

ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 16, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL was held in Council Chambers and viewed on the City of Ashtabula website and Facebook page as well as Spectrum channel 1024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Council President. The Ward 1 Councilor offered the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present

Ward 2 Councilor – Mr. Calvin Crawford, Ward 4 Councilor – Ms. Octavia Harris, Ward 5 Councilor – Ms. Jane E. Haines, Ward 1 Councilor – Mrs. Kym A. Foglio, Council President – Mr. John S. Roskovics

Members Absent

Ward 3 Councilor – Ms. Laydean Young, Council Vice President – Mr. Michael D. Speelman

Mrs. Foglio moved; Mr. Crawford seconded to excuse the Council Vice President and Ward 3 Councilor from the meeting; motion CARRIED.

Officers Present

City Manager – Mr. James M. Timonere, City Solicitor – Mike Franklin, Finance Director – Ms. Traci R. Welch, Clerk of Council – Mrs. Stacy H. Senskey

Sunshine Law

The Clerk of Council certified conformity to the Ohio Sunshine Law.

Executive Session

The Council President announced the City Manager's request for an Executive Session prior to the adjournment of the Regular Council Meeting. Mrs. Foglio moved; Ms. Haines seconded to convene an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or sale of property. On the roll call: Mr. Crawford, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

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Approval of Minutes

The Clerk of Council presented minutes from the August 2, 2021, Regular Meeting. Mrs. Foglio moved; Ms. Harris seconded to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

City Manager Report and Communications

The City Manager formally requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with GPD Group to provide a Capital Improvement Plan and Rate Study for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sanitary Sewer System in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. Funding for this service will be taken from fund 504 and 261. Mrs. Foglio moved; Mr. Crawford seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

The City Manager formally requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Glazier Insurance Agency with a mailing address of 41 Wall Street, Jefferson, OH 44047 for the purpose of providing Liability, Auto, Property, and Public Officials insurance through Travelers Insurance for a period of one year in the amount not to exceed \$192,719.00. Funding for this expense to be taken from accounts 101, 225, and 503. Mrs. Foglio moved; Ms. Harris seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

The City Manager formally requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Refuse Equipment & Truck Service with a mailing address of P.O. Box 1424 Ashtabula, Ohio 44004 for an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00. Funding for this service will be taken from fund 225. Mrs. Foglio moved; Ms. Haines seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

The City Manager requested approval to hire three new Patrol Officers through lateral transfers for the Police Department. Mrs. Foglio moved; Ms. Haines seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

The City Manager commented the City Charter states Council approval is required for purchases over \$10,000. He requested Council consider a Charter change by increasing the approval level to \$30,000. Ohio Revised Code sets a limit of \$50,000.

The Planning Commission's Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2021, was cancelled. The City Manager requested the Council consider developing legislation to put a moratorium on discount retail establishments within the City limits.

Finance Director Report and Communications

The Finance Director formally requested an ordinance to make supplemental increases and/or decreases to appropriations in the Marina, Miscellaneous Grants, and Court Special Projects Funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Ashtabula, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2021. Mrs. Foglio moved; Ms. Haines seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

Clerk of Council Report and Communications

The Clerk of Council formally requested an ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Ashtabula Codified Ordinances. Ms. Harris moved; Mr. Crawford seconded to approve the request. **Discussion:** The replacement pages include two ordinances affecting the traffic control map and one ordinance adding chapter 1339 Residential New Construction and Additions. Motion CARRIED.

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation Committee Report and Communications

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report and Communications

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Public Works/Public Utilities/Cable/School Committee Report and Communications

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 27, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Safety Forces Committee Report and Communications

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 23, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Legislation Agenda

- Formal Legislation Request(s): no additional requests came before Council.
- Form and Correctness – met per City Solicitor.
- Public Discussion (on legislation only) Stephen Kellat gave his support to Ordinance 2021-88 and agreed with the City Manager’s request for a charter change to increase the authorized spending limit before seeking Council approval.

Legislation Reading

First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-86 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE EAST SIDE OF PETROS DRIVE
(Safety Forces/City Council)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-87 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF WASHINGTON AVENUE BETWEEN BUNKER HILL ROAD AND WEST 58TH STREET (Safety Forces/City Council)

Request Legislation Presentation by Consent Agenda: Mrs. Foglio moved; Mr. Crawford seconded to dispose of the remaining legislation by consent agenda; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-80 AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GPD GROUP TO PROVIDE A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND RATE STUDY FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00 (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-81 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL INCREASES AND/OR DECREASES TO APPROPRIATIONS IN THE MARINA, MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS, AND COURT SPECIAL PROJECTS 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. 2021-82 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 521.14 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION REGULATING THE PLACEMENT OF RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OF THE CITY (Safety Forces/City Council)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-83 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 521.14 REGULATING THE PLACEMENT OF RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA (Safety Forces/City Council)

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ORDINANCE NO. 2021-84 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ASHTABULA CODIFIED ORDINANCES (Clerk of Council)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-85 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GLAZIER INSURANCE AGENCY AND TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE LIABILITY, PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR AT A COST OF \$192,719 (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-88 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH REFUSE EQUIPMENT & TRUCK SERVICE FOR SANITATION TRUCK REPAIRS (City Manager)

Mrs. Foglio moved; Ms. Harris seconded to waive the reading of the legislation; motion CARRIED.

Mrs. Foglio moved; Mr. Crawford seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call: Mr. Crawford, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

On the roll call to adopt the legislation: Mr. Crawford, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

New Business

Neither the Ward 2 Councilor nor the other Councilors in attendance wished to request a hearing on the advisability of issuing a D1 liquor permit to Lakeway Restaurant located at 729 Lake Avenue. A D1 permit is for beer only for on premises consumption and in sealed containers for carry out, until 1:00 a.m.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

The Ward 1 Councilor wished a healthy and happy school year to all students and adults returning to school. She also congratulated the Ward 3 Councilor, Ms. Laydean Young, on a successful Back to School giveaway event over the weekend. The Ward 1 Councilor and Clerk of Council attended a 50th anniversary celebration for St. Angelo-Gage Furniture store. Mrs. Foglio moved, Ms. Haines seconded to draft a resolution in honor of St. Angelo-Gage Furniture's 50th Anniversary; motion CARRIED.

The Ward 2 Councilor wished luck to all the school athletes returning to their sports.

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The Council President gave a welcome letter to Nights & Weekends, the new restaurant on Bridge Street.

The Ward 5 Councilor announced High Horse will be Rockin' on the Beach at Walnut Beach this Sunday, August 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Country Redford will be featured on September 6th, starting at 6:00 p.m. Also, the Ashtabula Fraternal Order of Police's Annual Fish Fry is Thursday, August 26 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge.

Public Discussion/Comments on General Matters

Pete Bean of West 57th Street, President of My Neighborhood Collaborative and member of St. Peter's Church asked Council to consider passing a resolution of commitment to resolving homeless problem in the City. Council is scheduling a work session to learn more information and discuss solutions.

County Commissioner J. P. Ducro of West Prospect Avenue announced a presentation regarding the criminal justice ballot initiative and Community Corrections & Rehabilitation Facility Wednesday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ashtabula Kent State University. Public is encouraged to attend and will have the opportunity to ask questions on the topic.

Executive Session

The Council President announced the executive session would convene off camera. After the executive session was over, the Council President reconvened the public portion of the meeting, with no action taken.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. by the President of Council.

City Council will meet again on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, in Council Chambers. The Pre-Council Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

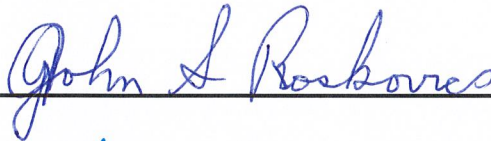
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Clerk of Council, Stacy H. Senskey

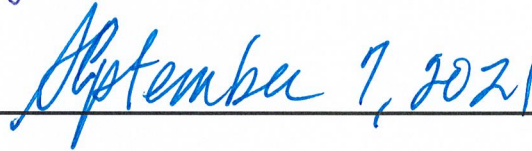


Attested by:

President of Council, John S. Roskovics



Date Approved:



Attachments: none