



**CITY OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2023**

The regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, January 9, 2023 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 Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director; Mike Confer, Police Chief; Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; and, E. Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 meeting. Motion made Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – abstain. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

**First Readings**

No first readings.

**Second Readings**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 59 – 22: An Ordinance To Accept The Annexation Of 35.0 +/- Acres From Hamilton Township To The City Of Obetz. No discussion.

**Third Readings**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 54 – 22: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For The Dedication Of Midpoint Drive. No discussion. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 54 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 55 – 22: An Ordinance Authorizing the City Administrator To Enter Into A Development Agreement With Kenmore Aggregates I, LLC Regarding The Development Of Parcel 152-001544. Mr. Davisson stated the City still needs to work out some details with Kenmore. He asked Council to table the Ordinance until the agreement is finalized.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 57 – 22: An Ordinance To Rezone Parcel Numbers 153-000168 And 153-000169 From Low Density Residential District And Parcel Number 153-000160 From General Commercial District To Planned Commercial District And To Approve The Final Development Plan And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk opened the public hearing. Ms. Boumis presented the case to Council. She stated the developer is seeking to rezone parcels 153-000168, 153-000169, and 153-000160 to a Planned Commercial District. These parcels will become part of Site 5 in the Walnut Creek Center Plan and the

Walnut Creek Center Development Text will apply to these parcels. The Walnut Creek Development Text already applies to the northern part of the site that is already zoned Planned Commercial District. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning and approval of the Final Development Plan at its November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Eric Elizondo, representing the developer Skilken Gold, was present. Mr. Kramer asked why the car wash was removed. Mr. Elizondo stated it was a financial decision based on the cost of construction as well as operational issues. The infrastructure will be installed so it could be added in the future. Mr. Davisson stated Skilken Gold has done everything Obetz wanted including undergrounding power lines; purchasing and demolishing the old car wash; and purchasing a residential property to expand Froehlich Boulevard. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 57 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

### Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 01 – 23: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With The Greater Columbus Sports Commission And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed. He stated the Greater Columbus Sports Commission attracts events to the region. They also put on the Community Cup which is held at Fortress Obetz. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 01 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 01 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated a lot of stuff is happening. Today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. She thanked the Obetz Police for their dedication. She further stated there is also a video posted on social media thanking the officers.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Mr. Todd Gibbs, Public Works and Safety* – The storm sewer line along Orchard Lane has performed well. The Junkyard Lounge has been torn down. Snow plowing has gone well.

*Mr. Robert Kramer, Intergovernmental Outreach* – Mr. Kramer stated the Hamilton Township Trustees have complained about the mud on the roads near the apartments. Mr. Davisson stated he visited the site today and is prepared to shut it down until the developer makes some changes.

*Mr. Michael Flaherty, Development* – No report.

*Mr. Guiles Richardson, Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification* – No report.

*Mr. Derek Varney, Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events* – Mr. Varney stated Steve Adams is working on the 2023 calendar.

*Mr. Mike Kimbler, Parks and Programming* – Mr. Kimbler stated the ice rink has been popular so far this season. There have been 581 non-resident check-ins and 246 resident check-ins at the ice rink so far this season. He thanked Madison Christian School for donating 420 canned food items to the Obetz Food Pantry. Mayor Kirk thanked Mr. Kimbler for coordinating that food drive at the school.

### **ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT**

*Mike Confer, Police Chief* – Chief Confer stated there have been 662 calls for service since the last meeting.

*Ralph Shillingburg, Hamilton Township Fire Chief* – Not in attendance.

*Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director* – Mr. Hollins stated 2023 is going to be a big year.

*Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director* – Ms. Boumis stated the January Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is Wednesday.

*E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator* – Mr. Davisson reviewed the new cell phone law changes approved by the Governor. He stated the changes will be in the codified ordinances. He then discussed the various boards within the City including the Big Walnut Area Community Improvement Corporation, the New Community Authority, and the Personnel Board of Review. These boards will be holding meetings soon. He is working on an ordinance to give directors purchase order approval up to an approved level. He stated a strategic planning session with Council is needed and he is also working on the 2022 annual report. Staff training will resume this year. Mr. Davisson will teach personal finance classes. Mayor Kirk stated she is happy about this class. This is important for the younger staff.

Mr. Davisson discussed personal time. Any personal time not used by the end of the year is not carried over. He stated several staff members lost personal time when they were called in to plow snow or that were called in to work when individuals called off in December. He asked Council if they would waive the rule regarding the loss of personal time and give back to the individuals the personal time that was lost. Mayor Kirk stated she did not want staff members to lose time. These individuals came in to work during their holiday time. Mr. Flaherty motioned to waive the rule regarding the loss of personal time; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### *Election of President Pro-Tem*

Mayor Kirk asked for nominations for Council President Pro-Tem. Mr. Gibbs nominated Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Mr. Varney nominated Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Nominations were closed. Votes for Mr. Flaherty for Council President Pro-Tem: Mr. Gibbs. Votes for Mr. Kimbler for Council President Pro-Tem: Mr. Flaherty; Mr. Varney; Mr. Richardson; Mr. Kramer; Mr. Kimbler.

**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 economic development. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 6:26 PM. Council returned from executive session at 7:59 PM with all six members present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Varney. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:00 PM.

  
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Mayor Angela M. Kirk

  
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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council