CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 22, 2023

The regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, May 22, 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 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 May 8, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Kirk read a proclamation for National Public Works Week. She presented the proclamation to Todd Garwick and Danny Carpenter.

ORDINANCES

First Reading
No first readings.

Second Reading
No second readings.

Third Reading
No third readings.

Emergencies
Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 12–23: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2023 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson stated funds are for police items including the body cameras and Tahoe maintenance. Funds are also for software upgrades for the parks department. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 12–23. 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 12 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Kirk stated Full Throttle Thursdays have been a huge success. There has been good promotions/advertising this year. Staff is working on Zucchinifest. Mayor Kirk further stated she is working on several ordinances for consideration including one to prohibit semi-trucks from parking in residential neighborhoods.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
No committee meetings were held. No reports. Mr. Varney provided an update of activities at Fortress Obetz. Mr. Kramer stated Groveport Madison School District is opening a school based health center for students and their families.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT
Chief Michael Confer, Police Department – Chief Confer stated there were 1271 calls for service since the last meeting. Officers patrolled 5693 miles.

Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated things are very busy. He discussed Ohio House Bill 64 related to changes in eminent domain law. He explained the changes to the law. Eminent domain is a last resort. The legislature is going overboard. He then stated he can't remember the last time Obetz used eminent domain, but the time may come when the City needs this power.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE
Andy Borders stated the community yard sale should be moved to the Fortress. Mayor Kirk stated she wanted to have a flea market at the Fortress. Mr. Borders then stated the Rathmell Road right of way needs cut.

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. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Council went into executive session at 6:27 PM. Council returned from executive session at 7:26 PM with all six members in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:27 PM.

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Mayor Angela M. Kirk

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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council