

CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

The regular meeting of September 23, 2024 was held at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, with Mayor Angela Kirk presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kirk 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 September 9th meeting. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – abstain. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

No first readings.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 42 – 24: An Ordinance To Extend The Moratorium On The Issuance And Processing Of Permits Allowing Retail Dispensaries, Cultivators, Or Processors Of Adult Use Marijuana Within The City Of Obetz, And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk stated the City is waiting on the State of Ohio to make decisions on how this new law will be administered. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 42 – 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. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 42 – 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. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

Tabled

Mayor Kirk stated Ordinance 33 – 24 will remain tabled.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated Obetz won the Community Cup again. It was a great day. The Buddy Walk is coming up as well as Bands Across America. Youth football is in full swing and Halloween is coming up. The City is working on the perks for black card holders. This year there will be a Christmas Parade as a part of the Christmas Kick-Off.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated a resident asked about dope smoking. Council discussed this issue. Recreational marijuana use is now legal in Ohio. Chief Confer then stated there has been some TikTok shenanigans lately. On two separate days a 6th grade girl and then a 7th grade boy made threats to the school. Both kids were caught. There was a house fire at 1741 Hillcrest. Obetz officers provided back-up at a business on Spiegel Drive. Since the last meeting, officers have responded to 866 calls for service and have driven 6235 miles.

A resident on Brett Court, name not given, had a noise complaint. Someone with loud exhaust and loud music speeds through the neighborhood and wakes him up in the morning. Chief Confer stated officers need to hear it to give them a ticket. Mr. Davisson stated this is Ohio law.

Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated the City has a loud muffler ordinance and this individual can be charged. Mr. Hollins then stated an executive session is needed. He explained what that means; the open meetings law; and the exceptions to that law that allow City Council to go into executive session. Council has discussions but cannot vote.

Stacey Boumis, AICP, Community Services Director/Council Clerk – Mr. Davisson asked Ms. Boumis to introduce herself and describe her role for the benefit of the government class students in the audience.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., LEED AP, City Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated the City needs a dump truck and some additional larger trucks. He is getting pricing now.

The same resident from Brett Court stated there is a big split in the pavement of Bridlewood Boulevard near Groveport Road. He then stated the asphalt near the storm sewer by his house is heaving up by the curb. It doesn't drain. He then stated there is a blind spot at Ethel Road and Maureen Boulevard North due to trees and bushes.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A student asked why Williams Road was closed. Mr. Davisson discussed who owns Williams Road. He stated the City of Columbus owns Williams Road. Mr. Davisson then discussed local

government and development. A student asked about the improvements at Lancaster Park and how much they cost. Mr. Davisson discussed the improvements. He stated phase 1 cost approximately \$1 million dollars. Phase 2 will cost approximately 3 million dollars.

A resident asked what was happening on the south side of Lisle Avenue. Mr. Davisson stated it was just getting cleaned up and seeded right now. There is discussion that it may become a golf course. It is up to Council to prioritize spending.

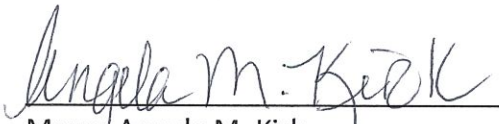
A student then asked about the school district buildings, Hamilton Meadows and police service. Mayor Kirk stated the school buildings are in the City of Obetz; Hamilton Meadows is in the Township. Obetz police can lend mutual aid outside the jurisdiction but doesn't patrol outside the City limits.

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. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 6:39 pm. All six members of Council returned from executive session at 8:20 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:21 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council