



**CITY OF WORTHINGTON**  
**Worthington City Council Minutes**

April 15, 2019

6550 N. High Street  
Worthington, Ohio 43085

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**CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance**

Worthington City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, April 15, 2019, in the John P. Coleman Council Chambers of the Louis J.R. Goorey Municipal Building, 6550 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio. President Michael called the meeting to order at or about 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rachael R. Dorothy, Beth Kowalczyk, Douglas Foust, David Robinson, Douglas K. Smith and Bonnie D. Michael

**Member(s) Absent:** Scott Myers

**Also present:** City Manager Matt Greeson, Assistant City Manager Robyn Stewart, Director of Law Tom Lindsey, Director of Finance Scott Bartter, Director of Service & Engineering Dan Whited, Director of Planning & Building Lee Brown, Director of Parks & Recreation Darren Hurley, Personnel Director Lori Trego, Clerk of Council D. Kay Thress, Assistant City Clerk Ethan Barnhardt

There were 17 visitors present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Sheryl Najmulski – 6656 Stenten Street

Ms. Najmulski thanked Council for the opportunity to voice her concerns over the population of critters in Worthington. Stenten Street residents have had a problem with deer leaving droppings and eating plants. She has dealt with racoons in her window-well and will have to pay \$500 for their removal. This is an unnecessary expense to her as a homeowner and the critter problem is uncontrolled in the City. Her neighbor has had roof and siding damage from racoons trying to get into her home. Another neighbor has also had major damage and expense from racoons entering their attic. She explained how she has spent money on deterrents, and she does not know if they are even working. She explained how she must trust that neighbors are not leaving food outside to attract unwanted animals. Also, pets can get sick from eating deer droppings.

She asked about options for removals and if it is legal to poison unwanted critters, because she is put in an uncomfortable position. She asked the question if she can poison critters on her property. The City of Worthington should help residents by helping to control the deer population, through continued education to remind people not to feed animals, offer the removal of unwanted critters on personal property or to establish a preferred vendor with discounted rates for critter removal. There has been a critter explosion and they will not leave on their own. We live in a city and wildlife does not belong in a residential community.

*President Michael responded that this week, Mr. Barnhardt, the Assistant City Clerk and Councilmember Smith will be attending the Ohio Community Wildlife Conference to learn more about best methods from other cities.*

*Mr. Greeson explained that staff can distribute the research that has been done on deer and wildlife management that has been done in the past. Mr. Barnhardt is going to be attending the Ohio Community Wildlife Conference to learn more about deer management and he will work to update our research. Regarding deer management programs to cull the herd, communities that do so have suitable land or properties where hunters can participate. As a built-out community we have struggled with identifying any commonly used program that would work here. We are committed to more education and staying on top of best practices. There must be an education piece around feeding, and we might want to consider regulation of feeding because it is a contributor to the deer population. Many of the various methodologies used to reduce herd, we are not comfortable with or are not suitable at this point.*

*President Michael noted that education about feeding other critters also includes not leaving food out for dogs, cats, and other animals too. We can distribute information through our E-Newsletter and email chains. Mr. Greeson added how another resident had similar concerns recently. We promised to increase our information about discouraging feeding.*

*President Michael relayed that the deer situation is across the whole City. It is not just feeding the deer, but them coming in and eating what you have planted on your property. It is not an easy solution.*

*Ms. Dorothy asked if we ever had an animal control person on staff. Mr. Greeson said we did at one point, but it pre-dated him. President Michael reported that the animal control person was through the Police Department, and mostly picked up stray dogs. Franklin County offered to take that responsibility over. Ms. Dorothy clarified that at this point it is mostly education, with individuals working with local vendors for critter control. Mr. Greeson said that is correct. He added that getting rid of pests on your property is a private property responsibility. We want to discourage feeding and have not researched a preferred vendor approach. Ms. Najmulski asked if we would be willing to do that. Mr. Greeson said that we would look at what other communities have done and their experiences. Some communities want to steer towards using non-lethal, animal friendly*

vendors potentially. He expressed how he is not sure if a community has steered citizens to using a specific vendor. That gets us into the business of picking people, which is something we typically do not do.

