

President Vicki Hoppe called the regular Sharonville Council meeting of April 30, 2019 to order at 7:00 p.m. A moment of silence was held followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Schmidt.

ROLL CALL

- ◆ In attendance for Roll Call were Council Members: Rob Tankersley, Charles Lippert, Shayok Dutta, Dave Koch, Sue Knight and Paul Schmidt. Also in attendance were Mayor Kevin Hardman, President Vicki Hoppe, Safety Service Director Jim Lukas, Law Director Mark Piepmeier, Auditor Ed Cunningham, Treasurer Kurt Irely, and Department Heads: Economic Development Director Chris Xeil Lyons, Parks/Recreation Director Michael Blomer. Absent with notice was Councilman Mike Wilson.

MINUTES

- ◆ The Minutes from the regular council meeting of April 9, 2019 were approved as written and distributed.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

◆ MAYOR – KEVIN HARDMAN

- Letter received from Dave and Cathy Portman appreciating Joan Wagner and the Community Center Team (naming the front desk, Aaron, Betsy, Christina, Karen and Mike) and the entire staff for all of the work they do keeping the place clean and lively.
- Employee Appreciation Luncheon was had, as always it was a good time and a nice turnout.
- The City of Sharonville was named by Ohio Business News as one of the Top Best 50 Workplaces to work in Ohio. That is two years in a row and one of only two cities named on the list.
- Tina Riehle, Senior Branch Manager at Sharonville Branch Library, spoke to Council on the development of a Master Plan for all 41 facilities in Hamilton County. They are partnering with the firm Group 4 and together they are updating the facilities and plan to implement these ideas over the next 10 years.
 - In response to Mr. Piepmeier's question about the status of books versus e-books, Tina Riehle stated that both are equally checked out now and e-books are definitely part of the future with books never going away either.
 - Mayor Hardman encouraged everyone to visit all of the different libraries in the County as these facilities offer a wide range of opportunities and services besides books.
 - Update on the Chester Road Project was given as all of the paving is finished, and the last details of striping and painting are to be done soon, completing a two-decade's long project. More exciting projects are beginning in that area with the new brewery being built and the Convention Center Expansion Project is moving forward, the hard work put into the Chester Road Project will pay off.
 - Update on the Convention Center Expansion Project was given as a contract to fund Phase 3 and 4 was signed and moving forward with the project.
- Bike to School Day is May 8th.
- National Day of Prayer is May 2nd at the Community Center.

◆ SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR – JIM LUKAS

- Statewide effort in Light Ohio Blue week asking everyone to show your support for police by changing your porch lights to blue during May 8 – May 16.
- Explanation of Legislation:

- Ordinance 2019-26, explained by Mr. Downton, authorizes the City to enter into a Construction Management Contract with Megen Construction for Phase 3 and 4 the Exhibit Hall Expansion Project.
- Ordinance 2019-29-E, explained by Mrs. Lyons, authorizes the City to enter into a development agreement with Neyer Properties to secure tenants for Crowne Point I & II that could bring 400 new jobs potentially. This also serves as an approval to terminate the existing agreement with Neyer Properties (approved in 2015) and enter a new agreement which will enable Neyer to fulfill their previously awarded grant amount and an additional grant amount which in total will be capped at \$300,000.
- Ordinance 2019-30-E, explained by Mr. Blomer, authorizes the City to enter into a contract for the design phase of the Gorman Park renovations and also appropriate the funds for design along with the 1st phase of construction. Due to the unfortunate need to take down the playground equipment as it was unsafe to use, there is a need to move forward as quickly as possible with the improvements at Gorman Park.
 - In response to Mr. Lippert, Mr. Blomer confirmed that this legislation is a request for more expansive legislation to include both the design and the construction so that it allows the project to move forward, faster. Mr. Blomer added that after consulting with MSP, it was advised to look at the park as a whole and not piece by piece, as that would save money in the end to do it as one whole project.
 - Mr. Tankersley questioned the need for \$1.1 million if the quote was for \$150,000 for design of the “complete site” which is the park and the playground. Mr. Blomer stated that the \$1.1 million is to include the design phase, but to include the construction as well after bids are received and awarded, it begin immediately, without having to come back to Council. Mr. Tankersley asked how many phases there will be in the project and Mr. Blomer said that is unknown at this time which is why this ordinance provides for funding to hopefully take the project completely through in one phase. He stated the goal is to address the playground and shelter first. President Hoppe added that by having the money available, the City could get better, more specific estimates on equipment and design and construction and be able to apply for more grants, which need to have those specifics in the grant application. Mr. Lippert stated that MSP has done a good job with community interaction and designing other projects and is happy to allow them to move forward without seeing design first if it allows the west side residents to get something sooner rather than later. Mayor Hardman clarified this is typical of a project by getting the design cost and construction funds before the project begins. There is a design concept in place and the \$1.1 million was the number approved during the 5-year budget plan. With having both in place, it made more sense to spend less money now to do the design of the whole project, and construct what can be constructed now. Mr. Tankersley stated the concept for the playground area would be a few weeks versus the concept for the whole project would be a few months. Mr. Lukas replied that that due to the fact that the soonest the City could get a playground was the end of summer, it was decided to switch gears and focus on the park as a whole and not just piece by piece. Mr. Cunningham reiterated the need to focus on the west side and making the gesture that the City is budgeting that amount says a lot and from a budget point of view it makes better sense to look at the project as a whole and not just piece by piece and doesn’t see any other way to do it. Mr. Schmidt commented on the need to take away the playground equipment and by opening the pool for free as a way to make up for that loss was a wonderful idea. Mr. Schmidt would like to see a commitment to a time frame of when each piece of the whole project would be finished and agrees to allow for \$1.1 million up front to get it moving. Mr. Koch stated he is very comfortable with the concept and agreeing with Mr. Schmidt with the fact that it is

cheaper to do the full plan up front and agrees to move forward with this. Mr. Koch also agreed that the west side has been neglected and the opening of the pool to make up for the loss of the playground was a great gesture. Mrs. Knight stated she had every concern addressed at the committee meeting and thanked Mr. Blomer for his explanations and agrees that the west side needs something soon. Mayor Hardman stated that the grand vision will be more than \$1.1 million, however, allowing this amount of funding will get pieces of the park built, sooner rather than later.

◆ **PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – VICKI HOPPE**

- Announcement made that Steel Magnolias is at the SCAC this weekend.
- Tickets are still available for the SCAC fundraiser “Celebrate the Magic”.

◆ **CLERK OF COUNCIL – TERI BUCHEIT**

- Two Public Hearings set for May 28th at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers for:
 - Proposed amendments to the Zoning Code Chapter 1155 (Nonconforming Uses) and the rezoning of 4105 Honeysuckle Court; and
 - Proposed amendments to the Zoning Code Chapter 1123 (Definitions), 1135 (Business Districts) and 1147 (Northern Lights Overlay District).
- Notices were received by the Ohio Board of Liquor Control. One for the annual renewal of all liquor licenses and the other was a request for a TREX transfer from Thorntons LLC, located at 2225 Sharon Road. After review by Chief Vanover and all of Council, there were no objections and those requests were signed and returned.

◆ **AUDITOR – ED CUNNINGHAM**

- The Auditor’s report for the month of April was submitted to Council.
- 24% of the budget has been spent with 25% of the year completed.

◆ **TREASURER – KURT IREY**

- The Treasurer’s report for the month of April was submitted to Council.
- The Tax report for the month of April was submitted to Council and is attached to the Minutes.
- Collected revenue is up 3% above estimate. The investments are gaining due to the increasing interest rates.

◆ **LAW DIRECTOR – MARK PIEPMEIER**

- The Memorial Day Program will be held from 8:00 am – noon.
- The next Veteran’s Committee meeting will be held on May 14 at 6:30 pm.
- Clarification of the Gorman Park ordinance, as to the ordinance, originally this ordinance was just authorizing the design phase with the budget of \$150,000. Then a second ordinance was going to be drafted authorizing the construction of the first phase of this project for \$950,000. In an effort to move things along, it was decided to combine two into one, totaling \$1.1 million.

RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL

- ◆ None.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

◆ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ROB TANKERSLEY**

- The Community Services Committee will meet soon to discuss the grant program assisting those on a fixed income.

◆ **COMMUNITY SERVICES – CHARLES LIPPERT**

- The next Community Development Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room.

◆ **LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY – PAUL SCHMIDT**

- The next Law & Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 07, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room.

RULE SUSPENSION MOTIONS

- ◆ The motion by Mr. Lippert for the suspension of the regular rules of Council to allow for a first and only reading with a 30-day effectivity on Ordinance 2019-26 and a first and only reading with immediate effectivity on Ordinances 2019-29-E and 2019-30-E was seconded by Mr. Dutta. Voice Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ **ORDINANCE 2019 – 24**, Amending Sharonville Codified Ordinance Chapter 1123, 1135, and 1147 for the Northern Lights Overlay District. Clerk of Council gave the second reading of the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ **ORDINANCE 2019 – 26**, Authorizing the Safety Service Director to Enter Into a Construction Management Contract with Megen Construction for the Convention Center Exhibit Hall Expansion Project. Clerk of Council gave the first and only reading of the ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Tankersley was seconded by Mr. Dutta. There being no discussion, the Clerk proceeded with a Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.
- ◆ **ORDINANCE 2019 – 27**, Amending Sharonville Planning and Zoning Code Chapter 1155.03 Regarding Non-Conforming Land Uses. Clerk of Council gave the first reading of the ordinance.
- ◆ **ORDINANCE 2019 – 28**, Rezoning the Property Located at 4105 Honeysuckle Lane, Identified by Hamilton County Auditor Parcel Number 608-0029-0010-00, from PF to R1-A (PUD). Clerk of Council gave the first reading of the ordinance.
- ◆ **ORDINANCE 2019 – 29 – E**, Authorizing the Safety/Service Director to Enter Into an Economic Development Incentive Agreement with Neyer Properties. Clerk of Council gave the first and only reading of the ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Koch was seconded by Mr. Schmidt. There being no discussion, the Clerk proceeded with a Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.
- ◆ **ORDINANCE 2019 – 30 – E**, Amending Appropriations for 401 Capital Fund and Authorizing the Safety Service Director to Enter Into Contracts for the Design of Gorman Park Renovations and Declaring an Emergency. Clerk of Council gave the first and only reading of the ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Koch was seconded by Mr. Dutta. There being no further discussion, the Clerk proceeded with a Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved with 5 yays and 1 nay.

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- ◆ None.

OTHER MATTERS TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL

- ◆ Mr. Koch suggested that the City fly the police flag during Light Ohio Blue week, if there is one available.
- ◆ Reminder for the Sign-O-Gram ribbon cutting at 4:30 pm on May 1st celebrating 25 years in business, 3.5 of them in Sharonville.
- ◆ Mr. Schmidt reminded that the work ethic group will be at Princeton on May 2nd. President Hoppe said it is a wonderful breakfast.
- ◆ President Hoppe personally thanked Chris Xeil Lyons for obtaining 400 jobs with this new Neyer Properties agreement.
- ◆ Mr. Tankersley stated that his no vote is nothing against Parks and Recreation and disagreed with the way the money was broken down.

ADJOURNMENT

- ◆ The motion by Mr. Lippert to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mrs. Knight. President of Council Vicki Hoppe adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST

Teresa Bucheit, Clerk of Council Date

Vicki Hoppe, President of Council Date