MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024 REGULAR MINUTES/JOURNAL

No recording of the meeting. Minutes from Clerk's notes.

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 MARTUCCIO TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN STANDOHAR FROM THE JUNE 10, 2024 MEETING.

SCHUBERT 1

STANDOHAR Absent

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO 2

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSED 6-0

COMMUNICATIONS

There was discussion between President of Council, the Mayor and Councilman Grumley regarding the letter received from Trumbull County 911 asking for a legislative member to be appointed to their committee. Tom Grumley said that he would accept the appointment.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF JUNE 10, 2024 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT 1

STANDOHAR Absent

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI 2
MOTION PASSES 6-0

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND MARTUCCIO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2024, AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT 1
STANDOHAR Absent
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO 2
MOLITERNO

MOTION PASSES 6-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

ZIRAFI

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

MAYOR MARK ZUPPO PRESENT

Mayor Zuppo: The mayor said he wants to throw a couple of kudos to the water department for getting past dues down. 90% of shutoffs have been paid. The mayor said zoning is one of the toughest jobs in the city. They are doing a great job down there. Recreation is doing a great job. The music in park was very well attended. The mayor said it is catching on. Mike and his staff are great. They are working with one truck 3 parks and 6 guys. If you see them driving a lawnmower from Liberty to Tod Park give them a break. The fencing is up at Tod. The mayor said he has gotten a lot of compliments. Website is up cityofgirardoh.gov. The mayor said they have been talking to the person who did that, Erik Ovesney. The mayor said we will be entering into a contract with his company Aroeffect to manage the website. More to come. Al will be built in. Gabby is her name. We have to load all of that stuff as move we along. Monica and Gaye did a great job getting together some things for the website. They are a plethora of knowledge. They put together questions that they get all of the time and sent them to Eric for the website. The mayor said he took 6 or 7 calls from large companies wanting to bring a cannabis dispensary to town. He is hoping we don't go down the road to put bans on them. There is a lot of money to be made. It is legal. The mayor said he has a meeting Wednesday morning with one of the companies. They all seem to be zoned in on one spot. The lakes are moving in a positive direction toward getting grant money. Had update Friday from the grant writers. We have made it to certain levels with government agencies and passed first round stuff. The mayor said he does not want to make a comment publicly at this time. The theater. The mayor said our grant writers brought in an arts and cultural group called Loop. They would like to partner with us. Great possibilities going on there. We applied for Heritage Ohio. They will bring team in and help access needs downtown. The mayor said he would defer to the service director for details.

COMMENTS:

Councilman Schubert asked about the results from the testing of the dam. The mayor said he would leave that to Sal.

PRESENT

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR SALVATORE PONZIO

Mr. Ponzio said they will be asking for legislation to amend the salary of the wastewater superintendent to \$68,000 a year. An update on the theater. They will bringing asbestos abatement companies in to see what is involved. They have talked about road paving projects. The engineer estimates should be ready for the next meeting. The salt barn is on premises. We are waiting for a construction date.

COMMENTS:

Councilman Grumley asked about the demo for the new salt barn. Mr. Ponzio said it has not started.

LAW DIRECTOR BRIAN KREN PRESENT

Attorney Kren said he met with administration regarding the property at 334 Wilson nuisance abatement. Long term he said he wasn't able to get to Councilwoman Martuccio before the meeting but he has other community samples for the committee to review. Attorney Kren said the Court of Common Pleas allowed the city to acquire 15 W Liberty free and clear of liens. In the next few weeks he'll get that done. Hopefully by July.

COMMENTS:

AUDITOR JULIE COGGINS PRESENT

Ms. Coggins: No report.

COMMENTS:

TREASURER HENRY SFORZA PRESENT

Mr. Sforza said he emailed his reports. They were a little late because he couldn't get on the website. The May collections were down 9 1/2 % from last year down 2.3% overall. This is not a good trend at this point. Not sure why May dropped.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Grumley asked how long till they see the loss of Boardman Medical? Mr. Sforza said he will go back and see. Mayor Zuppo said it has been a slow gradual loss for a number of years so he doesn't think it will be drastic.

FIRE CHIEF JAMES PETRUZZI ABSENT

Brian Iceman came to represent Chief Petruzzi. He said the year to date calls are 952. They have currently received 23 applications for part time firefighters and they are in the beginning stages of hiring.

COMMENTS:

Councilman Zirafi asked if the ambulance had arrived? Captain Iceman said no. It is getting exhaust work done right now.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN NORMAN ABSENT

COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCES-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI

Councilman Moliterno requested a caucus at 6:30 on June 24th prior to the next council meeting.

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 said he will schedule a meeting next week to discuss traffic light on Trumbull Hill.

COMMENTS:

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

Councilman Kay asked if there were a couple streets they are thinking about doing this year? Sal responded yes, Park Ave. and Mosier Rd. Sal said Councilman Standohar had requested paving to done at Elruth and Hazel.

COMMENTS:

Councilman Grumley said in Upper St Clair.PA they roll their curbs and asked if our engineer could look into the possibility of doing that here.

Councilwoman Martuccio asked if when they are scarfing the could go lower. Scarf low enough so driveway entrances and streets are even. The streets keep getting taller and the curbs lower.

UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR

Councilman Zirafi said they had a meeting prior to this one. There was some good discussion. He wants to move forward on the topic Discuss more at the next regular meeting.

COMMENTS:

ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT

Councilwoman Martuccio said there is a block watch meeting on June 20th at 6:00 pm at the library. She also said there will be ordinances coming.

COMMENTS:

THEATER-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO-SCHUBERT

Councilwoman Martuccio said she was there when they met with Loop Youngstown. They are a 501©(3). They are interested in developing an art center and Girard would be a nice place.

COMMENTS:

ORDINANCES

52-16 THIRD 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).

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 52-16.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR Absent

KAY

GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
MOTION PASSED 6-0

52-17 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A LIMITED TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF TWO-FAMILY AND MULTIPLE DWELLING CONSTRUCTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NEW LEGISLATION

MOTION KAY SECOND GRUMLEY TO AMEND THE SALARY OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT TO \$68,000 PER YEAR.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR Absent

KAY 1
GRUMLEY 2
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSED 6-0

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MOLITERNO TO PREPARE 2025 ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR Absent

KAY

GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 2
ZIRAFI 1
MOTION PASSED 6-0

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO PREPARE A COMMENDATION FOR THE GIRL SCOUTS FOR PLANTING A BUTTERFLY GARDEN AT TOD PARK.

SCHUBERT 1

STANDOHAR Absent

KAY

GRUMLEY MARTUCCIO MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSED 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND KAY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2024.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR Absent

KAY 2

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI 1

MOTION PASSES 6-0

REYNALD PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL	MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL