



**City of Ashtabula**  
Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting  
Monday, December 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
4717 Main Avenue

Minutes

**Opening of Regular Meeting**

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Ashtabula City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Roskovics. Councilor Foglio offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed for Carl Corbissero, who passed recently. He previously served the City of Ashtabula as an Administrative Assistant and Housing Inspector for the Planning and Community Development Department.

**Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Vice President Michael Speelman, President John Roskovics

**Absent:** none

**Officers Present:** City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Finance Director Traci Welch, Clerk of Council Stacy Senskey

**Absent:** none

**Sunshine Law Certification**

A quorum was established as defined by Ashtabula City Council Rules of Order. The meeting met the requirements of the Ohio Sunshine Laws Open Meetings Act.

**Presentations/Announcements**

An executive session prior to the meeting adjournment was requested for the purpose of discussing: Personnel - Compensation

**Motion:** Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to convene an executive session for the purpose of personnel - compensation; Ward 3 Councilor Holman seconded.

**Discussion:**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Yeas:** Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Calvin Crawford, Vice President Michael Speelman, President John Roskovics

**Nays:** None

Motion carried.

## **Approval of Minutes**

### **December 1, 2021, Organizational Meeting**

### **December 6, 2021, Public Hearing**

### **December 6, 2021, Regular Meeting**

Clerk of Council Senskey presented the minutes.

**Motion:** Ward 1 Councilor Foglio to waive the reading of the minutes in their entirety; Vice President Speelman seconded.

**Discussion:**

**VOTE:**

**Ayes:** President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

**Nays:** None

Hearing no corrections to the minutes, they were approved as presented.

## **Administrative Reports**

### **City Manager**

City Manager Timonere announced the Sanitation Department will be working Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, so trash pick-up remains on the normal schedule. They will be picking up extra trash because of the holidays.

He cautioned the public to protect loved ones and the community because COVID numbers are increasing and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

### **City Solicitor**

City Solicitor Cooper reported the Municipal Court building would be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

### **Finance Director**

Finance Director Welch formally requested an ordinance repealing, in its entirety, payroll Ordinance No. 2021-76 for the purpose of creating new positions in the Ashtabula City Health District.

**Motion:** Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the Finance Director's request; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

**Discussion:**

**VOTE**

**Yeas:** President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

**Nays:** None

Motion carried.

Finance Director Welch formally requested an ordinance authorizing compensation, salaries and wages to employees of the City of Ashtabula and the Ashtabula City Health District.

**Motion:** Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the Finance Director's request; Ward 5 Councilor Haines seconded.

**Discussion:**

**VOTE**

**Yeas:** President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

**Nays:** None  
Motion carried.

Finance Director Welch formally requested an ordinance to make supplemental increases to appropriations in the General, Public Health/Nursing, IDIAM, Sanitation, Fire Pension and Police Pension funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Ashtabula, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2021.

**Motion:** Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the Finance Director's request; Ward 2 Councilor Crawford seconded.

**Discussion:** IDIAM is a Municipal Court fund and stands for Indigent Drivers Interlock & Alcohol Monitoring. (Clerk research - IDIAM funds pay for an immobilizing or disabling device (ignition interlock) and alcohol monitoring for indigent offenders. The fund consists of a portion of OVI fines and driver's license reinstatement fees.)

**VOTE**

**Yeas:** President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

**Nays:** None  
Motion carried.

Finance Director Welch formally requested an ordinance authorizing the write off of uncollectible returned checks.

**Motion:** Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the Finance Director's request; Ward 5 Councilor Haines seconded.

**Discussion:**

**VOTE**

**Yeas:** President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

**Nays:** None  
Motion carried.

Finance Director Welch formally requested an ordinance to provide for appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

**Motion:** Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to approve the Finance Director's request; Ward 4 Councilor Mills seconded.

**Discussion:** The Recycling Grant Fund 262 has zero revenue and expenses. The recycling program began in 2018 and was started with monies transferred out of Permanent Improvement Fund 412 as beginning expenses for the Recycling Grant Fund. Finance Director Welch plans to move the funds back into the Permanent Improvement Fund in 2022. Future plans for city-wide recycling and grants for the project were discussed.

**VOTE**

**Yeas:** President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

**Nays:** None  
Motion carried.

**Clerk of Council**

Clerk of Council Senskey explained she introduced the agenda and meeting management system to the Councilors and City Officials last October, then announced the public portal is available on the

City's website and is available for review using any digital device. She plans to further develop public engagement for Council meetings.

## **City Council Committee Reports**

**Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation**

**Finance & Personnel**

**Public Works/ Public Utilities/ Cable/ Schools**

**Safety Forces**

**Legislation**

**Additional Formal Requests**

**Public Communications on Legislation**

**Overview / Discussion**

### **Reading**

Council President Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by Consent Agenda.

**Motion:** Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to request Consent Agenda; Ward 5 Councilor Haines seconded.

