



CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 9, 2022

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, May 23, 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 25, 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

No third readings.

Emergencies

No emergencies.

Tabled

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to remove Ordinance 17 – 22 from the table. 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. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) is the piece that creates tax abatements. No questions. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 17 – 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. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated there are a lot of things in the works. The Buckstone development is progressing. The dog park is opening soon. There is still a lot to be done at the dog park including the installation of sod and equipment. The signs have been ordered but won't be here in time for the opening so temporary signs will be installed. The equipment won't be here until later this summer.

Mayor Kirk then stated the recycling dumpsters are a problem. An additional location needs added due to volume.

Interns have been hired and will start working May 31st. This is a great program for these kids.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Programming – Mike Kimbler, Chair – Mr. Kimbler stated summer camp registration is open. It is open to residents only until May 20th. It will only be open to non-residents if there is space available. There will be a home alone class at the OCC on Saturday. The City is still looking for farmers' market vendors. The market is the first Wednesday of the month – June through September. This was the first week of tee ball/softball/baseball.

Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Derek Varney, Chair – Mr. Varney reviewed the calendar of events at Fortress Obetz. He then stated he liked the updated layout at Full Throttle Thursday. Follow Fortress Obetz on Facebook for updates to events.

Public Works and Safety – Todd Gibbs, Chair – Mr. Gibbs stated spring clean-up is Friday and Saturday. Details are on social media and the internet.

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

Intergovernmental Outreach – Robert Kramer, Chair – Mr. Kramer discussed road projects outside Obetz' jurisdiction.

Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification, Mr. Richardson, Chair – Mr. Richardson stated the recycling dumpster on Howard Road was overflowing. He then stated the grounds crew is busy mowing grass.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated a speed trailer is in Mulberry Grove. He then stated someone on Howard Road has been vandalizing the flashing speed limit signs.

Martin Hafey, Fire Chief, Hamilton Township – Chief Hafey stated there were 104 runs in Obetz last month – 82 EMS and 22 fire. He then discussed area road closures and an upcoming class on May 19th.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated everyone has signed off on the New Community Authority petition; now it needs executed.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – The Planning and Zoning Commission meets on Wednesday.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated he had an introductory meeting with the FOP attorney. He then stated the Buckstone financials have been worked out.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Tyler Ford addressed Council. He stated he is a developer that wants to construct a warehouse on the property owned by the Obetz Cemetery behind the Mulberry Grove subdivision. He shared a preliminary site plan with Council. Mr. Davisson stated there would be no access through Mulberry Gove and the bottom half of the site would be donated to the City and remain undeveloped. Mr. Kramer asked the hours of operation. Mr. Ford stated it would be a 24 hour operation. Mayor Kirk stated she is concerned about noise and traffic. She can hear the warehouses that are on the other side of the railroad track. Mr. Kimbler stated he has the same concerns as Mayor Kirk. Tyler Ford stated mounding and screening can be installed. Mayor Kirk stated she still is not interested in a warehouse in this location. Council members concurred. Mr. Davisson stated it sounds like Council is not opposed to something quieter. Alex Kuniga, present with Tyler Ford, asked Council what they wanted. Mayor Kirk stated something with no semi-trucks that has day workers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

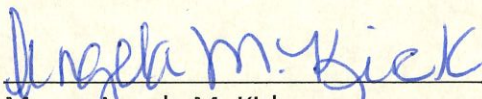
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(1), (g)(2), and (g)(8) to discuss the employment of a public employee; the purchase of property; and economic development. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 6:36 PM. Council returned from executive session at 7:35 PM with all six members present.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

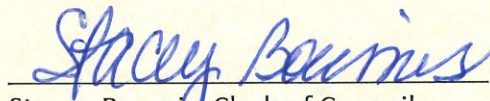
No remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:36 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council