

CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 28, 2024

The regular meeting of May 28, 2024 was held at 6:10 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 May 13th 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.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 26 – 24: An Ordinance To Adopt The Tax Budget For The City Of Obetz, Ohio For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025 And To Submit The Same To The Franklin County Budget Commission And Declaring An Emergency.

Second Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 21 – 24: An Ordinance To Establish The 2024 Capital Improvements Fund A (4913), And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed Ordinance 21 – 21, Ordinance 22 – 24, and Ordinance 23 – 24. He stated these are the ordinances for note related borrowing. Projects include the improvements to Lancaster Park, undergrounding electric along Lancaster Avenue, constructing the incubator building, and purchasing the Younkin property. These ordinances need adopted tonight because the funds will be available prior to the next meeting. Council has already authorized the City to get the funds; this is just housekeeping to establish the accounts where the funds will be deposited. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 21 – 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 21 – 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.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 22 – 24: An Ordinance To Establish The 2024 Capital Improvements Fund B (4914), And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to

suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 22 – 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 22 – 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 23 – 24: An Ordinance To Establish The 2024 Capital Improvements Fund C (4915), And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 23 – 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 23 – 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.

Third 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 opened the public hearing. Ms. Boumis reviewed the Final Development Plan including the landscaping, building architecture and materials, and site layout. She stated there are three parcels. Two parcels are zoned general commercial and one is zoned planned commercial district. The rezoning affects the two parcels that are zoned general commercial; they will now be planned commercial like the other parcel. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. A member of the audience, name not given, asked if Maureen Boulevard would be widened. Mr. Davisson stated not as a part of this project. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 18 – 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.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 25 – 24: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2024 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed how the additional appropriations will be used including uniforms, fees related to the notes, and appropriating the money from the notes. Mr. Flaherty asked when the money from the notes would be available. Mr. Davisson stated immediately. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 25 – 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 25 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; 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’S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the splashpad is open. Parking is at the hardware store. The Lancaster Park rename survey has been extended. Obetz participated in the Village of Lockbourne’s Memorial Day parade. Zucchinifest planning continues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

ADMINISTRATION’S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated since the last meeting officers have responded to 851 calls for service and driven 3623 miles. The Flock camera system has helped recover over 10 stolen vehicles.

Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins congratulated Subway on receiving zoning approval and discussed the process moving forward. There will be vacant land after the Subway is built. Any additional development of the parcel will require Council approval.

Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated Obetz is busy. A lot of projects are in the planning phase. Surveys are still running. The incubator building will be under roof by December and something should be open by summer 2025. Younkin closes in phases.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

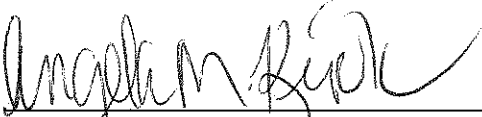
Andy Borders stated the grass needs cut on Rathmell Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

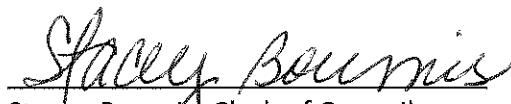
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(8) to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 6:38 pm. All six members of Council returned from executive session at 7:46 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:47 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council