



# City Council Agenda

## Minutes

Monday, June 21, 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, June 21, 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, 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.

# Public Hearings on Legislation

## 5. Ordinance No. 24-2021 Colonial Hills Waterline Replacement Design

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 Colonial & Andover Waterline Improvement Design and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 718-21)

### Minutes:

#### The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.

Mr. Greeson reported beginning an attack on replacing the City's aging waterlines which have undergone a comprehensive evaluation in recent years. Waterline projects on East Wilson Bridge Road were done in advance of the Northeast Gateway project and the area of Huntley/Wilson Bridge/Worthington-Galena Roads. We are excited to be addressing some issues and problems in the Colonial Hills area. This legislation will fund the design work for that project.

Mr. Whited agreed that our waterline infrastructure is certainly in need of an all-hands-on deck approach. Based on the information gathered during the Waterline Master Plan study and the prioritization that occurred after the analysis was completed, this waterline was identified as Project #1. The request is for Strand to move forward with the engineering design of this project as well as bidding assistance services, on-site construction inspection services, some geotechnical services and other issues which is the reason for the \$355,000 contract. We bundled all those services into one project to avoid issues that sometimes occur when we do not do that. Strand has done a great job with the Huntley Bowl project and we are confident in their ability with this project as well. There will be a kick-off meeting in the next few weeks with work beginning once the contract is signed. He is guessing that design work will take about 90 days. Once it is designed, he estimates it will take six months to obtain all the approvals and engage a contractor before construction can begin, which makes this a 2022 project. He anticipates beginning work on the next construction project on the priority list once this design work is complete. We look forward to attacking this project and with permission to move forward rather quickly. At Mr. Greeson's request, Mr. Whited shared that the geographic boundaries include about 3,000 feet of line at Andover and Foster Avenues (north on Foster, across Andover, and includes some 6" line as well as 8" line). We decided to replace all of the line with 8" pipe just to make sure that we have the appropriate capacity for firefighting. He noted the Colonial Hills area experiences frequent breaks and was identified as one of high consequence of failure.

Ms. Dorothy shared that she is excited about this project. She asked how long we expect those waterlines to last. Mr. Whited replied that a thirty-year life cycle is the predicted life but that is a conservative estimate. The current lines were constructed in the 1950s so forty years is not unheard of.

Ms. Dorothy noted that the CIP for 2022 list starting the design of Meadoway Park and Park Blvd but only has \$50,000 listed for design and \$50,000 for the Overlook Blvd. design in 2024 but this design is \$355,000. She asked if those numbers will be revised

or if there is any way of getting an economy of scale if we get more design work included in this package. Mr. Whited replied that we will be rolling into the next CIP shortly and that information will be included in there. He doesn't recall what all numbers are included for the construction of this project, but he would guess that a large portion of those geotechnical and on-site inspection services were included in that portion of the contract because they really are construction services.

Ms. Dorothy commented that what she is pressing for is that we are just partially addressing Colonial Hills in this design and subsequent construction packages we have placeholders for several other streets but that doesn't cover the entire Colonial Hills area. She asked if there is any way we can move forward with designing and replacing more of the infrastructure in Colonial Hills. Mr. Whited replied that she has seen the priority list and as unfortunate as the situation is in Colonial Hills the same also exists in other neighborhoods in the area. Again, going through that risk factor analysis and prioritization, we will continue to evaluate that year after year. He added that staff have looked at some options for funding but have been unsuccessful at finding anything other than loans that aren't necessarily to our benefit. If we can come up with some money and staffing, we can do more waterlines.

Ms. Dorothy stated she would love to expand the design services. We still have a construction package that hasn't been passed yet by the federal government that had some money earmarked for waterline replacement. She would love to expand the design package for all of Colonial Hills but is ready to approve what we have tonight. She is hopeful we can get some federal funding for actual construction.

