



CITY OF WORTHINGTON
Worthington City Council Minutes

July 1, 2019

6550 N. High Street
Worthington, Ohio 43085

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Worthington City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, July 1, 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, Douglas Foust, Beth Kowalczyk, Scott Myers, David Robinson, Douglas K. Smith, and Bonnie D. Michael

Member(s) Absent:

Also present: Acting 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, Chief of Police Jerry Strait, Director of Parks & Recreation Darren Hurley, Chief of Fire & EMS John Bailot, Clerk of Council D. Kay Thress

There were some forty visitors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Michael invited all to stand and join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

- Recognition – Bystander Lifesaving Response

Chief Bailot shared that he is excited about tonight's presentation. It is about people doing the right thing, at the right time, for the right reasons.

Chief Bailot reported on events that led to Joe Erion collapsing on the infield while playing a game of softball on one of the ball diamonds at McCord Park. Five players, recognizing that there was a medical emergency, ran to assist, starting CPR and yelling for someone to call 9-1-1. They also grabbed an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

that a member of their team, Tom Rollins had worked for about three years to raise the necessary funds to purchase. Members performed CPR and the AED administered two electrical shocks that reset Mr. Erion's heart and saved his life. Unfortunately, Mr. Rollins passed away last year so he didn't get to witness/participate in this save but his wife, Judy Rollins is with us this evening (Mrs. Rollins stood and was recognized).

Mr. Erion was transported to Riverside Hospital by a Columbus medic crew because both of our units were out on other runs. Mr. Erion received two stints in his cardiac arteries and walked out of the hospital 36 hours later. This was all because five ballplayers acted quickly and appropriately.

Medical Director Doug Rund joined Chief Bailot at the podium and both recognized Joe Erion, whose life was saved. Chief Bailot then invited Doug Sanderson, Bob Scholz, Fred Thivener, and Carl Rankin to join them (Steve Clemons was unable to attend). and He read the language of the Civilian Lifesaver Accommodation in its entirety and presented each of them with the award. It is a small recognition of what they did and because of their actions saved a life, which is no small task.

Several players spoke and encouraged everyone to get trained in lifesaving skills.

- Lifeline EMS Bronze Plus Quality Achievement Award

Chief Bailot shared that tonight the American Heart Association will be recognizing pre-hospital care providers and presenting those who excel in recognizing and treating patients with a suspected myocardial infarction or heart attack with a national award. He provided further information about heart attacks. In 2018, the Worthington Division of Fire and EMS treated 337 patients with chest pains and other symptoms associated with heart attacks. That was 10% of our total EMS runs.

Chief Bailot added that the award tonight is for the Division of Fire and EMS but the award is for all of these guys in the department, several of whom were present. They are the providers. They are the professionals. They are the ones out there every day providing quality, wonderful care for our residents and community. They are the ones who get this award, he just happens to be the one to stand up and accept it on their behalf.

Alex Kuhn, Senior Director for Quality Improvement with the American Heart Association stated that those are the stories that they love to hear. He told Mr. Erion that he is one of the lucky ones because not many people survive a cardiac arrest because folks are not trained in CPR and AEDs.

Mr. Kuhn shared that in around this community, just about every agency is high functioning but this award looks at high quality agencies. In the U.S. there are about 15,000 EMS agencies, with 1,300 – 1,400 in the state of Ohio. Only 615 agencies in the country are receiving this award with 99 of those here in the state of Ohio. It is a very elite group of agencies that are getting this award. He shared the requirements needed to receive this award.

He shared that while the population in Franklin County is increasing, the number of those dying from heart attacks are decreasing. City Council should be very proud of your EMS providers as they are doing a phenomenal job. On behalf of the American Heart Association, Mr. Kuhn presented Worthington Fire and EMS with a Bronze Plus Achievement Award. Chief Bailot stated that he is honored to accept the award on behalf of the men and women of his Department. They are a great team and make him proud every day. It is also because of Dr. Rund's leadership, protocol and expertise that he brings to our department.

President Michael offered her congratulations and thanks to the members of the Worthington Fire and EMS Division.

VISITOR COMMENTS

David Ball, 290 Abbot Ave.

