

**CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2022

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, April 25, 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 April 11, 2022 meeting. Motion made Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. 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

No second readings.

Third 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. Mr. Hollins discussed Ordinance 17 – 22 as well as Ordinance 18 – 22; Ordinance 19 – 22; Ordinance 20 – 22; and Ordinance 21 – 22. He stated that some of these ordinances need tabled tonight to enable the City to notify the school districts and property owners and complete the required attachments. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to table Ordinance 17 – 22 until May 9th. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to table Ordinance 18 – 22 until May 23rd. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to table Ordinance 19 – 22 until May 23rd. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

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. Mr. Davisson stated the statutorily required economic development plan has been completed. Mr. Hollins stated this Ordinance is ready to adopt tonight. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 20 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to table Ordinance 21 – 22 until June 13th. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; 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.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 26 – 22: An Ordinance To Establish The Body Worn Camera Grant Fund (2061), To Advance Funds Thereto, To Appropriate Funds And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated the Chief received grant money to cover some of the expenses of getting body worn cameras. Chief Confer stated the grant covers \$75,959.36 worth of expenses. It is a five year commitment. The money from the grant must be placed in a separate fund. Mayor Kirk called

for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 26 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; 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 26 – 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.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 27 – 22: An Ordinance To Approve The Final Development Plan For Parcels 153-000034, 153-000031, And 153-000249 And Declaring An Emergency. Ms. Boumis stated the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the Final Development Plan with two conditions – upgrade the landscaping around the car wash and work with Columbia Gas to improve the exterior of the building. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 27 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; 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 27 – 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 she is still working on getting an act for Friday of ZucchiniFest. The new dog park will be opening in May. May 13th is spring cleanup. The kids in summer internships will be starting soon. The City has met with the Hamilton Local School District and the Hamilton Township Trustees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Programming – Mike Kimbler, Chair – Mr. Kimbler stated the Daddy Daughter Dance was a success. May 6th is Opening Day at the Fortress. The OAC hosted its first senior fitness class on Tuesday. It was well attended.

Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Derek Varney, Chair – Mr. Varney reviewed the calendar of upcoming events at Fortress Obetz. He then stated BrewDog will be brewing the zucchini beer again this year. Follow Fortress Obetz on Facebook for updates to events.

Public Works and Safety – Todd Gibbs, Chair – Mr. Gibbs stated the Service Department has been patching and repairing streets. Four fire hydrants were recently repaired.

Development – Mike Flaherty, Chair – Mr. Flaherty stated a lot of stuff has been happening. Details soon.

Intergovernmental Outreach – Robert Kramer, Chair – Mr. Kramer stated School District and Township meetings on the Buckstone development have taken place.

Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification, Mr. Richardson, Chair – Mr. Richardson stated he met with Mr. Griffith to discuss upcoming projects. Mr. Griffith would like to install landscaping in the greenspace of the exit/entrance ramps to Interstate 270.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated Obetz Police responded to 1045 calls for service since the last meeting.

Martin Hafey, Fire Chief, Hamilton Township — Chief Hafey stated Lockbourne Road repairs are done and the road is open. He gave additional updates on road closures outside Obetz.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director — Mr. Hollins stated an executive session is needed to discuss economic development.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director — No report.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator — Mr. Davisson stated Lori Macy has been hired to help Honesty. He then stated he needs more economic development staff. Mr. Hollins also needs staff and more administrative staff is needed. Union negotiations with the police are starting. Income taxes are down slightly from last year.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(8) to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; 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. Council went into executive session at 6:35 PM. Council returned from executive session at 7:45 PM with all six members present.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

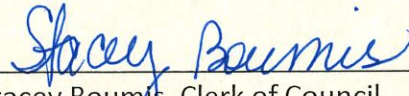
Jim McCay addressed Council. He stated he wants Council to build a community playground somewhere east of Alum Creek Drive that is connected to the neighborhoods. Mayor Kirk stated the City acquired land on the west side of Bixby Road as a part of the Big Walnut Run development process. The site is large enough for a community playground. Mr. McCay stated the Bixby Grove HOA playground keeps getting destroyed. It needs to be a commercial grade playground and the HOA doesn't have the funds for something like that. Mayor Kirk stated the City will start working on the plans for the playground. It will be a phased approach.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council