

**ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF ASHTABULA – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, January 6, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Pastor Christopher McCain of Second Congregational Church offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

This past week, the City of Ashtabula lost one of its biggest cheerleaders and best friends, Ward 3 Councilor Richard Quaranta. Ward 5 Councilor expressed her gratitude toward his mentorship. "I just feel like we lost a piece of our family."

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Notary of the State of Ohio, LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Ward 4 Councilor, Octavia V. Harris. During the ceremony, Octavia's mother, Pastor Kathy Baskerville and Pastor Tony Boyd of Be The City Church stood with her and held the bible for her. The Ward 4 Councilor expressed her excitement and feels honored to be an advocate; representing the people of her city. She thanked her family, friends and loved ones who sat in the audience to show their support.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Mr. Calvin C. Crawford	(Ward 2 Councilor)
	Mr. Michael D. Speelman	(Vice President)
	Ms. Jane E. Haines	(Ward 5 Councilor)
	Ms. Octavia V. Harris	(Ward 3 Councilor)
	Mr. John S. Roskovics	(President)
<b>MEMBER(S) ABSENT:</b>	Mrs. Kym A. Foglio	(Ward 1 Councilor)
<b>OFFICER(S) PRESENT:</b>	Mr. James M. Timonere	(City Manager)
	Ms. Traci R. Welch	(Director of Finance)
<b>OFFICER(S) ABSENT:</b>	Mr. Michael Franklin	(City Solicitor)
	Mrs. Stacy H. Senskey	(Clerk of Council)
<b>EXCUSED ABSENCE(S):</b>	<u>Mr. Speelman moved, Ms. Haines seconded to excuse the Ward 1 Councilor from this meeting; motion CARRIED.</u>	
<b>SUNSHINE LAW:</b>	Clerk of Council Senskey certified conformity to the Ohio Sunshine Law.	

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda is a means whereby Council is able to efficiently conduct business by grouping routine items for consideration and disposal.

**PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES:** The President announced presentation of the minutes would be postponed until the next Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

#### **LEGISLATION AGENDA - None**

- Formal Legislation Request(s)
- Form and Correctness
- Legislation Overview
- Public Discussion (on legislation only)
- Reading

### **REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA**

**PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES:** None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **CITY MANAGER**

##### **Formal Requests**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to deem obsolete the following city owned vehicles:

2004 Chevy Trailblazer VIN 2GNDT135752174498

2002 Dodge 2500 Truck VIN 3B6MF36552M275291

Mr. Speelman moved, Mr. Crawford seconded to approve this request; motion CARRIED.

##### **Public Works on Third Shift**

Public Works crews started third shift beginning 11pm to 7am. During any of the shifts, they will pick up live Christmas trees. Please place them on your tree lawn with all decorations off so the trees can be converted to mulch. Trees will be rejected if they are still decorated. The President commented he's glad the third shift started, as it hasn't snowed much.

##### **Martin Luther King Day**

Garbage pick-up is not affected by the holiday and is scheduled like normal. New garbage schedules and routes are available online on the city website, [www.cityofashtabula.com](http://www.cityofashtabula.com).

##### **CITY SOLICITOR – None**

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

**Formal Requests**

The Director of Finance requested:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN ADVANCE OF \$200,000.00 ON THE 2019 PROPERTY TAX SETTLEMENT FROM THE ASHTABULA COUNTY AUDITOR (Finance Director) Mr. Speelman moved, Ms. Haines seconded to approve this request; motion CARRIED. The item was added to the legislative agenda for this meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR COPIER EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY FINANCE DIVISION (Finance Director) Mr. Speelman moved, Mr. Roskovics seconded to approve this request; motion CARRIED. The item was added to the legislative agenda for this meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF THE STATE OF OHIO TO ASSIST THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE ASHTABULA HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THE CONVERSION OF CASH REPORTING TO GAAP (Finance Director) Ms. Haines moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to approve this request; motion CARRIED. The item was added to the legislative agenda for this meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TWENTY-SEVEN (27) PAY PERIODS AND A TEMPORARY 3.846% PAY INCREASE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2020 FOR MUNICIPAL COURT SALARIED PERSONNEL (Finance Director) Mr. Roskovics moved, Mr. Speelman seconded to approve this request; motion CARRIED. The item was added to the legislative agenda for this meeting.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL** - None

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

Council committees meet in the August A. Pugliese Conference Room – M.B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PARKS & RECREATION (CD/ED/P&R)**

*Members: Chair/Council Liaison to Parks and Recreation Board Haines; Vice Chair Harris; Roskovics*

*Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 4p*

- The next meeting is Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 4p. The Chair and Ward 5 Councilor remarked the next Parks and Recreation Meeting is Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6p in Council Chambers.

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- The President announced the new Ward 4 Councilor will serve as Vice-Chair of this committee.

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL - (F&P)**

*Members: Chair Foglio; Vice Chair Roskovics*

*Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday @ 8a*

- The Vice-Chair and President announced the meeting scheduled for Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is cancelled. The next meeting is Friday, February 14, 2020 at 8a.

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES/CABLE/SCHOOLS - (PW/PU/C/S)**

*Members: Chair Crawford; Vice Chair Harris; Roskovics*

*Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 5p*

- The next meeting is Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5p.
- The President announced the new Ward 4 Councilor will serve as Vice-Chair of this committee. The President also serves on the committee.
- The President announced Council will begin addressing how the paving monies will be utilized in the upcoming year.

**SAFETY FORCES - (SF)**

*Members: Chair Speelman; Vice Chair Foglio; Haines*

*Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 8a*

- The next meeting is Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 8a.

**LEGISLATION AGENDA**

- Formal Legislation Request(s): No additional requests were made.
- Form and Correctness: Satisfied
- Overview: The Council President gave a brief overview of the proposed legislation.
- Public Discussion (Legislation Only): None

**Consent Agenda Format**

Mr. Speelman moved, Ms. Harris seconded to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by Consent Agenda; motion CARRIED.

**Reading**

The Director of Finance presented the following legislation for Council's consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND EXECUTE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2020 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT THROUGH OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION (City Manager)

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Mr. Speelman moved, Ms. Haines seconded to waive the reading of the ordinances; motion CARRIED. Mr. Speelman moved, Mr. Crawford seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Ms. Haines, Ms. Harris, Mr. Roskovics voted aye; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinances: Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Ms. Haines, Ms. Harris, Mr. Roskovics voted aye; motion CARRIED.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

#### **Ward 2 Councilor**

- Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8p, the Ashtabula Maritime & Surface Museum is sponsoring another **History on Tap!** at Cloven Hoof Brewing, 1308 Bridge Street. This event features retired Captain David Beckwith sharing stories of the Great Lakes.
- In honor of National Popcorn Day, Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, Popp-A-Razzi is holding a coloring contest for all ages starting Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>. You can pick up an entry sheet at Popp-A-Razzi, 1121 Bridge Street.

#### **President**

- The Star Beacon published an article this morning about economic growth in Ashtabula for 2020. It is a very encouraging article about upcoming city projects.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION/COMMENTS (General Matters)**

Marty Cephas of Ashtabula Downtown Development Association (ADDA) welcomed Ms. Harris to her new role. Downtown is located within the Ward 4 boundaries and the ADDA board is eager to accomplish great things with Ms. Harris as their Ward Councilor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business to come before this Council, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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DATE APPROVED: January 21, 2020

ATTESTED BY: John S. Roskovics  
John S. Roskovics, President of Council

ATTESTED BY: Stacy H. Senskey  
Stacy H. Senskey, Clerk of Council