

CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2023

The regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, June 12, 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; Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director, and Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes to the May 22, 2023 meeting. 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. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Reading

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 13 – 23: An Ordinance To Rezone Parcel Number 186-000027 From Suburban Office And Institution To Planned Commercial District And To Approve The Preliminary Development Plan.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 14 – 23: An Ordinance Increasing The Salary Of All Elected Officials.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 15 – 23: An Ordinance Approving The City Of Obetz Annual Conversion Plan Which Allows Employees To Convert Vacation And Sick Time To Cash In Accordance With The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) Specifications.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 18 – 23: An Ordinance To Express Gratitude And Acknowledge The Generous Donation Of Light Fixtures By Mr. Adam J Rajczyk To The City Of Obetz, Ohio, And To Accept This Donation On Behalf Of The City. Mr. Varney discussed the Ordinance. He stated this is his former employer. The lights have a value of \$34,000. Mayor Kirk and Council thanked Mr. Rajczyk for his generous donation. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 18 – 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. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 18 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Varney; 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.

Second Reading

No second readings.

Third Reading

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 16–23: 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 the ZucchiniFest resident program. Additionally, COVID money is still available but needs appropriated in order to access. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 16–23. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; 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 Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 16 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; 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.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 17–23: An Ordinance To Enact Section 351.17 Of The Codified Ordinances, Living In Vehicle, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson and Council discussed the Ordinance. He stated Obetz has been evaluating its ordinances and this law was missing. Many other communities have regulations similar to this. Becci Thacker, a member of the audience, asked if this applied to RV's. Mr. Hollins stated it applies to RV's if someone is living in one. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 17–23. 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 17 – 23. 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the Friday night ZucchiniFest act is Spin Doctors. She then stated she is working on an announcement regarding resident areas at the ZucchiniFest. The owner of the Airb&b was notified. Mayor Kirk is also working on truck parking regulations to prevent dump trucks and semi trucks from parking in neighborhoods. Interns have started working and they are doing a great job. Full Throttle Thursday is rolling and always busy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee meetings were held. No reports. Mr. Varney provided an update of activities at Fortress Obetz.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Chief Michael Confer, Police Department – Chief Confer stated there were 1636 calls for service since the last meeting. Officers patrolled 5810 miles.

Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated design work is underway for Buckstone and Lancaster Park. He then stated he will be at the Mayor’s Conference next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

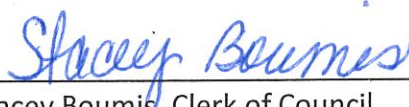
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(2) to consider the purchase of property. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Council went into executive session at 6:18 PM. Council returned from executive session at 7:30 PM with all six members in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:31 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council