

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024
REGULAR MINUTES/JOURNAL**

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

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| 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 MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2024.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND SCHUBERT TO FILE THE JOURNAL FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 WITH COUNCIL AS A WHOLE.

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

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

52-39

FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BARBICAS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., 124 DARROW ROAD, AKRON, OHIO 44305, FOR THE PAVING OF PARK AVENUE FROM WARD AVENUE TO TOD AVENUE FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$124,455.00).

Councilman Kay: Move to suspend that legislation. **Councilman Moliterno:** Postpone? **President of Council Paolone:** No just don't add it. **Councilman Zirafi:** Yes. That's right. You have to add before you can do anything else. **Palone:** Just vote no to add. **Zirafi:** And it disappears. **Paolone:** Either or. Don't make the motion to pass and it dies. Ok. Let's move on.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MOLITERNO TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR Absent
KAY

GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 2
ZIRAFI 1
MOTION PASSES 6-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO APPROVE OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT Abstain
STANDOHAR Absent
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
MOTION PASSES 5-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

MAYOR MARK ZUPPO ABSENT

COMMENTS:

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR SALVATORE PONZIO PRESENT

Mr. Ponzio: My first thing on the agenda I'm crossing out because it is about paving. Second, I just want to say that we had a very productive meeting of the Wellman Theater Committee with the engineers and Keith and Lily were there. I think mostly what we did, we have a much clearer path moving forward and a more general understanding of how things need to proceed. I think that was productive. I'm going to leave that to Lily to discuss during her report. There's also an ordinance, 3 of them, for the part time firefighters. All it is is changing scheduling hours. They will not be eligible for healthcare still, but it makes the fire chief able to schedule better than 29 hours a week limit. So, with 120 hours a month limit we will have full shifts on all turns then so that is going to help him out. If you can pass that today that would be great. The mayor and zoning asked me to ask for an amendment for ordinance 7726-10. That is the ordinance that deals with recreational vehicles on residential areas. So what they are asking for is to move the end deadline only from October 1st to October 31st. When I asked for rational, they said the last so many years the weather has been so much nicer in Fall people have been using those vehicles longer and zoning is have a very difficult time enforcing this ordinance. Some things have gone to court and haven't been completed. **Councilwoman Martuccio:** What was that number? **Palone:** 7726-10. **Moliterno:** That means that we ask for it to be pulled? There was further discussion on how to handle this amendment. **Palone:** You have to ask for it to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Remind us under new legislation. One of us will ask for it.

COMMENTS:

LAW DIRECTOR BRIAN KREN ABSENT

COMMENTS:

AUDITOR JULIE COGGINS PRESENT

Ms. Coggins: Nothing further from finance this evening.

COMMENTS:

TREASURER HENRY SFORZA PRESENT

COMMENTS:

FIRE CHIEF **JAMES PETRUZZI** **PRESENT**
Chief Petruzzi: Calls to date 1603. Again, to add on to Mr. Ponzio, if you can support those 3 firefighter legislation it would be appreciated. Looking at next month's schedule it can potentially alleviate all overtime if that is passed. That would be appreciated. The fire prevention open house will be held at the fire station on October 5th between 1-4 p.m. We would like everybody to come and see the equipment and check out our fire safety trailer that we obtained on a grant last year.

COMMENTS:

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

COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCES-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI

Councilman Moliterno: The reason we had such a short report from our auditor is because we had such an extensive conversation at the finance meeting tonight with everyone in attendance. We appreciate that, that everyone comes to participate in that. We have a lot going on. Actually, the good news is the dollars are up for both the traffic cam and for the income tax. That sort of starts to right the ship a little bit. It is very important for us, for the city to get those two back to where they were. If they are it makes us feel a lot better about how we are looking to end this year.

COMMENTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-KAY-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO

Councilman Kay: No report.

COMMENTS:

BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR-KAY

Councilman Schubert: Just I am going to get with the committee and get a list of maybe 3-5 items to give to the administration and get with the administration maybe possible ideas. I know we talked about it last year, just adding things to the parks. We have done a very nice job this year of replacing some things. It might be nice to maybe upgrade and add some different things that we have talked about in the future. So, I will get with them and let everyone know.

COMMENTS:

Moliterno: There has been a lot of discussion about Stambaugh Field and potential uses as that not just as a field but a park area for some other things. It would be nice if that is part of that conversation.

Schubert: Absolutely.

HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-MOLITERNO-MARTUCCIO

Councilman Grumley: No report

COMMENTS:

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

Councilman Kay: No report, but I think we did the right thing by putting this out until next year. I think we can get a lot more done with the dollars next year.

COMMENTS:

UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR

Councilman Zirafi: No report, just looking forward to when the mayor is back and we discuss the water situation, the rates and everything.

