



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 5, 2016 ~ 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
Scott Myers, President Pro-Tempore
Rachael Dorothy
Douglas C. Foust
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 Tuesday, July 5, 2016, 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 7:50 p.m.

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

Member(s) Absent:

Also present: Clerk of Council D. Kay Thress, Assistant City Manager Robyn Stewart, Director of Law Pamela Fox, Director of Finance Molly Roberts, Director of Public Service and Engineering Dan Whited, Director of Planning and Building Lee Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation Darren Hurley, Interim Chief of Police Jerry Strait and Chief of Fire Scott Highley

There were three visitors present.

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

VISITOR COMMENTS – There were no visitor comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 16, 2016 – Regular Meeting
- June 6, 2016 – Regular Meeting
- June 13, 2016 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

MOTION Mr. Foust made a motion to approve the aforementioned minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Norstrom.

The motion to approve the minutes as presented carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LEGISLATION

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

Ordinance No. 14-2016

Amending Ordinance No. 44-2015 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay for the Central District Sanitary Sewer Repairs at Proprietors Road and SR 161 and all Related Expenses and

Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 618-15)

The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.

Ms. Stewart shared that this ordinance was tabled by City Council in early May. She requested that it be removed from the table.

MOTION Mr. Smith made a motion to remove Ordinance No. 14-2016 from the table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Myers.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ms. Stewart commented that this item relates to a sewer manhole on Granville Road at Proprietors Road. She asked Mr. Whited to comment.

Mr. Whited reported that the project was brought to City Council in late April/ early May as noted by Ms. Stewart. The project is to repair a sewer manhole on StRt 161 at Proprietors to remove a blind tap to improve hydraulic efficiencies and make the sewer flow better. It would also provide for easier cleaning and operation maintenance. The project was sent out to bid based on an engineer's estimate from a consultant. Thinking it would be less than \$50,000, a simplified bid process was used. Bids were received over the estimate which accounted for the delay. After additional efforts we ultimately combined this work with the street improvement program with Columbus Asphalt. They were able to give us a solid price for the needed work for just under \$50,000. The request is for \$50,000 so we can go ahead and award the contract and getting moving with the repairs prior to the paving of StRt 161 that will begin in August.

MOTION Mr. Norstrom made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 14-2016 by inserting the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in Section 1. and inserting the firm of Columbus Asphalt Paving in Section 2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Myers.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

There being no additional comments, the Clerk called the roll on the passage of Ordinance No. 14-2016 (As Amended). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 Foust, Troper, Norstrom, Dorothy, Smith, Myers and Michael

No 0

Ordinance No. 14-2016 (As Amended) was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.

NEW LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED**Resolution No. 27-2016**

Providing for Adoption of the Tax Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2017

Introduced by Ms. Dorothy.

MOTION

Mr. Troper made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 27-2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Foust.

Ms. Stewart reported this being an annual exercise for the City Council. The tax budget is prepared and approved by City Council for submission to the Franklin County Budget Commission, which is required under the Ohio Revised Code. She asked Ms. Roberts to comment.

Ms. Roberts commented that Resolution No. 27-2016 was included in tonight's Council packets for consideration, which provides for the adoption of the County Tax Budget as Ms. Stewart mentioned. This is an annual housekeeping item. The estimates reflected in the 2017 budget primarily mirror what was presented to members as a planning document in the 2016 budget. She would be happy to answer any questions about the actual numbers.

Ms. Roberts added that earlier this year at the Council retreat the concept of priority based budgeting was discussed as an area of interest for the operating budget presentation which will occur later this fall. Staff is still in the process of reviewing various resources and materials in an effort to gain more knowledge and insight into the concept so that we will be prepared to address this with Council this fall.

Ms. Dorothy asked Ms. Roberts if she could identify where the vehicle licensing tax is located in the budget. She knows there has been some interest about how much fees we receive and at what rate we received them. Ms. Roberts replied that if members look at the page titled, "2017 Tax Budget Summary", the motor vehicle license tax that she believes Ms. Dorothy is referring to is what we consider fund #215, which is about midway down in the special revenue line. We receive about \$115,000 a year in revenue, or somewhere between \$11,000 and \$12,000 a month. In the last several years, we have been in the practice of committing \$150,000 of that revenue to the CIP fund as part of the payment towards the street improvements fund. So we have been drawing down on those funds. The balance at the beginning of 2016 was \$212,000. She is estimating the balance to be around \$177,000 by the end of the year.

Ms. Dorothy stated that is a licensing tax that the county collects for municipalities. It is then distributed to wherever the licensee resides. Ms. Roberts explained that the Motor Vehicle License Fee is a fee that the City actually collects each month. There is a separate fund, the Permissive License Tax that the County collects and then holds those funds until we identify a project that has to be an arterial street and has to be approved by the County Engineer before they will release those funds for improvements.

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 27-2016 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 24-2016

To Provide for the Submission of Amendments to the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio, for a Vote of the City Electorate at a Regular Municipal Election Previously Ordered for and to be Held on November 8, 2016.

Introduced by Mr. Norstrom.

Ordinance No. 25-2016

Accepting Storm Sewer, Water Lines, Sanitary Sewer, and Street Improvements in the Michaela Subdivision.

Introduced by Mr. Smith.

Ordinance No. 26-2016

Approving the Provisions of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Worthington, Ohio and the Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge No. 9 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Same on Behalf of City.

Introduced by Mr. Myers.

Ordinance No. 27-2016

Amending Ordinance No. 44-2015 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Cost of Installation and Related Services for Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons at the High Street Intersections of Stafford Avenue, Village Green South and Short Street and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 626-16)

Introduced by Ms. Dorothy.

Ordinance No. 28-2016

Amending Ordinance No. 44-2015 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay for the Central District Sanitary Sewer Repairs on South Street and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 618-15)

Introduced by Mr. Troper.

The Clerk was instructed to give notice of a public hearing on said ordinance(s) in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter unless otherwise directed.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Policy Item(s)

- Request to Bid – Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons

Ms. Stewart shared that the appropriation legislation for this project was just introduced and that public hearing will occur later in the month. In the mean time staff would like to solicit bids for this project. She invited Mr. Whited to shared additional comments.

Mr. Whited reported having no additional comments. Staff would like to bid the project as soon as possible.

MOTION

Ms. Dorothy made a motion to authorize a request for bid for pedestrian hybrid beacons. The motion was seconded by Mr. Foust.

There being no additional comments, the motion carried by a voice vote.

- Request to Bid – Sanitary Sewer Repairs on South Street

Ms. Stewart commented that this project is recommended in the Central District Sanitary Sewer Study. Like with the last item, the appropriation was just introduced for a public hearing later this month. Staff is seeking permission to bid. She asked Mr. Whited if he had any additional comments.

Mr. Whited shared that this is a project that staff would also like to get moving this year. These fixes will help eliminate the water in basements that we have seen with recent storms.

Mr. Norstrom commented that the recent flooding in the Colonial Hills area and nearby, there is also a project on his street of Hardy Way in the Capital budget and it keeps getting pushed out. He asked if that has anything to do with the flooding problems. Mr. Whited replied that this particular project will not remedy that situation. But there are multiple projects that we are moving for design on that will help. He was just given the final sanitary sewer study this week and is in the process of reviewing that. It identifies additional fixes that will occur in the coming projects.

Ms. Michael asked if this will also help alleviate the problem that we have receive several letters from regarding flooding in the Colonial Hills area. Mr. Whited stated that is unrelated as it is a storm water issue.

MOTION

Mr. Smith made a motion to authorize a request for bid for sanitary sewer repairs on South Street. The motion was seconded by Mr. Myers.

There being no additional comments, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Information Items

Ms. Stewart shared that the annual audit has recently concluded and we need to have City Council members sign on a form to indicate whether they wish to have or not have an audit conference. Ms. Roberts has the form and it can be circulated after the meeting to complete.

Ms. Roberts reported that the audit was very clean and she doesn't expect any findings of any kind although there may be a few points of clarification.

Mr. Norstrom asked if a letter was issued. Ms. Roberts concurred that they did issue a preliminary letter. She will make sure that it gets sent out to members.

Ms. Stewart shared that at the last meeting she distributed information about the conference for the National League of Cities. The early bird registration deadline is coming up this month. She would be seeking clarification soon on who will be attending. The budget allows for two members to attend.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Norstrom shared:

- COTA Board – members may have read about an incident where a driver, not in our community, had a passenger who alleged that she was prejudiced and forced off the bus. COTA has investigated that and at this point has found no reasons . . . the driver may have violated policies but in terms of prejudiced that just doesn't exist.
- The Smart City Award was made to Columbus, which is going to involve COTA in a number of different ways. That is very exciting for everybody involved.
- The Partnership had a very successful picnic. He knows that some in the room attended. He recently attended the Partnership Board meeting and everything is really good about that. It was the first annual picnic with the partnership.
- The Arts Festival, in talking with the MAC Director Jon Cook, was a very successful festival this year. Some were sorry that it was no longer on the Green but others were grateful for being able to park at the school and just walk over to the MAC. The music added a lot this year as well.

Ms. Dorothy thanked all the City departments and community organizations that helped put on the fireworks and make the family picnic for the 4th of July an enjoyable event. She noted that many biked to the event.

Ms. Dorothy added that Yay Bikes! is offering professional development rides state wide. They are partnering with ODOT and offering municipalities engineering rides and she was hoping that we in Worthington could get that together.

Ms. Michael echoed Mr. Norstrom's comments regarding the picnic and Arts Festival.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION Mr. Troper made a motion to meet in Executive Session to discuss Board and Commission appointments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Foust.

The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Yes 7 Norstrom, Dorothy, Smith, Myers, Foust, Troper, and Michael

No 0

Council recessed at 7:51 p.m. from the Regular meeting session.

MOTION Mr. Troper made a motion to return to open session at 8:03 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Norstrom.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

MOTION Mr. Norstrom made a motion to reappoint Richard Macer and appoint Glennon Sweeney to the Community Relations Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mr. Myers.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
6th day of September, 2016.*

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
Council President