

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Riverside City Council Meeting

Held on Thursday, November 2, 2023

Riverside, OH

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Williams called the Riverside, Ohio, City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 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 were as follows: Josh Rauch, City Manager; and Katie Lewallen, Communications Manager/Clerk of Council.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: No council members were absent.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve the October 12, 2023, council work session minutes, and the October 19, 2023, council business meeting minutes. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

LIQUOR LICENSES: There were no objections to liquor license requests from Taco Veloz Dayton LLC DBA El Taco Veloz, 4904 Airway Road, Riverside, OH; and Airway Petroleum LLC DBA Airway Shell, 6030 Airway Road, Riverside, OH.

WRITTEN CITIZEN PETITIONS: Mayor Williams stated that anyone wishing to speak should fill out a form located in the back of the room, fill it out, and hand it to the clerk.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

City Manager Report – Mr. Rauch stated that he will bring a budget overview in ClearGov next week with the finance director at the work session. He stated that community development has been busy working on the land use plan and getting connected to some developers to let them know of the land that is available and how that may intersect with the comprehensive land use plan update. In administration, they have been successful recently, especially in HR, as there were four positions open in the public service department and they have four offer letters going out to fill those positions. A new police officer also started this week. He added that they had a productive meeting with the county treasurer this week. They received a good update

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on the foreclosure process. They have recently published a new payment plan process for those who may be behind on their property taxes; there are several ways they can work with the office to get ahead and stay current on property tax bills. He stated the new AV system for council chambers is on order and is hoping to have the replacement of it scheduled for the end of the month.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: No one wished to speak on an agenda item.

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

- I) Resolution No. 23-R-2891 – A resolution appointing the clerk of council as the Riverside City Council's designee for the purposes of complying with Ohio's Public Records Act training requirements.

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve Resolution No. 23-R-2891.

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

- II) Resolution No. 23-R-2892 – A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a five-year agreement with Revize Software Systems (Revize LLC) for custom-designed web services and website maintenance.

Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve Resolution No. 23-R-2892.

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

- III) Resolution No. 23-R-2893 – A resolution authorizing the finance director of the City of Riverside to seek advance payment of collected taxes for the tax year 2023.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve Resolution No. 23-R-2893.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Two requests to speak on non-agenda items were received. The mayor called Mr. Jack Williams to the podium. He asked the speaker to state his name and address, speak into the microphone, and keep comments to three minutes.

Mr. Jack Williams, 5836 Yorktown Ct., Riverside, stated he is a senior patrol leader from

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Boy Scout Unit #329, and he is earning his merit badge for citizenship and community along with his brother. He added that he and his brother also volunteer by painting fire hydrants with Mr. Dan Ryan. He stated his troop has several members who have earned their Eagle Merit Badge through required projects at most of the Riverside City parks. He hopes that he and his brothers will continue that tradition.

Mayor Williams stated a few months back there was another member of Troop #329, James Ater, Councilwoman Fry's nephew, in attendance. He thanked Mr. Williams for joining them.

Mr. James Williams, 5836 Yorktown Ct., Riverside, stated he is here with the Boy Scouts Troop #329 at Riverside at St. Helen's Parish. He is earning his merit badge for citizenship and community. He stated that he and his brother have both volunteered with Mr. Dan Ryan by painting fire hydrants.

Mayor Williams stated that the reason they are telling them this information is because one of the requirements for the citizenship and community badge is to attend a council meeting and work with a local non-profit or charitable organization that is doing a community service. Both have done 12 – 18 hours in the last year and a half painting fire hydrants not only in their neighborhood but others as well in the city. He thanked Mr. Ryan for organizing that and for these young men for putting in good work. Mr. James Williams added that he is excited that their troop leader, Mr. Scott Skiple, has recently been appointed to the city parks and recreation commission.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: Mrs. Franklin reminded people that Tuesday is election day. Anyone who hasn't early voted can get out and vote. Mr. Joseph seconded what Mrs. Franklin said. He stated they have the right to express their vote and choose. It is important to protect that right to be able to choose and is so important in a democracy to be an active participant in a democracy as that is how it has stayed healthy for the last 200+ years. Mayor Williams echoed the comments on voting. He stated he and his wife went and voted yesterday, and it was easy. He stated the county board of elections validated parking and made it all very easy. He is also aware that RTA provides a number of free shuttle services to the polls. He hopes everyone forms a plan to vote. Many Americans take it for granted, but it is very rare in the world. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch agreed with all the comments about voting. She thanked everyone who came out to welcome Brightview to the community. It is a service for people in the east Dayton Metro Area, and she looks forward to it having a positive impact on the community. Ms. Fry stated at the open house for Brightview she was able to hear them share their story with their clients and how they help them through the long haul of their journey. She thanked the Boy Scouts for coming to the meeting this evening and for working hard in the community. She stated the community is made up of people who step up and participate. This effort they have given does build community. Mayor Williams added that Ms. Fry organized a Girl Scout troop to paint fire hydrants as well with Mr. Ryan.

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Mr. Denning reminded everyone of Hometown Holiday on November 11. It is at Stebbins High School and not Airway Shopping Center. There will be a number of food trucks there, and hopefully, there will be a new Christmas tree coming off one of the flag poles. There will be horse-and-buggy rides as well. He thanked the Chamber and board for putting that together. He thanked the Boy Scouts for helping in the community and welcomed them to work the haunted house any time in October for the Jaycees to get community service hours. Mr. Denning stated that the Hometown Holiday is from 3 – 7 pm. Santa will be arriving on the fire truck at 3:00 pm. The event is free, rides are a donation to the food bank, but the food trucks are not free. The money made from the buggy rides will be donated to the food bank. Mayor Williams thanked Mad River Schools for hosting and thanked Airway Shopping Center for the number of years they hosted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to go into Executive Session for the following reasons: 103.01(1) Unless the City employee or official requests a public hearing; to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a city employee or official or the investigation of charges or complaints against a City employee or official; and 103.01(4) Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees and officials of the City concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Council entered into Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.

RECONVENE: Council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, council adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



Pete Williams, Mayor



Clerk of Council