

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 13, 2019

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

The pledge of allegiance was led by a Boy Scout from Boy Scout Troup 644.

The invocation was given by Mayor Rausch.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nevin Taylor, Deborah Groat, Scott Brock, J. R. Rausch, Alan Seymour, and Henk Berbee. Mark Reams excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: *City Manager Terry Emery, Finance Director Justin Nahvi, Law Director Tim Aslaner, Police Chief Floyd Golden, Fire Chief Jay Riley, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, IT Director Aaron Story, Economic Development Director Eric Phillips, Human Resources Director Brian Dostanko, Clerk of Council Rebecca Dible, Journal Tribune Mac Cordell, Union County Daily Digital Ryan Piper and Lindsay Titus, Frank Miller, Cheryl Miller, Kathy Young, Katie Crocco, Todd Foley, Shawn Goodwin, Eva Byrd, Cody Byrd, Josh Bochkor, Tori Molder, Spencer Molder, Alan Cousino, Carson Cousino, Zach Olding, Ezra Olding, Oscar Olding, Asu Olding, Beau Michael, Jermaine Ferguson, Dave Cook, Jason Willis, Vincent Lantz, Nieca Nowels, Ashley Melchor Family, Jim F., John Mecher, Jessica Garrabrant, Tony Eufinger, Becky Mash.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Taylor moved to approve the April 22, 2019 meeting minutes as presented; affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Groat moved to approve the May 6, 2019 work session minutes as presented; affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS:

Utility Claims Board of Appeals

Mrs. Groat moved to appoint Beau Michael to Utility Claims Board of Appeals, Seat 1 Term (Kevin Gregory resigned); affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

Planning Commission

Mr. Taylor moved to appoint Lainie Menge to Planning Commission, Seat 1 Term (Alex Armitage resigned); affirmative voice vote was unanimous.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On behalf of the Union Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Mr. Michael presented the City of Maysville with a capital pay check of \$25,041.94.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mr. Emery reported the following:

He read a letter which had been sent from Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) to Chief Riley and the City of Marysville Fire Division, expressing thanks for their service to North Carolina during Hurricane Florence. The letter included a reimbursement check of \$26,532.96 from the OEMA. Mr. Emery also explained that CNBC (Consumer News Business Channel) had been filming in Marysville that day for a story on autonomous and connected vehicles as well as Connected Marysville. He also spoke highly of the newly installed City Gate sign on Delaware Avenue, which was a part of the City's rebranding and had been highly influenced by the City's late City Planner, Chad Flowers.

Events & Recreation

Municipal Pool Season Passes

Passes may be purchased in person at City Hall and online at marysvilleohio.org. Pool opens for the season on Saturday, May 25.

Friday Nights Uptown

Friday Nights Uptown is this Friday, May 17 at Partners Park from 6-10 pm. Music by British Invasion; presented by Coughlin Marysville. Also, Union County Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event will step off at 7:00 pm (registration begins at 6:00 pm). Mr. Taylor asked if Scheiderer Farms would be placing the hanging flower baskets Uptown this year as usual, which was confirmed by Mr. Emery.

Memorial Day Parade

The Memorial Day Ceremony and parade will take place on Monday, May 27. A ceremony honoring those "Lost at Sea" will begin at 8:15 am at the Main Street Bridge. The parade will step off at 9:00 a.m. at the intersection of E. 5th Street and Plum Street, traveling west on 5th Street and ending at Oakdale Cemetery where a Memorial Service will be held at approximately 9:30 a.m. Mr. Taylor asked citizens to remember that no candy would be tossed from the floats in the parade out of respect for those being honored in the celebration.

Note: City Offices will be closed on Monday in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Chief Golden reported the following:

Police Division

2019 Law Enforcement Memorial

The annual Union County Law Enforcement Memorial to be held Thursday May 16th at 7:00 pm on the North lawn of the Union County Court House. Mayor Rausch encouraged the blue porch lights he had seen citizens install around town, in support of National Police Week.

Mr. Andrako reported the following:

Public Service Department

Town Run Project

Planter boxes are being installed on the railing near 5th St over the Town Run and is a joint project with a 5th Grade class at Creekview Intermediate. Planters are scheduled to be installed Thursday.

Gas Station Remediation Project

The placement of topsoil for the gas station remediation is being delayed by wet weather. They hope to have the work completed in the next week or two.

Mr. Hoyt reported the following:

Engineering Department

Construction Updates

- Plum Street – culvert installation prep and monthly progress meeting
- West 5th Street – continued work on the south side (including sidewalk installation) and storm crossing using flaggers
- Cook's Boulevard – continued sidewalk installation

REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL:

Mrs. Dible reported the following:

The City received a Liquor Permit D5 & D6 Transfer Request from Mangino Holdings LLC to Topline Restaurants East Inc. both located at 17811-15 State Route 31 & Patio, otherwise known as Luckys Grille. The City also received a Liquor Permit D2 Request from Marysville Restaurant Inc. located at 465 N Main Street, otherwise known as Sakura Asian Bistro. She stated Chief Golden had no objections to either of the requests.

There were no objections from Council.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

Mr. Phillips reported the following:

He explained the County hired a consultant who would analyze the impact of tax incentives providing valuable information to the City. Mr. Scott asked if prescriptive analytics would be provided from the analysis. Mr. Phillips stated they would not, however those could be accessed through Columbus 2020.

Per Mr. Berbee’s request, he stated that the next Business Impact Breakfast would be held on May 23, 2019 at 8am at the Jerome Village Community Center. The speaker will be Bart Barok who will be speaking on the NRI Jerome Village Update.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

1st Reading Title Only TO AMEND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE PARKLAND DEVELOPMENT FUND (FUND 410) AND MODIFY THE 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET

Administration Comments: Mr. Nahvi explained that the legislation was in reference to the baseball diamonds at the Joint Recreational Facility. He stated the City had received the \$150,000 grant from ODNr and there was an increase in cost from the original estimate, which totaled an overall savings of \$25,000. Mr. Andrako gave an overview and update on the project itself.

Council Comments: Mr. Berbee asked several questions regarding the projected future build out of the facility. Mr. Seymour stated he was very happy with the many ways this project was beneficial to the City.

Back for 2nd Reading, Public Hearing on May 28th, 2019.

1st Reading Title Only TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY EVENTS & RECREATION FUND (FUND 208) AND MODIFY THE 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET

Administration Comments: Mr. Nahvi explained the request was for an additional allocation of \$10,000 to extend the offering of the synthetic ice rink for the 2019-2020 season for several days. He also stated that Administration planned for half of the necessary funds to be obtained through sponsorships.

Council Comments: Mr. Berbee asked for the average daily number of people who had taken advantage of the skating, to which Mr. Nahvi stated 250 people.

Back for 2nd Reading, Public Hearing on May 28th, 2019.

1st Reading
Title Only

TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2019 PAVING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND MODIFY THE 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET

Administration Comments: Mr. Nahvi explained that additional funding was being requested, as waterline replacement projects had caused the need for more paving then was originally estimated.

Council Comments: Mr. Taylor stated that the request was fully supported by the Finance Committee.

Back for 2nd Reading, Public Hearing on May 28th, 2019.

1st Reading
Title Only

TO AMEND POLICY 515 -SICK LEAVE, OF THE CITY POLICY MANUAL

Administration Comments: Mr. Emery explained this legislation would allow the City Manager to authorize a City buy-out of up to 480 sick leave hours, to better assist the family of an employee who passes away while employed with the City.

Council Comments: Mayor Rausch confirmed that this was similar to the 1:4 sick leave hour buy-out benefit of up to 480 sick leave hours for employees who retire under OPERS.

Back for 2nd Reading, Public Hearing on May 28th, 2019.

1st Reading
Title Only

TO ADOPT A POLICY FOR THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS – POLICY 626 OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE POLICY MANUAL

Administration Comments: Mr. Nahvi explained that the need for this legislation was driven by the requirement by the recently passed House Bill 312.

Council Comments:

Back for 2nd Reading, Public Hearing on May 28th, 2019.

1st Reading
Title Only

TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES & SERVICES INC FOR THE COLUMBUS AVENUE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Administration Comments: Mr. Hoyt explained that this legislation was in regard to the 20' easements needed for the City to complete the Columbus Avenue Stormwater Improvement Project.

Council Comments: Mr. Berbee spoke of the engineering expertise that had gone into the project as well as other drainage projects, noting that not only was the project addressing current issues, it was also taking into account the future needs. Mr. Taylor encouraged the waiving of 3rd Readings on all of the Columbus Avenue Stormwater Project legislation before Council that evening, to ensure project progress was not delayed.

Mr. Taylor moved to waive 3rd Reading, and the question put, stood:
Mr. Seymour YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Taylor YES;
Mrs. Groat YES; Mr. Brock YES; Mr. Rausch YES.

Back for 2nd Reading, Public Hearing on May 28th, 2019.

1st Reading
Title Only TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM THREE BOYS
INCORPORATION FOR THE COLUMBUS AVENUE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Mr. Taylor moved to waive 3rd Reading, and the question put, stood:

Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Groat YES;
Mr. Brock YES; Mr. Rausch YES; Mr. Seymour YES.

Back for 2nd Reading, Public Hearing on May 28th, 2019.

1st Reading
Title Only TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM GEORGETOWN
KENTUCKY INVESTORS FOR THE COLUMBUS AVENUE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT

Administration Comments:

Council Comments: Mr. Seymour confirmed the timeliness of the legislation with
Mr. Hoyt.

Mr. Taylor moved to waive 3rd Reading, and the question put, stood:

Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Groat YES; Mr. Brock YES;
Mr. Rausch YES; Mr. Seymour YES; Mr. Berbee YES.

Back for 2nd Reading, Public Hearing on May 28th, 2019.

1st Reading
Title Only TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM HOMAN
MANAGEMENT LLC FOR THE COLUMBUS AVENUE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Mr. Seymour moved to waive 3rd Reading, and the question put, stood:

Mrs. Groat YES; Mr. Brock YES; Mr. Rausch YES;
Mr. Seymour YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Taylor YES.

Back for 2nd Reading, Public Hearing on May 28th, 2019.

1st Reading
Title Only TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM GARCIA RICARDO
RENATO MARTINEZ AND MARIA X MENDEX GARCIA FOR THE COLUMBUS AVENUE
STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Mr. Berbee moved to waive 3rd Reading, and the question put, stood:

Mr. Brock YES; Mr. Rausch YES; Mr. Seymour YES;
Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Groat YES.

Back for 2nd Reading, Public Hearing on May 28th, 2019.

1st Reading Title Only TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM LUTZ COMMERCE PARK LTD FOR THE COLUMBUS AVENUE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Administration Comments:

Council Comments:

Mr. Brock moved to waive 3rd Reading, and the question put, stood:

Mr. Rausch YES; Mr. Seymour YES; Mr. Berbee YES;
Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Groat YES; Mr. Brock YES.

Back for 2nd Reading, Public Hearing on May 28th, 2019.

2nd Reading Public Hearing TO REZONE PARCEL #2900130121000 TOTALING 25.66 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, FROM SERVICE BUSINESS DISTRICT (B-1) TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) ON PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SR 4 AND SCOTT FARMS BOULEVARD

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Foley presented traffic study simulations to Council as per request. The studies had been done to see if the addition of the proposed development would cause the need for a traffic signal to be placed at the intersection of Scott Farms Boulevard and SR4. The studies showed that currently, even without the development, the traffic signal was warranted.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Seymour asked several questions regarding the study itself, the assessed needs, and future needs of the area. Much discussion ensued. Mr. Berbee, addressed the financing of the traffic light, including the percentage of funds the developer was willing to contribute. Mrs. Groat spoke as to different methods of obtaining funding. Mr. Seymour stated that even with the proposed development, the addition of a traffic light would make the intersection safer. Mr. Taylor stated he would like to know the specifics regarding the developer's contribution to the traffic signal before he would be comfortable with voting on the legislation. Mr. Brock asked Administration what the City's plan for the addition of the traffic signal would be if the development did not move forward. Mr. Hoyt expected it to be funded in 2021 or 2022 if the City did not receive the projected developer's financial assistance for the traffic signal.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Bochkor posed the question, "Should this development happen?" He referenced Planning Commission Member Alex Rosanski's stance, stating the proposed development did not fit into the City's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan. He noted the need for affordable housing, stating the placement of the development was his concern. He urged that the City to strongly consider whether they should do things as opposed to whether or not they could. Mayor Rausch and Mr. Bochkor discussed the trends and needs of housing in the City.

Ms. Crocco urged Council to remember that local realtors see a need for every type of housing. She stated the average age of first time homebuyers has increased from 26 to 32; and explained many consumers ended up purchasing homes in the same areas they rented. She stressed the importance of trying to control supply and demand.

Ms. Mash asked Council to require the developers and property owner to provide the site report on the property. Mr. Aslaner stated that the request was not required by Code nor Statute. Mayor Rausch explained to Ms. Mash the request was not required legally.

Back for third reading, title only on Monday, May 27, 2019.

3rd Reading Title Only TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF THE WOODBINE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1 – PHASE 1 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

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

Mr. Seymour YES; Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Taylor YES;
Mrs. Groat YES; Mr. Brock YES; Mr. Rausch YES.

3rd Reading Title Only TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM NCM REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC FOR THE COLUMBUS AVENUE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:

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COUNCIL COMMENTS:

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

Mr. Berbee YES; Mr. Taylor YES; Mrs. Groat YES;
Mr. Brock YES; Mr. Rausch YES; Mr. Seymour YES.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER, COUNCILMEN, AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Groat announced that the monthly Ward 3 Meeting would be preempted for a better, higher value offered that evening. She encouraged citizens to look into attending the Union County Board of Elections “Discussion of the Issues” to be held on June 4th, 2019. She also encouraged citizens to discard trash reasonably and commit to keeping their neighborhoods clean, as the City has a drainage system that eventually leads to Mill Creek.

Mr. Taylor spoke of the Annual Union County Law Enforcement Memorial to be held Thursday evening. He also reiterated the value and purpose of Memorial Day. He encouraged citizens to attend the Uptown Friday Night event that Friday and reminded everyone that Mother’s Day was on Sunday the 12th and the Annual “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” Victims of Crime Fundraiser on Friday, May 17th, 2019.

Mr. Brock shared that he was fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the Principal for the Day at Northwood Elementary School, shadowing Ms. Wells. He specifically noted how pleased he was to see the types of inclusion that schools now offered, noting that he was able to see 2nd graders reading Braille.

Mr. Berbee echoed Mrs. Groat's comments regarding citizens purposely blowing their grass clippings onto the streets. He stated the hazards cut grass presented to motorcyclists and bicyclists as well as the storm sewer issues.

Mayor Rausch asked Mr. Aslaner if there were laws in Ohio regarding grass clippings. He also stated that the City's Bicentennial Celebration would be kicked off for the year at Uptown Friday Nights on Friday, May 17th and encouraged everyone to attend. He also reminded everyone that due to Memorial Day, the next City Council Meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 28th, 2019.

Mr. Emery stated the Fairbanks Marching Band would be performing at 5:30 p.m. under the Pavilion, to kick off the Uptown Friday Nights.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to take before Council, Mr. Berbee moved to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.; the voice vote in favor was unanimous.