

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Riverside City Council Meeting

Held on Thursday, August 3, 2023

Riverside, OH

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Williams called the Riverside, Ohio, City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverside Administrative Offices, 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio, 45431.

ROLL CALL: Council attendance was as follows: Mr. Denning, present; Mrs. Franklin, present; Ms. Fry, present; Mr. Joseph, present; Ms. Lommatzsch, present; Mr. Maxfield, present; and Mayor Williams, present.

Staff present was as follows: Josh Rauch, City Manager; Frank Robinson, Police Chief; Brian Taylor, Interim Fire Chief; Kim Baker, Finance Administrator; Nia Holt, Zoning Administrator; Dalma Grandjean, Law Director; and Katie Lewallen, Clerk of Council.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: No members were absent.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: No corrections were made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the agenda. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked all for a moment of silence for an unfortunate accident this morning at the US-35/Woodman bridge construction site that resulted in a crash fatality.

FIREFIGHTER SWEAR-IN: Mayor Williams swore in firefighters Evan Berger and Matthew Kleinschmidt. He welcomed them to the Riverside Fire Department.

PRESENTATION: Interim Fire Chief Taylor stated that certain members of the Riverside Fire Department were being awarded for a medic run that occurred in May 2023. Ms. Elizabeth Sheridan, EMS Liaison between fire departments and Miami Valley Hospital, stated they were giving a special recognition, a trauma coin, which is only the second time this year they have done that. Her job is to help correlate and liaison between the hospital with the trauma program. Dr. Miner, an active duty trauma surgeon and an embedded trauma surgeon at Miami Valley Hospital, requested Battalion Chief Jim Hart, Firefighter Isaac Hivner, Firefighter Phoenix Robinson, and Firefighter Kyle Blankenship to come forward. He stated there were two other members of the team that were involved but unable to attend this evening, Firefighter Carl Schneider and Firefighter Matt Woodgeard. He restated that trauma challenge coins are not easily given out and this is the second time this year they have done this. It is done on behalf of Premier Health and the EMS Center for Excellence in the Miami Valley Hospital's Trauma Program. He stated the best pre-hospital environment for a severely injured trauma person, the best that first responders can do is to quickly deliver the patient to definitive care. That means doing as little as necessary so as not to delay transport, but doing as much is required to make sure the patient's immediate needs are met. He stated that

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earlier this year, this crew was able to save the life of a patient involved in a motorcycle accident. They quickly recognized the severity of the patient's injuries and successfully performed an advanced airway skill that is not done very often outside of a hospital in order to assist with the patient's breathing as the patient could not be intubated from above. This skill is difficult for even skilled surgeons to perform effectively. He explained with the proper exposure and lighting sometimes in the middle of the night with a patient in severe trauma it is near impossible in most circumstances. This crew accomplished the skill and successfully transported the patient to the trauma center in a timely manner. Their quick and educated response aided in the survival of this patient. He thanked each of the firefighter for their hard work and dedication. He presented each with a trauma coin and pin.

MINUTES: Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve the June 8, 2023, council work session minutes and the June 15, 2023, council business meeting minutes. Six were in favor; one abstained. **Motion carried.**

WRITTEN CITIZEN PETITIONS: Mayor Williams stated that anyone wishing to speak can find a form in the back to fill out and hand it in to the city manager to be called upon.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

A) Police Department – Chief Robinson stated Officers Witt and Wargo got certified in Nybin, comparisons to casings when there is a shooting. Officers Witt and Wargo worked on the Oddbods shooting cases and connected them to seven guns that came out of Columbus, and they have been linked to two murders in Columbus. He stated the SRO truck is completely finished and was displayed on Tuesday night at National Night Out. He thanked everyone who helped them get the vehicle. He stated the bike rodeo will be at 5200 Springfield Street on Saturday, August 26, from 11 am to 1 pm. Officer Toscani will be heading that up. National Night Out was huge; there was a guess of between 750 – 1,000 people. They made 300 hotdogs and 300 hamburgers. It was a successful event. He thanked his entire team for getting things ready. He appreciated all those who participated. He also thanked the fire department when he had an issue six weeks ago; they took care of him and got him to the hospital.

B) Fire Department – Mr. Rauch stated the initial round of fire chief applications concluded with around 19 applications. The consultant will whittle that down to about half that amount. From there, they will select an applicant pool that will go into assessment process. This is scheduled for the end of August. He feels it is very encouraging with the number of applicants.

He thanked the police chief, Danny, and Officer Toscani, and the many hands and departments along with the administrative staff for all the hard work everyone put in. Roger Dilts also created a video of the event. He stated it shows a lot for what they can

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do when they work together as a team and throw a party for the neighborhood while forging good relationships with our community partners and residents.

C) Public Service Department/City Manager Report – Mr. Rauch stated the public works department was also present at National Night out showing off the new reach arm mower. He stated they have made an offer to a public service admin assistant; that person will begin in a week or so. They have begun the contract negotiation process with CWA. They will move into officers, sergeants, and fire over the next 12 months. He stated the August work session will have several updates on quite a lot of activity that has been going on over the last several weeks. He stated the August 17, 2023, agenda will look longer because they have all the ordinances for a second read and a number of resolutions that have to be done before the end of August. This will make the first meeting in September very light. He thinks they will skip the first meeting in September and just have the work session then the second council meeting in September. He stated that Ms. Holt's promotion is now effective. She is now officially the Community Development Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: No one came forward to comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

- I) **Ordinance No. 23-R-832 – An ordinance adopting the 2023 update of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Riverside, Ohio, and repealing and replacing the 1996 and 2005 Comprehensive Land Use Plans. (2nd reading, public hearing, adoption)**

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the second reading by title of Ordinance No. 23-R-832. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at 6:25 pm. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at 6:26 pm.

Roll call: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

- II) **Ordinance No. 23-R-834 – An ordinance amending Chapter 1105 Development Procedures of the City of Riverside, Ohio, Unified Development Ordinance. (2nd reading, public hearing, adoption)**

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the second reading by title of Ordinance No. 23-R-834. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

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Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at 6:27 pm. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at 6:27 pm.

Roll call: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

- I) **Ordinance No. 23-O-833 – An ordinance to levy special assessments for the construction and repair of curbs, sidewalks, drive approaches, and related appurtenances associated with the 2021 Paving Program. (1st reading)**

Mr. Rauch stated this is for the Honeyleaf project that was part of the 2021 Paving Program.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve the first reading by title of Ordinance No. 23-R-833. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

- II) **Ordinance No. 23-O-835 – An ordinance determining to proceed with the improvement of certain streets between certain termini in the City of Riverside, Ohio, by lighting the same with electricity. (1st reading)**

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the first reading by title of Ordinance No. 23-R-835. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

- III) **Ordinance No. 23-O-836 – An ordinance to levy special assessments for the construction and repair of curbs, sidewalks, drive approaches, and related appurtenances associated with the 2022 Paving Program – 5 years. (1st reading)**

Mr. Rauch stated that this ordinance and the next are for the work done in the Lynnhaven/Meyer neighborhood. The first ordinance is for the default repayment; the second ordinance is for additional time on repayment.

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Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the first reading by title of Ordinance No. 23-R-836. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

IV) Ordinance No. 23-O-837 – An ordinance to levy special assessments for the construction and repair of curbs, sidewalks, drive approaches, and related appurtenances associated with the 2022 Paving Program – 10 years. (1st reading)

Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve the first reading by title of Ordinance No. 23-R-837. The city manager read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

B. RESOLUTIONS

I) Resolution No. 23-R-2860 – A resolution appointing a representative to the Ohio Benefits Council.

Mr. Rauch stated this resolution is to appoint the human resources manager as a City of Riverside representative to the Ohio Benefits Council.

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve Resolution No. 23-R-2860.

All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

II) Resolution No. 23-R-2861 – A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into an additional contract with Scodeller Construction, Inc. for a change order to the 2023 Crack Seal Program.

Mr. Rauch stated this is for an amended scope of services recommending including the on-ramps at Route 4 and Harshman Road. This change order will allow them to include those ramps.

Deputy mayor Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve Resolution No. 23-R-2861.

All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: No one wished to speak.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Maxfield thanked all of staff who participated in

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National Night Out.

Mr. Joseph stated that Tuesday, August 8, 2023, is election day with one issue on the ballot that tackles majority rule in Ohio. He encouraged residents to vote.

Mayor Williams echoed Mr. Joseph's comments. He stated it is an important issue and August elections are not common.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch stated she had MVRPC this morning and received information on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and how the money is spent and where it goes. The 2024-2027 TIP includes 266 projects with a total cost of \$772 million, of which 54 projects with a total cost of \$111 million are financed with MVRPC regionally controlled funds. She stated that Riverside is getting a share. She stated on Route 35 in Greene County there are improvements being made out there. It is a project that has been going on for a long time as the Woodman Dr. project has been on the books since 1998. She stated it will be nice. It took a semi hitting a school bus for the state to move that project.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to adjourn. All were in favor. **Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

 For

Pete Williams, Mayor



Clerk of Council