

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Riverside City Council Meeting

Held on

Thursday, June 15, 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, absent; 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; Tom Garrett, Finance Director; Angie Jackson, Police Major; Brian Taylor, Interim Fire Chief; Kathy Bartlett, Public Service Director; Kim Baker, Finance Administrator; Nia Holt, Zoning Administrator; Dalma Grandjean, Law Director; and Katie Lewallen, Clerk of Council.

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:** Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to excuse Mrs. Franklin. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

**PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Williams presented a proclamations to Carroll High School Valedictorian Seth Tivakaran.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2023, council business meeting. All were in favor. **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 clerk to be called upon.

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

**A) Police Department** – Major Jackson stated that they will be making an offer to a new candidate that has been in the process. They still have two openings. She stated Officer Newton just began solo patrol and is doing great. The Flock cameras are up; they currently have access to 1,000 cameras across the nation. She stated it may seem excessive, but when tracking theft rings and stolen cars, it is helpful to see what patterns they are going through. She stated there was a great turnout on June 7, 2023, for popsicles with cops at Saville; they had sno-cones with cops last night at Brantwood. She added that the Flock cameras have helped them already solve a few crimes. There had been an aggravated robbery and a language barrier. Once they got the plate

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number and vehicle type, they were able to track it through the Flock cameras and made an arrest in Huber Heights. Another one was a TPO violation where the violator kept going by the house and they were able to track and get the pattern they were using. Discussion was held on the placement of the cameras in the city. Mr. Denning stated that was amazing technology on the solar power that is used for the cameras. Major Jackson stated that some had to be wired and the road guys were helpful in getting that done. Mr. Rauch stated it is an instrumental tool that they have already seen dividends from using. Mr. Denning stated it was paid for by a grant. Major Jackson stated that Major Sturgeon worked hard on that grant.

**B) Fire Department** – Interim Fire Chief Taylor stated that for the week they have had about 103 runs averaging 15 a day, so they are staying busy. For the year, they have had 2,329 runs, which is an average of 14 runs/day. This will put them on pace for over 5,000 runs this year. They continue to use the Airway roadhouse they may have seen they use for training. He thanked Ms. Holt for pointing them in the right direction to get access to use the house for smoke training and scenario training. It is valuable to have a place that is as close to the real environment for training. He stated they will be conducting full-time interviews on June 27, 2023. They received a total of 12 applications; they will be interviewing 10 candidates. Half of them are fully qualified firefighter-paramedics; the other half are in medic school. They will hopefully have their two vacancies filled and have a list moving forward. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch stated they may want to put out the information again about the training they are doing on Airway. Discussion was held on having a good number of applicants.

**C) Public Service Department** – Ms. Bartlett stated that the service department is interviewing for full-time and part-time workers as they have not been successful to date. She stated she met with MKSK and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT) on the Woodman/US-35 landscaping grant application. They are going to submit an application to MVRPC in October. She will bring a presentation to council at the August work session. She attended the Harshman-Beatrice and Harshman-Valley improvement project scope meeting with ODOT and CMT. The design is starting on those two intersections soon. Those will not be bid and constructed until July 2025. ODOT is paying 100 percent of the design and construction. The city was to originally pay for the design, but additional safety funds were provided, so it saves the city approximately \$100,000. She stated that today she met with Clemans-Nelson about CWA negotiations; this is the start of union negotiations with the guys as the contract is up in October. They are putting together two grant applications for CDBG funds and two applications for Montgomery County Solid Waste District recycle grants for toddler play structures in Rohrer Park and Community Park. She stated that the Olentangy Bridge replacements is almost finished; the Airway Bridge replacement just started. Springfield Street is coming along as they are working around Northcliff. There were issues there that has taken a bit longer than anticipated, but the project is still on schedule. She reviewed the work the crews have been doing.



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Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch thanked Ms. Bartlett for looking into grant funds to help enhance the entryway at Woodman and US-35. Mr. Rauch commented that has been a concern and the next step is to make sure they have enough for a local match and figure out what the scope of that is. They will continue to work on that and bring it to the work session in August.

**D) City Manager Report** – Mr. Rauch stated he has made an offer to an HR candidate and that person will start June 26, 2023. An offer was also made to fill a full-time finance position, which will fill the vacant administrative assistant position they have. The idea is to keep growing the finance department to work on budget tools. They had a great conversation today about maybe pivoting to emphasize some of the personnel budgeting module because that intersects with quite a lot with what is going on at the moment. They are going to focus on that over the next couple of months. He is hopeful to be showing some of that to them at an upcoming work session. He stated they are continuing to work with Mr. Horn on the fire chief recruitment. He thanked Chief Taylor, Roger, and all the staff for taking good photographs that they can use to build out the brochure. He approved the verbiage of draft narrative to the brochure earlier this week. He hopes to have that next week and move on to next steps in posting it to professional associations and usual channels they use.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** No forms were turned in for requests to speak.

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. ORDINANCES

- I) Ordinance No. 23-O-830 – An ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2023. (2<sup>nd</sup> reading, public hearing, adoption)**

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 23-O-830. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

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

Ms. Fry asked if this is a total net of 192 additional expenditures from the General Fund, do they expect that will run a deficit for the year. Mr. Rauch replied no. He stated that based on the income tax trends they have experienced, he is optimistic that they will continue to collect a bit more than they have budgeted for. The revenue they bring in this year will help to cover some of those costs.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. ORDINANCES

- I) **Ordinance No. 23-O-831 – An ordinance to repeal and replace Chapters 1331, 1341, and 1343 of the Building Code of the City of Riverside, Ohio. (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

Mayor Williams stated this is for the first reading of the consolidation of the city's property maintenance code.

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-O-831. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

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

### B. RESOLUTIONS

- I) **Resolution No. 23-R-2849 – A resolution declaring the necessity of assessing numerous streets between certain termini in the City of Riverside, Ohio, for various types of street lighting for one year, beginning January 1, 2024.**

Mr. Rauch stated this is the annual resolution for streetlight assessment.

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve Resolution No. 23-R-2849.

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

- II) **Resolution No. 23-R-2850 – A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Scodeller Construction, Inc. for the 2023 Crack Seal Sealing Program.**

Mr. Rauch stated this is the funding for the annual crack seal program.

Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve Resolution No. 23-R-2850.

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

- III) **Resolution No. 23-R-2851 – A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Spectrum Enterprise for the provision of internet and network services.**



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Mr. Rauch stated this authorize them to proceed with fiber upgrades and a larger internet pipeline with Spectrum Enterprise.

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve Resolution No. 23-R-2851.

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

**IV) Resolution No. 23-R-2852 – A resolution by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio, authorizing the city manager to enter into a lease renewal agreement with Goodrich Corporation/Collins Aerospace.**

Mr. Rauch stated that this resolution and the following are updates to lease agreements for places at Wright Point.

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve Resolution No. 23-R-2852.

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

**V) Resolution No. 23-R-2853 – A resolution by the Council of the City of Riverside, Ohio, authorizing the city manager to enter into a lease agreement with LDSS, Inc.**

Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve Resolution No. 23-R-2853.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** No one came forward to speak on a non-agenda item.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:** Mayor Williams invited the public to Saturday's event put on by Project Riverside at Rohrer Park. He thanked everyone who came to the St. Helen's festival last week, thanking the city, which assisted in a number of ways and all the patrons who made it a wonderful event.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch invited the public from 10 am – 4 pm to Rohrer Park this Saturday to enjoy a car show, food trucks, bouncy houses, and Spiderman. She thanked the police department for those events at the schools as they are wonderful.

Ms. Fry stated the next blood drive is June 26, 2023. There are several openings; the Community Blood Center is in urgent need of type "O" blood as well as other types as well. The blood drive is from 3 pm – 7 pm at 5200 Springfield Street. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch added that the CBC now sends emails to tell you where your blood has been used. She always wondered what happened to her blood and likes that she now gets notified.

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Mr. Denning wished everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He also asked people to be friendly with their neighbors and if doing fireworks not to shoot them off forever; 11:00 pm is late enough. Pets are not as happy about fireworks as people are. He stated there is a music festival on June 23 – 24, at the Jaycee's Haunted House. Friday night will have 80s music; Saturday night will have country music.

Mayor Williams thanked the Jaycees for the flags they have out right now; it is wonderful to see how many people in the community have those flags out. He stated there are a number of events in the community that he hopes to see people at. Discussion was held on how residents can obtain a Jaycees flag. Mr. Denning stated he would have flyers available at city hall.

Mr. Rauch commented that the state law says no fireworks after 11 pm. He added that the next scheduled meeting is July 13, 2023, and it is a work session. City offices will be closed on Monday, June 19, 2023, for Juneteenth; city offices will also be closed on July 4, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to adjourn. All were in favor. **Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.



Pete Williams, Mayor



Clerk of Council