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, Law Director Tim Aslaner, Battalion Chief Jim Strayton and Clerk Kristina Jones

REPORTERS PRESENT: Taylor Evans-Journal Tribune

CITIZENS PRESENT: Scott Zwiezinski, Melissa Marino, Alex Armitage, Janell Alexander, Alan Seymour, Steve Stolte, Eric Phillips

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting on June 25, 2015 were approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mayor Gore asked for an executive session to discuss negotiations with another political subdivision with regard to the request for economic development assistance and to consider the discipline of a public employees, with no action taken.

Mayor Gore reported the following:

Maintenance & Operations:

The construction of the shelter at McCarthy Park is complete. The shelter is now open and available to be reserved.

Sidewalk was poured under the URE Arch at Partners Park and plantings are being installed around the Scotts Monument Sign and the Arch with the assistance of ORW workers.

Engineering:

2015 Pavement Maintenance Program

- The pre-construction meeting with Strawser Paving occurred on Tuesday, July 7
- Due to weather and funding constraints, (funds were not available until July 1), asphalt paving will begin in early-August and be completed in October.
- The work on Meadows Drive will occur by August 12- before school starts the 2015-2016 Calendar Year

Events & Recreation:

It is going to be a busy weekend in Marysville, filled with many events for our community to enjoy.

Friday Nights Uptown, Chalk the Block will be held tomorrow evening (July 10) from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Registrations for Chalk the Block, start a 3:30 p.m. Music by Steel Creek. Presented by Honda Marysville.

In addition, this Friday, Honda Marysville is hosting a Run for Kids 5K in support of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. The race starts at Honda Marysville at 7:30 p.m. and ends at Friday Nights Uptown.

A Day in the Park takes place Saturday, July 11 at American Legion Park from 12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. The event will feature a petting zoo provided by the Marysville FFA Chapter, the creepy crawly friends of Dr. Insecta, music by James Robert Davis, free hot dogs, cookies, water and ice cream while supplies last. Provided by Costco, the Union County Farm Bureau, Culligan of Marysville and the City. There will also be free admission to the pool from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Also, on Saturday, July 11, Honda Marysville Motorsports is hosting a Ride for Kids.

- Registration – 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
- Ride Starts – 10:00 a.m.

Following the ride, is Honda Marysville Motorsports 10 year Anniversary Party from 12:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

For additional information, visit Honda Marysville on Facebook.

The Marysville Summer Theatre Workshop production of Mary Poppins will be held at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium this weekend.

- Friday, July 10 at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 11 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, July 12 at 3:00 p.m.

The Music on Main, Summer Series is every Thursday (excluding the weeks of Friday Nights Uptown) from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Partners Park. July 16 is the next scheduled Music on Main, featuring entertainment by Charlie Tatman. Concessions by P-Nuts Chicken & More and Sophie's Pierogi. The full summer schedule is available on the city's website, Facebook page and on the events rack card available at City Hall.

Administration:

The Connie Patterson Beautification Program applications are available online at www.marysvilleohio.org and at City Hall. Applications and documentation are due by Monday, July 13, 2015.

Seven Marysville School Students (along with chaperones) are currently visiting our Friendship City, Yorii, Japan as part of our Student Exchange Program. You can follow their travels on their Twitter account - twitter.com/ptbmjapan

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Phillips encouraged everyone to visit the website www.visituptown.org. Team Marysville recently launched this website. It is a portal to everything Uptown, includes information about the Uptown District including merchants, restaurants, and attractions. It also provides a comprehensive listing of Uptown events, parking locations and available properties.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: Scott Zwiezinski spoke to Council about the 7th Annual Mill Valley Flashlight Walk on August 4, 2015. Everyone is meeting at 8:30 pm at Creekview School. He said if anyone would like more information they can go to the Mill Valley Neighborhood watch facebook page and encouraged all residents in the community to attend.

RESOLUTIONS:

A Resolution "TO NAME THE PUBLIC DOG PARK LOCATED ON NORTH MAPLE STREET IN MARYSVILLE, OHIO" was presented for one reading only.

Administration Comments: Mayor Gore said we have had discussions about this while building the park. He said we are wanting to come forward with naming the park the Marysville Bark Park. He said we are hoping the park will be open early August.

Council Comments: Mr. Rausch said this has went through the Parks & Rec Commission as well.

Mr. Rausch moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Rausch YES; Mrs. Richardson YES;
Mr. Taylor YES

A “RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE UNION COUNTY TRAIL AND GREENWAY MASTER PLAN AND ADOPTING THE PLAN FOR MARYSVILLE AS PART OF THE MARYSVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN” was presented for one reading only.

Administration Comments: Mr. Phillips handed out the Trail and Greenway Master Plan for everyone to review. He said in 2006, we invited the County, City and townships to come together to discuss how we could connect cities and towns and parks together. We came together and drew a plan. They had a study plan done and raised \$32,000. Mr. Phillips explained the planned projects to create the trails.

Mr. Phillips asked Council to delay approval of this resolution until after he has had a chance to take it to the Parks & Rec Commission on July 21st.

Mr. Berbee complimented Mr. Phillips about all the thought that came into making the Master Plan. Mrs. Richardson gave kudos to Mr. Phillips for having this planning document in place. She said we might look at more direct routes to the reservoir from Jim Simmons Trail and from the dog park to the pool/American Legion. Mr. Phillips told Mrs. Richardson that she is making a very good point but there are a few property owners along the way.