Ms. Najmulski asked if it was legal to poison critters on your personal property. Mr. Lindsey reported there being certain regulations from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) around what you can and cannot do. He remarked that he once had chipmunk issues and he was surprised by what he could and could not do. He suggested looking at the ODNR website. He reported this as being a county-wide problem. The problem is most cities have laws against discharging weapons within city limits for the safety of others. Bow hunting is normally permitted in areas with large fields but this is not directly applicable to Worthington and is not an effective solution.

Mr. Greeson brought up how there is a third issue here regarding rat infestations. He said that Columbus Public Health can work with a property owner to help identify the source and reduce the conditions that are causing the rat infestation.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)**

### **Resolution No. 19-2019**

To Congratulate Jack and Melissa Conrath on Their Recognition as Recipients of the 2018 Good Neighbor Award from the Worthington Community Relations Commission.

**Introduced by Ms. Kowalczyk.**

### **MOTION**

Ms. Dorothy made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson.

**There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-2019 passed unanimously by a voice vote.**

Mr. Miner described how this is one of the most fun things that they get to do each year. The Community Relations Commission created the Good Neighbor Award to recognize individuals who make our neighborhoods and our community such a special place to live. This year's award goes to Jack and Melissa Conrath who exemplify being a good neighbor through their kindness and generosity.

Mr. Miner read the text of the resolution in its entirety and presented the Conraths with a certified copy.

Ms. Conrath expressed how they are very humbled and appreciative of this recognition. This has reminded her of one of her first impressions of the Worthington community and the great sense of community that exists here. The quality of life in Worthington and people around them in their neighborhood adds so much to their enjoyment of Worthington. She expressed how her husband is the one who has really earned this award because if a

*neighbor calls, he always offers to help and then does the work for them. They are very appreciative and humbled to receive this award.*

*President Michael emphasized that this is one of the nicest things we do in the community. It is amazing year after year the things that neighbors do for each other. It is why people love Worthington.*

*Mr. Robinson corroborated Mrs. Conrath's comments about her husband and shared a story about him.*

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- Regular Meeting – April 1, 2019

*Mr. Foust requested a correction to remove “and not” from the first sentence of paragraph four on page six of the minutes.*

**MOTION**                      Mr. Foust moved, Mr. Smith seconded a motion to accept the correction and approve the minutes.

**The motion passed 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. 09-2019**                      Declaring Improvements to Real Property within the City to be a Public Purpose; Declaring such Property to be Exempt from Real Property Taxation; Requiring the Owners of the Real Property to Make Service Payments In Lieu of Taxes; Establishing an Urban Redevelopment Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the Deposit of Service Payments; and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Tax Increment Financing Service Agreement and a Development Agreement with the Property Owner.

**The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.**

*Mr. McCorkle discussed how this ordinance is for the Worthington Gateway, which is the redevelopment of the Holiday Inn site. We have already brought forward an ordinance for the transfer and conveyance of the property, this is part two of that request, the actual approval of the TIF.*

*President Michael commented that neighbors have asked her when action would begin on this project. Mr. McCorkle replied that it is likely construction would begin in late summer. There are still some pieces to be completed on the financial side before construction will begin.*

*Mr. McCorkle explained that this project is for the 4-story Hampton Inn & Suites, 18,000 square feet of Class-A office space, and 30,000 square feet of retail.*

*He detailed the allocations of property tax revenues to the various different taxing jurisdictions. He then explained the structure of how a TIF works. The base value is the existing valuation of the property. The property taxes on the current \$6.5 million valuation will continue to go to the current taxing jurisdictions they go to now. The TIF fund is for the incremental increase over the \$6.5 million. TIF fund dollars will go to reimburse the developer for eligible onsite and offsite costs.*

*This is specifically a 100%, 30-year Urban Redevelopment TIF. For an Urban Redevelopment TIF, two things need to apply. First, the City needs to hold fee title prior to this ordinance adoption, which happened this past Friday. Second, that the fee of the parcel is conveyed which also happened this past Friday. We are not required to have schoolboard approval, only 14 days advance notice, which happened at the end of February. There is no compensation agreement with the schools because it is a non-school TIF. The TIF will commence when the ordinance is effective on May 8.*

*Mr. Robinson asked what a fee title is. Mr. McCorkle explained how we transferred the title for \$1 and it was then transferred back for \$1. That designates it as being for public improvements. A typical TIF, would only allow us to designate offsite improvements as eligible costs. By transferring the property to us, we can now designate those as public improvements. Mr. Lindsey reported it as being a statutory requirement for urban redevelopment type TIFs. The assumption is it dealt with land banking or assemblage of properties in blighted areas and extending to demolition costs. The statute does not set a time limit as to how long the City must be in title of the property. What was done here is not unusual in the State.*

