

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2014

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Rausch, Mr. Fogt, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Groat, Mr. Reams, Mr. Berbee

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor John Gore, Director of Administration Terry Emery, Finance Director Jenny Chavarria, Fire Chief Jay Riley, Police Chief Floyd Golden, HR Director Brian Dostanko, Asst. Law Director John Eufinger, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, Clerk Connie Patterson

REPORTERS PRESENT: Ryan Horns-Journal Tribune, Amy Rogan-ThisWeek News

CITIZENS PRESENT: Martin Pratt, Donald Boerger, Brian Palmer, Joey Palmer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There being no additions or corrections, the minutes for the meeting on June 12, 2014 were approved as written.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mayor Gore asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Mayor Gore reported the following:

Division of Police

This Saturday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, the Kiwanis are conducting an In-Street Solicitation collecting donations for the Derric Brown Family. The location will be at the intersection of 5th and Main St.

Public Service Department

Mosquito spraying was performed today on the Jim Simmons Trail (Schwartzkopf Park to Silverspur Ln.) and also at an open field near Kentucky Circle. Tomorrow, weather permitting we will spray areas of Aldersgate Park and McCarthy Park.

Events & Recreation

The Pool is off to a great start. Orders for memberships are still coming in and sales from the concession stand are up from last year.

The sand volleyball leagues on Wednesday and Thursday nights at Eljer Park are in their third week and are going very well.

3-on-3 basketball leagues begin next week.

The City's next Friday Nights Uptown event, "Wine & Jazz Fest" will be held tomorrow evening, June 13th from 6-10 pm. This event will feature 6 Central Ohio wineries, music by Dave Powers and presented by Edward Jones.

Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event will be held tomorrow evening, Friday, June 13th at the Marysville High School Track starting at 6 pm. Chief Golden and I will be present for the Luminary Event at 9:30 pm., to call out names of those who have lost their life to cancer.

Engineering

Partners Park

The Masonry and Structural Steel contractors will be on site starting Monday, June 16th.

- The structural steel is expected to be complete by June 27th
- The masonry brick work is expected to be complete by July 11th

Administration

I would like to recognize Assistant City Engineer Rob Priestas who is now a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) with the National Park and Recreation Association. Rob passed the exam with a 96%.

I would also like to recognize our Pool Manager Scott Hamilton for recently receiving a perfect score on the National Swimming Pool Foundation's Certified Pool/Spa Operator

Course at The Ohio State University. According to The Ohio Aquatic Council, this score ranks in the top ½ percent of all course participants nationwide.

Public Service Director Mike Andrako and Season Wall, Republic Services Division Manager will be on WQTT 1270 AM radio station tomorrow morning from 9:00-9:30 am for "Marysville Municipal Matters." Topic of discussion will be the city's refuse and recycling collection system.

City Offices Closed

City Offices will be closed Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Friday's refuse and recycling will be collected on Saturday, July 5th.

5th Annual Beautification Program

The City's Beautification Program recognizes residents and businesses in the City who contribute to the beauty of Marysville by taking pride in their landscaping and/or exterior renovation improvements.

Anyone can nominate a property. The property must be located within the corporation limits of the City of Marysville. Properties will be judged in four categories, property enhancement, beautifully maintained, gateway and storefront-window display/outside facade.

[Application/nomination](#) forms must be received by Monday, July 14, 2014. For additional information please view the [program flyer](#) located on our website or contact [Clerk of Council](#) Connie Patterson at (937) 645-7356.

Farmers Market

The Union County Farmers Markets will be held each Saturday through October 18th. The Farmers Markets are open from 8 am- 1pm in the City parking lot located at Plum & Sixth Street.

Mayor Gore reported that the Design Review Board met on the demolition of property next to the proposed Partners Park. The application was denied by the Board. There is an appeal process. One option is to stop the construction of Partners Park and make a parking lot. After talking to the sponsors of the park, they encouraged the city to move forward with Partners Park. Will end up with a total of 34 parking spaces. The closing on the house is scheduled for next Tuesday.

Mr. Fogt asked about bulk-item pickup. Mr. Andrako said that bulk items are collected on Monday. A list is collected throughout the week of items that the haulers aren't picking up. If you have a bulk item to be picked up, you can call 645-7350 and let the Utility Clerks know in advance.

Mrs. Richardson said she has been informed that the trash company is mixing recycle and trash items. Mr. Andrako said they should not be doing that and it will be addressed.

Mrs. Richardson expressed a parking concern for uptown. She asked if the one-way street is an option around Partners Park. Mayor Gore said that option is still on the "edge of the table."

