

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, March 25, 2019

Opening:

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday, March 25, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council Pro Tem Jim Shields who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The roll was called with the following members of Council present E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and B. Starcher. President of Council John Coyne was absent.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Keith Dirham, Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Kimberly Marshall, Chief Kinney, Dan Gladish, Jansen Wehrley, Mike Wright, and Jonathon Mendel.

Minutes:

Mr. Simpson moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, and E. Heffinger.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne was absent – Next meeting is April 8th.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson stated the next meeting is April 8th and there will be a presentation by Nino Piccoli regarding the Sanitation Department.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb stated they are working on the draft legislation for LGBTQ. Bill has scheduled a meeting for April 15th with Girl Scout Troop 91696 for the Special Legislation Committee on their campaign called Plastic Bags Be Gone.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Heffinger stated they are still discussing ways to work with the residents on South Broadway for the brick road reconstruction project and will hopefully be moving it to the Finance Committee.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mr. Starcher had no report.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

19-053-3/25 – Fund Transfer – Parking Fund

19-054-3/25 – Fund Transfer – MCRC Capital Contribution

19-055-3/25 – Then & Now – M&L Supply – Fire Dept.

19-056-3/25 – Then & Now – Compmanagement – Finance Dept.

19-057-3/25 – Then & Now – Medina County Economic Development Corporation

19-058-3/25 – SPCA Annual Funding Request

19-059-3/25 – Bids, 2019 Concrete Street Repair

19-060-3/25 – Bids, 2019 Concrete Curb Installation Program – E. Liberty St.
19-061-3/25 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Davis Tree Farm
19-062-3/25 – Cooperative Purchase 2019-2020 Sodium Chloride
19-063-3/25 – Amend Cod. Ord. 945.02(g) - Park Restrictions
19-064-3/25 – Expenditure – Signal Service Co. – Street Dept.

Special Legislation Committee

19-065-3/25 – Discuss Single Use Plastic & Paper Bag Environmental Impact

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor, reported

- 1) Parking Deck - Construction of the parking deck south of Medina City hall will commence this May. Parking will be very limited at Medina City Hall and the lot between Sully's patio and Porter's Shoes. Available long term lots are at the southeast corner of West Liberty and South Elmwood; lot on the west side of 200 block of South Elmwood (between Smith and Washington); as well as at the existing parking deck behind Common Pleas Courts. The project will last from May to likely December.
- 2) Congratulations to Medina Community Development Department on receiving the David A. Smith, Jr. Award for Building Department Excellence by the Ohio Department of Commerce Board of Building Standards - Well Done! Great team effort!
- 3) April is World Autism Month and April 2, 2019 is World Autism Awareness Day. All are encouraged to wear blue on Tuesday April 2, 2019 to bring awareness to Autism.
- 4) Becky Blackmore/Ed Selega - Rolling Thunder presentation of trophy for Best Chili.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, Mr. Dirham reminded residents to file an income tax with RITA and you can find them on the web at RITAOHIO, there will also be forms here at City Hall. One date left for assistance with city taxes on Saturday, April 6th at 11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Medina Recreation Center.

Greg Huber, Law Director, had no report

Chief Kinney, Police Department, reported the promotion of Josh Wilson to Sergeant effective March 17th. This is a replacement for a vacancy left by the retirement of Sergeant George Horton. Sergeant Wilson is an eleven year veteran of the Medina Police Department and served time in the Patrol Division as well as the Detective Bureau and he will be assigned to the weekend day shift.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, reported on Friday, March 29th is the next round of ribbon cuttings for 6 businesses. 10 a.m. The Original Steaks and Hoagies at 947 North Court St., 11 a.m. Echelon Assisted Living at 635 North Huntington St., 1 p.m. Profile by Sanford's at 951 North Court St., 2 p.m. Yasna Tailoring at 799 North Court St. Suite 23, 3 p.m. Stairway Treasures at 4445 Public Square, Suite 5, 4 p.m. Pajevic Chiropractic and Natural Health at 740 East Washington St. Suite E1.

Jonathan Mendel, Planning Community Director, Jonathon congratulated the Building Department. He is very proud of the staff in the Building Department and Dan's leadership.

Chief Painter, Fire Department, had no report.

