



CITY OF WORTHINGTON
Worthington City Council Minutes

March 19, 2018

6550 N. High Street
Worthington, Ohio 43085

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Worthington City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 19, 2018, 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 PM.

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: City Manager Matthew Greeson, Assistant City Manager Robyn Stewart, Director of Law Tom Lindsey, Director of Finance Scott Barter, Director of Service & Engineering Dan Whited, Director of Planning & Building Lee Brown, Director of Parks & Recreation Darren Hurley, Chief of Fire John Bailot, Chief of Police Jerry Strait, and Clerk of Council D. Kay Thress

There were approximately fifty five visitors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

VISITOR COMMENTS – No Comments

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- Oath of Office – Fire Lieutenants

Mr. Greeson invited Chief Bailot, Brad Dunn, Matt Harding, and Jim Wells to the podium.

Mr. Greeson explained that it is his pleasure as City Manager to support and promote talented and exemplary employees. Working in such a stellar organization, many of

these employees wait a long time for the opportunity to be promoted. Mr. Greeson expressed it being his honor to administer the oath of office for the Fire Lieutenant promotions.

Chief Bailot shared insight into process that the new lieutenants went through. One of the promotions was brought about by the retirement of the Prevention Lieutenant while the other two positions had been vacant for some time. Chief Bailot explained that the candidates participated in a competitive process with other talented Worthington firefighters. Chief Bailot expressed how he looks forward to their leadership in moving the division forward.

Chief Bailot shared a brief biography of each individual. Promoted to lead the Prevention Bureau is Brad Dunn. Lt. Dunn began his career with Worthington Fire/EMS in 2009. Lt. Harding began his career with the Galion Division of Fire in Crawford County, Ohio in 2000. He was hired in Worthington in 2007. Lt. Wells began his career with the City of Worthington in 2006. Chief Bailot detailed the educational background, certifications and achievements of each individual.

Mr. Greeson administered the oath of office.

Badge Presentation – Lt. Dunn’s mother pinned his badge, Lt. Harding’s wife pinned his badge and Lt. Wells’ wife pinned his badge. Chief Bailot distributed their new red helmet which indicates that they are officers.

Ms. Michael added her congratulations to each of the new Lieutenants.

- LimeBike

Mr. Greeson explained that the City has an opportunity with LimeBike which is a dock-less bike system that could increase mobility options in the City of Worthington. He said that representatives from LimeBike have phoned in on speakerphone along with Mike Reese with Ice Miller who is here representing LimeBike.

Mr. Hurley explained that it is an exciting night for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board which has worked to identify ways to get progress moving, with LimeBike being an example of this. After conducting conversations with LimeBike, it has been recommended to enter into a pilot program before deciding to enter into a more permanent agreement. Previously, the City had investigated the CoGo docked bike system in Columbus to see if it would be a good solution for Worthington. A docked system would require a capital investment from the City. It has been a good thing to come into contact with LimeBike to do a dock-less bike share trial in Worthington.

Mike Reese from Ice Miller and Todd O’Boyle from LimeBike begin their presentation.

Mr. Reese introduced himself as being with the law firm, Ice Miller. Before that he worked with the City of Columbus, serving on Mayor Coleman's staff. Mr. Reese introduced Todd O'Boyle from LimeBike.

Mr. O'Boyle explained that he works for LimeBike, which is one of the nation's fastest growing smart mobility companies. He comes from a local government and planning background.

Mr. Reese stated that Ice Miller has been working with LimeBike since 2017, and they have had conversations with Worthington and other municipalities and organizations in Central Ohio including Westerville, Grandview Heights, MORPC, and Ohio State. The City of Dublin will be establishing a pilot program in May 2018 and the City of Columbus is in negotiations to start a trial pilot in mid-2018. Any City that LimeBike is entering into on a trial basis, there is a memorandum of understanding that establishes the official relationship. LimeBike uses technology that is dock-less compared to Co-Go which already exists in Columbus. LimeBike covers equipment costs, operations and outreach, and takes direction from the city to address any issues.

Mr. Reese directed attention to a map showing the markets that LimeBike is in; noting that Seattle and Notre Dame broke records for usage during their rollouts. LimeBike started as a pilot, which has grown to 48 US markets including 30 cities, 17 universities, and several European cities. The bikes are unlocked using an app that releases a lock on the rear wheel; the rider is tracked from the beginning of the ride to the end. Once the ride is completed, the back wheel is locked by pushing a lever down and the ride ends. The bike basket has a solar panel built in that charges the battery, it is a self-sufficient system that has proven to be sustainable. The bikes themselves are durable and Mr. O'Boyle stated that the bikes are in their eighth revision, taking feedback and implementing changes that improve the experience.

Mr. O'Boyle discussed how LimeBike is finding ways to fulfill different needs in communities by innovating their fleet; this has included the development of the Lime-E electric assist bike that attaches a small motor to the bike for riders that may need a little assistance, including increased speed and power to ride up hills. LimeBike has the largest fleet of electric assist bikes in the country. LimeBike has also created the Lime-S, a small electric powered scooter that is ideal for short trips between 1/3 and 1/2 of a mile. This appeals to millennials who grew up riding scooters and in cities where the Lime-S is used, LimeBike has seen high ridership by a younger demographic.

Mr. Hurley made note that the Lime-E electric assist bike and the Lime-S scooter were not reviewed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory committee. These devices were not part of the committee's recommendations; however it could be looked at in a future agreement if given additional information to review.

Mr. Reese explained the pricing to use a bike, for a dollar the user can unlock the bike and begin using it for the first 30 minutes. Afterwards, there is an added charge for another dollar. Additionally there are monthly memberships and student discounts.

Ms. Michael asked Mr. Reese if a rider rides the bike to the store and gets off the bike to enter the store, does the 30 minutes continue to count or is it paused when the bike is not in use. Mr. Reese stated that if the rider gets off the bike, the bike may or may not be available when they are finished. The idea is for there to be enough bikes in an area that if that initial bike is no longer available, there would be another bike in a close proximity to use, much like using Uber. Mr. O'Boyle commented that dock-less systems and smart mobility is a move away from the mentality of owning a bike to one of on-demand mobility. When a rider uses Uber, one does not rely on the same driver to pick you up; rather there would be a driver on demand nearby. To answer Ms. Michael's original question, Mr. O'Boyle explained if a rider unlocks a LimeBike to take it to the store, then locks it to get a gallon of milk and comes back out to unlock it, that would still be counted under the initial 30-minute charge.

Mr. Reese explained that when entering a community or region, it is necessary to have local staff. Having staff in the community is necessary to make sure bikes are repaired or replaced as quickly as possible, to relocate parked bikes, or to respond to emergency issues. In regards to parking, there must be education in advance and during the rollout of LimeBike's services. There are places that communities do and do not want bicycles located and that can be built into the app to indicate where parking is and is not acceptable. Additionally, there are rewards built into the app for riders who park properly.

Mr. O'Boyle discussed how satisfaction with LimeBike's level of service is dependent upon the ability to properly educate and enforce parking. LimeBike uses videos online, social media channels, and on the ground teams to educate riders on parking compliance. LimeBike conducts regular audits to ensure that there is compliance with the parking standards put in place. He cited the City of Greensboro, North Carolina that has roughly 1000 bikes in place and LimeBike was never below 94% compliance in their parking audits.

Mr. Reese explained their use of data and how they use that to gauge demand, making sure that bikes are in the proper place. Also, they use data showing where users open the app but do not unlock a bike and use that information to determine if that location is an area of unmet demand. The data may be used then to relocate additional bikes to that area. Mr. Reese concluded the presentation and asked for questions and comments.

Mr. Robinson stated that he thought that LimeBike may be a very interesting experiment in Worthington. He questioned whether someone was required to remain in the City of Worthington if they began their ride on the bike in Worthington, or would they need to leave the bike in the City. Mr. Reese responded no, especially considering the neighboring communities that are soon to be served by LimeBike. Mr. O'Boyle said that the app can send notifications if a rider enters a non-LimeBike serviced area and ask that the rider not drop the bike off in that location, encouraging them to end their trip where LimeBike is authorized. However, if bikes are parked in a non-serviced area, the local team on the ground would be able to recover the bikes and return them to an authorized

location. Mr. O'Boyle commented that bikes parked in non-authorized areas have facilitated organic growth for LimeBike, with cities seeing LimeBike bike usage in their area and thinking that it may be a good idea for their community.

Mr. Robinson inquired about how many bikes will be used at the outset of the program. Mr. Reese responded that would be determined by working with the City Council and City Manager's office to come up with a number. As a reference, the City of Columbus is discussing the deployment of 150 bikes in 3 different areas for a total of 450 bikes. The City of Dublin is looking at deploying approximately 150-200 bikes. Mr. O'Boyle stated that as a rule of thumb there would be a ratio of 1 bike per 100 in population, however in Dublin there may be a higher number to start with. Depending upon usage, LimeBike will adjust the count of bikes in an area. Mr. Reese explained that bikes would ideally be placed in denser areas, where there would be higher usage.

Mr. Robinson asked what internal metrics would be used and what information would be shared with the City at the end of the pilot to determine the impact of the program. Mr. O'Boyle stated that there would be a regional dashboard and a Worthington dashboard that will have heat maps showing origin and destination points. This data would be anonymized and show information such as trips per bike, average miles traveled, and average trip time. There would also be information showing levels of carbon saved by riders in Worthington over a specified timeframe. LimeBike aims to share as much anonymized data as possible for communities to make the best decisions for themselves. Mr. Reese explained that in every contract with LimeBike, there is a 30-day termination clause allowing a community to opt-out of LimeBike services with no financial penalty to the City. However, no city or organization has utilized this clause.

Ms. Kowalczyk asked what LimeBike's metric to measure success is. Mr. O'Boyle stated that success is finding the right number of bikes needed to reach the desired number of 1-2 trips per bike, per day. Secondly, a more broad measure of success is to lead a regional dock-less, smart mobility program that meets the need of cyclists in the area. Ms. Kowalczyk then asked how customer feedback is received and how that information could be relayed to the City of Worthington. Mr. O'Boyle said that there is a LimeBike customer service phone number that is available 24/7 for feedback, also there is an email on LimeBike.com that is also monitored 24/7. LimeBike social media pages are also monitored closely for feedback. Surveys and user polls are utilized to receive information on how LimeBike can be more effective. That can be used to help the City when making decisions to be more bike and pedestrian friendly.

Ms. Kowalczyk asked what LimeBike's experience with theft has been. Mr. Reese explained that the way that the bicycles are manufactured, pieces of a LimeBike can only be used for LimeBikes. There is also technology that will signal an alert if someone attempts to use the bike without properly unlocking it. Additionally, there is technology that will automatically make it nearly impossible to pedal the bike if being improperly used. Mr. O'Boyle reported the industry standard for loss due to damage or theft is 1-2%, LimeBike has experienced a rate of 1/2 of 1% rate for losses.

Ms. Kowalczyk inquired about accessibility with adaptive bikes for people with disabilities to have access to the LimeBike program. Mr. Reese stated that LimeBike is constantly looking at demand whether it is accessibility or improving the bicycle itself. Mr. O'Boyle stated that development includes other types of mobility options such as tricycles and hand cycles that would serve the purpose of greater accessibility. Ms. Kowalczyk expressed her pleasure with this direction and made a final suggestion for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and LimeBike when this program rolls out to engage in a greater education effort about bikes lanes, where bike paths are, and what the bike laws are. That could be done to help promote the program and educate the community.

Mr. Myers asked what happens if a rider takes a bike from Old Worthington and rides it home, would the bike be locked in front of their house. Mr. Reese said that is possible if it is an appropriate zone determined by the city. Another rider could then use that bike, or staff would recycle it into an appropriate zone. Ms. Michael asked how bikes would be recycled into a new zone. Mr. Reese said that the team on the ground would balance the bikes out by picking them up.

Mr. Myers then asked if a bike is in an area of low use, how long would that bike stay in the area. Mr. O'Boyle stated that a bike could stand idle for approximately 3 days before sending a signal to the local team that it needs to be moved. On the app, there is also a button to report issues. Mr. Myers asked if there are any markings on the bikes to allow a non-LimeBike user to report an issue. He anticipates that there will be issues with parking and he wants to make sure that LimeBike is receiving phone calls about problems, not city staff. Mr. O'Boyle said there is a phone number on the bikes and clear contact information for whom to call for issues. Mr. Reese stated that the same discussion is going on with the City of Columbus to minimize issues and incoming calls into city staff. Mr. Hurley said that during the trial period any calls or efforts made by city staff will be tracked and taken into consideration during future agreements.

Ms. Michael asked if there are any questions in the audience about the LimeBike presentation. An audience[A1] member asks if there is the potential for distracted driving for bike riders who are using the app while riding the bike and trying to find somewhere to park. Mr. Boyle said that the bikes have a cellphone holder mounted, allowing the rider to plug their destination information into Google. For parking, LimeBike attempts to minimize distractions by tagging designated parking areas. Another audience [A2] member asked who determines parking spots. Mr. Reese stated that the city determines that. Ms. Michael stated that parking spots could change dependent upon usage and data received. Ms. Dorothy said she hopes that this promotes local people visiting local businesses and the city can see that information. She also mentioned that existing bike racks could be used as parking locations.

Mr. Foust stated his concern that bike racks are going to be a parking spot for the LimeBikes, taking up space meant for personal bikes. Ms. Dorothy agreed that could be a legitimate concern in the future. Mr. Foust would like to see data in the future indicating how often, what percentage, and how many times a day LimeBike staff is

running their van to relocate bikes. If one of the purposes of this program is to protect the environment, what offsetting pollution is generated by a van having to pick-up a bike and place it elsewhere. Mr. O'Boyle states that they are always looking to decrease van trips. He stated that he would work with the City Manager and his staff to determine where the best places are to park locally.

Ms. Michael asked if there are no more questions, then there is the consensus to move forward with a trial of LimeBike in the City of Worthington.

MOTION Ms. Dorothy moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a trial agreement with LimeBike to provide dock-less bike sharing in Worthington for a period not to exceed six months. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kowalczyk.

The motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a trial agreement with LimeBike carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ms. Michael recognized several students who were in attendance as a scouting requirement.

Mr. Greeson asked Ms. Michael since there are members of two community groups in attendance, that Resolution No. 18-2018 be moved forward in the agenda. Ms. Michael replied that she would like to approve the minutes before moving that agenda item forward.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Regular Meeting – February 20, 2018
- Regular Meeting – March 5, 2018
- Special Meeting – March 12, 2018

MOTION Mr. Robinson moved to approve the aforementioned meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Foust.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LEGISLATION

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

At Mr. Greeson's^[A3] request, Resolution No. 18-2018 was moved forward for consideration.

Mr. Greeson explained that Council budgets funds each year to provide grants to community organizations that provide services to Worthington citizens. A committee is

appointed to provide recommendations on how much money should be allocated to each organization.

Ms. Stewart explained that council designated a committee to review the applications for alignment with the priorities that council established for the grants including providing basic human necessities and improvement to the Worthington community. Grant requests significantly exceeded the funding available for awards. The committee included Councilmembers Smith and Kowalczyk along with three other appointed members who reviewed requests and made recommendations.

Mr. Smith explained that the committee utilized a formula based on a rating matrix that calculated the recommended amounts. Mr. Smith noted that the amount recommended for Drug Safe Worthington differed significantly from the requested amount in light of the previous request that the organization made last year to help fund the Speaker Series. If they again requested additional money it could be approved by council. Mr. Myers asked what amount was requested for the Speaker Series. Mr. Smith replied that he thought it was \$9,000 to guarantee the Speaker Series and then Drug Safe Worthington went to the community to solicit funds, securing additional money from the Franklin County Prosecutor. Mr. Myers explained that the council has made drug and opioid issues a top priority and he wants to make sure that Mr. Smith is comfortable with the level of funding provided to Drug Safe Worthington. Mr. Smith confirmed the committee is comfortable with the funding level considering that if they come back with a specific request it would be considered.

Resolution No. 18-2018

Approving Funding to Worthington Community Groups for the 2018 Community Grant Program.

Introduced by Mr. Smith.

MOTION

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-2018. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dorothy.

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-2018 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 07-2018

Amending Ordinance No. 41-2017 (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 Municipal Building Chimney Project and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 632-16)

The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.

Mr. Whited reported that this legislation was introduced two weeks ago. Bids came in and staff recommends 2K General Company as the contractor with an amount not to exceed Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$82,500.00).

In response to Ms. Dorothy's question about when the project will begin, Mr. Whited replied that it should get moving within thirty days.

Mr. Greeson stated that the ordinance needs to be amended to include the amounts and the name of the contractor.

MOTION Mr. Myers made a motion to insert in Section 1 an amount not to exceed Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$82,500.00) and in Section 2 the firm of 2K General Company, Inc. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dorothy.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 07-2018 (As Amended). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 Robinson, Kowalczyk, Foust, Dorothy, Smith, Myers, and Michael

No 0

Ordinance No. 07-2018 (As Amended) was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.

Ordinance No. 08-2018 Amending Ordinance No. 41-2017 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Community Technology Fund and General Fund Unappropriated Balances to Provide Funds for City Council Video Streaming and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project.

The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.

Mr. Greeson explained that for quite a while, members of council have been interested in streaming City Council meetings. A process has been conducted with Mr. Smith and Mr. Robinson along with City staff to vet prospective vendors and a recommendation has been made to go with the vendor Swag-it. This ordinance appropriates \$80,000 from the Community Technology Fund and \$12,000 from the General Fund to cover up front expenses and initial year of operation costs. Ongoing costs will be approximately \$30,000 per year.

Mr. Oliver summarized that Swag-It meets all requirements in the RFP. Mr. Myers asked whether archiving would be done by Swag-It. Mr. Oliver stated that the City would retain all rights to the video and could download them at any time. Mr. Myers questioned whether public requests would be segregated for archived videos. Mr. Lindsey said that by contract Swag-It can maintain and provide records on request. Since the city can download the videos, the city could be the archival source for the long-term depending on the decision made about retention schedule. Mr. Myers asked to confirm that paper minutes would still be made. Mr. Lindsey said that paper minutes are the permanent record of government action.

Mr. Myers asked what storage fee would be charged as part of the contract. Mr. Oliver said that there is not a fee; it is included in the price. Ms. Dorothy stated she is concerned about the cost of this program and it is a larger price tag than anticipated. She asked if this is a large enough problem that the City must go toward video streaming and how long would videos be available. Mr. Oliver replied that would be dependent upon what policy is set.

Mr. Myers asked if this is a single year appropriation for the contract. Ms. Stewart replied that yes, this is for the upfront equipment cost and the annual fee. Ms. Dorothy asked if the City is locked into a three year agreement. Mr. Oliver replied that the City is not and the three year costs were provided to show the prospective costs over that period. Ms. Dorothy and Mr. Smith stated their discomfort with the high-costs with Mr. Smith explaining that it is the market costs for professional camera equipment and live streaming. Mr. Oliver noted that of the five quotes received, Swag-It was the low cost provider. Mr. Greenson explained that the funds being used from the Community Technology Fund cannot be used for general purpose uses and must be used for something like a community access channel or this streaming initiative.

Mr. Robinson noted that in light of the state of the current body politic, he is supportive of this effort. Ms. Michael expressed she believes this is valuable for people who are unable to attend meetings and they can see what really happens in Council meetings. Mr. Smith inquired if the City would own the equipment after the initial investment. Mr. Oliver said yes. Ms. Dorothy asked when the service would become operational if this is approved. Mr. Oliver stated installation would begin in late May with it becoming operational in June.