Council Comments: Mr. Taylor tabled this item until July 23, 2015.

ORDINANCES:

An ordinance “TO AMEND SECTION 351.21 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mr. Berbee moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Rausch YES; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Taylor YES;
Mr. Reams YES

An ordinance “TO REPEAL SECTION 351.14 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mr. Rausch moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Rausch YES; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mr. Reams YES;
Mr. Berbee YES

An ordinance “AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO LEWIS PARK AND MODIFYING THE 2015 ANNUAL BUDGET” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mr. Reams moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES;
Mr. Rausch YES

An ordinance “AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,400,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF (I) PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A NEW FIRE STATION, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND (II) PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, AND EQUIPPING A NEW MUNICIPAL FACILITY, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROVED RELATED MATTERS” was presented for third reading, title only.

Mr. Berbee moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mr. Taylor YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Rausch YES;
Mrs. Richardson YES

An ordinance “TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACTING THE 2015 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.” was presented for first reading, title only.

Administration Comments:

Council Comments: Mr. Taylor said the person who handles this for us currently does it once a year. Now we are looking doing it twice a year and will make everything more up-to-date.

Mr. Rausch moved to pass the emergency clause and the question put, stood:

Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Rausch YES; Mrs. Richardson YES;
Mr. Taylor YES

Mrs. Richardson moved to waive second reading and the question put, stood:

Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Rausch YES; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Taylor YES;
Mr. Reams YES

Citizen Comments:

Mr. Rausch moved to waive third reading and the question put, stood:

Mr. Rausch YES; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mr. Reams YES;
Mr. Berbee YES

Mrs. Richardson moved to pass the legislation and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES;
Mr. Rausch YES

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Rausch said they will meet on July 21st and will discuss the Trail and Greenway Master Plan.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Richardson said let's talk about the group ResponsibleOhio and ***House Joint Resolution 4*** Responsible Ohio is a Group promoting the legalization of marijuana in Ohio. On June 30th, the group submitted 695,273 signatures to the Ohio Secretary of State's Office. 305k of registered voters are needed in order to place the issue of legalization of marijuana including medicinal and recreational use on the ballot this November. The Amendment recommends no more than 10 site specific locations for marijuana growth...that is it. I encourage all to read the Amendment. It is found at responsibleohio.com and is 17 pages long.

You should know.

1) Ohio is the first state to face full legalization without accepting "medical" marijuana first.

2) Ohio is the first state to face a monopoly to legalize pot.

3) Ohio has the first group of pot legalizers who are opposing the Ohio legalization plan. Because of the monopoly issue within the plan, pro-pot advocates are organizing to defeat this issue.

House Joint Resolution 4 - What Is It?

There have been many questions around the House Joint Resolution 4 that was recently passed by the Ohio Legislature. Therefore, on behalf of the Drug Free Coalition I would like to answer the questions that we are hearing the most:

1. *House Joint Resolution 4 is a piece of legislation* that would put the issue on the ballot to make it harder for monopolies and special interests inserting themselves and their business interests into Ohio's Constitution. The initiative would make an extra step for these types of initiatives, with the first step asking voters to ok the monopoly and the second step asking voters to approve the subject matter.

2) HJR4 will go before the Ohio Senate. If it passes, the issue will be put on the November, 2015 ballot where citizens of Ohio will vote on whether to pass this piece of legislation and eliminate the ease of allowing a monopolies into Ohio's Constitution.

3) This is not anti-marijuana amendment?

The language is strictly about monopolies and special interests inserting themselves into Ohio's Constitution through a well-funded ballot initiative. There is no language about marijuana in the entire initiative.

4) This is a bipartisan effort co-sponsored by Democrat Mike Curtin and Republican Ryan Smith.

Please, Keep TALKING

Mrs. Richardson thanked Mr. Zwienzski for stepping in and heading the neighborhood watch in Mill Valley. She thanked everyone who has volunteered to come out to participate in the walk. She said it is a night to promote safety in the neighborhood and in the community. The Mill Valley Neighborhood Watch Safety Walk is on Tuesday, August 4th beginning at 8:30 pm at Creekview Intermediate. All are invited to join in the event

She added that Mary Poppins the musical is free this weekend.

Mr. Berbee talked about the conference that he attended which discussed the new guidelines for HB5. He suggested that the staff review the proposed changes which is 47 pages long and we start discussing them so we can have something in place by the time that HB5 is in effect.

Mr. Reams mentioned we also have the Farmer's Market on Saturday morning, which will feature music.

Mayor Gore said it is night out in America that Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Zwienziski was talking about. He agrees that this would be a great opportunity for citizens to walk and help promote safety in the community.

Mayor Gore said with hearing Mr. Berbee's comments, it upsets him because these are conversations that we had a year ago with what HB5 would mean. We could not get our local elected state officials to come and discuss it with us.

Mr. Rausch moved for Council adjourn to Executive Session, and seconded by Mrs. Richardson and the question put, stood:

Mr. Taylor YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Rausch YES;
Mrs. Richardson YES

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. Council adjourned from Executive Session at 9:41pm. There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm.