

**CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2022

The regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Angela M. Kirk presiding.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Boumis called the roll. Mr. Michael Flaherty – absent; Mr. Kramer – absent. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mr. Flaherty. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mr. Kramer. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Remainder of Roll Call: 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; Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director; Mike Confer, Police Chief.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2022 meeting. Motion made Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 30 – 22: An Ordinance To Adopt The Tax Budget For The City Of Obetz, Ohio For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023 And To Submit The Same To The Franklin County Budget Commission And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 31 – 22: An Ordinance To Rezone Parcel Number 153-000673 From General Commercial To Planned Industrial District And To Approve The Preliminary Development Plan And Development Text.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 34 – 22: An Ordinance Determining Sufficiency Of The Petition For Establishment Of The Buckstone Community Authority As A New Community Authority And Setting A Date For Public Hearing Under Chapter 349 Of The Ohio Revised Code; And Declaring An Emergency.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 32 – 22: An Ordinance Allowing Temporary Parking On Bridlewood Boulevard And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk stated this is to allow parking on Bridlewood Boulevard near the dog park. The parking spots will be lined and limited to daylight hours only. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 32 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 33 – 22: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The City Administrator To Purchase Real Property From Robert Lee Collins, Lori Lee Mescher And Edward Lee Collins, Trustees Of The May Lee Collins Revocable Trust Dated July 14, 2010 And The Robert Lee Collins Revocable Trust Dated July 14, 2010 And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk stated this property purchase has been discussed multiple times. Andy Borders, a member of the audience, asked why the City wanted to purchase this property. Mayor Kirk stated purchasing the property allows Obetz to redevelop and improve the Orchard Lane entrance and clean up the corner. He then asked what the City was doing with the Junkyard Lounge. Mr. Davisson stated the City is getting prices to remediate it. Environmental testing has already been conducted. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 33 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 35 – 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 the increased appropriations is largely related to the cost of gasoline. Mr. Davisson read each appropriation change as listed in the ordinance. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 35 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 36 – 22: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On Contracts With IGS Ventures, Inc. And SiteZeus Services, LLC And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated IGS supplies natural gas to Obetz for resale and SiteZeus is a computer program that is used for economic development. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 36 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Tabled

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to remove Ordinance 21 – 22 from the table. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Ms. Boumis read the title. 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. Mr. Davisson stated this is part of the overall Buckstone project to redirect tax money. Andy Borders, a member of the audience, stated he read that Franklin County was not supporting the TIF. What does this do to the project? Mr. Davisson stated nothing. The County wants millage for social services. This is all part of the negotiation process. The County is in favor of the project overall. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 21 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the new signs for the dog park are here. The new equipment for the Community Center Park has also arrived. She then stated there will be a tailgate on the field prior to the Boyz II Men concert. Dead end signs are also getting added to Dexter Court.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Programming – Mike Kimbler, Chair – Mr. Kimbler stated summer camp started today. The first Fortress Flick of the summer is Friday. Several new classes and programs have been added for the summer. Football registration opens June 26th. Fireworks are July 1st. Gates open at 6:00 PM.

Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Derek Varney, Chair – Mr. Varney stated Full Throttle Thursdays are going well. There have been several baseball and softball camps so far and the Fortress is very busy.

Public Works and Safety – Todd Gibbs, Chair – Mr. Gibbs stated there is nothing new to report.

Development – Mike Flaherty, Chair – Mr. Flaherty was absent.

Intergovernmental Outreach – Robert Kramer, Chair – Mr. Kramer was absent.

Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification, Mr. Richardson, Chair – Mr. Richardson stated the Grounds Crew is staying busy.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — No report.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director — Mr. Hollins stated that Greenlawn Realty is meeting tomorrow to discuss the proposed new community authority. He further stated Council will need to pass a fireworks ordinance at the next meeting if they want to allow the discharge of fireworks in Obetz consistent with the updated change in State law.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director — Ms. Boumis stated the Planning and Zoning Commission met June 8th. The next meeting is July 13th.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator — Mr. Davisson stated he has been following the local and national economy and trends. Consumer confidence is the lowest it has ever been. It is likely the country will be in a recession soon. Mr. Varney asked if this impacted Buckstone? Mr. Davisson stated yes — it impacts the rate at which houses are sold. Houses need to be sold to generate money for the City to use to develop the commercial area. Obetz won't take out loans unless money is coming in. The apartments will generate approximately seven million dollars, but this is not enough.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kirk stated the City is preparing an ordinance to allow fireworks consistent with the changes in State law. Some restrictions will be imposed. Get any recommendations to Ms. Boumis prior to the next meeting.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Andy Borders thanked the Police Department for stopping to check on an open door at his home.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

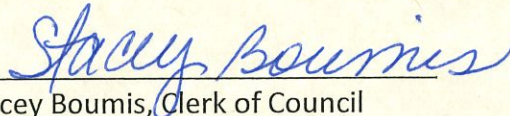
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(1). Motion made by Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson — yes; Mr. Gibbs — yes; Mr. Varney — yes; Mr. Kimbler — yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 6:38 PM. Council returned from executive session at 8:13 PM with all four members in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:14 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council