Mr. Greeson clarified that the funding for the construction of this project is in the 2021 CIP but will likely be constructed in 2022. He noted the current adopted CIP has use constructing a project in Colonial Hills every other year, but we can discuss and re-evaluate that in our upcoming CIP discussions.

Mr. Bucher asked if EPA grants, or other types of grants are worth pursuing for these projects. Mr. Whited explained that there is an issue with ownership because we do not really own the water lines although they are ours to care for. The lack of ownership makes it difficult to acquire outside funding, but he will continue working with Strand on the issue.

Ms. Kowalczyk asked if the federal funding being referred to be the American Rescue dollars that local governments are supposed to be getting. She asked if it is a question of timing in terms of access to those funds because she knows those funds can be used for waterline replacement as well as other things. Mr. Greeson thinks we are mixing two different federal funding topics. One is the Act that Ms. Kowalczyk is referring to that we have not yet received a distribution from yet, but he thinks we are supposed to soon. Those one-time monies will become available, and he thinks would be best dealt with as part of our overall budget dialog in terms of how we use them to help our CIP or operating expenses. Hopefully going for one-time expenses. Then the second topic is this ongoing conversation about a potential infrastructure package which also may offer some opportunity for the community. He believes waterlines are eligible in the first act and since there is nothing passed in terms of infrastructure act,

that remains to be seen. Ms. Michael is excited that this work is going to be done. It has been a long time.

**There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 24-2021.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Vote Results:** Ayes: 7 / Nays: 0

**Ordinance No. 24-2021 was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.**

## **6. Ordinance No. 25-2021 Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds - Refunding and New Additions for Police Building and 2020 Sewer Lining**

Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Not to Exceed \$6,580,000 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, (IV) Replacing or Improving the Roofs of the Fire Station and the Community Center, and All Necessary Appurtenances Thereto, and (V) Designing, Constructing, Furnishing, and Equipping a Police Building with Related Site Improvements and Appurtenances Thereto, and Retiring Notes Previously Issued for Such Purpose; And Approving Related Matters

### **Minutes:**

**The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.**

President Michael commented that we have several bond ordinances that are similar so we will have one presentation on the first ordinance and then summaries for the others.

Mr. Greeson reported our Capital Improvement Program has anticipated debt issuance for financing several Capital Improvement projects that we have completed or anticipate to complete. We are now moving forward with seeking authorization to issue bonds. We are here this evening to talk with members about this significant issue. He introduced the team of people that assists the city quite a bit in our financial strategy, particularly when we issue debt. We have our municipal financial advisers from bakertilly, Brian Cooper and Tom Ricchiuto, and Matt Stout with Bricker & Eckler who is our bond counsel. He believes Mr. Cooper will lead the presentation and then each of them as well as Mr. Bartter and he are available to answer any questions. He thanked them for being here this evening. They are a critical part of our team helping to shape our financial strategy for achieving our Capital Improvement plan.

Mr. Cooper shared that the City issued notes in 2020 in the amount of \$5,815,000. The purpose of the issuance was to fund sewer, energy, and water system improvements, the fire station and community center roofs and improvements on the police building. Those notes were issued as a one-year term and are coming due in September 2021. We went through the State Treasurer Ohio Market Access Program and those notes were rated SP-1+.

As part of the CIP and annual process the City has had some history issuing notes for these projects, first starting in 2018. Currently the Municipal Market Data (MMD) is showing very low interest rates but there is pressure on rates increasing with inflation concerns. The treasury has been rising since the beginning of the year but when you look at the big picture, rates are much lower than where they were two, three and

four years ago so timing for bond issuing could not be better.

As far as the City's outstanding bonded debt, there are two bond issuances outstanding that total \$3,840,000, which is considered a very light debt burden for a City such as Worthington. The chart also highlights the 2020 note in the amount of \$5,815,000 as well as the new money project that includes additional funds for the sewer system, police building, storm water, McCord park improvements, Northeast Gateway and architecture and engineering services that total \$4,629,155.

The four bond ordinances will end up as a combined issuance. Those measures are adopted individually but when we do the bond sale, we combine them into one issue. The parameters are included below and basically establish a not to exceed amount: He added that Mr. Bartter will sign off on the final financial terms of the bonds when they finally go to market and sell. They are looking at a 20-year bond issuance with maturities from 2022 to 2041. They will have semi-annual interest payments and annual principal payments. These bonds will be general obligation bonds. They will have an optional redemption feature of December 1, 2031. The bonds will be issued as tax exempt securities and they expect to get this transaction to market by the end of July with a closing on August 11th.

As he mentioned earlier, rates are very low. As they ran the numbers today on bonds, estimated all in cost to the City for this 20-year issuance that includes the interest rate costs and all of the transaction costs is approximately 1.171%.

The next steps are for Council to adopt these ordinances. Their group will be meeting with S&P Global ratings on June 24th. City staff (Mr. Greeson, Mr. Bartter, and Mr. McCorkle) have been working very hard on preparing a formal presentation to S&P so we can secure the bond rating and we expect excellent results from the meeting. They will update members as that rating comes back but they anticipate good things for the city of Worthington through that process. They expect to have that bond rating on or before July 7th and will finalize all the disclosure documents and offer the bonds for sale on July 28th. That will give them about two weeks to finalize the bond documents, prepare for closing, wire funds and close on August 11th.

Mr. Cooper asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Robinson commented that the \$3.8M current debt is light for a City such as Worthington. He asked what the metric is that he is using and what would be an average or normal debt burden if our current one is light. Mr. Cooper replied that light is not a bad thing. When the rating agencies are evaluating a City and especially the City's general obligation bond rating, they look at five big categories. They look at the assess evaluation, tax base, finances, management and lastly a City's debt. With S&P, your debt profile only represents 10% of the overall rating. When they look at your debt, they look at outstanding debt as it compares to your assess valuation, which is a proxy for our tax base. Then they also look at the City's annual debt service as a percentage of your overall expenditures and/or revenues. Those are the two metrics that they use. He knows from looking at the City's credit matrix that these score a AAA in that category. He doesn't have the number off hand, but his sense is somewhere up in the \$15 to \$20 million dollars of total bonded debt would still be in

that AAA rating. Once you move out of that your debt rating could go to double or single A rating, but it doesn't mean that the overall rating for the City would not be a AAA. It is a little complex but certainly the amount of debt that the City has outstanding at this point is manageable from a rating perspective.

Mr. Robinson thinks he said the issuance is going to be for \$9.985M. He asked why it would not be for the \$10.4M, which would be the \$4.6M plus the \$5.8M. Mr. Cooper replied there are two reasons. The first is because the Finance Department has established an amortization for the various purpose bond, so the City wants to pay down some of the current obligations. That amount is approximately \$250,000. The second reason is when we sell these bonds, we are likely to generate some premium that we will not need. The bond will generate bond premium at the function of the sale. When we have premium on the note takeout that will allow us to reduce the size of the note. Thirdly we establish a higher number for the park improvements of about \$400,000. He knows there is a grant and a low interest rate loan in the works that will allow us to reduce the amount of bond and swap that money out with either grants or a lower cost of capital. Mr. Robinson acknowledged that making sense.

Mr. Robinson then asked about the optional redemption in 2031 and if that means the City could redeem the bonds ten years early if it is in our interest? Mr. Cooper replied yes. It is the City's right to pay off the bonds early either with cash or with a reissuance at possibly a lower rate, assuming the lower rates hold. That would allow the city to re-finance the bonds, much like refinancing a home mortgage.

Mr. Robinson asked how the \$250,000 paydown of the current obligation figure was arrived at. Why not more or why not less. Mr. Cooper replied that when we issue note improvements, for example the water system improvement note we look at the 20 year amortization and determine how much principal we would need to pay down every year in order to keep these at a twenty year obligation. Since some of these notes have been outstanding for three years, a little bit more gets paid each year for each of the purposes. Mr. Bartter maintains a schedule of estimated pay down so we are simply applying this year's principal payment to the twenty year amortization for the various purposes that are currently outstanding.