*We do have a Development Agreement as part of this. The TIF and the Development Agreement are tied to PUD. If the developer does not hold up their end per the PUD, we can hold them accountable by withholding funds from the reimbursements of the TIF. We project the TIF will collect \$6.2 million dollars over 30-years. When looking at the reimbursement cap with 4% interest, you are looking at about \$5.2 million in pay-out over 30 years. The 4% interest rate is determined by the Ohio Tax Commissioner. It is the Federal short-term rate, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, sub one. The developer asked for a higher interest rate, and we met in the middle. We have implemented a sliding scale on the reimbursements with a max of \$3.4 million reimbursement plus 4% interest. He emphasized that reimbursement cannot exceed the dollars available in the TIF fund, and the City will not pay out of pocket for anything that does not come out of that fund.*

*When asked by Ms. Dorothy if this is like the Heights at Worthington Place with the underground parking, Mr. Greeson identified a better parallel of the storm sewer that was relocated under Fresh Thyme or the demolition costs associated with the Shops at Worthington Place. Mr. McCorkle added the Heights was a 30-year non-school TIF. We paid directly in an economic development grant through an economic development agreement to make the parking garage more affordable and to build Class A office space.*

*Mr. McCorkle explained that the developer is agreeing to let the City inspect. Those inspection costs will be reimbursed back the City before the developer receives any reimbursement.*

*Mr. Robinson asked if the TIF reimbursements are not directly correlated to property valuation. Mr. McCorkle said it is not directly proportional. We are anticipating it will be at least \$17.5 million in valuation, the developer thinks it will be higher than that. This allows a little flexibility. We are also requiring at least five continuous years of that valuation.*

*Mr. McCorkle overviewed the eligible public improvements.*

**There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 09-2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes    6        Robinson, Kowalczyk, Dorothy, Smith, Foust, and Michael**

**No     0**

**Ordinance No. 09-2019 was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.**

**Ordinance No. 13-2019**

Amending Ordinance No. 52-2018 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Costs of the 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Program and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 693-19)

**The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.**

*Mr. Greeson reminded how we have programmed funding, which is \$100,000 this year, to begin to achieve Council' and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board's goals around bicycle and pedestrian improvements. This ordinance appropriates those funds, allowing them to be spent.*

*Mr. Hurley explained how looking at the draft of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; we have found a lot of projects that we are interested in taking a look at. We want to get*

*moving on projects for this year. The project that came up in recommendations was for a crossing improvement at East Dublin-Granville Road and at Pingree Drive which currently has no marked crossing. The Master Plan presentation from earlier this year explained how there are challenges of bicycle and pedestrian access at major corridors. There is a signalized crossing west of Old Worthington. People to the east want to be able to get to the Moses Wright Nature Area and Pingree Park.*

*He explained how at this point Mr. Whited and staff are assessing some of the safety concerns with crossing there with speeds and line of sight. We are in the process of getting opinions from a traffic consultant. That will come back to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board and we will move forward as their top priority if it is within the budgeted amount of \$100,000. In the event there is some funding left over, the Board has recommended bike racks because there are not enough at either East Granville Road Park or Pingree Park. There are also additional recommendations including some pilot projects that might help with bike and pedestrian access and potentially some small sidewalk connections that could be made in that area.*

*Mr. Smith brought up how he frequents the parks and it is up to the traffic consultants what to do with the gradual hill but there is a blind spot and he asked to please keep that in mind.*

*Mr. Foust commented how this fills an important need.*

*Ms. Kowalczyk shared that she had a business owner question her about opportunities for local business owners to install bike racks and she was not sure if that has been considered. Mr. Hurley replied saying bike racks did not come up through the Parks Master Planning process however, it is part of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The Parks and Recreation Commission made a motion to indicate that they agreed with the addition of bike racks. Installing them in these parks as they become more accessible makes sense. He asked to be put in touch with those businessowners if possible.*

*Ms. Dorothy thanked everyone who has worked on this. We are turning a corner in how we are looking at every single aspect of being able to access places throughout the City, not by car, but by other modes of transportation. She expressed how glad she is that we are trying to solve these issues.*

### **Patricia Lauducci – 791 Morning Street**

Ms. Lauducci applauded Council for making this a priority, establishing the advisory board, and working so well with Parks and Recreation. They went to several of the meetings for the planning committee and they did a great job to get community input. She wanted to bring up one more opportunity for partnership and that is with the schools. They are currently re-establishing feeder patterns and the proposal on the table is to shift Wilson Hill kids to Worthingway. You already have Evening Street students coming across the other way. In all of these areas the speed limit is 35mph except for the downtown intersection which is really safe. We cannot send all the kids there and across. She would

like to see before these feeder patterns change to have more appropriations for bike and ped improvements and coordination and cooperation between the City and School Board. Emotions are high about changes like this regarding safety and transportation. She would love to see us seize the opportunity to make it a priority.

President Michael emphasized that there will need to be some real conversations on the best ways for the kids to get from Wilson Hill over to Worthingway. Ms. Lauducci said this is new for sixth graders. The eleven-year-olds are what everyone is up in arms about because the streets are big and long to cross, with a 35mph speed limit and it is too much to ask to have them take their lives into their own hands all the time. She commented how the Superintendent told her that it is only 65 kids. That is 65 more kids that it was before and if you add all of them together, she believes the number is closer to 200 total between the three schools. Things like flashing lights and school zones are still not on 161 and it is still 35mph all the way through. She knows that is hard with state routes, but if you work in conjunction with each other and we look at things like safe routes to school in addition to other ways of providing resources through grants, we can make something happen.

President Michael explained that the City has a safety committee and maybe they could take a look at this and come up with ideas. Mr. Greeson said he would be happy to talk to the schools about the feeder patterns.

Ms. Dorothy reiterated the fact that we need to prioritize safety of people outside of cars. Speeding cars through Worthington should not be the priority. We need to protect our most vulnerable populations. We are transforming that with the help of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

President Michael said if you are not at school board meetings do not always hear everything. Bringing the idea of what's happening, we have some time to work on coordination.

Ms. Kowalczyk said this speaks to a renewed opportunity to talk about safe streets for schools. The schools have not had time to focus on it because they have had bigger issues, but now this is the issue so she hopes this is something we can pursue with them because there is federal funding there.

Ms. Lauducci emphasized that she would love to be part of the solution and is happy to help any way that she can.

President Michael explained that the City has more than once tried to talk to the schools about safe routes. It has now hit the point where there is a critical reason why it needs to happen.

Mr. Greeson said we were happy to have a school representative on the steering committee of the Bicycle and Pedestrian plan. Mr. Hurley said that the steering committee representative was aware of their research and recommendations and having safe routes to

schools as a priority. The final Master Plan will be another tool to get their attention and continue our conversations.

Mr. Robinson said that he finds great pleasure being in total agreement with Ms. Dorothy on this issue. He lives at Dublin Granville and Plymouth and there is a slight incline and cars coming off 71 enter Worthington going far greater than 35mph. He applauds the selection committee identifying this as high-risk corridor.

Mr. Foust asked about the research regarding what type of mechanism to put in there. Mr. Greeson explained how we are appropriating funds authorizing spending up to \$100,000. Bicycle and Pedestrian board will be presented with options and then they will decide on what to implement.

**There being no comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 13-2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes 6** Kowalczyk, Dorothy, Foust, Smith, Robinson, and Michael

**No 0**

**Ordinance No. 13-2019 was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.**

#### **NEW LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED**

##### **Resolution No. 20-2019**

Amending the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of Worthington to Authorize Communication Technician Retention Agreements.

**Introduced by Ms. Kowalczyk.**

##### **MOTION**

Ms. Dorothy made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith.

*Ms. Trego laid out how the Worthington Communications Center will need to remain operational during the transition process. In order to show appreciation to our current Communication Technicians and to incentivize them to stay during that transition, we are requesting an authorization of retention payments for Communication Technicians that remain employed with the city through the transition in 2020. It is for \$250 per every 36 hours worked per week to be paid out for those still employed in 2020. Tracking for retention payments would start as of April 22, 2019. The City's Employment Council has recommended drafting retention agreements that will outline how these payments will work with more specifics than could be detailed in the personnel rules to ensure there are no misunderstandings or miscommunications for our Communications Technicians.*

*Ms. Dorothy asked if this is something we are using to make sure we are fully staffed because we are concerned our current employees may leave us during this time. Ms. Trego affirmed that it is hoped that this will be an incentive for them to remain with us.*

*Ms. Kowalczyk clarified that payments would be paid out if they are employed through the transition. You would earn them as you stay. Ms. Trego said that is correct, we will track those but they will only be paid out if you stay employed with us through the transition period.*

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-2019 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

**Resolution No. 21-2019** Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Estate Interests Involving Parcel 22 for the Northeast Gateway Intersection Improvement Project. (Project No. 602-14)

**Introduced by Mr. Foust.**

**MOTION** Mr. Robinson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-2019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kowalczyk.

*Mr. Lindsey identified this as being for 7060 Huntley Road which is one more parcel that we need for the Northeast Gateway Project. We are getting a piece of dedicated right-of-way, a utility easement, and a temporary construction easement. The amount slightly exceeded the amount Mr. Greeson was preauthorized to sign.*

*Mr. Smith said that we received a request from a resident about naming rights in that area. He asked about our process for naming streets. Mr. Greeson said that Council has the authority to name streets. We communicated to them we have no concern about that, but we are little ways out before we would do that. Mr. Lindsey said that the Service and Engineering Department had discussions and Mr. Brown has a process in his code that speaks to certain naming conventions by which you call a street by its direction and length. We will go through that process, which is still a long way off.*

*Mr. Robinson commented that naming streets for historic landowners is appropriate.*

*President Michael noted McBurney Place is named after the former property owners who sold the land to the developer.*

**There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-2019 passed unanimously by a voice vote.**

**Ordinance No. 15-2019** To Amend Sections 1301.05, 1301.06, 1305.01, 1305.06, 1305.07, 1305.08, 1305.09, 1311.01, 1311.02, 1311.07, 1301.05, and 1301.06; and

Enacting Section 1301.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington Related to the Coordination with the State of Ohio Building Codes, the Establishment of Demolition Standards, Modifying Pool Barrier Requirements, and Adjusting Fees.

**Introduced by Ms. Dorothy.**

**Ordinance No. 16-2019**

To Amend Sections 1125.02, 1129.05, and 1173.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington Related to the Coordination with the State of Ohio Building Codes, the Establishment of Demolition Standards, Modifying Pool Barrier Requirements, and Adjusting Fees.

**Introduced by Mr. Robinson.**

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**

Discussion Item(s)

- Community Visioning

*Mr. Greeson presented how we received 10 responses to the request for proposals (RFP) from consultants, planners, and facilitators interested in working with the City of Worthington. Those were distributed to Council last Thursday and this is an opportune time to check in with the process. Previously, Council's desire was to screen those to a reasonable number to personally interview. His recommendation, since this has been a Council led process, is either for Council to designate a couple members to work with staff on narrowing the list of consultants or if comfortable, Council doing so itself.*

*Mr. Smith said he was excited to receive the proposals and he has already read through all ten of them. It is a lot to process. He suggested that we narrow it down to three. If a subcommittee process is desired, he expressed that he is happy to be on that. He also suggested that whoever is on the subcommittee should give reasons why the other seven were not included to give context on why the selection happened.*

*Mr. Foust said in his experience working with RFPs something can be said for having some kind of a scoring matrix, so that there is a summary sheet that encompasses all ten in summary form. He suggested that we refer back to the original items addressed in the RFP itself, and try to attach some qualitative value to whether it fully meets, partially meets, or does not meet across those criteria identified. It could give us some comfort as to why*

*someone did or did not make the cut. Some of those are not equally weighted, some are deal breakers and others*

*are not so heavily weighted.*

*Mr. Robinson summarized that if we are presented with three top choices, with explanations as to why and giving us an opportunity to discuss and argue for someone who had been excluded and making a case for them, he believes that would be a fair and thorough process.*

*Ms. Dorothy asked about the timeline and who makes selections. Mr. Smith explained that he drafted a proposal timeline where the subcommittee would select their top three choices by the next meeting on May 6th. That gives time for Council to debate and ask questions. In the third meeting in May having those proposers answer those questions back to us more specifically. Then either the last meeting in May, or the first meeting in June we would bring them in for interviews whether that be in person, via webcam, or whatever.*

*Ms. Kowalczyk confirmed that the subcommittee will make recommendations to be presented at the first meeting in May.*

*President Michael posed that the question is now about who wants to serve on the committee.*