COMMENTS:

ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT

Councilwoman Martuccio: I will ask for that amendment legislation for the amendment for the next council meeting. On September 19th Chief Norman did come to the block watch meeting and answered questions. There were probably 12-15 people in attendance, so it was a very nice presentation. That's it for zoning.

COMMENTS:

THEATER-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO-SCHUBERT

Councilwoman Martuccio: On the 20th we met with MS Consultants, Mr. Teter and Mr. Brian Fisher, who is their asbestos specialist and what we decided to do was to rebid for the asbestos remediation as an apples to apples project. So we are going to give them specific specs as to what to bid on. So that the last bids were kind of not all congruent with each other so that is the next step with the Wellman Theater and we'll see what comes after that. And with that, I would like to ask for a caucus meeting on Tuesday the 15th, that's our next meeting, at 6:30 to discuss our downtown and Wellman Theater. I would like us to start really focusing on a revitalization of our downtown and looking at our zoning and just getting on board with getting things going. So, if everybody is **Paolone:** What time? **Martuccio:** 6:30. **Paolone:** 6:30? **Martuccio:** Yes.

COMMENTS:

Grumley: At the same time, if we could discuss the property we just recently acquired also. **Martuccio:** Yes. The vacant property. **Grumley:** Our future plans for that. **Martuccio:** Yes. **Moliterno:** In the same thing as Tom, can we request, I'm not sure who we do it, if we do it through the clerk now, can we have a little map of downtown and what properties the city owns now. I mean now we have the property adjacent to Olgun's. We have the property on 422. It would be nice to know what we actually own in downtown. **Paolone:** I know zoning has maps but I don't know how well **Moliterno:** Then we have some control, I mean we have an idea of per the discussion what we control and what we don't. **Paolone:** I really don't think a map like that exists. It would probably have to be made. There was discussion about a map and it was decided Mr. Teter could create one. **Moliterno:** It falls in line with what Tom is saying. We need to know what we have.

ORDINANCES

52-28

THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING CHAPTER 1323 ("RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE") OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GIRARD FOR THE REGULATION OF WATER GARDENS AND KOI PONDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-28.

Moliterno: I will move for passage with a comment. The comment, I know why we are doing this and we are obviously reacting to the situation as it occurred on Wilson Avenue. You know there's people in town that have done beautiful jobs with koi ponds that really make their property look much nicer and we're sorry but they are caught up in this because we are restricted as to what we can do and what we can't do and this is simply an amendment to this ordinance so I move for passage.

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

52-33

FIRST READING

IMPOSING A MORATORIUM UNTIL MAY 1, 2026, ON THE ISSUANCE OF ZONING PERMITS AND OTHER LICENSES OR PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR SMALL BOX DISCOUNT STORES IN THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

52-34

FIRST READING

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNT AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-34.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR Absent
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
MOTION PASSES 6-0

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-34.

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

52-35

FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 8421-24 AND ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 IN THE CITY OF GIRARD.

52-36

FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 6788-96 ESTABLISHING THE HOURLY WAGES FOR THE POSITIONS OF PART-TIME ADVANCED EMT/FIREFIGHTER OF THE CITY OF GIRARD.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-36.

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

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-36.

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

52-37

FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 8171-18 ESTABLISHING THE HOURLY WAGES FOR THE POSITIONS OF PART-TIME PARAMEDIC/FIREFIGHTER OF THE CITY OF GIRARD.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-37.

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

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-37.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR Absent
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
MOTION PASSES 6-0

52-38

FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 8171-18 ESTABLISHING THE HOURLY WAGES FOR THE POSITIONS OF PART-TIME BASIC EMT/FIREFIGHTER OF THE CITY OF GIRARD.

Moliterno: Move for suspension with a comment. I know we talked about this a lot over the last few weeks. We have faith in both our administration and fire department. This is going to save money for the city in the long run and we need to get it into effect as soon as we can. **Paolone:** I agree.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-38.

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

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-38.

Kay: Does it matter that these numbers are the same 8171-18 is it all part of the same because ordinance there's two in a row that have the same number. **Moliterno:** Jeff's right. **Kay:** 8171-18 is for paramedic and EMT. I don't know if it's the wrong number there or something or was it originally part of the same ordinance? There was further conversation regarding this numbering and it was decided to continue with the vote.

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

NEW LEGISLATION

MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND SCHUBERT TO PREPARE LEGISLATION TO AMEND ORDINANCE 7726-10 REGARDING PARKING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. WE WANT TO EXTEND THE END DATE FROM OCTOBER 1ST TO OCTOBER 31ST.

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

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND GRUMLEY TO PREPARE LEGISLATION FOR TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2025.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND SCHUBERT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2024.

SCHUBERT 2

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI 1

MOTION PASSES 6-0

REYNALD PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL