



City Council Agenda

Minutes

Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:30 pm

6550 N. High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085

Virtual Meeting Information

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1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Worthington City Council met remotely in Regular Session on Monday, May 17, 2021, via Microsoft Teams videoconference. President Michael called the meeting to order at or about 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Minutes:

Members Present: Peter Bucher, Rachael Dorothy, Beth Kowalczyk, Scott Myers, David Robinson, Doug Smith and Bonnie Michael

Member(s) Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Matt Greeson, Assistant City Manager Robyn Stewart, Assistant City Manager Economic Development Director David McCorkle, Law Director 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, IT Director Gene Oliver, Communications Director Anne Brown, Chief of Police Robert Ware, Chief of Fire & EMS Mark Zambito, Clerk of Council D. Kay Thress

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

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

4. Visitor Comments

Minutes:

There were no visitor comments.

Special Presentation

5. Dr. Mysheika Roberts - Columbus Public Health

Minutes:

Mr. Greeson introduced Dr. Mysheika Roberts with Columbus Public Health, who has been a tremendous partner to us over the past year, working to make sure the Worthington community has been as safe as possible. There has recently been changing advice from the federal level about how to protect ourselves from COVID-19, and there have been announcements from the state regarding things such as mask regulation. We felt it was important to get up to speed on the state of things and talk about the relationship of these changes we keep hearing about to our local rules and regulations, such as Worthington's mask ordinance.

Dr. Roberts explained how there have been a lot of new developments over the past 72 hours. As we stand right now, the COVID-19 pandemic is still not over and will still be with us for a while longer. Worthington has had 1,141 cases of COVID-19, looking at the Columbus and Worthington jurisdiction, there have been 90,000 cases, and the county has had 135,000 cases. In Franklin County, we have had 125 cases per every 100,000 people who live in the county. Our positivity rate is about 2.9% which is better than it has been, but we would prefer it to be under 1%. We now have three very safe and effective vaccines, but only 39% of Franklin County residents are fully vaccinated. 43% have started the vaccine process. There are still a lot of vulnerable individuals to COVID-19. We do not know when ages 11 and under will be able to be vaccinated. Last week, the Governor announced he would be lifting all health orders on June 2, meaning that the state would not be mandating masks, social distancing, or occupancy restrictions. However, just because the orders are being reduced, people can still wear masks, businesses can require them, but there will no longer be state orders. Given that less than 50% of the population is vaccinated, there are still many susceptible to COVID-19. On Friday, the CDC said that if someone has been fully vaccinated, those persons no longer need to wear a mask, but non-vaccinated people do. However, there is no way to verify who has been vaccinated or not. The Governor followed that announcement by saying that vaccinated persons are no longer required to wear masks in public. She believes that people should continue to wear a mask and should not be ordered to do so, especially when indoors, unvaccinated persons should wear masks. We are near the end of this pandemic, but we are still not quite there yet.

President Michael asked if a business wants to wear a mask, and a patron refuses, whether there is any enforceability the business has. Dr. Roberts replied that other than removing that person from their business, there is nothing they can do.

Ms. Kowalczyk asked about the state changing their orders, she wondered if there was information about where the City of Columbus stands on this. Dr. Roberts explained how Columbus passed a mask ordinance last June, and they will need to revisit that legislation. It is not clear what they will decide, and the challenge is how a municipality would enforce a mandate. When it is left up to individual municipalities, it

is challenging, and she hopes that people will do the right thing when it comes to mask-wearing. Ms. Kowalczyk explained how children 11 and under cannot be vaccinated, and asked what the risk would be to that age group with the removal of the mask requirement. Dr. Roberts replied that while kids are not immune to this virus, they do not have the same infection rates as adults. The risk to our young children is there, and she would encourage those who can to continue wearing a mask, and parents are mindful of the environments they put their children in. Ms. Kowalczyk asked if schools were still required to comply with mask-wearing. Dr. Roberts confirmed that schools are to comply with the masking requirements through the end of this academic year. Any summer or fall activities will be business as usual. Ms. Dorothy asked if we are still asking people to get the vaccine. Dr. Roberts replied that is exactly why the Governor started Vaxamillion to encourage vaccination. People not vaccinated are vulnerable to the virus and any negative outcomes from having the virus. They should definitely continue to mask in public.

President Michael commended the Columbus Health Department for the speed and efficiency of the vaccinations being given at the drive-thru clinic at the fairgrounds, it only took her seven minutes from start to finish.

Ms. Dorothy asked about people who are homebound and if there is any effort being made to get vaccines out to those people. Dr. Roberts said there is a homebound program in conjunction with the Department of Aging, where we bring the vaccine to them.

Mr. Bucher asked if we anticipate there being a spike in cases with these orders being rescinded. Dr. Roberts described how she anticipates seeing a bump in cases, but not a spike in cases.

Mr. Robinson asked if CPH has a vaccination goal for the population in terms of a percentage. Dr. Roberts responded that ideally, we would see 70% of our population vaccinated when everyone can be vaccinated. She would be very happy to see a vaccination rate of 51% for those who are eligible at this time. Hopefully, Vaxamillion will entice people to get vaccinated, but the most effective communication tools are people who share their experiences on vaccination. If someone has been vaccinated, she encourages those people to encourage their friends and family to get vaccinated. President Michael expressed that the most hesitant people are between the ages of 20 and 40. Dr. Roberts said that is correct, some people do not feel the need to get vaccinated and want to wait and see. Some people are saying they want the vaccine, but will not go out of their way to get it. CPH is looking to go out to where people are with mobile teams, providing the vaccine to get to some of these more hesitant age groups.

Ms. Kowalczyk said that she believes there is hesitancy, but the other issue is that there are some people who do not have the time or means to go and get the vaccine. At a minimum, if there is something we can do to facilitate getting to those folks, such as at the Farmers Market or holding a citywide clinic, she wondered if that is something that could be facilitated for Worthington to help with the vaccination effort. Dr. Roberts expressed they would be very happy to help with that and would need

some advice on what the best places would be. They have learned that people want to go to places they are comfortable and familiar with. Mr. Greeson stated that the City would facilitate this type of work, so there is a way to make it happen.

Mr. Greeson explained how last week we started wrestling with the practicality of maintaining local ordinances and whether we should modify or repeal our local ordinances, particularly because CDH and ODH seem to be shifting rapidly and are not in line with our legislative timelines. We began shifting towards a repeal of the face mask ordinance, recognizing that it is challenging to have a local ordinance with other guidance changing.

Mr. Smith moved to introduce Ordinance No. 23-2021

Mr. Myers asked about the enforcement of our local ordinance and whether it is enforced by Columbus Public Health. Mr. Greeson replied their sanitations have partnered with our police, and warnings come on letterhead that has both Worthington and CPH logos. Mr. Myers expressed that given the way this is moving, that mechanism would no longer be available to us through CPH. Dr. Roberts said that sanitarians would still be available and enforcement could be done if there was the support of the police for that work to be done and would be based on Worthington's orders. Mr. Myers explained how that would put us in a difficult situation, essentially borrowing enforcement officers from CPH, even though CPH no longer has an order in place.

Mr. Robinson expressed how for practical reasons and principle, he would challenge Council to justify not going along with the CDC, where he generally looks for expertise on these issues. He is not prepared to say we know better than they do at this time. Mr. Greeson clarified that this is an ordinance by emergency, which means that it is effective immediately, rather than there being an introduction and public hearing two weeks later. The reason this was put on the agenda tonight, Council does not meet again until June 7, so the options are to discuss this tonight, or wait until June 7. That may cause confusion about how our ordinance applies and how it is different from ODH orders.

Ms. Kowalczyk conveyed she is concerned and frustrated with this situation because the CDC has said that unvaccinated persons should still wear masks and the point of the mask requirement was not only to protect ourselves but others. When we passed this ordinance in the first place, the state was not here yet and we were conflicting with the state. She wanted to remind people that we came out before the state and had a different requirement. However, there are challenges in enforcement if there is a difference between the governor and various communities. She is concerned about businesses for the health of their employees, or who may face liability for people who come in their place of business, and also kids or those who are immunocompromised. Mr. Robinson asked for clarification on whether businesses will still be able to require their employees to wear masks or require people to wear masks entering their facilities. Mr. Lindsey replied that individual businesses retain the right to their own requirements. If someone is asked to leave and fails, that could be considered a criminal trespass.

Mr. Myers echoed Ms. Kowalczyk's statements, he wishes we could keep the masks. We have been wearing them for a year and a half now, and it is second nature to put them on and it is not a big deal. However, he does not believe we have a choice other than to repeal and we do not want to put ourselves in an untenable situation.

Mr. Bucher seconded previous comments and encouraged us to be proactive going into the next chapter.

Ms. Dorothy reiterated previous comments and shared that there are vaccines ready to give to everyone in the Worthington community and will work to get out to people who want to be vaccinated.

There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll of Ordinance No. 23-2021.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote Results: Ayes: 7 / Nays: 0

MOTION: Mr. Myers moved, seconded Ms. Dorothy to passed Ordinance No. 23-2021 as an Emergency.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote Results: Ayes: 7 / Nays: 0

Approval of the Minutes

6. Approval of Minutes - April 19, 2021, May 3, 2021 (Special), May 3, 2021

Minutes:

MOTION: Mr. Bucher moved, seconded by Ms. Kowalczyk to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Public Hearings on Legislation

7. Ordinance No. 26-2020 Supplemental Appropriation from Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Body Worn Cameras)

Amending Ordinance No. 45-2019 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for Appropriations from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Minutes:

MOTION: Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Bucher to remove Ordinance No. 26-2020 from the table.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

MOTION: Ms. Kowalczyk moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to amend Ordinance No. 26-2020 as presented.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Greeson explained how over the recent weeks and months, we have discussed body-worn cameras. Last week, there was a presentation from Chief Ware and Mr. Oliver regarding a potential body-worn camera program. This legislation tonight is for \$135,000 which is a change from the original proposal to increase the number of cameras so each officer can have a dedicated camera. It will be a comprehensive

cloud-based solution along with training, project management, and maintenance support over a multi-year period. One question that has come up pertains to the ongoing operational costs and in the memorandum, there is an acknowledgment that some operational costs are unknown due to the volume of records requests that will need to be monitored. The implementation timeline has a go-live goal in the August to September timeframe. The purchase amount is split between the Law Enforcement Trust Fund and the unencumbered General Fund balance. Staff has already distributed the written policy for body-worn cameras, which is already in place for portable cameras, and the underlying issues about that policy. This will allow us to move forward with the purchase of the cameras and the contract with Motorola.

Mr. Robinson asked about the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, wondering how much is in that fund currently. Mr. Bartter responded that there is \$72,000 in that fund right now. Mr. Robinson explained how in the memo there was mention of a month-end purchase incentive, he does not see that reflected in the ordinance and wanted to know where that \$19,000 is saved. Mr. Greeson replied that the \$135,000 amount reflects the \$19,000 in savings negotiated by Mr. Oliver. Mr. Robinson asked what it means when referring to where it says the cameras will be replaced at no additional cost. Mr. Oliver responded that we can replace the cameras without cost at the end of three years, which is included in the \$135,000 cost. Mr. Robinson expressed that it seems to him given our prior discussions about policy, this is an evolving policy area with a lot of research being completed, and best practices being defined. He suggested that if we approve this ordinance, that we plan on a report of the program six months from the operation of the program commences, where the Chief can present on how the program is working, what the costs are turning out to be, and if there is any new research that has emerged. That would be good governance and help answer some of his still unanswered questions.

Ms. Dorothy said she would appreciate an update on how things are going and what is going on. We have also talked about using the cameras for training purposes, and she would like to know more about what manpower will be used to redact things. Mr. Greeson responded that we would be glad to do that.

President Michael asked if there should be an update scheduled about how the program is going either at year-end or at the beginning of next year. Mr. Greeson replied that sometime in 2022 makes sense. Mr. Robinson suggested at the six-month mark.

Ms. Kowalczyk stated that she is glad we have taken the time to examine this issue to ensure we were doing things properly. Body cams are a useful tool, as another piece of evidence, and as a training tool, though not a panacea for larger problems in society. A lot of problems with body cameras that have been raised are due to the lack of a comprehensive and thoughtful policy. The issue of public records and when to share footage, there are not as many issues here as there are in other states due to our records laws. However, this is a tool, not solving other problems we have been talking about locally and as a nation.

There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll of Ordinance

No. 26-2020 (As Amended).

The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote Results: Ayes: 7 / Nays: 0

8. Ordinance No. 17-2021 - Sewer Easement Encroachment

Authorizing the Construction of a Basketball Court Over and Above a Utility Easement Containing a Sanitary Sewer Operated and Maintained by the City of Worthington on the Property Located at 271 Kertess Avenue.

Minutes:

Mr. Whited said this is a straightforward request, the owner is looking to build a basketball court in their backyard and it happens to be in the vicinity of a sanity sewer easement. Based on past experiences, he wants to make sure it is clear to the property owner that if there is a need to do maintenance of the sewer, they are fully responsible for any maintenance issues or replacement. We are not responsible for the cost of said work. Mr. Lindsey has prepared an agreement that will go with the deed to make sure it is made clear in the future.

There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll of Ordinance No. 17-2021.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote Results: Ayes: 7 / Nays: 0

9. Ordinance No. 18-2021 Development Agreement High North

Amending Ordinance No. 44-2020 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for Appropriations from the General Fund Unappropriated Balance, Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Development Agreement with DRP Worthington, LP, and Determining to Proceed with Certain Public Improvements.

Minutes:

Mr. McCorkle provided an overview of the Development Agreement and where we are with the High North Project. The Development Agreement is the first step in what is a larger project and process. It provides the basic framework for the plan moving forward. The mall has undergone iterations over the years, most recently having \$13 million invested since 2014, yet the mall is 45% financially vacant and the northern and western portions of the mall have been struggling due to visibility. Direct Retail Partners purchased the site in late 2019 and this will be their first project in the Central Ohio market. Traditionally, they have done large-scale retail projects, and this is one of their initial mixed-use projects. With this project, there is a need for support because the new office building and parking garage cannot be constructed at a cost that results in a competitive rental rate for tenants. The owners will continue to operate the property in its current state with some additional investments if the office cannot be constructed, however, challenges will continue. Over time, the value of the property may decline as it struggles to compete.

The purpose of the Development Agreement is to detail the obligations of the City and developer and to specify the standards and conditions that will govern the redevelopment of the property. This is an overarching agreement that ties the rezoning and redevelopment of the property to the financial incentive structure.

Financial support includes a Venture Grant, Tax Increment Financing, and Gateway and Streetscape Enhancements. These will be brought back at a later date. The most

important components of the Development Agreement include the construction scope and timing, zoning requirements, financial incentive structure, projected project payroll, offsite improvements, and construction easements. It also details that the City plans to support garage construction with bond issuance, and pay the debt service with TIF revenue and payroll taxes. Many of the offsite improvements included have been in previous plans by the City. Redevelopment is expensive and transformation usually requires complete failure of the property or subsidization. This is more risk and reward than the City has taken in the past. The Mall is a dying asset and there are few alternatives if we do not financially support the project. It will become the catalyst for Phase 2 investment at the High North site, additional investment in the corridor, and it will provide quality-of-life amenities for neighboring employers. The next steps will be to execute the Development Agreement, send a TIF notice to the school district, and then the TIF legislation and venture grants will come to Council. In early fall there will be the mall demolition and beginning of offsite improvements, with office and garage construction beginning dependent upon the tenants.

Ms. Dorothy asked about the time and when the demolition will begin. Mr. McCorkle replied they do not anticipate waiting for tenants to begin the demolition, demolishing buildings, and removing the roof from the mall, showing prospective tenants that this is a project moving forward.

Mr. Robinson asked if the 60% pre-lease threshold is standard. Mr. McCorkle replied it is not too far off, and 50% is pretty typical.

