

**CITY OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



**REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Angela M. Kirk presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Boumis called the roll. Mr. Michael Flaherty – present; Mr. Robert Kramer – present; Mr. Guiles Richardson – present; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present. Also present were Rod Davisson, Administrator; Gene Hollins, Law Director; Mike Confer, Police Chief; and Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting. Motion made Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

**First Readings**

No first readings.

**Second Readings**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 03 – 22: An Ordinance To Provide For A Contracting Procedure For Construction Of A Waterline Extension And Miscellaneous Infrastructure Improvements, And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 04 – 22: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For Section 3 Of The Big Walnut Run Subdivision.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 05 – 22: An Ordinance Approving The City Of Obetz Annual Conversion Plan Which Allows Employees To Convert Vacation And Sick Time To Cash In Accordance With The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) Specifications.

Ms. Boumis Ordinance 06 – 22: An Ordinance Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into A Development Agreement With TTBD Properties/Joe Ciminello For The Development Of Parcels 152-001744, 152-001847, 152-001841 And 152-001848, And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 07 – 22: An Ordinance Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into A Development Agreement With Real Estate Prophets LLC, Flats At Greystone LLC, And Pulte Homes Of Ohio LLC For The Development Of Parcels 152-00002161, 152-002162 And 150-002713, And Declaring An Emergency.

### Third Readings.

No third readings.

### Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 08 – 22: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On Contracts With The Greater Columbus Sports Commission And Utility Technologies International And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated the City is a member of the Sports Commission and Utility Technologies International assists in the management of the City's electric and gas utilities. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 08 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 08 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 09 – 22: An Ordinance Authorizing The Creation Of A Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Fund And Declaring An Emergency. Chief Confer stated monies collected from illegal activities goes into this fund and can only be used for certain purposes such as training. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 09 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 09 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 10 – 22: An Ordinance To Amend Section 305.055 Related To The Parking Of Trailers And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk stated this issue has been previously discussed. No questions. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 10 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 10 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 11 – 22: An Ordinance Establishing The Position Of Public Works Superintendent, And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk stated this position is needed and Marty Ryan will be appointed to this position. Mr. Davisson stated there are several field operation departments and it is too much to have all these superintendents report directly to him. All those superintendents will report to one supervisor who will coordinate work between the departments; manage work orders; and coordinate with him. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 11 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 11 – 22. Motion made by Mr.

Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 12 – 22: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2022 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson stated this is the interest earned on the COVID funds. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 12 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 12 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kirk stated she and the staff are very busy. There is a lot going on. She recently met with U.S. Congressman Cary; she attended Business First's Power Breakfast; and has been working on ZucchiniFest entertainment.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Parks and Programming – Mike Kimbler, Chair – No report.

Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Derek Varney, Chair – Mr. Varney stated the Fortress calendar is filling up fast. Details on the Full Throttle Thursday event has been posted on social media.

Public Works and Safety – Todd Gibbs, Chair – Mr. Gibbs stated additional yellow paint has arrived and the City can resume painting curbs.

Development – Mike Flaherty, Chair – Mr. Flaherty reviewed a list of activities underway that are related to development including trying to get the railroad crossing reopened; completing the construction of the Fortress storage building; completing improvements to the Bixby Road/Groveport Road intersection; resolving floodplain issues on the vacant lot near Taco Bell; meeting with a potential bank; completing the dog park; installing bridge lights on the roundabout; beginning the baseball field house; finalizing the development plans for the Auto Auction lot; and redoing the website.

Intergovernmental Outreach – Robert Kramer, Chair – Mr. Kramer stated Gary Armstrong was appointed to the vacant Hamilton Township Trustee position. He then stated there are parking issued in Butler Farms. Buses are having a difficult time getting access.

Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification, Mr. Richardson, Chair – Mr. Richardson thanked the crews for all their hard work recently while fighting the snow and ice storms. He also thanked the City for helping the Hamilton LSD.

#### **ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT**

Mike Confer, Police Chief – No report.

*Martin Hafey, Fire Chief, Hamilton Township* – Chief Hafey stated the Department had 557 runs in January; 103 runs were in Obetz. A new fire engine has been ordered and should be in service this summer.

*Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director* – No report.

*Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director* – No report.

*E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator* – Mr. Davisson discussed property taxes and the different taxing districts in Obetz. He also discussed millage rates; levies; and reduction factors. He discussed the proposed New Community Authority. He stated all or most of the property taxes collected in the New Community Authority will go to the New Community Authority to pay for improvements in the area. Approximately \$100 million dollars is needed for infrastructure in the Buckstone development area. He then stated some money will be given to the school district. An additional 5 mills can be assessed on property in the New Community Authority. Buckstone is a revolutionary project for the area and has generated a lot of excitement. Mr. Varney asked about the timeline for the commercial development. Mr. Davisson stated he expects a ten year buildout. Mr. Davisson discussed development trends. Mr. Kramer asked about the impact of work from home and if this has increased the City's income tax receipts.

Mr. Davisson stated the City's contract with Waste Management is expiring at the end of February. He recommends extending the contract 3 years. Costs are going to increase. The level of service will remain the same.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

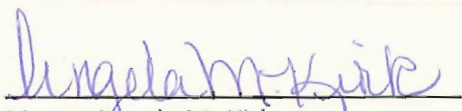
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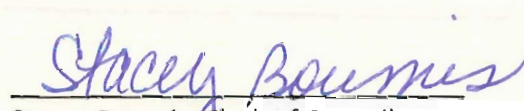
#### **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

No remarks.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:30 PM.

  
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Mayor Angela M. Kirk

  
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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council