President Michael thanked Mr. Cooper and staff for the presentation. She provided time for residents to call in to ask questions.

Mr. Cooper added that issuing bonds is not an easy process. There is a lot of terms that need to be derived on and the City must provide an extraordinary amount of information to it's financing team and everyone associated with the process. Mr. Bartter, Mr. Greeson and Mr. McCorkle have done an extraordinary job in providing that information on a timely basis and making sure it is accurate and complete. His hat off to them for their effort on this undertaking.

**There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 25-2021.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Vote Results:** Ayes: 7 / Nays: 0

**7. Ordinance No. 26-2021 Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds - Northeast Gateway Local Contribution**

Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Not to Exceed \$1,560,000 for the Purpose of Designing, Engineering, and Constructing Improvements in the Northeast Gateway, Including Road and Traffic Improvements; Acquiring a Right of Way in Connection Therewith; And Constructing Related Site Improvements and Appurtenances Thereto; And Approving Related Matters

**Minutes:**

**The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.**

President Michael noted this ordinance is similar to the previous bond ordinance.

**There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 26-2021.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Vote Results:** Ayes: 7 / Nays: 0

**8. Ordinance No. 27-2021 Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds - Rush Run Improvements**

Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Not to Exceed \$540,000 for the Purpose of Designing, Engineering, and Constructing Storm Water Improvements at Rush Run, with Related Site Improvements and Appurtenances Thereto; And Approving Related Matters

**Minutes:**

**The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.**

**There being no comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 27-2021.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Vote Results:** Ayes: 7 / Nays: 0

**9. Ordinance No. 28-2021 Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds - McCord Park Renovations**

Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Not to Exceed \$2,175,000 for the Purpose of Designing, Renovating, Constructing, and Reconstructing Improvements at McCord Park, with Related Site Improvements and Appurtenances Thereto; And Approving Related Matters

**Minutes:**

**The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.**

**There being no comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 28-2021.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Vote Results:** Ayes: 7 / Nays: 0

**New Legislation to Be Introduced**

**10. Resolution No. 25-2021 Appointments to Board of Tax Review**

Re-Appointing Jerry Katz and Scott Heitcamp to the Worthington Board of Tax Review.

**Minutes:**

**Introduced by Mr. Bucher**

**MOTION** Ms. Kowalczyk moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt Resolution No. 25-2021.

**There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-2021 passed unanimously by a voice vote.**

At Mr. Robinson's request, Mr. Bartter explained that the Board of Tax Review was established to review and hear any contested income tax cases that a resident might want to bring, mostly people who object to the decision of the tax administrator. He added that we have not had much activity in the past few years so it does not happen very often.

Mr. Robinson asked if their decision was binding or where does it go from there. Mr. Lindsey explained that the appeal process can go through the State Board of Tax Appeals and the Court of Common Pleas.

## **11. Resolution No. 26-2021 Cleverley Venture Grant**

Approving an Economic Development Venture Grant and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Grant Agreement with Cleverley & Associates.

### **Minutes:**

#### **Resolution No. 26-2021 was introduced by Mr. Myers**

**MOTION** Ms. Dorothy moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to adopt Resolution No. 26-2021.

Mr. Greeson shared as a refresher on the Venture Grant Program that he has been given authority to negotiate and issue venture grants up to \$50,000 and we have done that periodically over the many years the program has been in place. Any Venture Grant over that amount requires City Council approval. He added that the Venture Grant Program is an economic incentive program where we use non-tax dollars to help support job growth here in the Worthington community. Over the last several years we have endeavored to help one of our local growing businesses find a suitable location for their continued prosperity and we have been seeking ways to jump start the Worthington Gateway project, which is the redevelopment of the Holiday Inn so the venture grant that you will hear about this evening accomplishes both of those objectives. We have with us tonight a business owner, Jamie Cleverley. He invited Assistant City Manager and Economic Development Director David McCorkle to overview this venture grant proposal.

