



## **Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 ~ 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, September 5, 2017, 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 Robyn Stewart Temporary Clerk of Council for this evening's meeting.*

**MOTION** Councilmember Norstrom made a motion to appoint Robyn Stewart Temporary Clerk of Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Myers.

**The motion to appoint Robyn Stewart Temporary Clerk of Council carried unanimously.**

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

**Also present:** City Manager Matthew Greeson, Acting Director of Law Dan Guttman, Assistant City Manager Robyn Stewart, Director of Finance Scott Bartter, Director of Service and Engineering Dan Whited, Director of Planning and Building Lee Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation Darren Hurley, Chief of Police Jerry Strait and Chief of Fire Scott Highley

There were thirty-two visitors present.

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

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

*President Michael reported that there is one individual who wishes to address City Council regarding an item that is not on the agenda.*

**Paul Dorothy, 179 Kenbrook Drive**

*Mr. Dorothy wished to address the situation regarding the removal of the Ripley House Marker. He felt that he was ashamed to say he was resident of Worthington after City leadership removed the marker. It was a bad decision by appointed and elected leaders, and failed to include any public voices to be heard other than the "Mob" that overtook the voices of Worthington residents. Mr. Dorothy stated that he had a discussion with the City Manager Mr. Greeson and was told that there was a threat of ANTIFA protestors*

*with a history of violence, and that the City could not promise safety of persons and property.*

*Mr. Dorothy then repeated the oath of office taken by officials and that this has been forgotten. He noted the fact that this event goes against the history of Worthington residents standing up for what is right. We are forsaking the memory of those men who have sacrificed in the Civil War based upon the threat of violence. In his earlier conversation with Mr. Greeson he stated that it is difficult to control the protests. Mr. Dorothy questioned the Council on how will Worthington respond going forward? Will there be an ordinance passed requiring the removal of masks and additional Police contingency plans drafted? When will this be addressed in future meetings because it is not on the agenda tonight?*

*Mr. Norstrom responded to Mr. Dorothy that he potentially does not understand all the facts regarding the removal of the Ripley sign. Mr. Greeson had discussions with the property owner and it was not an easy decision to take the sign down, however we were not afraid, it was a discussion based upon the potential effects on the City.*

*Ms. Michael stated that the community did not have much advance notification regarding the potential for ANTIFA protestors with a history of arriving with weapons and a lack of respect for police or public property. The sign is currently in safe keeping. However, there will be a community dialogue going forward on how to address what the right thing to do is with the Ripley sign.*

*Mr. Foust commented that he also weighed in on the decision and when he was informed that there were individuals prone to violence, it was a clear decision to be made for public safety.*

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **July 10, 2017 – Committee of the Whole Meeting**
- **July 17, 2017 – Special Meeting**
- **July 17, 2017 – Joint Meeting**
- **July 17, 2017 – Regular Meeting**

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

**The motion to approve the minutes as amended carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LEGISLATION**

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

**Ordinance No. 27-2017**

To Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Worthington, Ohio, to Change Zoning of Certain Land from C-4, Highway and Automotive Services to WBC-3, Mixed Use (7007 North High Street), Parcel #100-001218.

**The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.**

*Mr. Greeson recognized Mr. Jack Reynolds who represents the applicant. Mr. Reynolds spoke about the rezoning for this particular piece of property and how there has been confusion about what is being done. After talking with staff, a decision was made that the rezoning issue may be better suited to be addressed later. They have been going through the Municipal Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board process. He does not want to disrupt the process occurring currently and would like to withdraw the request and will come back after it is further along in the process.*

**MOTION**

President Michael made a motion to withdraw Ordinance No. 27-2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith.

*Mr. Greeson recommended that the motion to withdraw be conducted by a roll call vote.*

**The clerk called the roll to withdraw Ordinance No. 27-2017:**

**YES 7** Dorothy, Foust, Myers, Norstrom, Smith, Troper and Michael

**NO 0**

*Mr. Lee Brown, Director of Planning and Building stated that there were false Facebook comments regarding the rezoning of additional property that is not part of the project to be torn down. This requests relates only to the Holiday Inn site itself.*

**Ordinance No. 27-2017 was thereupon withdrawn.**

**NEW LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED****Resolution No. 51-2017**

Approving the Subdivision of Property at 303 East New England Avenue and Approving a Subdivider's Agreement (Bob Webb Homes & Pamela R. Johnston)

**Introduced by Councilmember Smith.**

**MOTION** Councilmember Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 51-2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dorothy.

*Mr. Greeson introduced Dan Guttman who is a partner with Baker Hostetler and currently serving as acting Law Director. He also introduced his associate Steve Elliot from Baker Hostetler who works with land use issues.*

*Mr. Brown stated that there are three lots of record that are to be reconfigured into three new lots. He said that there will be a preservation easement created to protect the land running against Rush Creek. City staff encouraged the applicant to add the easement. There will be the creation of three new lots of record that exceed the requirements for the R-10 district.*

*President Michael asked Mr. Brown if the existing house will be torn down and replaced with three new home builds. Mr. Brown responded that was correct and proceeded to show pictures of the current neighboring homes and how new sidewalks will be installed along Greenwich that will connect to the cul-de-sac. He showed various photos of the site and explained that the steep slope and ravine were deemed important and the property owner worked with staff on that since it is not required in the City Code. Mr. Brown also mentioned the fact that this project went before the Municipal Planning Commission on July 27<sup>th</sup> and it met the code requirements, however some neighbors were in favor of the project and others were not sure.*

Keely Croxton, 595 Greenwich Street

*Ms. Croxton was recognized by President Michael. Ms. Croxton stated that she just purchased her home several months ago based upon the setting and the privacy that the property gave them. She explained that perhaps she would not have purchased this particular house if they knew that this development project was going to be made. While the preservation easement is appreciated, she requests that the easement extend along the southeast corner of the cul-de-sac to protect their privacy. Ms. Croxton has two additional requests, specifically for Bob Webb Homes. First, that they are good stewards of the neighborhood, because the sample rendering she has seen did not match the character of the neighborhood. Secondly, to consider the impact upon existing homes and the impacts upon their privacy and property values.*

Jim King, 307 East New England Avenue

*Mr. King would like to express his support for the applicant. He acknowledged that over the years he has had a good relationship with the neighboring property owners that allowed his family to use the vacant lot for sporting activities. He recognizes the fact that the property is that of the owners and they have the right to use it as they see fit. He does not share the concerns of Ms. Croxton.*

Kirk Dennis, 10812 Buckingham Place, Powell, OH

*Mr. Dennis was recognized as the representative for the builder, Bob Webb Homes. Mr. Smith asked if he has contacted the neighbors to the property regarding how the new*

*homes will blend in with the neighborhood. Mr. Myers remarked that Bob Webb Homes has an excellent reputation and the photos that have been shown are just stock photos, and Mr. Dennis confirmed that this is correct and the new builds will be custom homes.*

*Mr. Brown stated that the property is not in the Architectural Review District, so as long as the new homes conform to building and planning codes, we cannot dictate what is built. Mr. Troper stated that he appreciated the comments made by Mr. King about understanding the property owner's rights to use the land how they please. Mr. Myers also commented on how land use decisions are some of the most difficult decisions that he has to make because of the juxtaposition between landowner rights and the general interest of the greatest good for most. However, he takes comfort in that there could be three new houses built tomorrow. We get a preservation easement out of this and houses fronting the street.*

*Mr. Foust commented that he is aware and sympathetic to the concerns of the property owner, Ms. Croxton, who spoke first.*

*Ms. Michael stated that she hopes that Bob Webb Homes will work closely with the neighbors in the immediate area, listening to the concerns expressed.*

**There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 51-2017 carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

**Resolution No. 52-2017** Adjusting the Annual Budget by Providing for a Transfer of Previously Appropriated Funds.

**Introduced by Councilmember Troper.**

**MOTION** Councilmember Foust made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 52-2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Norstrom.

*Mr. Greeson stated that they regularly transfer funds between accounts that have a surplus of appropriated funds, and move them to where there is a deficit. This is not an additional appropriation and does not increase the adopted budget. These fund transfers have allowed an intern in the City Manager's office to assist in filling a vacant position throughout the fall. Additionally, transfers have allowed for overtime costs in Fire due to extended leaves, and a transfer in Service from a vacant salary line item have helped the ongoing renovation of streetlights in Old Worthington.*

**There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 52-2017 carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

**Resolution No. 53-2017** Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Technical Assistance from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for Development of a Complete Streets Policy through Insight 2050.

**Introduced by Councilmember Smith.**

**MOTION** Councilmember Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 53-2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dorothy.

*Mr. Greeson stated that Mr. Whited can better explain what having a Complete Streets Policy means. Prior to the August recess, a technical assistance program through the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission that helps with implementing the Insight 2050 effort was discussed. The City was successful in their work to secure the award. This effort is in line with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board's recommendations for the development of a Complete Streets Policy. The award is not a cash award; it is an award of technical assistance where MORPC staff and consultants will help the City develop a Complete Streets Policy.*

*Mr. Whited said that Mr. Greeson's explanation did a good job describing how a Complete Streets Policy is intended. Complete Streets allows the City to create a policy that puts in place an approach to issues relating to street improvements beyond just physical infrastructure. This policy will allow for issues such as bike and pedestrian flow, bike lines and other items that may or may not be appropriate in all situations. Mr. Whited looks forward to the help that will be given to develop this policy. Mr. Greeson and Mr. Whited say that it will serve as a "Toolbox."*

*Mr. Norstrom inquired whether or not there is a financial contribution and Mr. Greeson replied that MORPC will hire consultants. Mr. Myers asked how this will relate to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Board. Mr. Whited said that it will allow staff to work with Bicycle and Pedestrian Board to make sure that a Complete Streets Policy is streamlined and professionalized. It will primarily impact new developments relating to streets and sidewalks.*

**There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 53-2017 carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

**Resolution No. 54-2017** Adopting the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO).

**Introduced by Councilmember Troper.**

**MOTION** Councilmember Foust made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 54-2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smith.

*Mr. Whited said that SWACO has been working on this update comprising a 300 page document that will have a limited impact to Worthington since the City has already been leading the charge. The update primarily focuses on a public information effort to encourage curbside yard waste pickups, drop off sites for electronics and*

pharmaceuticals, and encouraging the backyard composting of food scraps. Worthington already has many of these initiatives and is leading the way.

Ms. Dorothy mentioned that there are concerns that not enough people know about what items are recyclable and those that are not. She inquired about whether there is a way to get more citizens engaged in knowing how much is currently being recycled. Maybe this information could be added to the City's quarterly newsletter. Mr. Whited replied that that SWACO has metrics about how much communities are recycling and that information can be communicated better in the future. Mr. Foust seconded Ms. Dorothy's comment.

Mr. Norstrom voiced concerns about SWACO, referencing a Columbus Dispatch article about a request for records about company dumping. The public records request had many things blacked out and there was no movement on working together. He has concerns about the level of transparency shown by SWACO. Mr. Norstrom is not sure if the City should endorse a public agency that is not acting in the best interests of the public.

Mr. Myers stated that he has been on the other side of records requests. After responding to many public records request, it is hard to know what is really going on. Mr. Norstrom responded that approving the plan is equivalent to saying that the agency is doing a good job. Discussions with your lawyer are protected and some agencies are using their lawyers as part of the meeting so they have protection. Mr. Myers stated that the Attorney General is very aware of that concern and does not approve of it.

**There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 54-2017 carried by a voice vote of 6 yea (Dorothy, Foust, Michael, Myers, Smith, Troper) and 1 nay (Norstrom).**

**Ordinance No. 29-2017**

Amending Ordinance No. 45-2016 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Cost of the Northbrook Relief Sewer Phase II Project Design Update and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 656-17)

**Introduced by Councilmember Myers.**

**Ordinance No. 30-2017**

Amending Ordinance No. 45-2016 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Cost of the Old Worthington Street Light and Mast Arm Rehabilitation Project and all Related Expenses and

Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 655-17)

**Introduced by Councilmember Dorothy.**

**Ordinance No. 31-2017**

Amending Ordinance No. 45-2016 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Cost of the Community Center South End Roof Replacement Project and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 650-17)

**Introduced by Councilmember Troper**

**Ordinance No. 32-2017**

Amending Ordinance No. 45-2016 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for Appropriations from the 933 High Street TIF Fund Unappropriated Balances.

**Introduced by Councilmember Foust.**

**Ordinance No. 33-2017**

An Ordinance Enacted by the City of Worthington, Franklin County, Ohio, in the Matter of the Stated Described Project, (FRA-IR270-21.69 PID 76467).

**Introduced by Councilmember Norstrom**

**Ordinance No. 34-2017**

Amending Ordinance No. 45-2016 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Cost of the North Districts Sewer Study and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 657-17)

**Introduced by Councilmember Smith**

**Ordinance No. 35-2017**

Amending Ordinance No. 45-2016 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Additional Design and Engineering Services for the NE Gateway Intersection Improvement Project and all Related Expenses with said Project. (Project No. 602-14)

**Introduced by Councilmember Myers****Ordinance No. 36-2017**

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

**Introduced by Councilmember Dorothy**

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)

- Energy Efficiency Recommendations – Community Center HVAC Project and the Community Center Roof Solar Evaluation
- Request to Bid – Community Center South End Roof

*Mr. Greeson addressed the fact that sustainability is a major priority for the Council. The Community Center is the largest and busiest city facility and is also the largest energy consumer. Evaluations have been done to look at upgrading the HVAC, lighting in the facility, and replacing the roof. Part of this evaluation, undertaken by GPD, included whether or not adding solar to the Community Center roof would be appropriate. Three different elements were looked at in the evaluation to make that determination: energy savings, economic sustainability, particularly return on investment, and the effect on the patrons of the facilities.*

*Mr. Whited stated that he and Mr. Hurley have been working closely on this evaluation. GPD discovered that the solar array, while providing some energy generation, would not be significant due to the limited square footage on the roof; costing \$150,000 to install, while only generating \$7000 per year in energy savings. The rate of return and the need for components to be replaced over the lifespan of the solar panels negates any savings generated.*

*Ms. Dorothy asked if energy savings were considered from additional insulation. Mr. Whited replied that was not part of their scope, but was included in the HVAC evaluation. Ms. Dorothy then asked about the overall sustainability and decrease of carbon usage, moving away from fossil fuels from the installation of panels.*

*Mr. Greeson stated that the two are included in the evaluation on the environmental and economic impact of our City's facilities. The major question is what decision is the wisest investment to have an environmental impact, economic energy savings and improve the experience of our patrons. The conclusion reached is that solar is not the best*

*recommendation due to the high upfront costs and low returns. The HVAC replacement has a significantly better return on investment. Mr. Greeson said that this is not a year or nay on solar, but the ROI may be better further down the road as technology advances.*

*Mr. Myers responded that he wants to make sure that the question of efficiency and carbon footprint is asked. The decision to install solar panels is a policy decision and Worthington should be leading the way, even if it is not the most cost efficient way to do so. There is an economic decision and a policy decision at hand. He emphasizes that he wants a renewed commitment to analyze everything the City does in the decision-making process. Ms. Dorothy commented that she has been pushing since she joined Council to be a leader in this area as well, looking at life cycle costs and look at each building to see how we can save money and be on the cutting edge.*

*Mr. Norstrom asks about the report saying there was a 20 year payback. Mr. Whited says that there is a greater than 20 year payback that does not take into account the replacement costs every 15 years. Mr. Norstrom says that this is a starting place and asks how large of a solar array would be necessary to power the Community Center.*

*Mr. Whited called upon the GPD consultants to address the level of solar that would provide enough energy.*

#### Michael Green and Steve Williams – GPD Group

*Mr. Green explained that the panels would have to be extremely large to generate the necessary amount of energy required. He mentioned that significant energy generation requires a large amount of real estate.*

*Mr. Smith commented that he has worked with a group out of Chicago that does solar panels on government roofs. They do not use the same product GPD has proposed. He believes there are better products that are free standing that can generate more energy. Why was this particular product chosen? Mr. Green stated they tried to go with a high wattage panel that was readily available to begin a discussion. They have looked at various angles for tilt. This proposal represents a best case because of shading on the roof from large trees, creating less power production.*

*Mr. Smith brought up a community solar project to allow residents to buy in and receive credits. There is a 15 year payback and scalable model. The product he references could be installed after the roof.*

*Ms. Dorothy asked Mr. Green if solar technology will improve over time and Mr. Green stated that solar, much like computer technology is getting logarithmically better over time. However, there will be a point of diminishing returns.*

*Ms. Michael inquired whether the roof can be done and solar installed at a later date. Mr. Whited replied that is correct. Ms. Michael then posed the question of whether or not this is something to keep regularly on the agenda when discussing additions such as this? Mr. Norstrom said that Mr. Myers summed up the approach he would like to*

*advocate with this becoming a mindset of the organization. The City wants to adopt solar, but it has to become more cost efficient. We do not want to install it if we are losing money on it.*

*Mr. Greeson asked for a motion authorizing the advertisement of bids for the roof project as proposed.*

**MOTION** Councilmember Myers made a motion to authorize a request to bid the Community Center South End Roof as proposed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Norstrom.

**There being no additional comments, the motion to authorize a request to bid the community center south end roof as proposed carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

*Ms. Michael gave direction to staff that the solar panel issue should be brought up again annually as part of the budget discussion. Mr. Myers inquired as to the best way for council to ensure that this is part of the decision making matrix going forward so that it becomes second nature. Mr. Greeson responded that he needs to reflect more on the topic. MORPC is proposing changes the Green Pact, which is an aspirational statement of environmental principles that communities in Central Ohio signed. Those changes may be important to this discussion going forward. Mr. Myers said he wants to start on a process where sustainability is incorporated into everything. Mr. Norstrom said that this is aspirational and does not force us to do anything.*

*Mr. Myers said he expects Mr. Greeson to report back to Council in a reasonable amount of time later this fall.*

*Mr. Whited handed the discussion on the HVAC to Mr. Hurley and Ms. Stewart for discussion.*

*Mr. Hurley discussed the replacement of the HVAC system in the Community Center. Dynamix completed the original evaluation conducted in 2015. This helped when working on the north end roof replacement, but also looked at the south end. The report indicated several benefits of replacement, identifying four project packages. The projects varied with upfront costs and calculated return on investment anywhere from a 9 to 13 year ROI for replacement, costing \$943,000 to \$1,800,000. Beyond the economic aspect, benefits of replacement are spread to patrons and equipment. There is a pressure issue from the pools with chlorine air from the pools pushing out, wreaking havoc on equipment with parts failing quickly and needing to be replaced. Mr. Hurley then turned to Ms. Stewart to discuss the process further.*

*Ms. Stewart stated that it had already been discussed with Council to utilize the design-build process for this project. However in the midst of that process there were questions raised by one firm that made the City take a second look at the process. Under the State statute, there is another process that more appropriately fits the project than the design-build process. Staff proposes utilizing a process that is defined for energy conservation*

projects. This requires a request for proposals from at least three vendors, and then evaluation of those proposals to select the most qualified vendor. The vendor selected must provide a new report and evaluation. After the report is received, the City has the option to go with that vendor to install the recommended standards. Under the Ohio Revised Codes, the energy savings must pay for the project and the vendor has to provide a guarantee of savings and will reimburse if the savings are not met. Staff suggests moving forward under this process.

Ms. Dorothy asks how long these firms have been in business and whether or not this process has been used throughout Ohio. Ms. Stewart cannot give examples of this used in Ohio, however staff will look at the qualifications of the vendors being considered. Mr. Norstrom asked if the City must go with the selected vendor. Ms. Stewart stated the language of statute says that the City may use the vendor if desired. However the process must be explored if it is decided not to use that vendor.

Mr. Myers asked about the ability to bond for energy guarantees. Ms. Stewart commented she is unsure about the ability to do that, or what form the energy guarantees will take. Ms. Michael inquired whether or not staff is deciding to move forward to get the study done, and finding out additional answers such as bonding. Mr. Norstrom said that we do not have all of the answers yet. Mr. Greeson said that he assumes the contractors are bonded for their work, but doubt they are bonded for the savings. Mr. Myers wants to know if there is a way to require the vendors to be bonded. Mr. Guttman advised that the energy conservation process is not brand new and allows the ability to by-pass competitive bidding if there is a conservation element to the proposal allowing the City to select the best bidder, not the lowest bidder.

Mr. Myers wants to know what is being asked of the Council. Is it that the City selects the preferred vendor and they prepare a report? Ms. Stewart says that staff wants to utilize this process to select a vendor; specific action of council is not needed because previous authorization had been given, however at that time the process was to utilize design-build and now it was felt Council needed to be notified of the different process. After a vendor has been decided, it will be brought back.

Mr. Myers asked if at that point the questions that he and Mr. Norstrom asked will be answered. Mr. Norstrom stated he would prefer to have those answers before going down this path, design build was the process approved and seemed to be the best way to go. This new process seems more like hiring professional engineers where you go with the best qualified company. Mr. Greeson said that they do a study and if they have the best approach, you can choose to have them do the work. They are both the designers and the contractors. Mr. Guttman says this process is different because it has the energy conservation component, so if the bid is not the lowest it is understood.

Mr. Norstrom would like more history of where it has been in used in the state before going down this path. Mr. Guttman said that this process has been used, but he is not aware of specific examples. Mr. Whited responded that the City of Whitehall and Pickerington schools have used this process.

*Ms. Michael asks if this issue should be put aside for one or two meetings before an update. Mr. Myers and Ms. Dorothy stated they were ready to move forward now. Ms. Michael asked if there needs to be a motion. Mr. Greeson said yes.*

**MOTION** Councilmember Myers made a motion to move from a Design-Build process to an Energy Conservation process under the Ohio Revised Code. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dorothy.

**There being no additional comments, the motion passed by a voice vote of 6 “yea” (Dorothy, Foust, Michael, Myers, Smith, Troper) and 1 “nay” (Norstrom).**

*Mr. Greeson commented that Mr. Guttman will be creating a memo answering questions asked about the process.*

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

*Mr. Greeson reported that with the help of the City Intern Mr. Barnhardt, the Worthington Citizens Academy is slated to begin with 17 participants. They are looking forward to the opportunity to expose citizens to each of our departments and their responsibilities.*

*Worthington Cares has started, which is a program sponsored by Drug Safe Worthington on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Issues such as drugs, bullying, and mental health topics are discussed and the events include food and games for youth participants.*

*The SR-161 process has advanced with ODOT staff and a project consultant presenting results from the advisory committee process to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board. They had a number of recommendations to be considered in the design phase. A feasibility study will be finalized in the fall and it will be brought forward to partners at that time.*

*Ohio State Airport has created a technical committee for the Master Plan and is requesting a designee. Mr. Greeson stated that he has asked Ms. Stewart to serve on this committee on behalf of Worthington. He is considering the engagement of David Zoll again, an attorney from Toledo who worked with the City the last time the airport updated their master plan. He assisted with aviation advice and expertise.*

*The McCord Park Master Plan process is also underway and the City has asked POD Design to help with the process. Mr. Hurley stated that meetings have been held with stakeholders and the next step is to hold an open house. After receiving feedback, there will be the need to rework the plan before going to the Parks and Recreation Commission.*

*Ms. Michael asked for any additional comments from staff. Mr. Guttman introduced himself and his role with Baker Hostetler, and explained how he has been pleased to provide advice since the recently retired Law Director Ms. Fox left the City. The relationship with the City of Worthington is special for both the firm and himself*

personally. He started working with the City 20 years ago. Mike Minister was a partner with Baker Hostetler, as was Ms. Fox before going to Hilliard.

## REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Norstrom shared that COTA has adopted their NextGen plan, addressing the need for high capacity corridors which is the next step for future transportation modes. He recognized Bill Lhota's passing in August. Mr. Lhota served on the MAC Board and Charter Review Committee. Mr. Norstrom noted that he will be missed.

Mr. Smith stated that he is happy to present the sidewalk review in the next couple months. Mr. Greeson said that it has been mentioned adding sidewalks to the next agenda. This conversation does not need to be specific to Crandall Drive.

Mr. Smith commented in the past month, five different residents have asked what can be done about farmer's market congestion. He asked if there is anything we can do to stretch it out? Mr. Norstrom said that this has been a consistent discussion for 20 years and is a penalty of success.

Mr. Norstrom mentioned that the sip and stroll policy has increased activity at night and brought even more life to downtown.

Ms. Dorothy reported that WIFA has six delegates coming from Japan to visit Worthington on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meet and greet held in the Griswold Center.

Ms. Michael mentioned the October 24<sup>th</sup> Consortium for Good Government candidate night at the McConnell Arts Center. She then shared that she wants the Council to see the research that has been done by the City's intern on a Worthington Foundation. Mr. Greeson responded that there are other community members, along with Council, that should be brought into that discussion.

## ADJOURNMENT

### MOTION

Mr. Foust made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Norstrom.

**The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Robyn Stewart  
Temporary Clerk of Council

APPROVED by the City Council, this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael  
Council President