

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**August 22, 2016**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nevin Taylor, Deb Groat, Tracy Richardson, J.R. Rausch, Alan Seymour, Mark Reams, Henk Berbee.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager Terry Emery, Finance Director Jenny Hutchinson, City Law Director Tim Aslaner, Chief Golden, Chief Riley, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, IT Director Aaron Story, HR Director Brian Dostanko, City Planner Chad Flowers, Zoning Administrator Ron Todd, Code Enforcement Zach Andrews, POI Officer/ Administrative Assistant Anna Krutowskis, Clerk of Council Kris Jones.

**REPORTERS PRESENT:** Will Channel- Journal Tribune

**CITIZENS PRESENT:** Gary Lee, Charles Hall, Steve Stolte, Donald Boerger, Bernice Smith, Tim Schacht, Ben Vollrath, Todd Spencer, Tim Kelton, John Gore, Eric Phillips, Yorii students and Chaperones

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The approval of the minutes for the meeting on August 8, 2016 were approved as submitted.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Mayor Rausch and the Union County Commissioners welcomed the Yorii exchange students and chaperones.

Mr. Rausch read a proclamation declaring Hunger Action month.

Mr. Emery asked for an executive session to discuss two items relating to the purchase of property and to discuss the employment of a public employee, with no action being taken.

The Administrative team reported the following:

***City Manager reported the following:***

**Events & Recreation**

**Municipal Pool Hours**

This is the final weekend for pool operations. Hours are Saturday noon to 6:00 pm and Sunday 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We had a great pool season, selling 347 memberships. 219 season passes sold last year.

**Dog Swim**

Tuesday, September 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Pool  
\$5.00 admission per dog. Fifty percent of proceeds go to the Union County Humane Society.

**Music on Main**

Wednesday, August 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Partners Park  
Live country music by JR Hunter

**Last Music on Main**

Wednesday, September 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Live music by James Davis

**Disc Golf**

We had twenty-six (26) participants in the City's Disc Golf League (summer session), hosted on Tuesday evenings at our Disc Golf course located at Mill Valley Park South. The league ran for 8 weeks with an average weekly attendance of 18. Fall session starts at the end of this month. Additional information and registration is available on the City's website.

**Softball**

Eighteen (18) teams participated in our summer session of softball hosted at the Union County Joint Recreation District. Fall session starts September 1. Additional information and registration is available on the City's website.

**Festifair Arts & Crafts Festival**

Saturday, September 10 in Uptown Marysville (5th & Main Streets) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Movie in the Park**

Saturday, September 10 at Partners Park, Featuring Star Wars: The Force Awakens.  
Movie will begin at dusk.

**On-Street Parking Change**

There has been a change to the on-street parking provided along W. 4th St. (Court St. to Grove St.). The on-street parking will now be provided along the north side of W 4th St. and "no parking" signs will be placed which prohibit parking along the south side of W 4th St. The roadway is only wide enough to accommodate parking on one side. Last year's waterline improvement project relocated the fire hydrants to the south side of the road, limiting the amount of parking spaces available on that side. Installing curb and paving the street this year allowed us the opportunity to move the parking to the north side adding twelve (12) additional parking spaces from Court St. to Grove St. This is a great opportunity to add parking spaces in the Uptown and improve safety by making fire hydrants more accessible.

**Fire Division**

Chief Riley is taking vacation leave from the City to participate on the Ohio Interagency Wildfire Team, fighting wildfires in the western US. This three week deployment will not only benefit the areas of the US devastated by the annual wildfires, but will also provide Jay with experience on large-scale wildfire operations that is not available in the eastern US. He will be part of a 20-person team of Ohioans who are specially trained to fight wildfires, working alongside firefighters from all across the US.

During his absence, the three-battalion chiefs will direct the fire division, with BC Mark Ropp as the lead.

**Uptown Event**

September 17, 2016 starting at 6pm, we will be airing the Ohio State v. Oklahoma Football game at Partners Park. We will have food vendors, large screen tv and activities during the game.

***Mr. Andrako reported the following:***

**Public Service Department, Maintenance & Operations  
Playgrounds**

Streets crews will begin grading and prep work at McCarthy and Greenwood parks to make way for the installation of playgrounds. The playgrounds will be installed in the next month or two.

***Mr. Hoyt reported the following:***

**Engineering Department  
SR 31 Bridge Replacement**

The SR 31 Bridge Replacement project is ongoing and the temporary traffic signals have been installed and activated. City Staff is coordinating the appropriate timing adjustments with ODOT and the Contractor.

**2016 Paving Program**

The base bid projects within the 2016 Paving Program are expected to wrap up by the end of the week.

