

REGULAR SESSION

July 14, 2022

The Council of the City of Chardon met in Regular Session Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Chardon Municipal Center.

Christopher Grau, Mayor & President of Council presiding.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Members of Council present: Andrew Blackley, Deborah Chuha, Christopher Grau, Kyle Martin, Heather Means, Daniel Meleski.

Members of Council absent: David Lelko.

Others Present: City Manager Randy Sharpe, Finance Director Mark Iacofano, Clerk of Council Amy Day, Police Lieutenant Matt Delisa, Community Development Administrator Steve Yaney, Public Service Director Paul Hornyak, Acting Law Director R. Todd Hunt, Peter Byrnes, Elisabeth Giedt, Brian Doering, Bill Hess, Brian Long, Tom Naughton, Anastasia Nicholas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Meleski moved and Mrs. Chuha seconded to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022 Regular Session as presented.

Results of the roll call vote:

Blackley: Abstain
Chuha: Yes
Grau: Yes
Lelko: Absent
Martin: Yes
Means: Yes
Meleski: Yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-22

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR CHARDON BASEBALL was read for the first time in its entirety.

Mr. Meleski moved and Ms. Means seconded the rules be suspended and the Resolution be read for the second and third time by title only. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 12-22 was then read for the second and third time by title only.

Mrs. Chuha moved and Mr. Blackley seconded for the adoption of Resolution No. 12-22.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Grau and members of Council spoke in support of the accomplishments of the baseball team.

Head Coach, Brian Long, introduced coaches and members of the team and thanked the City for the recognition.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Sharpe reported that Peter Byrnes was hired as the part-time Community Development Project Coordinator.

Mr. Sharpe reported that he and members of staff traveled to Columbus to testify at the SERB Inquiry Hearing regarding the City and OPBA part-time patrol case. The City's labor attorney is preparing the City's closing statements which will be submitted to the Administrative Law Judge on July 15. The Judge will then make a recommendation to the SERB Board.

Mr. Sharpe reported that The C.W. Courtney Company is preparing the roadway vacation plats for Memorial Drive and 6th Avenue which will then be reviewed by the Law Director and Geauga County Engineer's Tax Map division. Final plats will be submitted to the City for approval by the Planning Commission and Council. It is anticipated that the plats will be presented to Council at the September meeting.

Mr. Sharpe reported that the ODOT FY2023 winter fill pricing for the salt contract will be \$45.89/ton from Morton Salt which is nearly \$7 more per ton than the 2021 pricing.

Mr. Sharpe reported on the status of public works projects.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Meleski reported that Planning Commission met in Regular Session and approved a variance to reduce the front yard setback to 48' to allow for the construction of a residential addition at 405 Chardon Avenue.

Mr. Meleski reported that Planning Commission also gave Concept Plan approval for the construction of infill sidewalks on Center Street.

Community Development Administrator Steve Yaney reviewed the Economic Development report that highlighted business openings and renovations during the 2nd quarter of 2022.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water/Sewer Committee

Mrs. Chuha reported that the Committee met and discussed the ROVISYS onsite assessment summary for the WWTP and WTP network separation, a request by Maple Trace to use PVC water line materials, and the backup generator replacement for Burlington lift station.

Public Service Director, Paul Hornyak, explained that representatives from Rovisys performed an assessment of the City's network infrastructure to determine the number of network switches connected to the City's Water and Sewer Department. It is the recommendation of Rovisys that networks be separated, incorporating new switches along with installing a new firewall.

Mr. Meleski stated that this will be considered as part of the 2023 budget.

Mr. Hornyak stated the backup generator at the Burlington Lift Station is in need of updating as repair parts are no longer

available. However, because of the addition of the Maple Trace subdivision, the generator needs to be upsized to run the larger pumps that would be required to handle the additional sanitary sewer flow.

Mr. Sharpe stated that staff will look at the 2022 capital improvement funds as a source to fund the generator.

Mr. Meleski reported that the Committee discussed a request by Maple Trace for permission to allow PVC pipe instead of the ductile iron pipe for the sanitary sewer line of the development. No decision was made, but staff is continuing to investigate PVC as an option.

Mr. Hornyak stated that there was discussion with the developer, salesperson and contractor who elaborated on the benefits of using PVC pipe. Staff continues to talk to other water authorities about their experience using PVC and ductile iron pipe.

Mr. Meleski stated that as a final item of business, the Committee discussed the utility discount program offered by the City.

Finance Director, Mark Iacofano, explained that the utility discount program which is based on household income has not been adjusted since it was created in 2008, and it seems like the appropriate time to make an adjustment. The proposed adjustment to the thresholds was based on the consumer price index data and will be formally presented to Council in August.

HEARING OF PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL

Those Persons on the Agenda - none.

General Public

Bill Hess, 115 North Street, noted that he has witnessed excessive speed on Huntington Street and asked if the City's speed sign could be used in the area.

Lieutenant Delisa made note of the request.

OLD BUSINESS - none.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the adoption of the 2023 Tax Budget, Mr. Iacofano stated that it is a requirement for Council to adopt the tax budget which is the first step in the City's budget process for 2023. He noted that this budget will change as the City gets closer to adoption of the permanent budget.

Mr. Meleski moved and Mr. Blackley seconded to adopt the 2023 tax budget.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 3210

AN ORDINANCE AWARDDING THE 2022 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT FOR CERTAIN SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF CHARDON TO DPD CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read for the first time by title only.

Mr. Blackley moved and Mr. Meleski seconded the rules be suspended and the Ordinance be read for the second and third

time by title only. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 3210 was then read for the second and third time by title only.

Mr. Meleski moved and Mr. Blackley seconded for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3210.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES

Mr. Meleski reported that the monthly expenditures are in order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Meleski moved and Mrs. Chuha seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. for conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or eminent court action, to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion, discipline or compensation of a public employee or official, and to consider the purchase of public property for a public purpose or the sale of public property at competitive bidding and invite R. Todd Hunt, Randy Sharpe, Paul Hornyak, Mark Iacofano, Steve Yaney, and Amy Day into the session. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion occurred regarding the purchase of public property for a public purpose or the sale of public property at competitive bidding.

Discussion occurred regarding conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or eminent court action.

Discussion occurred regarding the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion, discipline or compensation of a public employee or official.

Meeting reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

Members of Council and staff made announcements regarding upcoming events.

ADJOURN

Mr. Meleski moved and Ms. Means seconded to adjourn. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:

CHRISTOPHER GRAU, Mayor
President of Council

AMY DAY
Clerk of Council