

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
April 21, 2020

The Regular Meeting of City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Barilla presiding. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call.

Present were Councilmen Anyabwile, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons, & Villamagna.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, & Linda Harris from the Herald Star.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for April 14, 2020. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Barilla – “Petitions and Communications Madame Clerk?”

Mrs. Haley – “Nothing this evening.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Madam Clerk.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2020-17 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER OVER \$3,000.00 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.41.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2020-17. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2020-17 please state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-17 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will go into effect on May 21, 2020.

NO. 2020-20 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Dressel, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE LOCAL OFFICIAL WITH THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT AGREEMENT KNOWN AS DRESDEN AVENUE RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS, FROM THE NORTH TERMINUS TO APPROXIMATELY 850 FEET SOUTH, CITY PROJECT NUMBER 2020-114, AND COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SAID PROJECT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, RIGHT OF WAY SERVICES INCLUDING ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY, UTILITY RELOCATION INCLUDING UTILITY EASEMENTS, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION/INSPECTION SERVICES, BIDDING SERVICES, ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE, AND RE-BIDDING THAT MAY BE REQUIRED.

NO. 2020-21 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Dressel, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE JEF-43-4.18 (SUNSET BOULEVARD) RESURFACING PROJECT, PID 109618 AND PERFORM ALL NECESSARY FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SAID PROJECT.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Just a brief report at this point the two additional people are not being hired by the Parks and Recreation Department because we’re putting on hold the hiring of people and the moving of people from department to department until we clearly get on the other side of whatever the financial crisis will be that is

pending. So using this time without having to do all of the programming the existing park staff has been working hard to deep clean and do some projects at the MLK Center; relocating files and doing various things. Lori does want me to pass on the idea that people on the one hand can and should use the parks it is possible to come you know to the park and walk around, hike, bike, jog; people can go to the marina they can go to Beatty Park but we do want people to be clear that they should not be going on the playground equipment. At this point we don't have staff that can just stand there and try to keep it clean and so it's going to be important that people stay off the play equipment for now. Also in terms of the tot lots she has been in conversation with the three tot lots where people are volunteering to care for those and that has begun and I don't know when we're going to have the conversation about the flats but that is one park we do not have any volunteers for. For those interested we are going to be looking for volunteers to help us get through this time period without having that additional support so we're hoping that when people feel like they can come outside and be a part of helping clean up and do things; do some planting at the parks that they will be in touch with our director Lori Fetherolf. Finally the baseball hasn't made a definitive decision yet they're waiting on the Governor but if by May 1st there isn't a clear go ahead from the Governor's office the Little League season for the spring will not happen but they have also planned for a season in the fall so then that is; they're very hopeful that that's all going to take place. So we'll just have to wait for more information from them. But it is important for people's well-being and honestly to air out their houses when the temperature gets more pleasant and it's a good thing to be outdoors so it's a good time to enjoy the parks that we have. Thank you very much."

Mr. Paul – "Yes you're Honor good evening. I have one it's a resolution under finance."

Mr. Paul sunshine a resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts awarded in 2020.

Mr. Paul also made a motion to go into executive session following public forum to discuss future contracts negotiations the three unions (ACSME, Police, & Fire). Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you Mayor. To Council in the events since we'll probably be doing these teleconferencing for a few more weeks if there is a specific department head member that you would need to have here please let me know and I will have them there. We're trying to minimize the number of people and keeping the distances that we need to keep apart so there's no problem with having any of them here or online if that will help you out so just let me know who you need and I'll be more than happy to do that. I've been on several teleconferencing. I was on today with Jefferson County Health Department just to give you as they are the central or pository of information pertaining to our county. There's a total of 32 cases here. There are 5 that they call probable based on their symptoms and they've been testing and they are waiting for the results to come back and there has been one confirmed death based on this COVID-19. They are repeatedly have more testing that's taking place and hopefully that will verify our numbers. We are staying low here but I will tell you both north of us and south of us have a quite few more cases than we have in Jefferson County here. Another conference call I was on today was with Congressman Johnson and his staff and one of the questions that I had sent in as well as several other people had sent in is what is the possibility of any funding coming to the municipalities? Right now there isn't anything setup because one they can't do directly to the municipalities as well as the townships and small cities. It has to be done through the Governor's office or that State's and that's where it would maybe come down later on and then the States will divide it up and this will be for operating situations with the cities that have suffered here through the lack of revenue. They cannot just fund for loss of revenue. It has to be for something specific that they will later identify should this funding become available. All of our employees so far are fine. We've had no issues with them. No further testing and the only testing we have had had been with three employees that was based on their personal physicians and their current health status and they were fine and they are all back to work and that's all I have at this time for Council."

Mr. Mastros – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

PUBLIC FORUM

Council Chambers were cleared for Executive Session.

Council Chambers were reopened for adjournment.

Mr. Paul moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll call. All ayes. So moved; meeting adjourned declared Mayor Barilla.

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR