



REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2024

The regular meeting of April 22, 2024 was held at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, 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 Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; Stacey Boumis, AICP, Clerk, Mike Confer, Police Chief, and Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8th meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mayor Kirk swore in Officer Travis McKenzie and Officer Jack Thomas.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 18 – 24: An Ordinance To Rezone Parcel Numbers 153-000285 And 153-000286, From General Commercial To Planned Commercial District, To Approve A Preliminary Development Plan And Text, And To Authorize The Administrator To Enter Into A Development Agreement. Mayor Kirk stated the public hearing will be on the third reading.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 07 – 24: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For Section 3 Phase B Of The Buckstone Bend Subdivision. No questions. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 07 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 10 – 24: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed Five Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,200,000) Of General Obligation Limited Tax Taxable Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds, In One Or More Series, For The Purpose Of Acquiring Land And Interests In Land Located In The City Of Obetz; Reimbursing The City For Any Moneys Advanced For Such Purposes; Authorizing A Purchase Agreement, If

Necessary; And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated this is to purchase 119 acres on Rathmell Road adjacent to the Warner Farm. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 10 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried.

Between reading the Ordinance 10 – 24 and Ordinance 11 – 24, Mr. Davisson discussed the types of emergency ordinances. The stated ordinances can be read three times and have emergency language so they become effective immediately. Council can also waive the three reading rule and adopt ordinances as emergencies.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 11 – 24: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000) Of General Obligation Limited Tax-Exempt Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds, In One Or More Series, For The Purpose Of Acquiring And Constructing Public Utility Improvements, Including But Not Limited To Any Necessary Road, Sidewalk, Landscaping And Related Improvements And Appurtenances Thereto; Acquiring Land And Interests In Land Located Necessary For Such Improvements; And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated these funds will be used to underground utilities from Lancaster Park to the Ruby Hill site. AEP was going to replace the poles. Since the City wants to underground these utilities, AEP will pay the City the cost of the pole replacement. Mr. Kramer asked if the electric fund can be used for this. Mr. Davisson stated that it is not likely because this is a different electric system. Mr. Hollins stated electric funds can be used to expand that system into different areas. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 11 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 12 – 24: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$3,200,000 Of Special Obligation Nontax Revenue Taxable Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds, In One Or More Series, For The Purpose Of Acquiring Land And Interests In Land And Any Existing Buildings And Facilities Upon Such Land For The Purpose Of Redevelopment, Constructing A New Building Or Buildings Or Other Facilities For Commercial Use, And All Necessary Improvements And Appurtenances Related Thereto; Authorizing A Purchase Agreement, If Necessary; And Authorizing All Other Actions Necessary In Connection With Such Land Acquisition, Construction And Improvements; And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated these are funds for a new building at DeVuono's. Mr. Davisson stated the plan is to construct a 10,000 square foot building. The CIC will operate the building. It will be an incubator building to create opportunities to bring the services Obetz wants. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 12 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 17 – 24: An Ordinance Authorizing The City Administrator Submit A NatureWorks Grant Application To The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated the City is requesting funds to install an accessible kayak launch at Dixon Quarry. Mr. Davisson also stated that as the City continues to pursue grants, more ordinances like this will come before Council. Grants often have a quick turnaround which means the ordinances need to be adopted as an emergency. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 17 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 17 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk encouraged people to follow the City on social media. She stated opening day is coming up. There will be fireworks at the end of the games. She stated ZucchiniFest entertainment announcements are going to start. She then stated Corporal Maynard is doing a good job at code enforcement. She shared code enforcement statistics.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer reminded the public that golf carts need to be inspected. He discussed a recent incident involving a stolen car. Since the last meeting, officers responded to 793 calls for service and drove 3346 miles. Mayor Kirk stated she wants the police department to make sure they are taking action if four wheelers, dirt bikes and other toys are out on the streets. Council, Mayor Kirk, and Chief Confer discussed street takeovers.

Bill Steele, an Obetz resident, asked if tickets will be issued for loud exhausts. Chief Confer stated yes if an officer hears it.

Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated street takeovers are a regional issue. He then stated an executive session is needed.

Stacey Boumis, AICP – Ms. Boumis stated the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is May 8th.

Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated renovations to the lobby have started. They will be completed by May 13th. The lot at the Government Center will be sealed May 9th and 10th. Multiple structures will be demolished this spring. Interviews for the public relations position will be next week.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Bill Steele addressed Council. He said there is a crack down Bridlewood Blvd. He stated there is a lot of speeding on Bridlewood Boulevard. He asked if speed bumps could be installed. Mayor Kirk stated speed bumps don't work and will not be installed.

Jerry Benson addressed Council. He showed Council a graphic he prepared to redo the alignment of Lancaster Avenue and create additional parking for Lancaster Park. He stated residents don't like where the parking is located. He stated his realignment of the road eliminates the stop signs. Mr. Gibbs asked Mr. Benson how many people have indicated to him they do not like the parking at the park. Mr. Benson stated about twenty or more. He stated he talked to people coming to the community center and the hardware store. Mayor Kirk stated he should encourage people to reach out to the City directly or attending meetings. Mr. Davisson stated it is wonderful residents want to be involved. He thanked Mr. Benson for his work.

Tony Sobony Sr. addressed Council. He discussed pie parties and his charity. He asked Council for a venue for a National Pie in the Face event. Funds raised are used for cancer research.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

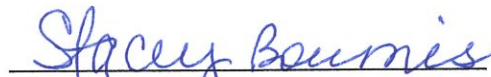
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(8) to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:15 pm. They returned from executive session at 9:45 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. All ayes. Council adjourned at 9:46 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council