#### **SR 4 Bridge**

The work on the SR 4 Bridge over Northwest Parkway is expected to start on September 19. This work will require a complete closure and traffic will be routed around this area via the Northwest Parkway and the existing interchange configuration.

Chief Golden gave an update on the accident at noon on US 33 at the US 36 exit, and thanked the citizens for their patience. He also asked that no one walk across the St. Rt. 31 Bridge while it is under construction.

Mr. Taylor asked if there was any advice he would give parents taken their children to school in the morning. Chief Golden stated leave a little earlier. Mr. Rausch commented to be patience because if there is an accident in the area, it will make for longer delays.

Mrs. Richardson thanked Chief Riley for his loyalty to our nation, and was sending well wishes for a safe deployment.

**REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:** Mrs. Jones explained that the Division of Liquor Control wanted to make Council aware that the Corporate Stock Ownership of Walgreens is changing to Walgreens Boot Alliance, Inc. and wondered if Council had an objections. Council did not.

**REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION/DESIGN REVIEW BOARD:** Tim Schacht reported the following for Design Review board:

1. Exterior Plan/Landscape Plan: An application for a new Assisted Living and Memory Care Facility (Chestnut Crossing) on property located on the Southeast corner of Walnut Street and Professional Parkway (Extension) in the HMD (Hospital Medical District) zoning district – approved.
2. Exterior Plan/Landscape Plan: An application for a new Assisted Living Facility (Bluebird Retirement) on parcels 290 0044110020 and 290 0044110070 on Coleman’s Crossing Boulevard (City Gate development) in the HMD (Hospital Medical District) zoning district- approved
3. Exterior Plan/Landscape Plan: An application for a new Fairfield Inn Hotel on property located at 16703 Square Drive in the TOC (Traffic Oriented Commercial) zoning district- approved
4. Exterior Plan/Landscape Plan: An application for a new Sleep Inn Hotel on property located at 1001 & 1041 Lydia Drive in the TOC (Traffic Oriented Commercial) zoning district- tabled until the September meeting because of lack of details

5. Exterior Plan/Landscape Plan: An application for a new BSH Hospitality - Columbus, LLC Hotel on property located at 15620 Watkins Road in the TOC (Traffic Oriented Commercial) zoning district-approved.

6. Exterior Plan/Landscape Plan: An application for site improvements to an existing Pizza Hut on property located at 901 W Fifth Street in the BR (Business Residential) zoning district-approved.

7. Certificate of Appropriateness in the Historic Design Review District: An application for new signage at the Marysville Public Library located at 231 S Plum Street in the BR (Business Residential) zoning district-approved.

8. Certificate of Appropriateness in the Historic Design Review District: An application for a new Richwood Bank on property located at the Northwest corner of E Fifth Street and Walnut Street in the B-3 (Central Business) zoning district-approved.

9. Certificate of Appropriateness in the Historic Design Review District: An application for a new freestanding identification sign at Marysville Grace Church located at 315 W. Fifth Street in the OR (Office Residential District) zoning district- approved.

Mrs. Richardson asked what historic signage was. Mr. Schacht replied that they look right for the district, the have a little more requirements than normal signage.

Mr. Schacht also reported that they had a special meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the demolition of 238 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. It was tabled at the request of the Historical Society to August 24, 2016.

Donald Boerger reported the following for Planning Commission:

1. Property Owner: Pulte Homes of Ohio, LLC Applicant: Kevin Kershner, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. Location: Woods at Mill Valley North Request: Approval of Final Plat for Woods at Mill Valley North Phase 1 Part 20-approved.

2. To hear a Zoning code amendment to chapter 1100.02 Zoning Fees: Zoning Verification Letter – approved.

3. Proposed Zoning Code Amendment (Text) to Chapter 1100.02 Request: To hear a Zoning code amendment to chapter 1100.02 Zoning Fees: Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (Residential)- approved.

4. Proposed Zoning Code Amendment (Text) to Chapter 1144 Design Review Request: To hear a Zoning code amendment to chapter 1144 Design Review- approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Mrs. Richardson reported Public Service meet and discuss general updates on the State Route 31 bridge project , which we received more updates on tonight during the Administration Report. They also discussed Section 925.05 regarding the summer sewer credit, she stated that is was recommended that the Utility Rate Working Group review the way that the credit is figured.

Mr. Berbee reported that Finance Committee meet on August 18<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting they had a presentation from Open Gov, which the Commissioners are currently using. They decided to wait on beginning to use it to see how it works out for the Commissioners. They also discussed the 2017 Capital Budget Requests. Mr. Berbee stated there is 8.9 million in requests, which need to be gone through.

Mrs. Groat reported that Public Affairs just meet before the meeting, and discussed Chapter 1303 and 1305. Mr. Todd also brought before the Committee a new chapter to the Planning and Zoning Code regarding Food Vehicles/Vendors. We will continue to review this at the September 26, 2016 meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**PARKS & RECREATION REPORT:** Mr. Reams reported that Parks & Rec met and they discussed park assignments of individual members and received an overview of the Master Plan Project.

#### **HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

One Reading TO ACCEPT THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2020  
Only

**Administration Comments:** Mr. Emery thanked all staff that participated in the process. At the end of the day, we had seven meetings. He also thanked City Council and said it was really a positive experience, which established the roadmap for the City.

**Council Comments:** Mr. Rausch stated that we all understand that it is not the perfect document, however, a work in progress and our staff is already working the plan and we will be reviewing it. Mrs. Richardson gave Mr. Dostanko kudos for the hard work he did at facilitating the meetings.

Mr. Emery stated Mr. Dostanko recently assisted the City of Whitehall in their strategic planning.

**Citizen Comments:**

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

**Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Groat YES; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Rausch YES;  
Mr. Seymour YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee YES**

One Reading A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CROSSROADS AREA PLAN AND ADOPTING THE  
Only PLAN FOR MARYSVILLE AS PART OF THE MARYSVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

**Administration Comments:** Mr. Emery stated that Dublin will be adopting it tonight, and the Union County Commissioners will be passing something similar. It is a not a binding agreement.

**Council Comments:** Mr. Rausch explained a Council member has requested this be tabled to give them more time to review the plan.

**Citizen Comments:**

**Mr. Reams moved to table the legislation until September 12, 2016 to give Council time to review the plan, and the question put, stood:**

**Mrs. Groat YES; Mrs. Richardson YES; Mr. Rausch YES; Mr. Seymour NO;  
Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Berbee NO; Mr. Taylor YES**

**ORDINANCES:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading TO AMEND CHAPTER 1100.02, ZONING FEES (TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF  
Title Only OCCUPANCY RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL), OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE  
PLANNING AND ZONING CODE

**Administration Comments:** Mr. Todd explained this went before the Planning Commission and was approved for recommendation to Council.

**Council Comments:** Mrs. Richardson asked if there was any impact on the business for the increase in fees. Mr. Todd explained that this is a normal fee and there is no impact on the businesses.

**Back for second reading, public hearing on September 12, 2016. A scheduled public hearing for Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Title Only TO AMEND CHAPTER 1100.02, ZONING FEES (ZONING VERIFICATION LETTER), OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE

**Administration Comments:** Mr. Todd explained they are bringing this legislation forward due to an increase in verification letters. In the last two years, companies are requiring more detailed information for commercial or residential properties. With the request for new properties, takes more staff time to prepare, especially with older homes/businesses. They are asking a \$50.00 fee, which is the normal fee for a verification letter.

**Council Comments:**

**Back for second reading, public hearing on September 12, 2016. A scheduled public hearing for Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Title Only TO AMEND CHAPTER 1144, DESIGN REVIEW, OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE

**Administration Comments:** Mr. Flowers explained that this code deals with the design of our new structures coming into the City. The code is vague as it currently reads, these changes will explain better the design district standards. Staff did a lot of research before bringing it to Design Review Board. Design Review Board has reviewed this at two meetings and they approved and sent it to Planning Commission. Planning Commission approved and recommended it to bring it to Council for approval. Mr. Flowers explained some of the changes.

**Council Comments:** Mr. Rausch encouraged the changes because it gives us a little more ground to stand, but is still very business friendly. Mr. Seymour said what we have had has been very vague, and now there is leverage to get what the City would like.

**Back for second reading, public hearing on September 12, 2016. A scheduled public hearing for Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. per Section 1131.08 of the Planning and Zoning Code**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Title Only TO AMEND CHAPTER 1320, REGISTRATION OF ABANDONED PROPERTIES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

**Administration Comments:** Mr. Andrews explained the changes. He said our current fee is \$100.00. The proposal is going to ask for a \$200.00 fee each year that the home/building is vacant which will be capped at \$1,000. The fees will have to be paid prior to the transfer of the building/home.

**Council Comments:** Mr. Taylor asked what the percentage of vacancy. Mr. Andrews stated that it is 50% of the available space and/or buildings. Mrs. Richardson commented that Mr. Andrews has really put a lot of work into the amendment. She asked about the second year when the fee goes from \$200.00 to \$400.00, how does that compare with other cities? Mr. Andrews explained that we are still on the conservative side.