*Mr. Foust offered to serve on the screening committee.*

*Mr. Smith asked staff, specifically Mr. Whited who goes through a lot of design RFQs, if he may have a templated matrix we could use to look at. Mr. Whited said he would share their template.*

*Ms. Kowalczyk volunteered to serve on the committee.*

*Mr. Foust deferred to the wisdom of staff and ask if they were comfortable with the process as proposed. Mr. Greeson said it is great that three councilmembers want to be involved in it. You discussed weighting, this is qualification-based process, and you do not necessarily have to score it in a traditional sense. The challenge with the committee determining the weights is that it may not reflect the weights of all seven Councilmembers. A matrix can be put together, but if there is any debate about the relative weight of some items in the RFP you may want to come back to the full Council to determine those. Mr. Foust respects Mr. Smith's aggressive timeline. He suggested that we create a matrix, bring it back to Council next week, and then aim for the following meeting to discuss scoring of those responses. However, that slows down the process and he is not a big fan of that. If staff can give us a skeleton to start with that might expedite the process, giving him more comfort with the aggressive timeframe.*

## OTHER ITEMS

*Mr. Greeson explained how we have Mr. Stephen White from COSI here to discuss the COSI Science Festival and how Worthington is partnering with COSI for that.*

*Mr. White introduced himself as the Vice President of Strategic Initiatives at COSI. He wanted to thank Council for their leadership and commitment to educating citizens. He detailed how the COSI Science Festival is running from May 1-4. The first three days comprise of 110 distinct events through Franklin County. They are going out in the community to expose people to science and technology where they live, learn, and lounge. The last day will be a big science celebration at COSI where they will have 125 booths with hands-on demonstrations for the public to see. All of this is free to the citizens of Franklin County and Worthington. There will be a free COSI on wheels at Worthington Brookside Elementary. They will be at the Worthington First Wednesday event with a variety of activities for both children and adults.*

*President Michael asked if staff could make sure to get the list of Worthington activities out to the community.*

*Mr. Greeson remarked how we have begun putting information out regarding the recommended 911 consolidation. He noted how on April 29 at 7:00am there will be a Coffee with the Chiefs, on May 1, at 7:00pm there will be a public forum, and on May 6 at 5:30pm there will be another public form. These forums will be held on both sides of the town with one at the Griswold Center and the other at Linworth Alternative. On May 8 at noon, there will be another Coffee with the Chiefs. We will be posting event information on the website and as widely as possible so people can learn about this recommendation.*

*Additionally, he highlighted that we have signed our electric aggregation program agreement with AEP Energy. We will buy energy supply and Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). The final difference in the rate equated to a less than \$1.50 per year difference. Citizens will save an average of \$40.00 per year. An article will be going out in the Village Talks newsletter and a letter will go out before the opt-out period begins on April 25.*

## **REPORT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

*Ms. Kowalczyk reminded everyone to RSVP and attend the Old Worthington Partnership Annual Meeting on April 23 at 8:00am at Dewey's Pizza.*

*Mr. Smith noted how he will be attending an ODNR wildlife presentation on Thursday and will report back.*

*Mr. Foust was one of several who attended the Slice of Worthington. It was a great event and there was the talk of adding a third shift next year. President Michael added how fun the event was. There was great turnout and great family event.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** Mr. Foust moved, Mr. Smith seconded a motion to meet in Executive Session to discuss board and employee compensation, commission appointments, and pending litigation.

**The clerk called the roll on Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote**

**Yes 6** Robinson, Kowalczyk, Foust, Dorothy, Smith, and Michael  
**No 0**

Council recessed at 9:05 P.M. from the Regular meeting session

**MOTION** Mr. Smith moved, Ms. Kowalczyk seconded a motion to return to open session at 9:41 P.M.

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

**Resolution No. 22-2019** Establishing the City Manager’s Annual Base Salary Effective January 1, 2019.

**Introduced by Mr. Foust**

**MOTION** Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-2019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kowalczyk.

*President Michael noted that the resolution adopts a 3% base salary increase for the City Manager for a salary of \$158,449 effective January 1, 2019.*

**There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-2019 passed unanimously by a voice vote.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** Ms. Dorothy moved, Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to adjourn.

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

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

/s/ Ethan C. Barnhardt  
Assistant City Clerk

*APPROVED by the City Council, this  
6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.*

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael  
Council President