

**CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2022

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, March 28, 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; Brian Jeffers, Deputy Police Chief; and Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting. Motion made Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. 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

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 17 – 22: An Ordinance Implementing Sections 3735.65 Through 3735.70 Of The Ohio Revised Code, Establishing And Describing The Boundaries Of The Community Reinvestment Area In The City Of Obetz, Designating A Housing Officer To Administer The Program, Creating A Community Reinvestment Housing Council And A Tax Incentive Review Council, And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 18 – 22: An Ordinance Declaring Improvements To Certain Parcels Of Real Property Located Within The City Of Obetz To Be A Public Purpose And Exempt From Real Property Taxation; Requiring The Owners Of Those Parcels To Make Service Payments In Lieu Of Taxes; Establishing A Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund For The Deposit Of Those Service Payments; Specifying The Public Infrastructure Improvements To Be Made That Directly Benefit Such Real Property; Authorizing The Distribution Of The Applicable Portion Of Those Service Payments To The Hamilton Local School District And Eastland-Fairfield Career And Technical School District; Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Tax Increment Financing Agreement; And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 19 – 22: An Ordinance Declaring Improvements To Certain Parcels Of Real Property Located Within The City Of Obetz To Be A Public Purpose And Exempt From Real Property Taxation; Requiring The Owners Of Those Parcels To Make Service Payments In Lieu Of Taxes; Establishing An Urban Redevelopment Tax Increment Equivalent Fund For The Deposit Of Those Service Payments; Authorizing The Distribution Of The Applicable Portion Of Those Service Payments To The Hamilton Local School District And Eastland-Fairfield Career And Technical School District; Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Tax Increment Financing Agreement; And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 20 – 22: An Ordinance Approving And Adopting An Economic Development Plan; Stating That The City May Hereafter Proceed With Approval Of A Tax Increment Financing Incentive District; And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 21 – 22: An Ordinance Creating Two Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts Within The City Of Obetz; Declaring The Improvements To The Parcels Within Each TIF District To Be A Public Purpose; Declaring Such Improvements To Be Exempt From Real Property Taxation; Requiring The Owners Thereof To Make Service Payments In Lieu Of Taxes; Designating The Public Infrastructure Improvements To Be Made That Will Directly Benefit Or Serve The Parcels In The Two TIF Districts; And Establishing A Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund For The Deposit Of Service Payments; Authorizing The Distribution Of The Applicable Portion Of Those Service Payments To The Hamilton Local School District And Eastland-Fairfield Career And Technical School District; Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Tax Increment Financing Agreement; And Declaring An Emergency.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings.

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 22 – 22: An Ordinance To Authorize And Direct The City Administrator To Execute And Sign A Petition On Behalf Of The City Of Obetz To Be Presented To The City To Create A New Community Authority And New Community District Under Chapter 349 Of The Ohio Revised Code, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated this is part of the Buckstone incentive program that will redirect tax money to the City. The same amount of money will still go to the school district. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 22 – 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 22 – 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'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated Tony Sobony is raising money for the National Cancer Society. He is having a speed pie party and is trying to raise \$5,000. The Hamilton Township Rangers Football golf outing is coming up. The Saturday entertainment for ZucchiniFest is Boyz II Men.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Programming – Mike Kimbler, Chair – Mr. Kimbler reviewed the upcoming classes at the Community Center. He also stated the fishing derby is Saturday and the Easter Egg Hunt is April 9th.

Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Derek Varney, Chair – Mr. Varney reviewed the calendar of upcoming events at Fortress Obetz including Full Throttle Thursdays and Professional Ultimate Frisbee.

Public Works and Safety – Todd Gibbs, Chair – Mr. Gibbs stated the Service Department is filling potholes; and, painting curbs and crosswalks.

Development – Mike Flaherty, Chair – Mr. Flaherty stated a lot of stuff is coming.

Intergovernmental Outreach – Robert Kramer, Chair – Mr. Kramer stated he attended the Groveport Madison State of the Schools. Mr. Kimbler was also in attendance. The Madison Township Fire Department has all three fire engines out for repair. They have borrowed engines from other departments. The City of Columbus is undertaking a corridor study. Ms. Boumis stated Mr. Corbitt is participating on the steering committee for the study.

Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification, Mr. Richardson, Chair – Mr. Richardson stated the Grounds Department is working to get equipment ready.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Brian Jeffers, Deputy Police Chief – Deputy Chief Jeffers reviewed Department statistics.

Martin Hafey, Fire Chief, Hamilton Township – Chief Hafey stated the Township will have its new fire truck in June. Voss Road is closing for 45 days.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated there is a lot of legislation related to the Buckstone incentives.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated the City has filed its annual Stormwater Report. Ms. Boumis shared some statistics. In 2021, 271 site inspections were performed. There were 16 active construction sites. The City screened 48 outfalls; inspected 17 post construction controls; and swept 1.5 tons of trash from the streets.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated enough staff has been hired to fill all field spots.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

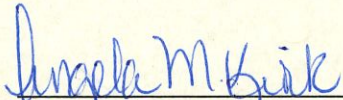
No remarks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(8) to discuss marketing plans and business strategies. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; 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. Council returned from executive session at 7:26 PM with all six members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:27 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Bournis, Clerk of Council