

CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2023

The regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, April 24, 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. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present. Also present were Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; Michael Confer, Police Chief, Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director, and Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes to the April 10, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATIONS

Mayor Kirk showed police body camera footage. She then presented Officer Higgenbotham with a Life Saving Award for his actions on March 16th. Mr. Davisson stated officers are in scary situations every day. They take each situation seriously and they are appreciated daily.

ORDINANCES

First Reading

No first readings.

Second Reading

Ms. Boumis read the title to Ordinance 09 – 23: An Ordinance Approving The Recodification, Editing And Inclusion Of Certain Ordinances As Parts Of The Various Component Codes Of The Codified Ordinances Of Obetz And Declaring An Emergency.

Third Reading

Ms. Boumis read the title to Ordinance 08 – 23: An Ordinance To Approve The Final Development Plan For Parcel 186-000408. Ms. Boumis discussed the Final Development Plan. She stated this is the last site in the Centerpoint Business Park. She reviewed the variances approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the site plan. She stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Final Development Plan. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 08 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes.

Emergencies

No emergencies.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated there will be an article in Columbus Underground soon about the Buckstone development. She then discussed Opening Day on May 5th and reviewed the activities. The Mother Son Dance is May 12th. The Farmer's Market is taking vendor applications. Full Throttle Thursday is starting soon. Spring Clean-Up is May 12th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee meetings were held. No reports.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Chief Michael Confer, Police Department – Chief Confer stated officers have been monitoring speeding in the Butler Farms subdivision. The highest speed recorded was 29 mph. Since the last meeting there have been 967 calls for service. Officers have patrolled 4004 miles.

Chief Ralph Shillingburg, Hamilton Twp. Fire Department – Chief Shillingburg stated in March there were 70 EMS runs and 17 fire runs.

Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – No report.

Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson reviewed a draft of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). He discussed what is typically included in a CIP; why cities create CIPs and how they are used. He asked Council to review and rank the items in the CIP and be prepared to discuss them at the next meeting.

Andy Borders asked what the I-270 project was. Mr. Davisson responded that it is a new interchange from I-270 onto Lockbourne Road. The exit would not be designed for trucks.

Jim Reese asked if the new digital signs would cause traffic accidents. Mr. Davisson stated the signs will be set back in a way that does not distract drivers.

Mr. Varney stated existing infrastructure needs to be improved. Mr. Davisson stated sometimes there is not enough staff time available to accomplish all the goals and finding contractors and materials has been difficult. Mr. Varney requested guestimates of the time it will take to complete the items in the CIP.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jim Reese stated people run stop signs in the Mulberry Grove subdivision all the time.

David Humphries asked about the requirements for solicitors coming into the City. He stated signage should be installed. Mr. Hollins stated property owners can post signage on their property as well. Mr. Davisson stated residents can also get on the No Knock list. Council members discussed solicitors. Mr. Davisson discussed the City's requirements.

Mr. Flaherty asked about the permitting process for solar panels. Mr. Davisson stated solar panels require building permits. Mr. Varney stated people ignore HOA regulations. Mr. Davisson stated the HOA must enforce their rules. Mr. Hollins stated existing HOA restrictions that are size, place, and manner restrictions are okay.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:05 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council