Mr. Ball shared that he is a fan of parks and green space. He reported receiving a door hangar over the weekend regarding petitions being signed for Council to consider what to do with the UMCH property. It suggests that the City would pay for the purchase of this property with cash on hand, increased revenue from High Street commercial development, which is a speculative type of concept, the sale of residential parcels (again speculative type of concept), sale of onsite parcels (suggest type of concept), State and Federal grants (heavily speculative type of concept) and private fund raising (obviously a speculative kind of concept). None of that money is in pocket right now. That property is beautiful, and these are lovely ideas, but he would encourage Council, should this petition come before them at some point, to really look at the numbers thoroughly and understand that there are many priorities in this community. He would love to see more bike trails in this community. He thought that since this was on his mind he would come and share. President Michael thanked him for coming.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Regular Meeting – June 10, 2019
- Special Meeting – June 12, 2019
- Regular Meeting – June 17, 2019

MOTION Mr. Robinson moved, Mr. Foust seconded a motion to approve the aforementioned meeting minutes as presented.

The motion to approve the minutes as presented carried unanimously by a voice vote.

NEW LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED

Resolution No. 41-2019 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Amendment Extending the Agreement with the

Worthington City School District for School
Resource Officer Services.

Introduced by Mr. Smith.

MOTION Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 41-2019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dorothy.

Ms. Stewart reported that last summer City Council authorized a one-year agreement with Worthington School District to provide a school resource officer at Thomas Worthington High School. This summer we are seeking renewal of that agreement. School officials are requesting that agreement be extended for another three years. Police Chief Jerry Strait and Law Director Tom Lindsey have been working on this issue quite closely. They are here to present a staff report and information on that program. Thomas Worthington High School Principal Pete Scully is also present to answer questions and speak on behalf of the school district as to their experience this past year.

Mr. Lindsey reported the agreement expires at the end of this month. Staff is supportive of the three-year request by the Worthington City Schools however, if members wish a shorter or longer extension, we would modify the resolution to reflect that.

Chief Strait reported the implementation of the SRO as a success. He recalls there being a concern last year about an increase in arrest. That did not occur. There were several routine arrests associated with the zero-tolerance policy related to drugs or alcohol on school property. There were several serious events where individuals were charged but no physical arrest or transports occurred. The integration of a full time SRO at the school seems to be, from what he has been told and he has monitored it very closely with our command staff, rather successful. Integrating a law enforcement officer with the kids has had a positive effect with the fact that maybe some of the myths seen on television have been dispelled because of the interactions and the trust that has been built by some of the students. Overall, he thinks it has been successful.

Principal Scully thinks there were a handful of concerns last year with most of them around what it would be like to try to integrate an officer; what will the impact be in kids and what will it be on charges. Based on the data we have on charges; it looks not much different than in years past. Based on our internal data, he can say with confidence that adding an officer has slightly improved the social and emotional learning at the school. He doesn't think it has had a negative impact.

In terms of anecdotal information, having the right person in the school is really important and having Officer Ord is one of those people. He works really well with kids and ultimately for us it means that when things are handled that could potentially be criminal, they are handled consistently. Having the same person at the school every day means there is some accountability. If you have a bad interaction with a child, it isn't one and done because you will see them the next day. Incumbent upon that is to have strong relationships, with relationship being the focus. At Worthington schools, we are

appreciative of having an opportunity to have a school resource officer and are interested in continuing that relationship.

Mr. Smith commented that the reports sent throughout the year have some numbers, but he is curious as to whether there is anything historically to compare it to. He would be curious to see previous years versus this year and then moving forward in the next year. He clarified for Mr. Scully that he was interested in seeing anything that the SRO was involved in. Chief Strait replied that historical data is available however because of the age of the system, the information includes any data that is tied to the address. It doesn't specifically break out whether it was during school hours, so it is not perfect data. The information isn't necessarily tied to the SRO, it could be anyone sent to that address.

Mr. Robinson thanked Mr. Scully for stewarding the school population through a difficult year. His stepdaughter, a Linworth-Thomas student just graduated so he has had some firsthand exposure to some things that went on and he appreciates everything that he did. His only request would be that they consider in their survey adding an SRO specific question, maybe an open ended one. That would be meaningful to him. Mr. Scully shared that they have talked about that behind the scenes. It is important to remember that whatever they do at Thomas they also do at Kilbourne High School in terms of SRO. He thinks if Council is interested in that he could make that happen.

Ms. Kowalczyk commented that in reviewing the contract she noticed that it requires an annual evaluation of the position for relevancy and effectiveness. She appreciates everything that both Chief Strait and Principal Scully has shared on how well the officer has integrated into the school and built a rapport with the kids and the kids feel comfortable around him but she would appreciate having that evaluation to determine whether the SRO is actually accomplishing the goals; the intent of having an armed officer there full-time. We have been provided some statistics but in terms of looking at a three-year renewal, it concerns her that we don't have a review of the position. She would request that members consider not doing a three-year renewal but looking at an annual review with the expectation that there is a more thorough review of the position and whether it is accomplishing what we want it to do. She doesn't know if the school board has considered this from that perspective or not, but she currently has a son at Thomas and another one that will be there in two years, so she has great interest in this policy/project.

Ms. Dorothy agreed with Ms. Kowalczyk's concerns. She appreciates the anecdotal evidence. She has a son in high school and reported there being many challenges there. It seems like we've broken through with creating some great relationships. She is concerned with having data. She is concerned with making sure we are not disproportionately affecting any of our minorities. That was one of the key factors going into this. She also doesn't know how the school board feels about this. She thinks that anecdotally we have had a great deal of positive interaction and this could be a good thing for the high school. She would like a little more thorough investigation of all the statistics and making sure we have good metrics going forward. She would like to see but an annual review for the first few years so we can be satisfactorily approving that we are happy with an SRO in this position.

At Ms. Michael's prompting, Principal Scully stated that it is in Council's purview to make that decision. Officer Ord is evaluated annually by Lt. Holton, who is his direct supervisor. If they had a directive on doing something additional on that from Council, then. . .Chief Strait interjected that because this is a new position, Officer Ord meets on a regular monthly basis. He has an annual review per our policy but because this was a new position and at his direction, Officer Ord meets on a regular basis so we could make sure that we are doing best practices and making sure we were addressing any issues. He understood very clear on what Council's intent was as well as the school board's concern last year. This is an ongoing process and probably more intensive than anyone else on the division than maybe a new employee.

President Michael asked what additional evaluation materials or tools are missing? Ms. Kowalczyk replied she understood that the point of the SRO was to ensure that we were keeping kids safe. There were discussions about security improvements and things like that. More of an evaluation of the need for the position going forward. She really appreciates the personnel review and it sounds like he is the right person in that position but looking at the position is what she wants to know more about. What are our goals in having this person there full time and is this position meeting those goals.

When asked by Mr. Myers if he wants Officer Ord back next year, Principal Scully replied absolutely. Principal Scully was then asked why, to which he replied that he attempted to articulate earlier that when you have 1,800 kids and you say that the police are going to be coming to ask you a question, or you have a concern, we will bring the police in and it is a random person in a uniform. Many kids really don't want to talk to an officer that they don't know. There are several things that he appreciates about having Officer Ord or an SRO that is consistent, instant relationship that is built. It is the same person you see every day, there is a comfort associated with having the officer present. Having a police officer on school grounds is different from having another teacher or administrator or a random person. They look at the world a little bit differently. They evaluate things that are weak for us. They offer advice on things we might do differently. We have kind of transitioned from the culture issue in being concerned about is this is going to have a big impact on our culture and how kids are treated and we have transitioned toward what kind of things can we adjust for next year that might make it work a little more smoothly than this year. Their hope and expectations are that they have a school resource officer. He would prefer that they are partnering with Worthington for that but if it doesn't meet the goals of City Council or the expectations of City Council then maybe that is not the right path for City Council. As a school district, they believe in a school resource officer. They want a school resource officer and they prefer it to be with Worthington because they have great relationships here. They know who to call. He thinks concerns about disproportionality are real. They evaluate those in their suspension and expulsion paperwork and discipline as well. They should be looking at that in their criminal paperwork as well. He thinks the fix to that is to ensure that when you are processing a charge that is directed by the school district, there are concrete and specific reasons why and objective reasons why. He thinks most of the charges that come out of the high school are marijuana or alcohol possession or something they must charge for. He is not sure how to evaluate that or evaluate the relevance of Sean Ord or a school resource officer affectively, but he thinks it is important that we are able

to collaborate. He thinks not having a school resource officer would be a mistake for them. He thinks Sean Ord has been awesome. They were happy that he did not go for sergeant. They are happy to have him back. They are excited to have him back. They think he is a welcome face to our families and our kids. It certainly is not perfect. There are always small issues here and there.

When asked by President Michael if the school board has discussed the continuation of this position, Principal Scully replied that he is not aware of any discussions that the school board has had recently. He thought it came up as part of an appropriations maybe last week. Ms. Michael was wondering about the one- or three-year contract.

Ms. Dorothy reported supporting continuing to look at this, definitely for next year but she was concerned about extending for three years as opposed to reviewing it annually.

Mr. Myers shared that he has reviewed many call center logs and daily logs in the last few months and he knows that we pretty much know where our officers in the field are and what they are doing just about every minute of the day. He is assuming that our resource officer does not complete a daily log. Chief Strait replied that he does a daily log, a weekly and a monthly log. Mr. Myers stated that if we have the daily log, the monthly log, and the monthly meetings with Officer Ord's supervisor, we have a great deal of information. It sounds like the kind of information that some or all of the Council members would like to see. He asked if there is a way to memorialize the information into some kind of report. Chief Strait replied that he has that report as well. Mr. Myers thinks that would probably satisfy Council's request. He thinks those kinds of reports would help them greatly, if he could find a way to memorialize all of that information into a form that would be useful for them. Chief Strait stated that he will get Council the information.

Mr. Myers commenting on the contract, especially if we could get that kind of report on a three month or six month rolling basis, why not have a one year contract that is automatic renewable, absent termination if we do it on a six month report, on a six month notice. The maximum amount of the contract would then be three years.

Ms. Kowalczyk doesn't know that Mr. Myers suggestion is much different from what is being proposed because there is a six-month cancellation already provided for in the contract. Mr. Myers clarified that the contract would terminate on its own terms at the end of a year. All he is suggesting is that the contract automatically renews. There needs to be some certainty for the district so they know who to staff with because they will need some time to go out to the market to find someone if we can't supply it. He thinks they are the ones who originally asked for the six-month termination. He also thinks Chief Strait or his predecessor, will need some time to then place someone. Chief Strait added that there is a mandatory forty-hour training, so our full timer has forty-hour SRO training and our part-timer now has forty hour training. Speaking to what Principal Scully said, there are additional trainings required plus personally we require the crisis intervention training. Mr. Myers stated that he is just trying to find a way to find certainty for all of those involved as far as the scheduling and placement. At the same time, it gives us the opportunity to terminate. It is not that unusual to have auto renewal in a contract with right to terminate.

At Ms. Kowalczyk's request, Mr. Myers stated that his proposal would be to have a one-year contract that automatically renews at the end of every year, absent six-month termination prior to the renewal. The maximum term of the contract would be three-years. At the end of three years we must enter into a new contract all over again. This would be one-year increments that automatically renew unless we terminate.

When asked by Ms. Michael if that was a motion, Mr. Myers said he would like to talk about it to determine if it is even a doable proposition.

Mr. Foust thanked Mr. Scully and said he appreciates all that the school does. He hopes members are some what unified in our message, but he fears that we are not. He is a little disappointed but not surprised about the conversation we are having because it sounds like there may be some waiver support for the SRO. He thinks a year ago members looked at this and concluded that Worthington was a bit of an outlier in not having an SRO. There are a handful of people in the world that he doesn't question, and Chief Strait is one of them. It was under his recommendation and continues to be that this is a good idea. One year, three years, six months, we are talking about timing here and he thinks they may be getting a little lost in talking about timing. The real issue is, and he would hope there is unified support from Council, but this is an important service that we continue to provide.

Ms. Kowalczyk clarified that the question isn't whether there is an SRO but it is a concern about the strong feelings people have about it and the fact that it is an incredibly important new position that we should take seriously. We should expect that we get a formal evaluation/ report back and she hasn't seen that. She doesn't feel comfortable extending an agreement three years until she sees that information is being provided. She appreciates everything that has been provided, but it hasn't really been distilled into what she can understand as a strong recommendation that this is the right decision aside from the people involved and that is an incredibly important part of this position. The other concern she has is that Chief Strait is retiring, and we will have a new chief for next year. So, having a three-year contract already in place when we haven't had the discussion and the opportunity to review next year when things could change concerns her.

Mr. Myers shared that what he is suggesting is to continue the one year contract, continue that six month notice to terminate, with the understanding that we will be supplied with a manageable report in 5 ½ months from the day that we sign the contract so that we can terminate. If we choose not to terminate, then that contract automatically renews for another year and we do it all over again the next year. That gives the school district some certainty that if they are reporting the data we want, and things are going well, then this will be in place for three years. It also gives us the ability to stop it at a year, at two years, or at three years. It is sort of a compromise and the best of both worlds.

MOTION

Mr. Myers moved that the City enter into a one-year contract that is terminable on six months' notice, that 5 ½ months from entering into the contract, the City Council is provided with a report, summary data, usable by the Council to evaluate the continuation

of the program and that at the end of the year term, absent termination, that contract automatically renews for a total period of three years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson.

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

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 41-2019 (As Amended) passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 42-2019 Authorizing an Amendment to the Final Plan to the Wilson Bridge Corridor for 181 East Wilson Bridge Road and Authorizing Variances (Advanced Civil Design/Granby Place LLC).

Introduced by Ms. Dorothy.

MOTION Ms. Kowalczyk made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 42-2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Brown reported that any deviation from a final development plan requires MPC approval and then on to City Council when a variance is involved. In October 2018 City Council approved a final plan for Granby Place, a thirty-two-unit apartment building on the south side of East Wilson Bridge Road. At that time, the plans showed the side set back for the front building at 25.1 feet from the property line. It was brought to our attention by the applicant, Mr. Warner and Mr. Hodge on May 20th that the building was not actually placed where it was supposed to be. The stakes were in the wrong location. The front building was constructed at 21.5 feet. There is a fire suppression shed on the front side of the building to 23.8 feet from that eastern property line.

The City staff and MPC had the ability to do minor amendments however with this one being a variance requested by this Board for the side setback, it did need to come back to City Council for review.

When we developed the Wilson Bridge Road zoning it originally anticipated that the entire corridor be rezoned. Since we just rezoned these two parcels, there was a clause built in requiring additional buffering and screening that abutted residential property. It was originally anticipated for the properties that were on Northhigh Drive to allow additional buffer for them but since this one involved the two properties to the east and the west that were still zoned residential, it needed to come to this body to deviate from that requirement.

Members may recall that the original request was for four variances.

- 1) Driveway to exceed 45 feet in width – Mr. Brown is happy to report that we did not need to utilize that variance after they modified their plans.
- 2) Side setback to be reduced from the fifty-foot requirement – variance granted

- 3) Tree replacement fee – variance granted
- 4) Density increase to allow for the thirty-two units from what is permitted by code

Before you is a request to go from 25.1 feet to 21.5 and 23.8 feet respectively. The request was considered by MPC on June 13th. They recommended approval on to City Council. Once their error was brought to our attention, the applicant ceased much of the work on that front building and worked with him to get an application before the Board as soon as possible. The applicants are in the room if Council has any questions.

Mr. Myers concluded that the building shifted 3½ feet to the east, which is 3½ feet further from the new residents to the west. Mr. Brown agreed.

Mr. Smith asked if work ceased at the moment the error was discovered or did they continue construction on the mistake area. Mr. Brown replied that work continued at the back building, but work had stopped on the front building.

Mr. Robinson asked the applicant how this error happened. Is this a surveying firm that you have used before? What do they say about how it happened? It seems central to what they do.

David Hodge, attorney for the applicant (civil engineering firm Advanced Civil Design) stated that Tom Warner from Advanced Civil Design is with him this evening. He does much of this type of work all over greater Columbus and the vast majority of his clients use Advanced Civil Design. They are one of the premiere civil engineering firms in this town. Unfortunately, all of us in the room that are professional in various fields, have the occasion when mistakes happen. He thinks they all hope that when mistakes happen that those that are in the position to have mercy, show that mercy and this is a mistake. This came to our attention from our mutual client and as folks in the field we immediately contacted staff and asked for direction. We filed the application to come through the process. He will stay on hand to answer questions.

Tom Warner, President and managing partner of Advanced Civil Design shared that he is one of the founding members and they have been in business for almost seventeen years. They have staked many buildings in their time, but he has never been in front of a board to raise his hand and say we made a mistake. His surveyors are thorough. They stake things at zero lot lines. They have done redevelopment projects down in the arena district where it is tight quarters. How did this happen? He has asked that question a few times. The person that downloads the points, he showed me how he did it and he thinks something got lost in translation. He has been with us for fifteen years. He knows what he is doing. Mr. Warner explained further what he believed occurred. The mistake was completely on us. It is not something that they are used to having occur at their shop. They take it very seriously. He attended the Planning Commission meeting. He is impressed that the City residents take care of their properties. He watched about five applications with landscape proposals that were very nice. He recognizes that people care about their community. It was a mistake. They owned up to it. Nobody from the City had to tell them it was wrong. They made a mistake. He acknowledged this as a tough place to be, but they are asking

for some forgiveness. Taking a step back, is there harm? The sidewalk is in the same place as planned as are the bike racks. The building slides a little bit. He is not trying to downplay it because he takes it quite seriously. He has never been in a position like this before. It was a mistake and he is here to address questions and hopefully move on.

Mr. Robinson thanked him for the explanation. He understands we all make mistakes and he appreciates the explanation.

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 42-2019 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 43-2019 Authorizing an Amendment to the Final Development Plan for 535 Lakeview Plaza Boulevard and Authorizing a Variance for Parking (Play:CBUS).

Introduced by Mr. Foust.

MOTION Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 43-2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Myers.

Mr. Brown explained that the request is for an amendment to development plan that includes a variance for parking.

The applicant, Play:CBUS is looking at about 53,000 square feet on the south side of the building that was previously occupied by Road Runner Sports. Super Games and a small Road Runner retail store is located on the north side of that building. In 2018 Road Runner left and the site has been marketed. Play:CBUS wants to create an indoor adventure park that would also have an associated restaurant with it.

This went before MPC for an amendment to development plan to include a variance as well as a conditional use. As part of the conditional use, the Board looks at hours of operation, number of employees, parking requirements, signage, and any type of landscaping. When we looked at hours of operation, we noticed that there was a pinch point on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with their proposed need for parking and with Super Games and with their approved conditional use for the northern portion of the site. He noted that current parking on the site is about 111 spaces. Gary Moore with Super Games has a conditional use from 2003 for 86 of those parking spaces and then a staff amended one from three years ago for an additional eight spaces. There will be additional spaces added by reconfiguring the area where the loading docks are currently. That will increase the parking on the site to 174 spaces.

If you strictly look at the letter of the law for code, Super Games would be required to have 169 spaces, Road Runner retail would require 53 spaces and the Play:CBUS location would need over 348 spaces. We look at literal interpretation of the code and then looked at other

locations around Columbus/region to see what is more realistic and also working with the applicant to determine what they consider to be their need for parking.

The application was originally tabled by the Planning Commission to give the applicant time to talk to the property owner to the north to see about getting additional parking for overflow on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The response was an emphatic “no”. In talking with Mr. Moore with Super Games we discovered that he was looking to relocate to Huntley Road. Knowing that was in the works, and the timing involved was one of the reasons why the motion was a little bit different from MPC.

We also looked at parking possibilities along Lakeview Plaza, which will allow for an additional forty or fifty parking spaces. After consulting with Police, Fire, Service, etc. we decided that sidewalks would need to be installed for parking to be permitted. Sidewalks would allow for patrons to get to Play:CBUS in a safer manner. The applicant agreed to spend up to \$60,000 for sidewalks if necessary. Sidewalks are not recommended in any of our bike and pedestrian plans probably because it is a cul-de-sac.

The recommendation from staff ties the amendment to development plan and conditional use hand in hand. The conditions we laid out was that Play:CBUS employees would need to park on Lakeview Plaza Blvd. which allow for their patrons to park closer to the site. We also included the condition that sidewalks would need to be installed along Lakeview Plaza Blvd. If Super Games relocates within 90 days of City Council approval, then those conditions that were just referenced would not apply to the conditional use.

It went before the MPC on May 30th and was tabled. It came back on June 13th with conditional approval recommendations that were just referenced.

Mr. Brown clarified for Ms. Kowalczyk that the appropriate number of parking spaces given the use is 80. If Super Games leave then 80 would always be required for Play:CBUS. When someone comes into the Super Games space, it could be a warehouse use, then parking wouldn't be an issue. But if another use comes in that has a heavier parking need, we would review that as part of a conditional use. It may be an instance where whatever comes in on the northern site would kick them back into almost the same scenario that we are discussing today.

Mr. Myers recapped that if Super Games stays, then there is a requirement that Play:CBUS build sidewalks to add the additional parking on Lakeview Plaza Blvd. If Super Games move, then there is enough parking on site and Play:CBUS does not have to do the work on Lakeview Plaza Blvd. If a new use comes in, which would be parking heavy, then we are going to make them install the sidewalks. Mr. Brown agreed.

When asked by Ms. Dorothy what the current speed limit is on Lakeview Plaza Blvd., Mr. Brown replied 25 MPH.

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 43-2019 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 44-2019

Providing for Adoption of the Tax Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2020.

Introduced by Ms. Kowalczyk.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 44-2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Foust.

Mr. Bartter reported this as an annual housekeeping item that we are required to adopt and submit to the Franklin County Budget Commission by July 20th. This does not appropriate funds or transfer funds. It will change significantly as we work through the budget, but this is an annual requirement.

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 44-2019 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 45-2019

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Facility Encroachment Agreement between the City of Worthington and CSX Transportation, Inc.

Introduced by Mr. Smith.

MOTION

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 45-2019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dorothy.

Ms. Stewart shared that in May Council authorized the appropriation and approved a waterline contract for this project along Huntley Road. This is a requirement in advance of the Northeast Gateway Project. CSX has indicated to staff that they need City Council action to specifically authorize the City Manager to enter into the agreement for the portion of their property that we need to utilize for our project.

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 45-2019 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 25-2019

Authorizing the Issuance of Notes in the Amount of Not to Exceed \$4,460,000 in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds for the Purpose of (I) Designing, Engineering, Constructing and Reconstructing Various Sewer Improvements, with Related Site Improvements and All Necessary Appurtenances Thereto, (II) Purchasing and Installing Energy Conservation Measures for the Community Center, (III) Designing, Replacing, Constructing and Installing a Waterline on East Wilson Bridge Road, with Related Site Improvements and All Necessary

Appurtenances Thereto, and (IV) Replacing or Improving the Roofs of the Fire Station and the Community Center, and all Necessary Appurtenances Thereto, and Retiring Notes Previously Issued for Such Purpose; and Approving Related Matters in Connection with the Issuance of the Notes.

Introduced by Ms. Kowalczyk.

Ordinance No. 26-2019

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 McCord Park Renovations Design and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 642-17)

Introduced by Mr. Robinson.

Ordinance No. 27-2019

Approving the Subdivision of Property at 6699 North High Street (Samantha Elliott/Goddard School)

Introduced by Mr. Foust.

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 Consultant Follow-up

Ms. Stewart reported that since Council's last discussion regarding the possible facilitators for the Community Visioning Process, she has received a few follow up questions from Council members to send to the two firms that are still under consideration: Planning NEXT and Poggemeyer. Two of them in staff's opinion were fairly straight forward questions, one about an education component and how community members would be educated through the process as well as more information about how they handle abstract ideas to really drill down into what citizens are thinking when they mention some of these abstract concepts. How they would define them and get a better handle on what they mean. Two of them appear to ask for revised proposals from the consultants; one asking for revised proposal, particularly cost proposals related to environmental scan, a scope of work and an education campaign as well as revised proposals to incorporate door to door outreach as part of the community outreach portion of this. We wanted to bring it back to

the Council as a whole to see: (1) if you had any additional follow up questions you wanted to add to the list but (2) to see if you wanted to be asking for those revised proposals at this time with those components. Another option we could see is if you select based on qualifications, that facilitator could work with City Council with the Visioning Committee to clarify what the process architecture is going to be for community engagement and at that time you could ask them for revised proposals under the thought that there may be some evolution still to come when they start working with the committee and the Council. It is just trying to see what the pleasure of Council is at this point so we can send the follow up questions to these firms.

Ms. Michael asked if the committee is doing the reference checking. Ms. Stewart reported that there are three volunteer Council members who have agreed to do reference checks and staff is in the process of getting those scheduled.

Ms. Michael asked if it makes sense to ask for checks prior to doing the reference checks. She thinks it makes sense to get the reference check and then members may have a better idea.

Mr. Foust thinks the answers to these questions probably will not change whether or not we do reference checks on these folks anyway. He would suggest we stay the path and see where we land after that. We may from the reference checks have additional questions as well so let's sit tight.

Ms. Stewart pointed out the July 15th will be the last Council meeting prior to the August recess. If members are not able to get the checks wrapped up by July 15th and members are willing to have a special meeting during the recess to further discuss it we can do that but that is something that she has been cognizant of as we try to get these scheduled. She thinks that as long as the references are available, the committee should be able to complete the checks prior to the last meeting.

Ms. Michael added that if anyone had any thoughts on reference checking questions, please send them to Robyn as soon as possible.

Mr. Smith advocated for getting at least these questions to the two consultants. If we are trying to hit a July timeline, by the time they answer the questions we will need time to think about it, talk about it and then vote on it. He is going to assume that the reference checks will come back fine. He would like these questions to go out so members can get more clarity. Members agreed. Mr. Foust added that he wouldn't simplify the notion of reference checking down to either it is a good one or a bad one. He thinks there are some qualitative questions that members will end up asking that really ascertain fit to what our mission is.

Ms. Stewart understands that she is to go ahead and send the follow up questions to the firms. She asked if they want all four sent, including the two that was revised proposals. Ms. Dorothy commented that she would like to have the revised proposals as separate line items, add service. She is okay with asking the question.

Additional Items

Ms. Stewart reported

- Everyone who is on the City's email system should have received new IT security training in your inbox. All of staff have received it as well. Our IT director calls it the human firewall. One of the risks for any organization's IT system is what your users are clicking on in their emails. This is training geared toward elevating and understanding your education around that so you can more readily identify phishing emails and other emails that might be a security risk for us. She asked them to be on the lookout for that and encouraged them to go through the training. There is also a link in that information about some home training. She encouraged them to let staff know if they have any questions.
- With the holiday, staff anticipates getting the Council materials out on Friday rather than Thursday. She provided a look ahead on the upcoming agenda.

REPORT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Smith shared that he met with a couple of school board members last week. He felt that it was a productive conversation. One of the things that came out of that conversation was potentially hosting a joint meeting with school board and city council. Maybe that meeting could be scheduled in September. Members were open to the idea.

Ms. Kowalczyk shared that on behalf of the Old Worthington Partnership Board, thank you to all who helped with the Picnic with the Partnership. It was a great evening. Worthington first Wednesday is this week.

Ms. Michael reported that the City has consistently budgeted for three people to attend the National League of Cities conference. Ms. Kowalczyk has asked to attend the National conference in November. Ms. Dorothy asked requested to attend the summer meeting in Dayton, Ohio regarding small tier/inner ring suburbs, which is very applicable to our community. Mr. Robinson is interested in something totally different. He would like to attend the National Trust for the Preservation of Historic Places conference. They have a conference in October. Whether he goes this year or some further year he thinks it would be appropriate from someone from Worthington as a historic city to attend. As he has looked at their website he has discovered that they are not only about preservation but also re-urbanization, valuation of public space. He would encourage members to look at their website.

Members had no opposition to members attending conferences other than National Leagues.

Ms. Stewart requested that members check in with Mr. Bartter to file paperwork for their event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Mr. Smith moved, Mr. Foust seconded a motion to adjourn.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
15th day of July, 2019.*

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
Council President