

**MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024**  
**REGULAR MINUTES/JOURNAL**

**PLEDGE**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL	MR. REYNALD J. PAOLONE	PRESENT
FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. KEITH SCHUBERT	PRESENT
SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. MARK STANDOHAR	ABSENT
THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. JEFF KAY	PRESENT
FOURTH WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. THOMAS GRUMLEY	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MS. LILY MARTUCCIO	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MR. JOHN MOLITERNO	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MR. SAM ZIRAFI	PRESENT

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN STANDOHAR FROM THE MEETING OF MAY 13, 2024.**

SCHUBERT        1  
STANDOHAR    Absent  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI            2  
MOTION PASSES 6-0

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF MAY 13, 2024 AS WRITTEN.**

SCHUBERT        1  
STANDOHAR    Absent  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI            2  
MOTION PASSES 6-0

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND KAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2024 AS WRITTEN.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR    Absent  
KAY              2  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO    1  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI  
MOTION PASSES 6-0

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY**



for that period of time when they are paying the bill and paying taxes Brian. **Zirafi:** If we go. **Paolone:** If we go that way then. It is going to be very hard to not pick up someone's trash because they are still paying taxes. **Kren:** That is the rough isn't it? **Paolone:** Yes it is. There is the rough. I know. I know that. Believe me I have been through this for twenty years so. It is not easy. It is not easy. But we don't have the money so. **Mr. Ponzio:** I think Tom brought up another good point at the last meeting too about the trash levy being replaced because people are going to be left on their own to make contracts with garbage through Republic. Are they going to be forced to have a contract with Republic? **Zirafi:** Republic would have the contract with the city but instead of the city paying out of levies, they will bill the individual households, but they will enforce it. If you are late they are very generous in a waiting period if you don't pay your bill, but once you get to the end of that waiting period they won't pick it up unless you make them whole. There was more conversation regarding the trash. **Zirafi:** But as the President of Council has pointed out he has been against this for twenty years. **Paolone:** It's just not fair. I hate to use the word wrong, but it's just wrong the way we're doing it. It's wrong. There is no other word to use but wrong. **Grumley:** That is your opinion. **Paolone:** Yes it is. It's wrong. **Grumley:** As a voting member I say let's move on and we'll figure it out.

**AUDITOR** **JULIE COGGINS** **PRESENT**  
**Ms. Coggins:** Sam, to answer your question I believe it is a \$1.2 mil that is coming up on the next one. I do have the paper. Brian and I just looked at it. **Zirafi:** Do you know how much that \$1.2 generates? **Coggins:** No. I don't think I have that. Right under \$68,000. **Zirafi:** So that's \$68,000 and the total is \$458,000 for all five of them. **Coggins:** The other thing I had tonight is, I just wanted to briefly explain, I need to ask to establish two funds this evening. The first one is the ambulance service capital project fund and this must be created in accepting the sub award from the county's arpa funds. So it will be a fund with money coming and going directly out. It will fully pay for the ambulance. It has to be established. We can't put it with our arpa funds or any other fund. It has to be on its own. And then I also want to establish an ambulance service fund which I will create all the revenue and expense line items so once the service is up and running or what not everything will be tracked through this fund so you'll see what it brings in and what we are paying out. It will be one line item for everybody to look at.

**COMMENTS:**  
**Grumley:** Julie, would you be able to provide us with what type of milage it would take to offset the deficit over the next five years in the garbage fund. **Coggins:** I have looked into that already and **Grumley:** For the next meeting. That's fine. **Coggins:** For the next meeting. Ok. That's fine. I do have the answer but I can wait til finance if you'd like. **Grumley:** Yes. That's fine.

**TREASURER** **HENRY SFORZA** **PRESENT**  
**Mr. Sforza:** I gave everyone reports for income tax in April. It's a little late because RITA's website was down for a couple of days and I couldn't get into it. We were up a little bit in April compared to last year so right now we are tracking pretty dog gone close to last year. Less than 1% down so we are going in the right direction at this point.

**COMMENTS:**

**FIRE CHIEF** **JAMES PETRUZZI** **PRESENT**  
**Chief Petruzzi:** Calls to date 785. Real quick point. The senior watch program has kicked off. Items are in process of being installed. I encourage any resident over 60 years old that lives alone, please contact the Multi-Generational Center and set that up. It's free of charge.

**COMMENTS:**

**POLICE CHIEF** **JOHN NORMAN** **ABSENT**

**COMMENTS:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCES-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI**

**Councilman Moliterno:** I would just like to ask for caucus time for a finance committee meeting at 6:30 on the 28<sup>th</sup> prior to our next meeting. **Paolone:** It's Tuesday. **Moliterno:** Yes. I would like to do that and again thanks to the administration. I agree with Tom. What is going on with cutting the grass is really good. It's been a long time coming so, and I think it sends the right message out to the people in the community too.

**COMMENTS:**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-KAY-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO**

**Councilman Kay:** No report.

**COMMENTS:**

**BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR-KAY**

**Councilman Schubert:** No report.

**COMMENTS:**

**HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-MOLITERNO-MARTUCCIO**

**Councilman Grumley:** No report. I would just like to thank the men and women that protect us daily throughout the city.

**COMMENTS:**

**STREETS/SIDEWALKS & EMPLOYEE WELFARE-STANDOHAR-KAY-GRUMLEY**

**Councilman Kay:** I don't know. Has Mark talked to you about streets this year? Are we moving forward?

**Mayor:** Mark talk to us? **Kay:** Have we had any, put any streets together. Have we looked at last year? Didn't we put last year's somewhere? Are we still thinking about doing some streets this year or are we thinking about maybe not? **Paolone:** He had to ask. Several members said they did this last meeting.

**Grumley:** So he has asked for a number and I expressed to him that the administration has stated that there is the possibility of some grant matching funds next year. I have spoken to the street commissioner, you know, Tommy Watts, and he was given the service director a list of streets, at the very minimum maybe one or two. I think, you know, we look at them. He felt that he could do repairs to the other streets in town and buy us time. If you remember, we did this ten years ago where we laid off a year, built up the money, pushed the money forward, we were able to get a grant and do a whole bunch of streets. Even some in Parkwood. **Kay:** I'm not sure why. Never heard of it. So, is that what you guys are thinking, administration wise? **Mayor:** That is along the line of what we're thinking. I know that there is an OPWC meeting tomorrow that Zach will be attending and that is where we think we can use that money as seed money OPWC grants and that came right from Eastgate advising us to do that. They feel like we have been flushing a lot of money away by using all of our own money when there is grant money available out there. **Kay:** So you think we could get that next year if we hold off? **Mayor:** Yea. I mean that's what it appears to be but you know how these programs work, once you settle in on something then they pull it in other places so as of right now that appears to be the direction we are heading. **Grumley:** So when are we, I mean I'd like to speak with Jim, but since he's not here, when do we move forward on getting a price for the two streets that you guys are recommending? You know Tom is recommending and so forth and then it will give us something for the finance committee meeting and then maybe we can pin something down because we don't want to wait until November to try to pave streets. So, at least I can get a consensus and then we can proceed.

**COMMENTS:**

**UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR**

**Councilman Zirafi:** No report

**COMMENTS:**

**ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT**

**Councilwoman Martuccio:** I did have a meeting with the mayor and an over the phone meeting with our law director last week on zoning and it is a challenge and my thought is to pick the easiest ordinances to amend and then we can start reviewing ordinances that we have to add or delete or overhaul. That will be my goal for the rest of the summer is to pick some ordinances to amend and I will be asking for one for tonight in our legislation that our law director recommended that I ask for. I want to bring up there is a block watch at the Girard Library on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Mark Chapman from Metallico will be the guest speaker talking about their industry and informing the citizens of what they do and how they participate and what goes on with Metallico. So, I found it to be very interesting when I worked with, volunteered with Mark for clean up day. I just found the whole process fascinating so I hope a lot of people can go. **Mayor:** Lily, excuse me, that is 6 pm at the library? **Martuccio:** Yes. Yes. It is on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Usually it is the third Thursday but this year, this month it will be the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The city wide yard sale on Facebook they took a vote and they are having it this month. May 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> if anybody wants to clear out their garages. That's it for zoning so I will go on to the Wellman.

**COMMENTS:**

**THEATER-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO-SCHUBERT**

**Councilwoman Martuccio:** We had a brief meeting tonight. It was administration will work with MS Consultants to proceed with using the arp funds to see what we can get going on. Councilman Moliterno asked that we put a sign in the window that would say what we are doing, that the facility, the Wellman Theater or the theater is owned by the City of Girard and we are currently engaged in projects on it.

**COMMENTS:**

**ORDINANCES**

**52-16**

**FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2024 OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15(D).

**Moliterno:** First reading. I'm assuming you have to compile a list and put some things together before unless you want this to move more quickly with. Ok. Just first reading.

**NEW LEGISLATION**

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND SCHUBERT TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION OPPOSING DOMINION ENERGY OHIO'S PROPOSED 30% RATE INCREASE.**

**Mayor:** Most communities in the area are doing it. I have a copy of one here. I think this is from Warren. I will hand it off to our law director.

- SCHUBERT 2
- STANDOHAR Absent
- KAY
- GRUMLEY
- MARTUCCIO
- MOLITERNO
- ZIRAFI
- PASSED 6-0

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND KAY TO BRING BACK ORDINANCE NO. 8171-18 FOR AMENDMENT, THE PART TIME FIREFIGHTER ORDINANCE.**

- SCHUBERT 1
- STANDOHAR Absent
- KAY 2
- GRUMLEY
- MARTUCCIO
- MOLITERNO
- ZIRAFI
- PASSED 6-0

**MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND ZIRAFI TO PREPARE LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE CHIP PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITIES OF NILES, HUBBARD, AND CORTLAND FOR 2024.**

- SCHUBERT
- STANDOHAR Absent
- KAY
- GRUMLEY 1
- MARTUCCIO
- MOLITERNO
- ZIRAFI 2
- PASSED 6-0

**Paolone:** I think I brought this up a couple of meetings ago, please write these things down and give them to Brian if you ask for new legislation because nobody is doing it and it's hard for him. He is making phone

calls and trying to do that. If you have something you want hand it to him. Monica has sheets. Just ask her for them and you can fill them out.

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MOLITERNO TO PREPARE LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH AN AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR Absent  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 2  
ZIRAFI 1  
MOTION PASSED 6-0

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MOLITERNO TO PREPARE LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH AN AMBULANCE SERVICE CAPITAL PROJECT FUND.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR Absent  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 2  
ZIRAFI 1  
MOTION PASSED 6-0

**MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND GRUMLEY TO PREPARE LEGISLATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO UPDATE THE ORDINANCE WITH THE MORATORIUM FROM SINGLE TO DOUBLE HOMES.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR Absent  
KAY  
GRUMLEY 2  
MARTUCCIO 1  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI  
MOTION PASSED 6-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND GRUMLEY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF MAY 13, 2024.**

SCHUBERT  
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GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI  
MOTION PASSES

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REYNALD PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL