



Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 20, 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, July 20, 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.

Members Present: Rachael R. Dorothy, David Norstrom, Douglas K. Smith, Michael C. Troper, and Bonnie D. Michael

Member(s) Absent: Robert F. Chosy, Scott Myers

Also present: Clerk of Council Kay Thress, City Manager Matthew Greeson, Director of Law Pamela Fox, Assistant City Manager Robyn Stewart, Director of Finance Molly Roberts, Service and Engineering Director William Watterson, Director of Building and Planning Lee Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation Darren Hurley, Chief of Police James Mosaic, and Chief of Fire Scott Highley

There were thirteen visitors present.

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

VISITOR COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **June 8, 2015 – Committee of the Whole Meeting**
- **June 15, 2015 – Regular Meeting**
- **July 6, 2015 – Regular Meeting**
- **July 13, 2015 – Committee of the Whole Meeting**

MOTION Mr. Troper made a motion to approve the aforementioned minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dorothy.

There being no additions or corrections, the motion to approve the minutes as presented carried unanimously by a voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LEGISLATION

President Michael declared public hearings and voting on legislation previously introduced to be in order.

Ordinance No. 26-2015

Amending Ordinance No. 40-2014 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay for the Design Costs

for the Central District Sanitary Sewer Repairs and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 618-15)

The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.

Mr. Greeson commented that Council may recall that they approved the hiring of DLZ to perform the Central District Sanitary Sewer Study. That "Study" is still being completed but they have already identified three repair projects that we need to address. This ordinance appropriates money to design those projects. He asked Mr. Watterson to comment on the projects.

Mr. Watterson reported the three projects that were identified as:

- 1) Replacement of a section of an 8" sewer in South St. near Garden Dr. with a 12" sewer.

Mr. Watterson shared that there has been some water in the basement events there and we are hopeful that this replacement will alleviate that condition and eliminate those kinds of events.

- 2) Adding an additional manhole on North St. at Hartford and reconnecting some existing sewers there to correct a distribution deficiency that had developed with previous construction projects.
- 3) There is a blind connection of two sanitary mains in Granville Rd. and Proprietors and the situation will be corrected with construction of a manhole at that junction.

Mr. Watterson reported that DLZ has proposed a fee of \$43,619.70 to prepare the plans and specifications. Staff is recommending an appropriation of \$50,000 to fund that.

Ms. Dorothy summarized that this is for planning work to then do the projects. She asked when the projects would be completed. Mr. Watterson replied that with the approval tonight the plan is to have the project plans completed by October 2015 and be able to begin construction yet this year. He would anticipate a 90 day construction period.

There being no additional comments, the Clerk called the roll on the passage of Ordinance No. 26-2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 5 Troper, Norstrom, Dorothy, Smith, Michael

No 0

Ordinance No. 26-2015 was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.

Ordinance No. 27-2015

Approving a Plat Amendment to the Platted Front Building Setback Line for Lot #53 in Medick Estates Subdivision. A Property at 410 Tucker Drive (Aaron and Susan Bakshai)

The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.

Mr. Brown commented on the unique stair step platting of the parcels in this area. The setbacks range from 100 feet for the parcels along the Olentangy River and progress up to 350 feet for the parcels further east. The house for consideration is at 410 Tucker Drive. It was recently purchased and the new owners would like to demolish the house and build a new house by moving the setback.

Mr. Brown shared that in January 2014 council heard and approved a similar request for the third parcel to the west of this property.

Mr. Brown showed a slide that displayed the variation in setbacks of the surrounding properties.

Mr. Brown shared that the parcel for consideration is 1.7 acres in size. It is located in our R-16 district, which is very low density residential district. This parcel is actually larger than the district lot size of 1,600 square feet.

The applicant would like to construct a new home closer to Tucker Dr. This would give the family a larger backyard. The request would bring the setback up to 135 feet from Tucker.

Mr. Brown showed additional slides of the property and the surrounding area.

Mr. Brown shared that the two adjacent property owners did attend the Municipal Planning Commission meeting in June 11, 2015 and spoke very favorably of the demolition and the re-plat. The Municipal Planning Commission recommended approval of this application.

Ms. Dorothy observed that there were no elevation markers. She asked if there were any topography maps as the grade looked quite flat on the other parcel that was previously granted a variance for 15 feet. Mr. Brown commented that he doesn't have a topography map on the site. He showed a slide of the approximate location of a knoll at 135 feet. The flat space is approximately 135 feet from Tucker.

Ms. Dorothy asked if any plans have been submitted. She is interested in knowing whether any trees will be impacted by the project. Mr. Brown shared that they have applied for a demolition permit for the house. He believes Habitat for Humanity will be salvaging windows and other various items for reuse in their projects. As of noon today, no building permit has been submitted for the new construction.

Mr. Norstrom asked about city regulations relative to tearing down a house. Mr. Brown replied that this property is not in the Architectural Review District so an applicant would make application for a demolition permit that would be approved by his department. A demolition permit has been issued for this house however any new construction will have to meet zoning requirements. As he mentioned before, this property is 1.7 acres in size. The zoning requirements need 30 foot setback. This would be 135 feet, side property lines need to total 25 feet (minimum of 10 on one side), thirty foot rear yard and would allow a 2 ½ story house to be constructed.

Mr. Norstrom commented that this application is not in the Architectural Review District. He asked if anything would be different if it were located in the district. Mr. Brown replied that it would require a public hearing to have the home demolished and any new construction would be reviewed by the ARB.

There being no additional comments, the Clerk called the roll on the passage of Ordinance No. 27-2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 5 Norstrom, Dorothy, Smith, Troper, Michael

No 0

Ordinance No. 27-2015 was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.

Ordinance No. 28-2015

Amending Ordinance No. 40-2014 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for Appropriations from the General Fund and Water Fund Unappropriated Balances.

The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.

Mr. Greeson reported there being several items included in this ordinance. One is related to the water fund. As members may recall, in our agreement with the city of Columbus we are required to pay for certain costs associated with certain water main breaks. We budget every year for an average of what we guess might occur. The city of Columbus bills us based on the actual breaks that have to be repaired. The bill we received was for \$60,566 while the budget was \$25,000. In addition, we appropriate \$10,000 for plumbing inspections. Staff collects fees for those inspections which we remit to the Franklin County Board of Health. When the fees collected exceed that amount then an additional appropriation is necessary to make the transfer.

Mr. Greeson asked Mr. Watterson to address the water main breaks.

Mr. Watterson shared that the water contract with Columbus provides that Columbus repairs the water main breaks within the city of Worthington. It includes a provision that establishes an equivalent maintenance ratio, which is the proportional number of breaks

for the Worthington system compared with the entire Columbus system, which also includes the other suburbs. When the breaks exceed 150% of that equivalent maintenance ratio, the city of Worthington is required to pay for any additional breaks. This year (2014) the equivalent maintenance ratio for Worthington was 24 breaks. The city experienced a total of 36 breaks so the city of Worthington is required to pay for the 12 excess breaks. Those are billed at the actual cost (which includes labor, equipment, materials, etc.) to Columbus. The excess breaks resulted in a total cost of \$60,566.31.

When asked by Ms. Dorothy if the locations are being mapped, Mr. Watterson replied yes.

Ms. Dorothy asked if there was any clustering or anything that he saw in particular in any neighborhoods that would need more attention. Mr. Watterson replied no. He shared that the breaks were distributed throughout the system.

Mr. Norstrom asked if these were primarily the result of a bad 2013/2014 winter or were they spread out. Mr. Watterson explained that they would have all occurred late in 2014. The 150% would have been used early in 2014. He doesn't know the cutoff date but they would have been the twelve last breaks in 2014.

Ms. Dorothy asked if he knew how many breaks there have been in 2015. Mr. Watterson replied no.

Ms. Dorothy asked what led to the replacement of the Davis Estates waterline. Mr. Watterson explained that there were a high number of breaks in a concentrated area. So if a concentrated area can be identified then a project to replace the lines in the area can be scheduled. Staff does monitor all past breaks and we did not see that concentration with this one year history.

There being no additional comments, the Clerk called the roll on the passage of Ordinance No. 28-2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 5 Dorothy, Smith, Troper, Norstrom, Michael

No 0

Ordinance No. 28-2015 was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.

Ordinance No. 29-2015

An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and Director of Finance to Enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with FC Bank to Grant FC Bank a Fifty Percent (50%) Tax Exemption for Real Property Improvements to be Made to the Property Located at 6600 North High Street, Parcel

No. 100-002591-00 in the City of Worthington for a Period Not to Exceed Ten (10) Years.

The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.

Mr. Greeson shared that Ordinance No. 29-2015 as well as Ordinance No. 30-2015 relate to the FC Banks corporate headquarters' project that staff has been working on. He invited Jeff Harris forward to present the information on these two ordinances.

Mr. Harris commented that it is his privilege to introduce FC Bank's president Andy Dale, who has joined us tonight. He is very excited for this project taking fruition next door to city hall.

Mr. Harris share that he will go through staff's recommendation and background and then take any questions.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 29-2015, creating a CRA Abatement to exempt FC Bank's real estate taxes on its property improvements by 50 percent for a 10-year period.

Background:

- May 2015, Pennsylvania-based FC Bank purchased 6600 North High Street
- Intends to demolish 3 existing structures, including the existing automotive repair shop
- FC Bank proposes to construct new 18,500 sq. ft. 2-story building with frontage on High Street to accommodate
 - regional headquarters and
 - bank branch operations (currently exists in Worthington but will relocate from the south end to this new location)
- Project involves total investment of \$4.6 million
 - \$1.695 million paid for the Property
 - Another \$2.9 million in new constructions costs
- Project to commence late August 2015, with all construction and improvements completed by December 31, 2016

CRA Abatement – Structure:

FC Bank undergoing substantial development costs

City staff determined a CRA Abatement provides beneficial form of assistance.

Mr. Harris pointed out that this council has not approved a CRA Abatement since 2007.

Ordinance 29-2015 includes several items required under Ohio CRA Abatement law:

- Declares improvements under the project to be a public purpose and 50 percent exempt from real property taxes for 10 years.
- Authorizes and directs City Manager to enter into a CRA agreement

City provided notice to the Worthington City Schools on July 1, 2015

CRA Abatement Exemption – Terms & Benefits:

Foregone real property taxes provide FC Bank a net present value of **\$435,000**

If Project appraised by the Auditor at a higher improvement value, FC Bank will benefit from the upside (if the Auditor values the improvements lower than estimated, FC Bank will likewise see a commensurate reduction in its benefit)

School Compensation:

May 2015 purchase increased the property's taxable basis from \$450,000 (\$11,400 in annual property taxes to the Schools in tax year 2014) to \$1.695 million (which was the purchase price)

Purchase value results in an additional \$31,552 in annual property taxes to the Schools

Exempt only 50% of the taxes - the other half of net, new taxes due each year will equal \$36,925 to the Schools.

Staff recommend that no compensation payments be made to the Schools during the exemption term.

Ms. Dorothy asked if FC Bank already has a presence in Worthington. Mr. Harris replied yes. They have a four person office located in the south part of the city. Those individuals will be relocated to the new location.

Ms. Michael commented that the tax exemption is only on the amount over the current value. Mr. Harris agreed. He added that with the fair market purchase price of \$1.695 million, the base that taxes are always paid on irrespective was moved up to the \$1.695 million so the schools saw a bump just with that. Then the abatement goes above and beyond that base level. That is where the exemption is attached.

Ms. Dorothy commented that this is for ten years. Mr. Harris agreed.

Ms. Michael commented that a total over ten years of \$435,000 or is it \$435,000 for each year. Mr. Harris replied that the \$435,000 is total across the ten years. He added that it is in today's dollar value.

Mr. Norstrom sees this as a win, win situation. We are getting a headquarters for a major regional bank and increasing the income tax that we will be receiving while at the same time relocating a business that involves many cars to a good location. The schools agree with this so this is a win, win situation.

There being no additional comments, the Clerk called the roll on the passage of Ordinance No. 29-2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 5 Smith, Troper, Norstrom, Dorothy, Michael

No 0

Ordinance No. 29-2015 was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.

Ordinance No. 30-2015

Approving a Grant as Part of the City's Economic Development Venture Program and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Economic Development Grant Agreement for the Same.

The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.

Mr. Harris commented that this is the same project, same background and same analysis as the previous ordinance although to Mr. Norstrom's point on the last ordinance, this is income tax based.

Background and staff recommendation concerning Venture Grant award to assist in the construction of a new bank headquarters project on North High Street in Worthington

Staff Recommendation:

Adoption of Ordinance 30-2015, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Venture Grant agreement to assist FC Bank

Background:

- FC Bank will cause at least \$2M in total annual payroll to be paid
- Approx. 26 Full-Time persons working in the completed HQ facility within 3 years of the start of the Project

- Once reached, annual payroll adjusts upwards throughout the term of the Venture Grant
- To approximately \$3M estimated by year 7

Venture Grant –Terms & Benefits:

- Venture Grant payable in five (5) annual installments of \$11,565
- These equal payment amounts, in the aggregate, are 15% of the estimated income tax collections during 7-year period - after construction is complete
- Grant to provide FC Bank with a NPV \$53k in assistance across the agreement term
- Each annual payment conditioned on FC Bank meeting its payroll commitments
- FC Bank's failure to meet its commitments in a given year will result in the City not remitting the annual installment amount for that period

Mr. Troper asked when the first payment will be made to FC Bank. Mr. Harris replied that typically payments (pay for performance) are made upon a lease execution or in this case once the effective date of the ordinance occurs. The city will issue a check and then every twelve months hence for the remaining term of the agreement so long as payroll commitments are met. So it is a rolling twelve month period from the first time a check is issued.

Ms. Dorothy asked when the payroll requirements are reviewed. Mr. Harris explained that at the twelve month period he will send out a twelve month reporting form that is to be completed, signed and returned. Staff will review the information and issue a check if the payroll obligation is met.

Ms. Michael asked Mr. Greeson to verify that the city also provided a Venture Grant to help Mr. Tilton relocate his business. Mr. Greeson shared that the Venture Grant policy of the city authorizes the City Manager to enter into Venture Grants up to certain amounts. We have been pleased to help Tilton's Automotive, who is relocating to another building that Mr. Harris had been working diligently on for many years to fill, which is at the corner of Huntley and Schrock. It is his understanding that the lease has been executed and signs are out announcing that move. He noted that the building has seen some investment of late if members have driven by it. Mr. Tilton will not only be relocating these jobs there but also is projecting to increase his operation and consolidate and grow his payroll in that location consistent with the policies of the Venture Grant program.

Mr. Norstrom asked if that works the same way in that staff reviews annual payroll. Mr. Greeson agreed that it works exactly the same way as Mr. Harris described.

There being no additional comments, the Clerk called the roll on the passage of Ordinance No. 30-2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 5 Troper, Norstrom, Dorothy, Smith, Michael

No 0

Ordinance No. 30-2015 was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.

NEW LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED

Resolution No. 36-2015

Approving an Agreement and Permit for the City of Dublin, an Ohio Municipal Corporation, to Operate and Maintain a Telecommunications System Within the City of Worthington Pursuant to and Subject to the Provisions of Chapter 949 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington.

Introduced by Mr. Troper.

MOTION

Ms. Dorothy made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 36-2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Mrs. Stewart shared that the city of Dublin has fiber optics in the Worthington right-of-way. As a result of that they are required to have a Telecommunication Utilities Permit. Members may recall that those permits are good for a period of three years. Dublin's permit expires this summer so this is a renewal of their three year agreement. It is our standard agreement to go along with the permit however we have added a clause to prohibit the above ground markers. Staff has seen a plethora of those posts in recent years that identify the numerous companies that maintain telecommunications in our right-of-way. Staff hopes to limit those through the revision to our agreement.

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 36-2015 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 37-2015

Amending the Staffing Chart of the City of Worthington to Provide for Two Additional Firefighter EMT-P Positions in the Division of Fire for a Six Month Period and One Additional Assistant Chief Position in the Division of Fire for a Three Month Period.

Introduced by Mr. Norstrom.

MOTION Mr. Troper made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 37-2015. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dorothy.

Mr. Greeson commented that this request is for a temporary increase in staff to facilitate with staffing needs because of anticipated retirements within the Division. This will provide a bit of an overlap between bringing an interim assistant chief on and the retiring assistant chief leaving so there could be some training. The other two deals with anticipated training that is necessary to have somebody that is up to speed when we experience the retirements we are anticipating.

Chief Highley confirmed there being a retirement near the end of the year. Staff is currently down three people due to a variety of issues (injuries, illnesses, etc.). What we are trying to do is go ahead and get the hiring process started so that we can temporarily fill some of the holes we have while then working somebody into a permanent full-time position when somebody leaves.

Ms. Dorothy asked how many people there are in the Fire Department. Chief Highley replied that the Operations Division, which is the one everybody is worried about, has thirty-three total people so we are down 10% of our staff.

Chief Highley shared that there is a second individual who is currently on medical leave and is awaiting final dispensation from his doctors as to whether he can return or not. He should have that information by October and that would be the second position. If he were to leave then we would be getting ready to go ahead and fill that slot. So those are the two temporary positions.

Assistant Chief Kantak has always planned to leave this September. We will not have the permanent replacement person named at that point so he and Mr. Greeson would like to get someone in on an interim basis. They would like a few weeks of overlap time to pass the knowledge from one individual to the other.

Ms. Dorothy noted that Chief Highley's memo highlighted how much savings he anticipates by making this change. She asked him to share that information. Chief Highley acknowledged that the savings is not easy to determine. There will be some overtime savings for the short term however we have still spent a good deal of money on overtime this year and may have to do some appropriations for that.

Mr. Greeson added that there will be a savings on the salary of the new Assistant Chief because the salary will be at a lower level than the current employee. Staff believes that will offset the cost of the overlap. He added that if we can get somebody on board, a step "A" firefighter costs less than time and a half of a tenured firefighter so it should benefit us from an overtime standpoint.

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 37-2015 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 38-2015

Authorizing a Six-Month Extension of Time for Recording of the Final Plat for the Worthington Lodge, LLC Development.

Introduced by Mr. Smith.

MOTION

Mr. Norstrom made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 38-2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troper.

Mr. Brown shared that this legislation is a request for a six month extension to record the final plat associated with the Masonic Lodge redevelopment. As members may or may not know, Section 1101.11(c) requires that after a final plat is approved by City Council it is to be recorded within six months. That six month date is actually today. The applicant is requesting a six month extension to allow them to continue their work with the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Parks Service towards getting tax credits to help with the redevelopment of the site. He believes the deadline to make application for those are late August or early September. Since they did not close on the property with the Masons until June 26th, there has been some time disruptions towards getting the tax credit and in working with the Franklin County Engineers map room to ensure the names and the legal descriptions are correct.

Mr. Brown shared that staff does not have any issues or concerns at this time. All of the previously approved requirements as part of the rezoning for the property continue forward with this application. He added that the applicant is in the audience to address members' questions.

Ms. Dorothy commented that there are no changes to what council has already approved. Mr. Brown agreed.

Ms. Michael added that they are just seeking some federal assistance for some of what they are doing with the historic preservation. Mr. Brown agreed.

Mr. Greeson noted that the reason they are eligible for assistance is because members sought the Worthington Historic District designation which made this eligible for historic preservation tax credits for buildings within the district. He believes this is the first application for that program.

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 38-2015 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 31-2015

Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor and Declaring an Emergency.

Introduced by Mr. Troper.

Ordinance No. 32-2015

To Provide for the Submission of an Amendment to the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio, for a Vote of the City Electorate at a Regular Municipal Election to be Held on November 3, 2015.

Introduced by Ms. Dorothy.

Mrs. Fox explained that staff will need to get this ordinance to the Board of Elections soon. Since tonight is the last regular meeting of council before the recess, she wanted to see if we might be able to set a special meeting in the next couple of weeks to be able to vote on this ordinance and get it to the Board of Elections. Staff wanted to be able to introduce it tonight but then have an opportunity to go through it in more detail so members are aware of what it is and we can talk about some of the impacts. She shared that council is mandated by the Constitution of Ohio to get this to the Board of Elections upon receipt of the required number of signatures. Staff received word late last week that there were enough signatures. Sufficiency of the petition is considered to be the form of the petition which essential fulfills the requirements that are mostly set out in Chapter 35 of the Ohio Revised Code. Staff wanted to be able to have as many council members as possible attend a special meeting so that we could talk about what this is but we really are under an obligation to get it to the Board of Elections soon. The Constitution requires that it go to the Board of Elections for a vote at a General Municipal Election if one occurs between 60 and 120 days. She would like to try to get a vote on this ordinance taken as soon as possible because the Franklin County Board of Elections has a 90 day before the election deadline for many other issues and we still need to work with them on specific language and those sorts of things so we didn't want to take too much time to get that to them so they can get it going.

Ms. Michael suggested a Monday night because Mondays are when council generally meet.

After some conversation, the following motion was made:

MOTION

Ms. Dorothy made a motion to set the public hearing for Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Norstrom asked if the meeting would be a one topic meeting or could members hold a public hearing on all of the ordinances that are being introduced tonight. Mrs. Fox replied that when the Special Meeting notice is sent out, council needs to establish what the purpose of the meeting is so if general business is the nature of the special meeting then that is what we can put in the notice.

Mr. Greeson commented that he doesn't think that any of the ordinances being introduced this evening require action on August 3rd. Mr. Norstrom shared that he was hoping to get the work done and then skip another meeting. Mrs. Fox added that there will be plenty of topics for the September meeting.

Ordinance No. 33-2015

An Ordinance Authorizing the City to Accept Title in the City to Certain Property and to Transfer Title to the Property Back to the Original Owner for Public Purposes.

Introduced by Mr. Smith.

Ordinance No. 34-2015

Approving a Grant as Part of the City's Economic Development Venture Program and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Economic Development Grant Agreement for the Same.

Introduced by Mr. Norstrom.

The Clerk was instructed to give notice of a public hearing on said ordinances in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mr. Hurley shared that last summer, in celebration of July being a National Parks and Recreation Month our staff created a contest where residents could vote through the city's Facebook page on their favorite park. It was a fun way for community members to express their likes and identify parks that they like to frequent. Last summer Shaker Square Park won the award and staff went out and had a party to celebrate with the folks at that park one evening. Staff received a great deal of positive feedback on that event so the same promotion was executed this year and Selby Park was the winner of this year's most favorite park award. A similar party to celebrate will be held at the park on July 27th from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Staff will do some activities and have games and treats for the children.

Mr. Greeson shared that he will be out of town from Thursday, July 23rd through the middle of next week. Mrs. Steward will be acting City Manager during that time.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Norstrom expressed his disappointment in his fellow council members. At the first meeting in July members agreed to deal with the "letter" at tonight's meeting. Mr. Smith was to develop a version with new language. He understands that members decided to approve the letter at the last meeting, since members learned that Dr. Chosy would not vote for the "letter" if it did not contain the paragraph, the paragraph that was not in the

initial letter prepared by Mr. Myers and having done that, he feels that the council disrespected him and he is very disappointed in the actions taken by this council.

OTHER

MOTION Mr. Troper made a motion that council recess during the month of August except for the Special Meeting on Monday, August 3, 2015. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dorothy.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Norstrom.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
8th day of September, 2015.*

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
Council President