Motion was made to add legislation to the consent calendar and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Richardson YES Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES Mr. Fogt YES

Motion passed.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL: Clerk Patterson received a request for transfer of C1, C2 and D6 liquor license from Richard P. Carder, dab North Main Short Stop, 546

Main Street to North Main Short Stop LLC, dba North Main Short Stop, 546 N. Main Street. Chief Golden had no objection. Council had no objection.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: Mr. Phillips reported that CT Consultants is working on the Greenway Master Plan. They will be at Uptown Friday night to get resident input.

The Midwest US/Japan Conference will be held in Des Moines, Iowa in September. Registration will be open soon. He encouraged a great Marysville showing at the conference.

The third week of June, it's highly likely that an Acura commercial will be filmed in Marysville.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: Joey Palmer of Troup 355 is in attendance at tonight's meeting. He is working on his Citizenship merit badge.

Mr. Emery said Team Marysville met this week. There are a lot of good things going on. They are currently working on creating a special improvement district in the uptown, primarily to provide services of uptown businesses, such as snow removal.

RESOLUTIONS

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF MARYSVILLE, OHIO AND MARYSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT" was presented for first reading, title only. Mr. Phillips explained that every time there is a project that exceeds \$1M in payroll, there has to be some type of revenue sharing. The city collects the income tax and the school district collects (inaudible). As proposed, the Marysville school district will collect about \$682,000 over a ten-year period or \$68,000 a year with the abatement in place. The City will collect about \$249,000 in income taxes. Because this is a property investment, the city will never have to pay the school district during that term, so there will be no exchange, but the agreement must be in place.

ORDINANCES

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 4 (PAY POLICIES) AND SECTION 5 (BENEFITS POLICIES) OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE POLICIES MANUAL" was presented for second reading, public hearing.

The ordinance "AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND MODIFYING THE 2014 ANNUAL BUDGET" was presented for second reading, public hearing.

“AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND ENTITLED CITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND” was presented for second reading, public hearing.

The ordinance “TO AMEND SECTION 1100.02, ZONING FEES, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE” was presented for first reading, title only. Mr. DeLong explained that this is collaboration between Public Affairs Committee and Administration. Banners were added back in the code.

Mrs. Groat added that when the Ad Hoc Committee met about a year ago, it promised to revisit the code after it had been enforced for about a year. Changes are a result of this revisit. Mrs. Groat said these ten pieces of legislation regarding signs have been a response to what the public wanted.

A public hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code.

The ordinance “TO AMEND SECTION 1143.08(b), EXCEPTIONS AND PROHIBITED SIGNS, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE” was presented for first reading, title only.

A public hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code.

The ordinance “TO ADD SECTION 1143.09(b)(14), TEMPORARY SIGNS, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE” was presented for first reading, title only. Mr. DeLong explained that this change will allow businesses to display a banner six times a year, ten days at a time so they can advertise their sales and/or specials.

Mrs. Richardson asked if there had been complaints that prompted this change. Mr. DeLong said there were complaints heard from the business community. He noted 15 new signs have been added to the code that at one time were prohibited in the city.

A public hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code.

The ordinance “TO AMEND SECTION 1143.091, PORTABLE SIDEWALK SIGNS, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE” was presented for first reading, title only.

A public hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1143.16(d)(1), SIGNS IN ER, SR, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5 AND GOV ZONING DISTRICTS, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for first reading, title only.

A public hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1143.17, SIGNS IN AR, BR AND OR ZONING DISTRICTS, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for first reading, title only.

A public hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1143.18, SIGNS IN B-1, TOC AND SD-1 ZONING DISTRICTS, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for first reading, title only.

A public hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1143.19, SIGNS IN B-3 ZONING DISTRICT, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for first reading, title only.

A public hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1143.20, SIGNS IN M-1 AND M-2 ZONING DISTRICTS, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for first reading, title only.

A public hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code.

The ordinance "TO AMEND SECTION 1143.171, SIGNS IN HMD ZONING DISTRICTS, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" was presented for first reading, title only.

A public hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code.

The ordinance "AMENDING ORDINANCES 28-04 AND 62-06 TO AMEND THE PARCELS LOCATED IN A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE MARYSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS. Ms. Chavarria explained that this includes the Meijer parcel and has been approved by the school.

The ordinance "AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REVENUE NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,315,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, AND RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS" was presented for first reading, title only. This is the annual renewal of the City Gate TIF. Will be paying \$400,000 on the principle, which came from the increase in property values.

The ordinance "AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REVENUE NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,705,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, AND RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS" was presented for first reading, title only. This is the annual renewal of Coleman's Crossing TIF.

Mr. Fogt asked if the proposed improvements to Coleman's Crossing are in this. Response was no, this is only for the initial infrastructure.

The 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, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A NEW FIRE STATION, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND (II) PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A NEW MUNICIPAL FACILITY, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS" was presented for first reading, title only. Ms. Chavarria explained that these are rollover notes issued for above projects. Will be paying \$750,000 in principle this year.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT: Mr. Rausch reported that the Commission will approve the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan at its next meeting. It will also be taken to Finance Committee for their review. Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 18th instead of Thursday, June 19th.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Fogt noted that Iraq has lost three cities, so all of the progress that was made in Iraq is being undone. Pray for the soldiers. Support the military and wear red on Friday's.

Mrs. Richardson reported the following:

"1. Special thanks to the staff for their customer service and help in addressing numerous citizen concerns/issues. They should be commended for their prompt response and extra effort to help the residents of the community. Thank you Greg, Mike, Jeremy and Terry for your help in the last few weeks.

2. Let's Talk About Marijuana use and abuse in our community:

*On the 2012 Youth Risk Behavior Survey given to 7th, 9th and 11th grade students in each school district, 9% of all youth surveyed reported using marijuana in the last 30 days.

*Youth receiving treatment for substance abuse in Union County are primarily reporting the use of marijuana.

*Reports show that from July 2013 – February 2014, 78% of youth admissions for substance abuse were using marijuana

* Attitudes regarding use and harm of marijuana are getting more relaxed as national conversations about legalizing marijuana continue.

*Additionally, there is increased confusion among youth about the potential harm and implied benefits from using marijuana. One of the instructors at a local middle school health class said that several students stated that "smoking cigarettes can cause cancer" but "smoking pot will cure it."

*Recently, the US House of Rep. voted in favor of an amendment to prohibit the US Justice Department from arresting or prosecuting use of marijuana in states where it has been legalized for medical purposes.

*Ohio has two proposed ballot initiatives that are in the process of collecting signatures for a vote to approve similar use of marijuana. To date, they have not collected enough signatures to be placed on the ballot this November.

*The Union County Drug Free Coalition has supported the stance of the Ohio Drug-Free Action Alliance regarding medical marijuana. In short, **the Coalition agrees that citizens should *not vote on marijuana as a medicine* just as we do not vote on Lipitor, Prozac or any other medications.**

*** We support that “marijuana as medicine should be treated with the same logical, rational approach as any other drug” and be subject to the same research, study and approval by the US Dept. of Food and Drug Administration.** (We want to avoid what other states face where medical marijuana is legal, marijuana is not just sold in its raw form, but there is a large market of marijuana-based foods, beverages and candies).

***I will do my best to continue to share with this leadership team information regarding the legalization of marijuana in Ohio**

Thanks for your courtesy in allowing me to speak on this subject.

3. Parking in driveways and blocking sidewalks: Please, as a courtesy to your neighbor, avoid blocking sidewalks with your vehicles. Pedestrians and bikeriders are forced to go into the street when the sidewalks are blocked and that is unsafe.”

Mr. Taylor noted that Saturday is Flag Day. Proudly display your flag. If you fly the flag at night, please be sure it is lit.

Mr. Taylor noted that G&H Lock will provide, free of charge, locks for the soldier’s home.

Mrs. Groat said Public Affairs Committee will meet on Monday, June 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Reams mentioned with Flag Day coming up, please be sure to look at the flag to be sure it's a respectful representation of this nation. It's disappointing to look around and see torn and tattered flags.

Mr. Reams noted that Habitat for Humanity is building another home in the community on London Avenue. He encouraged volunteers for this project.

Mr. Taylor said if you have a flag that's torn and tattered, you can drop it off at Ace Hardware. The VFW does a flag-retiring ceremony. Mrs. Richardson added that Troop 355 will take care of them as well.

Mr. Berbee said because of a scheduling conflict, Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 18th instead of Thursday the 19th.

Mr. Berbee noted the Memorial Day Parade went very well. Kudos to city crews who also take care of the grass. Lewis Park looks very nice, as well as Jim Simmons Trail. He appreciates how nice the city looks.

Mr. Berbee said the Kiwanis will be working three shifts for the Brown family fundraiser. Police officers will provide the cones. Will also be working with the American Legion who will be providing about 1,000 of the miniature flags to hand out on Flag Day.

Mayor Gore thanked Mrs. Richardson for complimenting the staff. There is always work to be done and staff is always willing to step up in order to provide quality service.

Mrs. Richardson moved to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Mrs. Groat and the question put, stood:

Mr. Taylor YES Mrs. Groat YES Mr. Reams YES Mr. Berbee YES Mr. Rausch YES
Mr. Fogt YES Mrs. Richardson YES

Motion passed.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Regular session reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.