**Discussion:**

### **VOTE**

**Yeas:** President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

**Nays:** None

Motion carried.

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### **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-124**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH KERRY HINES, FOR TAX ABATEMENT AT 100% FOR 7 YEARS FOR A NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING LOCATED AT 1421 BRIDGE STREET, ASHTABULA, OH 44004 (City Manager)**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-125**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH LINDA HINES, FOR TAX ABATEMENT AT 100% FOR 7 YEARS FOR A NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING LOCATED AT 1423 BRIDGE STREET, ASHTABULA, OH 44004 (City Manager)**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-126**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, PAYROLL ORDINANCE NO. 2021-76 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING NEW POSITIONS IN THE ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DISTRICT (Finance Director)**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-127**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION, SALARIES AND WAGES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AND THE ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DISTRICT (Finance Director)**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-128**

**AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL INCREASES TO APPROPRIATIONS IN THE**

**GENERAL, PUBLIC HEALTH/NURSING, IDIAM, SANITATION, FIRE PENSION AND POLICE PENSION FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Finance Director)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-129**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE WRITE OFF OF UNCOLLECTIBLE RETURNED CHECKS (Finance Director)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-130**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 (Finance Director)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-131**

**A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASHTABULA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 943 (City Council)**

**Motion:** Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the reading of the legislation in its entirety; Vice President Speelman seconded.

**Discussion:**

**VOTE**

**Yeas:** President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

**Nays:** None

Motion carried.

**Motion:** Ward 1 Councilor Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Vice President Speelman seconded.

**Discussion**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Yeas:** Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman, President Roskovics

**Nays:** None

Motion carried.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** Adoption of legislation

**Yeas:** Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Vice President Speelman, President Roskovics

**Nays:** None

The legislation for the meeting was adopted.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

**Tell Us Something We Don't Know**

Ward 5 Councilor Haines announced Koski Construction is celebrating 100 years in business. She said the business began in the location of the Keybank building parking lot but later moved just outside of the City limits. Currently, their asphalt plant is located in the City of Ashtabula.

**Motion:** Ward 5 Councilor Haines moved to request a resolution to commemorate Koski Construction's 100 years in business; Ward 1 Councilor Foglio seconded.

**Discussion:**

**VOTE**

**Yeas:** President Roskovics, Vice President Speelman, Ward 1 Councilor Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Crawford, Ward 3 Councilor Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Haines

**Nays:** None

Motion carried.

Ward 4 Councilor Mills announced she has had several calls since the last Council meeting on many differing topics. She gave her appreciation to City Manager Timonere and his team of City employees involved with answering questions and resolving situations she identified as community concerns in Ward 4.

Council President Roskovics hopes city businesses will take a positive approach to encourage vaccination. Additionally, he wished a merry Christmas to city residents and thanked all who have put effort into keeping nice yards throughout the community.

### **Public Communications on General Matters**

On behalf of Kerry and Linda Hines, Mark Ozzello discussed the townhomes they own at 1421 and 1423 Bridge Street. In August of 2021, they began to experience "major sewer backup problems." They had a meeting with City Manager Timonere in September 2021. Mr. Ozzello said the sewer system connection with the main was not inspected because the tap-in permits were not paid. He is concerned that the other townhomes have the same situation and those homeowners, as well as the City, will have issues. He suggests the builder did not use the correct couplings to connect to the City sewer system. He is seeking help to receive the builder's insurance information. City Manager Timonere explained the City's responsibility is from the curb to the main/lateral and has made repairs to those sections. The connections are inspected by Ashtabula County. The City does not have rules indicating a standard of construction materials that should be used. The dispute is between the contractor and the owners of the townhomes. The City requires liability insurance for work performed in the right-of-way or in the street. Liability insurance for the property is not required by the City. City Solicitor Cooper said she would review the information collected by Mr. Ozzello.

### **Executive Session (if needed)**

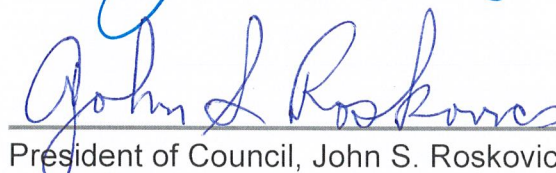
The City Council convened an executive session at 7:43 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

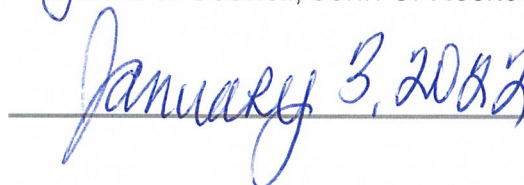
After the conclusion of the executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by Council President Roskovics.

  
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Clerk of Council, Stacy H. Senskey

Attested By:

  
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President of Council, John S. Roskovics

Date Approved:

  
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January 3, 2022