Mr. McCorkle asked what would happen if they do not reach that 60% number. Mr. McCorkle said that there are two timing pieces here, with them needing to complete offsite agreements within 36 months and would need to start construction of the office building by 12/31/2025 which is identified in the Development Agreement.

Ms. Kowalczyk asked if in terms of the financial incentives in the Development Agreement, what exactly are we bound to do because it refers to incentives including and not limited to. Mr. McCorkle described how it doesn't bind us to a TIF or venture grant, it only binds us to the first \$1.5 million for offsite improvements. A TIF will be absolutely necessary to construct a Class-A office space building. We cannot identify an exact venture grant amount right now since we do not know who the tenants will be. If build-out costs are not as high, there may be a lower amount needed for a venture grant.

Mr. Lindsey explained how he wanted to read into the record an email that was sent to Council from Mr. Ron Sears at 7:26 pm this evening. He wrote,

"Honorable City Council Representatives: I noticed the following wording (presented below) in the agreement City Council is being asked to approve tonight. If my reading is correct, this means future actions by any succeeding members of City Council or actions by voters of Worthington are to "corrected" by our own City Government / Matt Greenson,, City Manager. For example, if some Worthington residents object to DRP Worthington's plans to build three 10 story buildings on the old shopping center site, the City will now be contractually obliged as follows: "shall take whatever

reasonable steps are necessary to relieve the effect of such cause as promptly as possible." In other words, the proposed agreement will obligate Worthington City Government to use our tax dollars to defeat any attempts to vary from the currently proposed DRP development plans, locking everyone into final approval of DRP's plans with this one mostly unnoticed vote tonight. Does City Council have the legal right to tie the hands of all future council members and the actions of our community? If the answer is "NO" then this agreement is illegal on it's face and should not be approved as written. Whether the answer is "YES" or "NO" then those members of City Government who allowed this to be so proposed, should be admonished by Council against proposing such irresponsible agreements in the future. Thank you in advance for correcting this problem."

Mr. Lindsey explained how the Force Majeure provides for a delayed performance of certain obligations and such acts that are not caused by either of the parties, typically referred to as an "Act of God" clause such as strike, weather events, terrorist attacks, embargos, wars, and recently pandemics that would delay a party from fulfilling their obligations. The language Mr. Sears is referring to, included with the list of items that are not within the control of either party, the critical part of the language is not that it would be referring to Council's actions, but to other government entities. If the state or federal government took action that would delay one of the other parties, then that delay would be excused, not the obligation itself. The additional language addressed, was that the delayed party, the party claiming that this is a Force Majeure event, would not force the City to take any specific actions. There is no prevention of long-term contracts, such as TIF agreements. it is his legal opinion this language is legal for the Council to approve and is not in violation of the Ohio Revised Code, and it is a misinterpretation of the language to believe it would cause the concerns that Mr. Sears raised in his remarks.

There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll of Ordinance No. 18-2021.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote Results: Ayes: 7 / Nays: 0

New Legislation to Be Introduced

10. Ordinance No. 19-2021 Adopt Code Replacement Pages

An Ordinance to revise the Codified Ordinances by adopting current Replacement Pages.

Minutes:

Introduced by Mr. Robinson

11. Ordinance No. 20-2021 Appropriation - McCord Park

Amending Ordinance No. 44-2020 (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 McCord Park Renovations and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 716-21)

Minutes:

Introduced by Mr. Bucher

12. Ordinance No. 21-2021 Appropriation - Police Building

Amending Ordinance No. 44-2020 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Costs of Police Building Modifications and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 695-19)

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Kowalczyk

13. Ordinance No. 22-2021 Appropriation - Street Maintenance Program

Amending Ordinance No. 44-2020 (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 2021 Street Improvement Program and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 717-21)

Minutes:

Introduced by Mr. Smith

Reports of City Officials

14. Policy Item(s)

a. Financial Report - April 2021

Minutes:

Mr. Bartter explained that there is not much to discussed, but noted that in the first meeting in June you will see legislation for debt issuance and will be starting the rating process immediately.

Mr. Robinson asked how the year to date compares to the budget as well as April. Mr. Bartter said that that income tax collections are above estimates by about 3.87%. You will start to see some variances in year-to-date collections that will fix themselves throughout the year.