Michael Bates, 6560 Evening Street^{A4}

Mr. Bates asked if there were performance measures built into Swag-It's contract. He explained his history with capital outlays where there have been projects with equipment that sits in a closet unused.

Mr. Oliver replied that Swag-It has a strong reputation and the quality could be determined quickly from the production quality of the final product. There was also a minimum service level specified in the initial RFP.

MOTION Mr. Smith made a motion to insert in Section 2 the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) and in Section 3 the firm of Swag-it. The motion was seconded by Mr. Myers.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 08-2018 (As Amended). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 Kowalczyk, Foust, Dorothy, Smith, Myers, Robinson, and Michael

No 0

Ordinance No. 08-2018 (As Amended) was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.

Ordinance No. 09-2018 Amending Ordinance 46-2017 to Establish Compensation for the Unclassified Position of Executive Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk.

The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.

Mr. Greeson said that this is further implementation of the combining of the City Clerk and Executive Assistant to the City Manager functions.

There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 09-2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 Foust, Dorothy, Smith, Myers, Robinson, Kowalczyk, and Michael

No 0

Ordinance No. 09-2018 was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.

NEW LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED

Resolution No. 19-2018 Approving an Agreement and Permit for and between US Signal Company, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, to Operate and Maintain a Telecommunications System Within the City of Worthington Pursuant to and Subject to the Provisions of Chapter 949 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington.

Introduced by Ms. Dorothy.

Mr. Greeson explained that the City's codified ordinances have a provision for placing telecommunications systems in the public Right-of-Way. This a renewal of the permit that US Signal currently has for the Right-of-Way.

MOTION Ms. Kowalczyk made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson.

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-2018 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 10-2018 Amending Ordinance No. 41-2017 (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 Kenyonbrook Trunk Sewer Improvement Design Update and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 675-18)

Introduced by Mr. Foust.

Ordinance No. 11-2018 Amending Ordinance No. 41-2017 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Cost of Energy Conservation Measures, Authorize the Execution and Delivery of an Energy Savings Contract, and to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 677-18)

Introduced by Mr. Smith.

Ordinance No. 12-2018 Amending Ordinance No. 41-2017 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Design Costs of the East Wilson Bridge Road Waterline and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 678-18)

Introduced by Mr. Myers.

Ordinance No. 13-2018 Approving the Installation of a Tree Dedication Marker on the Northeast Village Green to Recognize the Contributions of former Mayor Harvey Minton to the Worthington Community.

Introduced by Ms. 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

Information Item(s)

Mr. Greeson reported that he has copies of a previously discussed letter drafted at Council's suggestion about the request encouraging the OPERS board of trustees to divest themselves of firearms stocks or firearms related securities.

MOTION_[A5]

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the letter to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kowalczyk.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

REPORT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Smith reported that the CIC shifted resources to the PACE program for the Wilson Bridge Road corridor. This is a change in the ReCAP program to incentivize businesses to put money into energy efficiency. Ms. Michael explained that the number of ReCAP applications has decreased and there have been discussions on how to use those funds. Mr. Smith noted that social media feedback on energy aggregation has largely been positive.

Mr. Foust reported that he attended a meeting last week of the Columbus Energy Special Improvement District. They reviewed a PACE project that funded HVAC and other energy efficiency improvements.

Mr. Robinson reported about a tree literacy program he had read about in New York City that he appreciated. He was then pleased when he saw the Spring Activity Brochure at the Community Center featured the different trees on the Village Green with descriptors for each type.

Ms. Michael reported she was at a meeting regarding the Worthington Resource Pantry where Kroger is shifting from giving money to local resource centers. This will have a \$100,000 impact on the Worthington Resource Pantry.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

Mr. Myers made a motion to meet in Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dorothy.

The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Yes 7 Smith, Robinson, Kowalczyk, Foust, Myers, Dorothy, and Michael

No 0

Council recessed at 9:29 p.m. from the Regular meeting session.

MOTION Mr. Foust made a motion to return to open session at 10:09 p.m.
The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded
by Mr. Foust.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Thress _____ /s/ D. Kay
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
2nd day of April, 2018.*

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
Council President