Mike Wright, Recreation Center Director, Mr. Wright was absent and had no report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, Jansen reported the Forestry Department will begin tree planting in the city limits within the next two weeks and the majority of planting will be on Hillview Way and North Huntington St. Jansen stated they currently have a landscape contractor working on North Court St. in the medians. There will be plant material going in on the medians the week of April 22nd.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, reported that earlier this month he attended a conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. This conference was sponsored by the Ohio Building Officials Association. This association represents the 400 plus Certified Building Department throughout the State of Ohio. At this conference the City of Medina's Building Department was selected by the State of Ohio - Department of Commerce and the State of Ohio Board of Building Standards as the recipient of the 2018 David A. Smith Jr. Award for Building Department Excellence recognizing our hard work and excellence customer service. As the Chief Building Official for the city, he was honored to accept this award on behalf of our dedicated nine person Community Development Department Team of which the Building Department is part of.

We received this award because of our goals and mission – of which our goals are:

1. Protect the health, safety, welfare, and betterment of the community by promoting a safe built environment.
2. Promote economic growth and development through new construction and more importantly the re-development and repurposing of existing buildings within the city. Our mission – is to preserve, promote, and support our community by providing efficient and friendly customer service to the residents, business owners, developers, and contractors through our expertise, continuing education, training, technology, innovation, responsiveness, and resourcefulness.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, reported they received 3 proposal from design build teams for the parking deck. Each proposal consisted of a technical proposal and a cost proposal. They have a committee that will meet on Thursday, April 4th and each design builder will be interviewed and we will assign a score to the technical proposal and then move on to the cost proposal then make a recommendation to council for our award after that.

ODOT informed him that traffic signals on Rt. 42 had all interconnects completed on them and this week they will be synchronizing/coordinating those signals. Then they will start a systems analysis that takes 5 to 6 weeks to complete and that will provide the final timings.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, had no report but congratulated the Building Department.

Notices, communications and petitions

There were none.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

Introduction of Visitors:

There were none.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 045-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Amendment to the Contract for Administrative Services for the PY2018 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program between the City of Medina and Ohio Regional Development Corporation. Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 045-19, seconded by Mr. Rose. Jonathon stated this is to amend their agreement that they already have with Ohio Regional Development Corporation which is the consultant that is providing the technical expertise for the administration of their CHIP Program Grant that they are currently working on in conjunction with the City of Brunswick. This agreement adjusts the dollar amount distribution between the City of Medina and the Ohio Regional Development Corporation. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 045-19 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

Ord. 046-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign the Letter of Engagement with Arnold Architectural Strategies, LLC for professional services provided for the new Fitness Room Addition at the Medina Community Recreation Center. Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 046-19, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Simpson moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 046-19, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mayor is speaking for Mike Wright which is not in attendance tonight. This is to contract with Arnold Architectural Strategies, LLC for the new Fitness Room Addition and also contracts with Mr. Arnold as Construction Manager for the project. Emergency clause is needed for this and the next ordinance since we would like to get this project moving; it has been delayed back and forth for a period of time and would like to move forward with weather improving. Mr. Shields noted with this ordinance and two others that involve Medina City Schools this evening he will be abstaining since he is employed by Medina City Schools Board of Education. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, B. Starcher, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 046-19 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, B. Starcher, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Ord. 047-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign the Letter of Intent to the Board of Education of the Medina City School District for the new Fitness Room Addition at the Medina Community Recreation Center. Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution

No. 047-19, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Simpson moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 047-19, seconded by Mr. Rose. After some revisions from the City and the School Board and approval of the Law Department, it was then approved by the Finance Committee on March 11th, 2019. Both the letter of engagement and this ordinance if passed will have to go back to the School Board for final approval. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Starcher, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 047-19 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, B. Starcher, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 048-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund transfers.

Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 048-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is a transfer to the Parking Fund. The Parking Fund does not have much in the way of revenue so we transfer money in periodically to cover its expenditures. We budget \$60,000 a year and we make the transfers as needed. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 048-19 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and B. Starcher.

Ord. 049-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund transfers.

Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 049-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated the Joint Operating Agreement they have with the school for operating the Rec Center calls for both the city and the schools to contribute \$100,000.00 per year each to our capital funds. This is to cover expenditures to the building large capital items such as the roof repair. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 049-19 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, and E. Heffinger.

Ord. 050-19:

An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Medina, Ohio, certifying that when a municipal obligation was incurred sums were lawfully appropriated in the funds to satisfy the obligation and sufficient sums currently exist to satisfy this obligation. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 050-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 050-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is a purchase by the Fire Department. There was a grant for this purchase and the original purchase order was for only the city's share so we need a purchase order for the full amount because the city has to write a check for the full amount which will then be reimbursed. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 050-19 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

Ord. 051-19:

An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Medina, Ohio, certifying that when a municipal obligation was incurred sums were lawfully appropriated in the funds to satisfy the obligation and sufficient sums currently exist to satisfy this obligation. Mr. Shields moved for

the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 051-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 051-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is from the Finance Department. The money has not been spent yet in the sense that this is an invoice for a service that begins in September, but the invoice was already sent. Invoice is due soon and that is why the emergency is needed. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas votes of B. Starcher, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 051-19 passed by the yeas votes of D. Simpson, B. Starcher, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose and J. Shields.

Ord. 052-19:

An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Medina, Ohio, certifying that when a municipal obligation was incurred sums were lawfully appropriated in the funds to satisfy the obligation and sufficient sums currently exist to satisfy this obligation. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 052-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 052-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Keith stated this is for an annual membership in the Medina County Economic Development Corporation. The membership has begun because the year has begun. Emergency is needed to pay the invoice. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, and E. Heffinger. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 052-19 passed by the yeas votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and B. Starcher.

Res. 053-19:

A Resolution of Intent supporting the land exchange of 0.629 acres of Medina City Schools Board of Education owned real property located on 347 N. Huntington Street for 0.629 acres of City of Medina owned real property located at 625 Bowman Lane for the mutually beneficial purpose of expanding Ray Mellert Park on the N. Huntington Street parcel of land and operating a home based program for students with special needs at the Bowman Lane parcel. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 053-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 053-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated this is a Resolution of Intent for the city to exchange city owned property at 625 Bowman Ln being currently used by Medina City Schools for their home based program for students with special needs in exchange for a recently purchased property on the north side of Mellert Park at 347 North Huntington St. A benefit to both parties. Emergency clause is requested for needed repairs at the Bowman Lane parcel. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas votes of D. Simpson, B. Starcher, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 053-19 passed by the yeas votes of P. Rose, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

Council Comments:

Mr. Starcher reminded residents of Ward 1 and Ward 2 that next Tuesday, April 2nd their will be a Ward meeting being held at Fire Station #1, 300 West Reagan Parkway at 7 p.m.

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Mr. Starcher congratulated Sergeant Wilson on his promotion, and said he had the privilege and honor of working with him for several years and it's well deserved.

Mr. Heffinger mentioned an event by the Autism Society of Greater Akron and is actually in charge of Medina area as well. They are holding a Step in to Autism Event on June 15th at 8:30 a.m. It's a one mile walk, carnival games, kid's fun run, and a sensory zone. They are looking for people to do the walk or to donate to the cause, both individual donations and corporate donations as well.

Mr. Simpson thanked Mr. Shields for taking over Mr. Coyne's position while he is gone. Dennie congratulated Mr. Gladish and the Building Department for their prestigious award and that we are very fortunate to have Dan's leadership and character that represents the city so well.

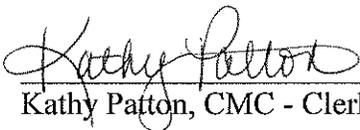
Mr. Lamb spoke of the Bowman Ln. and Huntington St. parcel swaps and understanding of the collaboration and partnerships that benefit each party.

Mr. Rose welcomed a shining light - Barry Coleman upfront to thank him. Barry is an employee of Jimmy Johns and was recognized recently for pulling up Baby Shark on his phone for a crying child to calm him so his family could eat peacefully.

Mr. Shields stated he had the pleasure the last couple of weeks coaching Barry's younger brother Ray. Ray participated in the 5th grade March Madness Basketball Tournament. Jim is very proud of Ray and his team mates from Ella Canavan because they were the champions. What a great family!

Adjournment:

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council


James A. Shields, President of Council Pro-Tem

