Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2015 ~ 7:30 P.M.

Louis J. R. Goorey Worthington Municipal Building
John P. Coleman Council Chamber
6550 North High Street
Worthington, Ohio 43085

City Council

Bonnie D. Michael, President
Robert F. Chosy, President Pro-Tempore
Rachael Dorothy
Scott Myers
David M. Norstrom
Douglas Smith
Michael C. Troper

D. Kay Thress, Clerk of Council
CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Worthington City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, June 8, 2015, in the John P. Coleman Council Chambers of the Louis J.R. Goorey Worthington Municipal Building, 6550 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio. President Michael called the meeting to order at or about 7:30 P.M.

Ms. Michael appointed Tanya Maria Word as Temporary Clerk of Council for this evening’s meeting.


Member(s) Absent: Scott Myers and David M. Norstrom

Also present: Deputy Clerk of Council Tanya Word, City Manager Matthew Greeson, Director of Finance Molly Roberts, City Engineer William Watterson, Director of Planning and Building Lee Brown, Chief of Police James Mosic and Chief of Fire Scott Highley

There were no visitors present.

President Michael invited all those in attendance to stand and join in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED

Resolution No. 35-2015 Amending the Position Descriptions for Court Clerk and Part-Time Deputy Court Clerk and Amending Resolution No. 54-2014 to Adopt the Salary Range for Part-Time Deputy Court Clerk.

Introduced by Councilmember Dorothy.

MOTION Councilmember Chosy made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 35-2015. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Mrs. Stewart explained that our part-time Deputy Court Clerk has recently resigned; she found a full time position. Our Deputy Court Clerk position is part-time, about 20 hour per week is currently vacant; the previous incumbent resigned to take on a full-time position elsewhere.

In the process of preparing to advertise the vacancy we looked at the job description as we usually and reviewed that to make sure it was current and up-to-date, and as we were updating it we realized our full-time Court Clerk job description had not been updated in...
a while, and so once we updated the Deputy Court Clerk job description, they were not as consistent as they should be, so we went through the process of updating both of those. We did obtain input from the Mayor on the job descriptions also and so we’re presenting the revised job descriptions for your approval so we can proceed forward with advertising the Deputy Court Clerk position.

At the same time we also looked at the compensation for the Deputy Court Clerk, it’s been residing in the number 9 range and in reviewing what other municipalities are paying for part-time Court Clerk positions and internally the level of responsibilities for this position compared to other positions within the organization, we do recommend changing from range 9 to range 10 for this job position and the changes in those is Step A is currently 18.71 per hour and range 10 is at $19.46 per hour, but we did feel that was more consistent with what we were seeing in the comparisons with other municipalities.

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 35-2015 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Information Item(s)

- Monthly & Quarterly Financial Reports

Mrs. Roberts presented the following PowerPoint presentation for the Second Quarter 2015 report.
Second Quarter 2015
Financial Report – All Funds

1/1/2015 Beginning Fund Balances: $20,023,436

Year to date total revenue: $19,071,436

Year to date total expenditures: $17,410,951

6/30/2015 Fund Balances: $21,683,921

2015 Financial Report
All Fund Summary

• Year to date revenues exceeded expenditures by $1,660,485 and $1,059,189 for the month of June.

• Expenditures tracked at 91.7%.

• Revenues for all funds are below 2014 revenues by $363,934 and above estimates by $335,348.
2015 Financial Report
All Fund Summary

Second Quarter
Revenue to Expenditures
All Funds

1/1/2015 Beginning General Fund Balance:
$10,245,729

Total General Fund Revenue: $13,398,115

Total General Fund Expenditures: $12,122,263

6/30/2015 General Fund Balance: $11,521,582
2015 Financial Report
General Fund Summary

- Year to date revenues exceeded expenditures by $1,275,853.
- June revenues exceeded expenditures by $825,372.
- Expenditures tracked at 90.38%.
- Year to date revenues are above estimates by $440,866 and above 2014 year to date revenues by $427,980.
- Income tax collections are above year to date 2014 collections by $664,045 or 5.64%.
- Income tax collections are above estimates by $586,348 or 4.95%.

2015 General Fund Revenue as of 6/30/2015

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$ 12,957,249                          $ 13,398,115
Ms. Michael commented someday I would like to see what was our percentage of income tax back about 20 years ago, we had a very high carryover balance back then something like Ten Million dollars. Ms. Dorothy asked didn’t we have like a broader sources of revenue. Ms. Michael replied the percentage was pretty much income tax.

Dr. Chosy asked why is there more money coming in than expected. Mrs. Roberts replied that’s a good thing. Dr. Chosy said oh no, no, I didn’t mean it as a bad thing. Mrs. Roberts indicated primarily it is related to income tax revenues; I generally try to estimate that relatively conservatively, so our income tax collections are about 5% above estimate and I probably estimated closer to 1½. Dr. Chosy stated but they were also 5% above last year, asked does this mean there are more businesses, more employees. Mrs. Roberts replied I really don’t know that off the top of my head, I would have to say a lot of it has to do with the cycle and the way collections are, and timing; so I can’t guarantee my July report will be as favorable, I hope it is, but I make no guarantees.
# Income Tax Collections

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# 2015 General Fund Expenditures as of 6/30/2015

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Mrs. Roberts stated she thought it might be helpful to show Council where our local government funds were. In 2007 which is when I began trending things through year to date. We anticipated cuts back in 2010, 2011 or 2012 for state budget years and 2011-2013 fiscal years, so these are on track with the cuts that we anticipated, but again we are showing some significant impacts. Ms. Michael asked this doesn’t show the additional impact we’re going to have from the most recent cuts, am I correct. Mrs. Roberts replied that is correct.

Ms. Michael shared I’m thinking next year is going to be a State Senate/State House race; I think we need to work with Ohio Municipal League and set up a group to start advocating those who are running for office, what are you going to about the local government fund; we’ve been putting all this money in for all these years, it’s supposed to be coming back to us. I don’t know about other council members, but I’m thinking 2016 is going to be a year for the Statehouse and that’s the time you start asking people what are you going to do about the local government fund and make that something that becomes an issue that those running for office have to address.
Dr. Chosy asked why was there any in 2014 if it was stopped that year. Mrs. Roberts replied we still had some flow-through revenue from estates that are still to be settled that were prior to the 2013 elimination of estate tax.
Ms. Michael asked if personal property taxes are going to be taking money from us again. Mrs. Roberts replied personal property taxes is essentially eliminated; I think last year we received about $60.00. Ms. Michael commented sometime what I would enjoy seeing is what’s happened over the last few years in state tax revenues that have been cut from just out little city budget. Mr. Greeson remarked we have that. Ms. Michael replied personal property tax, estate tax, local government fund, putting it in an east readable format abc…123 because I’m thinking we need to start saying excuse me Mr. Legislator or Ms. Legislator, you’re looking at giving more and more money to Townships, but little cities like us, we really need the money too. Ms. Dorothy requested to make sure you emphasize when we’ve increase our taxes too over that time period. Ms. Michael asked how much more can we do.

Mr. Smith commented even further back, Mrs. Robert started tracking in 2007 local government fund, do we know when that started. Mrs. Roberts replied a long time ago. Ms. Michael stated the philosophy of the local government fund was money was going into the state….Mr. Greeson can probably explain this better than I can. Mr. Greeson replied my understanding of what I read about its history and actually there’s some good written history on that I can get and share with Council about the legislative intent basically behind all of that which has really been attacked in recent years; it was a pact basically because the state was creating an income tax at the state level and in doing so the thought was going to put pressure on the ability of localities to enact or increase their own income taxes so the legislation was passed to share some of the revenue; so it was a revenue sharing program, so the local government services were supported statewide, formula driven and sharing with a broad array of governmental entities at the local level; and that I think was the basis for that fund for many decades.

Ms. Michael commented recently it’s been cut and in addition to being cut then they reallocated this past year so that a significant amount of funds are going to townships instead of cities and we’re all providing services and we should all be treated equally. Mr. Greeson commented the largest cut a few years ago as opposed to this most recent one which was a reallocation to townships; the largest cut a few years ago really went to plug the state budget hole; so in essence what happened was the revenue that was derived from those millions of dollars that would have otherwise went to state government, so the taxpayers supported state services rather than municipal, county, or township services that they used to support with their state income tax.

MOTION

Councilmember Dorothy made a motion to accept the Second Quarter 2015 Financial Report Summary and the June Financial Report as presented this evening. The motion was seconded by Chosy.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
Update on Projects & Activities

Mr. Greeson explained it’s a little past mid-year and you’ve had a full plate with a variety of issue going on; and we wanted to provide an update on a number of projects that we don’t want to lose sight on, and we want to make sure Council stays abreast of what’s going on with these projects and more importantly you have some understanding of when they are coming to you for a decision.

I will touch on the subjects that were listed in the City Manager’s memo, however, I will not touch on the Parks Master Planning process, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board tonight, we will wait until Mr. Hurley is back from vacation so that he can talk about that project.

Mr. Greeson, Mr. Watterson and Mr. Brown presented the following the PowerPoint presentation

A. Huntley Road, Wilson Bridge, Worthington-Galena Project

Mr. Watterson presented the following on the Huntley Road, Wilson Bridge, Worthington-Galena project.

- Federally funded intersection improvement
- City hired EMH&T to conduct evaluation of intersection and make recommendations
- Update:
  - September presentation by consultants to City Council
  - Roundabout eliminated as an alternative due to poor operation as a result of heavy turning movements and large truck volumes
- Utility coordination meeting in August
- Staff working with MORPC, ODOT and EMH&T to identify additional funding sources

Mr. Watterson added one advantage might mention to the conventional intersections is it will be much easier to handle bike and pedestrian access through the intersection as opposed to doing to a roundabout, so that has an impact as far as if we attempt to get funding for the bike paths through one of the programs specifically for that.
Ms. Dorothy commented that was one of my questions, what was being done to address multi-motor opportunities (bike and pedestrian); asked is that included in the study. Mr. Watterson replied yes including the railroad crossing on Wilson Bridge Road, they’ve extended the study to get the pedestrians and bikes across that railroad crossing to the west so it can connect with the other bike path project in a controlled manner. Ms. Michael asked so we’re looking at a September presentation. Mr. Watterson replied yes that is what we’re shooting for at this point.

**B. Mobility Study**

Mr. Gresson commented Council will recall you authorized an issuance of an RFP and we selected a consultant DLZ to conduct a mobility study in primarily the downtown area. Phase I the item that you deemed most important for us to work on first was the crossing at Stafford Avenue.

Mr. Watterson presented the following presentation on Mobility Study.

- Phase 1 included review of Stafford Avenue and High Street intersection
  - Draft report received for staff review
  - Will distribute to Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee in August for discussion in September
  - Phase I recommendation to City Council in October. Construction funding can be considered as part of CIP
  - Additional phases will be programmed in CIP and scheduled for future implementation
  - Budget:
    - $100,000 for bicycle and pedestrian improvements in 2016 CIP.

Ms. Michael asked when is the first Bike and Pedestrian Meeting. Mr. Gresson replied Tuesday, August 4th at 6:30 P.M. at the Community Center.
C. Signage and Wayfinding

Mr. Brown presented the following on Signage & Wayfinding. Mr. Brown stated that Dr. Chosy and Mr. Myers serve on the Steering Committee as well as members from the Architectural Review Board and Municipal Planning Commission.

- Wayfinding uses local landmarks, signage, pathways and environmental elements to help orient residents and visitors to the City.
- Goal: Wayfinding will accentuate the Wilson Bridge Road Corridor and Old Worthington’s identity, as well as improve movements for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists throughout the City.
- City hired MKSK and Studio Graphique to develop program
- Steering Committee established.

**Timeline:**
- Council, MPC & ARB briefing in March 2015
- Draft signage & wayfinding program to Steering Committee in June 2015
- Draft program to ARB & MPC in September 2015
- Recommended program to City Council in late September or early October 2015
- Budget:
  - $120,000 – CIP 2015
  - $25,000 per year in CIP from 2016-2019
Ms. Michael asked have we resolved the issue of the Worthington Women’s Club signs, the four signs that were created by the Worthington Women’s Club that marked the four posts of the historic district. I don’t know what wayfinding is doing, but I will tell you right now I will highly oppose those being removed at any costs. Mr. Brown replied I believe it is a discussion item that is open for all the groups. I know when it was brought up at the Steering Committee meeting there was talk that if they do stay, the posts needed serious enhancement. Ms. Michael stated they can work on the enhancement of the posts, but the signs have to stay. Dr. Chosy asked what signs are you speaking about. Here is a picture of the sign.

Ms. Michael commented these are the ones we want to keep and the Wayfinding Signage did not include that and this has been a tradition of the City and we have a not-for-profit organization that is taking care of refurbishing and maintaining the signs. If you all want to enhance the posts, I’m sure the Worthington Women’s Club will be very happy; but this has been part of our tradition and I would hate to see us lose those four signs. Mr. Smith asked so those are the Worthington Women’s Club. Ms. Michael replied yes the Worthington Women’s Club are the ones who created these signs.

Dr. Chosy commented it is very interesting to see it all develop and come together. They’ve done a very good job. Mr. Brown chimed in everyone has been great to work with.

Ms. Dorothy asked when is the implementation. Mr. Brown replied the implementation if we’re able to will take place the first of the year 2016. Mr. Greeson remarked hopefully we can encumber the funds for this year and then some of it maybe weather dependent and fabrication dependent, but we can definitely include more timelines at our approval presentation.
Dr. Chosy commented I do remind them if they have any hesitation about putting a sign up, don’t do it.

D. Wilson Bridge Road Corridor Enhancement Program

Mr. Brown presented the following two PowerPoint slides on Wilson Bridge Road Corridor Enhancement Program.
Mr. Greeson explained you will likely see a phased approach to this project; the $850,000 is bonded money in the CIP; what we want to do is leverage that to seek a variety of grant sources and also one of the apartment buildings next year will have better projections for TIF revenues off the TIF district we created, so that will be dollars available for this project and so it will be larger than the $850,000, but we’re going to have chunks of it that if TIF eligible chunks of it that we’ll go after certain types of grant money with; some of it will be locally fund and our presentation will include not only the physical recommendation, but a funding strategy recommendation.
E. Wilson Bridge Road Corridor Overlay District

Mr. Brown presented the following PowerPoint slide on Wilson Bridge Road Corridor Overlay District.

Ms. Michael advised I would like to see actually get in place before the end of this calendar year. Mr. Brown replied that is my goal. Ms. Michael stated there are various forces that could potentially be out there and I want to make sure that this gets through this year; we have been working on this for a long time and I think it’s very important to the community that we move this through in the same timely manner as you are recommending. Ms. Dorothy commented I agree; going back to our earlier conversation in the meeting today about how heavily funded we are on income tax, so anyway we can generate new economic growth within the City to make sure that we’re able to provide the high quality services and other services that people enjoy in Worthington is something we definitely need to look into, so yes this is very important.
F. Eggs & Issues

Mr. Greeson presented the following PowerPoint slide on Eggs & Issues.

- Partnership with Chamber on economic development speakers series:
  - WHEN: Wednesday, July 29, 2015, breakfast (approx. 7am to 9am)
  - WHERE: Worthington Holiday Inn, 7007 North High Street, Worthington OH 43085
  - TOPIC: Changing & Improving Workforce Policy in Ohio
  - The panel includes a representative from the Governor’s Office, Battelle for Kids, and the Worthington City Schools Superintendent.

Ms. Michael asked does this cost, and if so how much is it. Mrs. Roberts commented $10.00 - $20.00 at best. Mr. Greeson replied I will double-check the cost and get back with you.
G. State Road 161

Mr. Greeson presented the following PowerPoint slide on State Road 161.

- Worthington, Perry Township and Columbus hired MORPC to conduct Traffic Study
  - Analyzed existing conditions
  - Projected future growth
  - Tested future scenarios
- Next step is for jurisdictions to move into a Planning, Engineering & Design (PED) evaluation to conduct and in-depth evaluation of alternatives
- Meeting this month with key staff of jurisdictions
- Identify cost share of PED for consideration as part of 2016 CIP

Mr. Greeson advised Council to anticipate that I might make a recommendation about a cost-share of that PED evaluation that you can consider as part of the 2016 CIP.

Dr. Chosy asked how expensive is something like that. Mr. Greeson replied it really depends on how much of the roadway and I think ODOT has estimated it from say Olentangy all the way to Sawmill, it might be around a $600,000 study; it ultimately depends on how much of that roadway you end up studying. The initial traffic study showed that the major problem areas on the corridor are all areas that we know are problems...Olentangy River Road intersection; the worst is the Linworth Road intersection. Ms. Dorothy commented if I remember correctly nothing would work unless we addressed the train tracks. Mr. Greeson explained when a train comes you have a lot of back up in the Linworth Road intersections close to it; in terms of just comparing the intersections Linworth is the worst one.

Dr. Chosy asked part of this evaluation there is some possible suggestion. Mr. Greeson replied yes and much more in-depth evaluation and ultimately what you come up with is a preferred alternative that the communities have to support if you want to move forward with federal funding. Ms. Michael chimed in that can be challenging. Mr. Greeson stated this would be the first step and it’s a fairly serious step. Ms. Dorothy commented I appreciate that you’re us up to at least be in the contention for any additional federal
funding alternative revenue resources to fund these projects. This is very important. Mr. Greeson replied this is not the scale of project that we could do on our own.

H. Miscellaneous

Mr. Greeson presented the following PowerPoint slide on miscellaneous items

- 1st Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board meeting – August 4th at 6:30 p.m. at Community Center
- Old Worthington Partnership grant application
  – When do you want to receive a presentation?
- National League of Cities Conference participation
  – November 4 – 7 in Nashville, TN
  – Deadline for early bird registration, July 31st
- Ohio Municipal League
  – October 21-23 in Columbus
  – Information TBD

Mr. Greeson advised we need to schedule Old Worthington Partnership for a presentation; staff is reviewing budget numbers and we’ll be identifying any questions that we have of them to give to them in advance. If you have any questions you would like us to collect from Council that we can share with them to be prepared to answer, I think that would be appropriate, please e-mail us. We can either have them clarify those ahead of time or be prepared to address them in the Council chambers and then I think it’s a matter of when do you want to hear the presentation.

Ms. Michael stated if Council wants to take action we can hear the presentation at the 1st or 3rd meeting. For input and details, it would be the 2nd meeting. Ms. Dorothy said I would be ready to take action after either meeting. Mr. Troper commented I was going to say middle meeting. Ms. Michael said we hear the presentation at the second meeting in September; Monday, September 14, 2015.

Sidebar: Ms. Dorothy indicated she will not be at the September 7th meeting.

National League of Cities Conference: We’ve historically sent a Council member or two to this conference. This year the conference is November 4th – 7th in Nashville, TN. We
have a July 31st early bird registration deadline. Mr. Smith and Mr. Norstrom are the only two who expressed interest in attending. Ms. Michael asked is there anyone else who has an interest in attending the conference. Ms. Michael expressed I would like to go on record and say that I have an interest for next year 2016 just because it is too crazy with election this year, but I would definitely like to attend in 2016. Ms. Dorothy commented I am interested in attending the NLC Leadership Conference; I actually participated in that last year on my own dime and I thought it was a phenomenal conference; I liked much better than the whole conference.

Ms. Michael asked Mr. Greeson when the conference schedule becomes available can you send it out. Mr. Greeson replied I will make sure you get it when it becomes available.

Mr. Smith stated in past meetings we’ve talked about getting a ReCap seminar in the bid process for National League of Cities or Ohio Municipal League, if Mr. Harris isn’t available to go down there to that, I plan on going to NLC and will be happy to give information out about ReCap. Ms. Michael commented they had that one little program they sent over on ReCap, it was a short caption asking the communities to show what’s one of your really cool things. Mr. Greeson stated I think that one was a little more leading edge initiative than side grant programs.

Ms. Michael commented in coming up for the following year I would really to enlist staff to take pictures and do some videos of things to include in Live Government.

LETTER TO DEVELOPER

Dr. Chosy commented I would like for to clarify this letter that we’re trying to write to the developers. I still have the original drafts and I’m hearing something about the proportion of the fourth paragraph being removed and I would absolutely totally object to that. In fact the way we’ve said all these things to them, it’s even kind of light-handed to suggest that we can’t say these areas of importance to the developer in this letter makes the letter meaningless.

I want to make clear that I too resent the beefed up stuff that we’re not doing anything and all that because that’s really not true. From my standpoint we were watching and talking with the Developer kind of seeing what was going on; a couple of things as you recall Mr. Greeson there was one time when I directly asked them why it is they had some bad aspects or reputation of their apartment buildings; and their answer was in some of the places that they built they weren’t in charge of what was supposed to be built, so they were limited by the directions and by the funds, which was at least a partial answer. I think and I think most of us thought this, I think we were all just trying to be good listeners more than anything else, clearly the density has to decrease and to fudge around and not even hint at that in our letter why send the letter. So I don’t know how we’re going to resolve this but I absolutely will not sign a letter that has any less than this draft that we have.
Mr. Smith commented as the intermediary of somebody who voted in favor of this original letter last time who then offered for trying to get a feel for unanimity which it looks like we will not yet; I believe you have a majority here who voted on the original letter that you’re looking at last time, so seeing that we will not get unanimity on a different revised letter why don’t you go ahead and call for the motion.

Ms. Dorothy and Mr. Troper both asked for clearer details of what we’re voting on. Ms. Michael replied last week it was everyone but Mr. Norstrom who was in favor of this letter being sent to the Developer and there is a strong feeling that we should not sign the letter unless we have full unanimous support of Council and that’s why it didn’t pass last time because it didn’t have unanimous support of this letter. Mr. Greeson commented your other alternative I think you discussed was having the Council president sign the letter since it reflected the majority.

Ms. Dorothy asked do we have the Council President sign this. Ms. Michael replied I will do whatever is the pleasure of Council. Mr. Smith said I believe in the letter and I would sign it. Dr. Chosy commented I have no problem signing it. Ms. Michael commented I will sign it. Ms. Dorothy indicated what the letter says right now is “We the members of the Worthington City Council...” and then it ends with Sincerely, Worthington City Council. Ms. Michael commented it can be revised to say “We the majority of Worthington City Council....” or “On behalf of the majority...” Ms. Dorothy confirmed we’re sending this letter to Lifestyle Communities. Ms. Michael replied yes we are. Council agreed to have the letter signed by the Council President.

MOTION

Councilmember Chosy made a motion that this draft letter be sent to the Developer with the amendment “On behalf of the majority of Worthington City Council.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Troper confirmed the letter will read “On behalf of the majority of Worthington City Council.....” Ms. Michael it will be “On behalf of the majority.....”

Ms. Michael asked Mr. Greeson if he was okay with the letter. Mr. Greeson replied you just voted to approve it; of course I’m okay with it.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

DR. ROBERT CHOSY – on Wednesday, I will be headed with my wife and my grandson to Thailand for two weeks, will be back on July 30th.

MR. DOUG SMITH – I have two items (1) the Charter Amendment Petition. I’ve heard rumor that we’re going to get some education on that and what it actually means. Mr. Greeson replied we’re working on it at least from a staff perspective. (2) The same thing but probably less urgent, I’ve heard rumors about maybe getting some information about
a comprehensive view of our bond capacity for anybody who is interested or not interested in purchasing land as a City; just so we have the education on that. Ms. Michael replied staff is working on that too because we’ve talked about.

We’re talking about whether or not the city has the bond capacity to purchase UMCH property. Mr. Smith commented I’m very interested to see what that would look like...the levies/debts/possibilities vs. likelihood vs. probabilities vs not likely. Education is what I’m looking for. Mr. Greeson replied I think we have some materials that we can share that might be helpful; we did a presentation a few years ago all about debt/debt capacity.

MR. MICHAEL TROPER – thanked the City and Matt for attending the closing ceremony of the Shootout for Soldiers event. It was a great event, my wife stayed out there for 36 straight hours and the event raised $45,000.00 for 5 Veterans charities. Thank you to the sponsors and volunteers.

MS. BONNIE D. MICHAEL – the Historical Society did a wonderful job this past weekend with their Home and Garden Tour and anyone who missed it, you missed wonderful opportunity. It’s just fantastic that Worthington has all this wonderful opportunities. I’m also finding that we’re having a difficult time communicating dates between different groups; Worthington Partners was going to have a Movie Night as the same night as Parks and Recreation, and the fact that I had the Parks and Recreation scheduled I had to go back and tell the Worthington Partners that they were both trying to do Movie Night on the same day and time. I don’t know how we do it, but somehow, someway we need to really try to work a little bit better with our groups so that they’re not scheduling things that conflict with each other.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Councilmember Troper made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dorothy.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

/s/ Tanya Maria Word
Temporary Clerk of Council

APPROVED by the City Council, this 20th day of July, 2015.

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
Council President