**Back for second reading, public hearing on September 12, 2016.**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Title Only TO ACCEPT THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF CONTRACT TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE PARCELS 29-0023054 AND 29-0023052 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Administration Comments:** Mr. Emery introduced Tim Kelton and Todd Spencer from Lee and Associates, who will be working with Mr. Phillips on the presentation for the next three pieces of legislation. Attached, is a copy of the presentation from Lee and Associates. Mr. Kelton explained to Council that he has been in the business for 38 years, and one of the most know projects is the Perimeter Center (includes MAG dealership, Gordon Flesch, Nationwide Children's).

**Council Comments:** Mr. Taylor asked what the plan to do with the land before it will be developed. Mr. Kelton said the plan will be to farm them with low crops (soybeans).

Mr. Gore said about eighteen months ago, they started to go through the process and vision they would have for the area. He explained that he is so proud of what Council has done within the eight months. The opportunities that the purchase of the land will open will take Marysville to another level. He would encourage Council to move forward.

Mr. Stolte echoed with Mr. Gore said about the opportunity this brings to Marysville. He also commented if the City would not go through with the purchase, one purchase a lot on this land would make it so the project is not even possible. He is excited about the project and thinks everyone should be excited about it as well. He said in the next few years, there will be an upward of two trillion dollars spent in this country on smart mobility. He said we are positioning ourselves along the 33 corridor to take advantage of that development. He encouraged Council to move ahead full speed with the project.

**Back for second reading, public hearing on September 12, 2016.**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Title Only TO ACCEPT THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF CONTRACT TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE PARCEL 29-0023057 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Administration Comments:** (See above comments)

**Council Comments:**

**Back for second reading, public hearing on September 12, 2016.**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Title Only TO ACCEPT THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF CONTRACT TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE PARCEL 29-0023058 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Administration Comments:** (See above comments)

**Council Comments:**

**Back for second reading, public hearing on September 12, 2016.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading TO AMEND SECTION 925.05, WASTEWATER RATES, OF THE CODIFIED  
Public Hearing ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

**Administration Comments:** Mr. Emery stated this is to clean up the summer sewer credit language.

**Council Comments:** Mrs. Richardson stated this has been recommended to go back to the Utility rate working group to review the rates and to actually put how the rates are figured in writing.

**Back for third reading, title only on September 12, 2016.**

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Emery said they just received great news and asked Mrs. Hutchinson to share it with you with regards to Mr. Berbee's question about the reservoir bonds. Mrs. Hutchinson said we did have refunding of the bond today, and we have a net interest cost of 2.85%, which results in a savings of 3.2 million dollars or 21.55% savings over the life of the bond. Mrs. Hutchinson stated this has been a great opportunity to save money on the interest portion of the bonds.

Mrs. Groat welcomed Mr. Gore home.

Mrs. Richardson said she gave Council a hand out of a blog from Harvard Health regarding the health effects of recreational and medical use of marijuana. This blog said be careful with marijuana. She said the article talks about there are 20 million users and about 7.5% of people aged 12 or older use marijuana. She said it also states the greatest fear which is an increase in adolescent users.

Mrs. Richardson said staff has done a really good job at clearing the brush along the Jim Simmons Trail under the 33 bridge. She said there was a blind bin under the overpass but now she can tell work has been done. It is helpful. Mr. Emery stated that is what they announced a couple of weeks ago, that we are clearing some areas back.

Mr. Berbee said it is nice to see Mr. Gore here again. He said his first two years on Council was with Mayor Schmenk and the next were with Mr. Gore as Mayor. He said they both set out a great roadmap during their years that we now get to follow. Now the challenge is for us to make our own road map, which we spent seven meetings on. It is a good time to be in Marysville.

Mr. Taylor congratulated Chief Riley for stepping up and stepping out. He said the most gratifying for Chief Riley will be that he is glad we do not deal with wildfires. Be safe. He also mentioned that he will be presenting a resolution at the next council meeting. The resolution will be dealing with an issue on the federal, state and local to recognize the week from September Labor Day Monday to the following Monday as Patriotic week , and would strongly suggested that we adopt it. Remember 9/11 there are a lot of people who went to work one day thinking nothing different, and the following day there were more US families affected in in a 24 hour period.

Mr. Rausch said we do have the 9/11 ceremony and Mr. Reams will represent Council to speak at the ceremony. He reminded everyone that the month of August is blue lights for the safety personnel.

Mr. Rausch said it has to be gratifying for Mr. Gore to see eighteen Japanese exchange students sitting in our council chambers. It is a program that we do not know where it would be if it wasn't for Mr. Gore and Mayor Shimada and Consulate General. Mr. Gore stated you cannot forget Mr. Phillips, he was a very strong driver with creating a relationship.

Mrs. Richardson moved to enter into executive session and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion and the question put, stood:

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. Being no further business to come before Council, the executive session was adjourned at 9:08pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm.