

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Thursday, September 2, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Williams called the Riverside, Ohio City Special Council Meeting to order at 3:47 p.m. at the Riverside Administrative Offices located at 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio, 45431.

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

Staff present was as follows: Tom Garrett, Finance Director; Frank Robinson, Police Chief; Dan Stitzel, Fire Chief; Kathy Bartlett, Public Service Director; Gary Burkholder, Community Development Director, and Katie Lewallen, Clerk of Council.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Mr. Denning motioned to excuse Mr. Maxfield. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: The mayor amended the agenda prior to the meeting to remove the second executive session and the legislation that followed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Denning motioned to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Denning motioned to go into Executive Session at 3:49 pm for the reasons listed on the agenda: personnel, 103.01 (4). Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

* Mr. Maxfield arrived at 3:59 pm.

RECONVENE: Council reconvened at 6:04 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch led the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Mr. Denning motioned to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2021 work session, the August 19, 2021 council meeting, and the special meetings of August 23, 2021 and August 25, 2021. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Aaron Primm of the Dayton Mediation Center asked if he could give a small presentation to council. Mrs. Franklin motioned to approve amending the agenda for the presentation. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

PRESENTATION: Mr. Aaron Primm of the Dayton Mediation Center shared with council the services offered with regard to landlord/tenant services and other programs offered at the Dayton Mediation Center. He stated that this program is funded by the Emergency CARES Act and HUD. The services are to help those who may be facing eviction or homelessness and allow for people to talk in a private setting to discuss their situation. He stated the Dayton Mediation Center also has other services. The website is www.daytonmediationcenter.org.

WRITTEN CITIZEN PETITIONS: Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch stated any citizens who would like to speak should fill out a petition and turn it in to the clerk.

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A) Police Department – Chief Robinson stated they have hired one officer who is doing fine in his FTO Program thus far. The three officers that were down with medical issues have returned to work. There is one open position and they are in the hiring process. On Saturday, they will hold a physical agility assessment for the new hire candidates. The police department assisted the Mad River school district along with Hope for Riverside in handing out backpacks full of school supplies to children who needed them. Major Colon has backpacks in his car and is passing them out in his neighborhood as there were additional backpacks. They are working on obtaining a 2017 Ford Fusion through a court release that would be a great addition to the detective division.

B) Fire Department – Chief Stitzel stated that the 2004 Chevy - Utility 6 staff car for the fire department had its transmission go out, and it will not be fixed due to being scheduled for sale on govdeals.com in a few months. He stated the call volume for August is now at the highest ever with 16.67 calls/day. The fire department is in the planning stage for implementing a mobile, in-home COVID vaccine program with PHDMC. He stated they began their year end vehicle maintenance program.

C) Public Service Department – Ms. Bartlett stated that East Springfield Street should be complete within the next couple of weeks; they are currently striping the roadway. To assist with lighting on that roadway, Wright-Patt will provide electric service and bill the city for usage. This will save the city a lot of money as they will not need to run 2,300' of electric cable for the lighting. Luminaires are backordered. She stated that all school zone signs and marking are complete.

Ms. Campbell asked about the lighting situation at Valley and Pleasant Valley as she indicated kids won't pay attention and could be injured by drivers. Ms. Bartlett stated they will be doing a study to learn the patterns the kids take to get to school and determine what, if anything, needs to be done.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: There was no public comment on agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Dan Ryan came forward to discuss the painting of the city's fire hydrants. He praised a number of individuals on council and in the community that have already began to paint fire hydrants. He stated that he believes they can get this project done sooner than originally anticipated as over 100 have already been finished. He asked for any members of the community who want to get involved and wish to either donate to fund the supplies or to volunteer and paint to contact him through Facebook Messenger or at his email,

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Maxfield stated that the Stebbins Indians play tonight. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch stated she had been at the MVRPC meeting earlier today and had asked Ms. Bartlett to get the information regarding new members to all of the council. Ms. Fry stated they just had a blood drive on Monday for the city. She stated that September is Suicide Prevention Awareness month and that there are things everyone can do to help in suicide prevention: be willing to talk about it – remove the stigma, lock up guns – reduce access to allow the emotions to subside, and take part of a one-hour training offered by Dayton Children's Hospital. Mr. Denning stated that the Riverside Jaycees and the Riverside Fire Department are hosting the 9/11 memorial event Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 10:00 am at Memorial Park. He encouraged everyone to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Denning motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Franklin seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.



Peter J. Williams, Mayor



Clerk of Council