MOTION: Mr. Myers moved, seconded by Ms. Dorothy to accept the financial report.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

b. TREX Notice - Macondo LLC (dba Chapala Mexican Restaurant)

Minutes:

Mr. Greeson explained how this is a TREX, which is where someone purchases a liquor permit from a community that has an excess, essentially porting it to our community. This is for the Chapala Mexican Restaurant that is planning to open in the former Bruegger's Bagels. We are excited to have a new Mexican food option in Old Worthington and this is the liquor permit for that.

Mr. McCorkle detailed how this is only for whether Council wishes to request a hearing. We have already TREX-ed in.

MOTION: Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Bucher to not request a hearing.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Greeson highlighted that we have two interns that have started with the City today. They will be joining us in various policy efforts this summer such as the Joint Recreation District, Source of Income, the Visioning Process, DORA, and working with the Division of Police among other things. Secondly, he wanted to

make Council aware that upcoming will be a discussion about or solid waste contract, which is expiring at the end of this year. It is a nearly \$1 million contract. There have been some changes in the marketplace and staff has determined to start this contract process early. Transition times are long if there are changes in contractors and we know that we need to include time to talk about various conservation strategies and strategies that may explore billing. Expect that to get ahead of these things, staff will plan to discuss this topic in June. Ms. Stewart explained how we are hearing that transition to a new contractor could take six months or more and we would need to be out to bid in June/July so we know where we stand before the August recess.

Reports of Council Members

15. Reports of Council Members

Minutes:

Ms. Dorothy reported that a couple of weeks ago the Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW), were out at Rush Run and they did a bunch of cleanups there. It is a 40-acre park and has a lot of areas to maintain. This last weekend, Shawn Daugherty helped out at the Olentangy Trail along with FLOW to remove honeysuckle. They did a great job. FLOW also helped coordinate planting wildflowers with Boy Scout Troop #267 and Daisy Troop #6819 along the Olentangy Trail. She is looking forward to making out existing parks more useful.

Ms. Kowalczyk gave a Council a heads up that she would have a formal report on the Age-Friendly Initiative next month. They are getting ready to launch their work with a formal steering committee. She looks forward to meeting the City interns and including them in the Age-Friendly work. This is significant and we are observing Older Americans month and the theme of 2021 is "Communities of Strength". Older adults have built strength and resilience over their lives, and their stories and contributions help to support and inspire others. This is really powerful for launching our work. She also highlighted efforts by the City of Columbus, which is starting to implement an alternative response pilot program that is intended to address the needs of 911 callers with non-emergency incidents. Particularly mental health or other issues. She would be interested in having a conversation about whether NRECC or other communities are having similar discussions. She expressed her appreciation for training offered through the Ohio University Voinovich Academy for Public Service is putting on for local elected officials. She is a big proponent for training and she is appreciative of the opportunity to appreciate and network. It is a series of training covering things such as governance, finance, economic development, leadership, safety, and public works. There are people from across the state participating and she hopes we can continue to participate in that. Finally, she thanked City Staff for all they are doing to make sure that the Farmers Market is a success.

Mr. Bucher offered a look ahead that coming up that Mr. Robinson, Ms. Kowalczyk, and himself will be meeting with folks to discuss R-PACE financing with the E-SID and

may have more information.

President Michael updated that they had the CIC meeting this past Friday and everyone is moving forward on trying to make decisions and strategies on the East Wilson Bridge Road properties.

Other

Executive Session

16. Executive Session

Minutes:

MOTION: Ms. Kowalczyk moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing board and commissions appointments.

The clerk called the roll on Executive Session.

The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Council recessed at 9:22 p.m. from the Regular meeting session.

MOTION: Mr. Myers moved, Ms. Dorothy seconded a motion to return to open session at 10:14 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Adjournment

17. Motion to Adjourn

Minutes:

MOTION: Mr. Robinson moved, Mr. Bucher seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried by a voice vote.

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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/s/ Ethan C. Barnhardt
Management Assistant

Attest

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
President of Council