Mr. McCorkle shared that Cleverley & Associates was founded in 2000 by William Cleverley, who is Jamie's dad. They moved to Worthington in 2002 and have been at 438 E. Wilson Bridge Road since 2012. The company employs 40 employees who specialize in core financial strength services for the hospital industry.

The company has been searching for a long-term home for several years. He has been working very closely with Jamie to try to identify space that fits their needs for several years. They have extended their current lease to try to find a long-term solution in Worthington that will work, and we believe the Worthington Gateway might be that option. They would take potentially 12,000 square feet at the Gateway site so that is an entire floor of what is the approved Trivium development 4-story mixed use building in the center of the site. This would be a very strong office anchor tenant to kick-start that development, so it is very important for that site.

One of the primary reasons they are before Council this evening talking about a venture grant is because there is substantial build out costs associated with that location from their space on East Wilson Bridge Road to the new location. The



estimated build-out and moving costs is about \$1.4M. The landlord has negotiated covering about \$600,000 of that so there is still about an \$800,000 delta of upfront costs that would hinder this relocation. That is in addition to what will be higher lease costs at the new location.

Staff is proposing a grant of up to \$300,000 over ten years or \$30,000 per year. As the business reports on their annual payroll, we would issue the annual disbursement. It is a performance-based incentive. They do not receive the \$30,000 disbursement unless they have met the payroll for that year. This is based on a 4% annual growth rate. He noted that over the last ten years, Cleverley & Associates has grown at an 8.55% growth rate, so this is a conservative effort. This grant is capped at \$300,000 so while we are using 4% to show their potential growth, just know that they have grown at double that pace for the last ten years. There is a huge upside for the City on this one.

The \$300,000 essentially equates to 16 months of payroll withholdings for Cleverley & Associates so if you are looking at an ROI, break-even for the City it is 16 months before we would recoup the full \$300,000. Normally we would take this over a smaller number of years, but since this is a substantial grant Cleverley has worked with us to take this over a longer period so that it does not negatively impact our economic development fund on an annual basis.

If this grant is approved tonight, Cleverley & Associates plans to execute a ten-year lease with a minority ownership in that development so this is a significant long-term commitment to the property. This is a long-term lease, which we do not see very often so we are excited about that. It will probably be spring of 2023 before they will be into that space based on the current timeline.

Mr. Robinson thanked Mr. McCorkle for his report and Mr. Cleverley for his obvious commitment to Worthington. He asked Mr. McCorkle who will review and determine compliance with this agreement. Mr. McCorkle replied that he sends an annual report to the business that asks for annual payroll and the job head count. Once he receives the information back, and because he is not permitted to view it, it is forwarded to Mr. Bartter to confirm the payroll reporting information through RITA.

Mr. Robinson asked if the single metric of payroll is the factor for compliance. Mr. McCorkle reported that the two components of the grant agreement is payroll and the execution of a ten-year lease at that location.

Ms. Dorothy understands that we are doing this just on payroll, but she is curious as to how many employees will be occupying this space. Mr. McCorkle replied the current head count is 40 employees, but payroll is the cleanest way to report. Mr. Cleverley replied that their payroll is somewhat variable in terms of salary range. He would imagine anywhere from 2 to 5 new people per year would be included in terms of the growth so it could be substantial. Ms. Dorothy found that encouraging and looks forward to seeing him and more of his employees around town.

Mr. Bucher asked if we were to go forward and the benchmark was not reached, is it simply that year that is affected or does it include the remainder of the agreement.

Mr. McCorkle replied that the way it usually works is if they do not hit the payroll in

that year, that disbursement check is not cut. So then they would complete an annual report the next year and if that commitment level is reached, the previous year's check would be cut. We basically skip over that previous year if the levels are not reached.

Mr. Myers asked how much of our Venture Grant dollars are we committing to this project. Mr. McCorkle replied that we usually fund about \$100,000 a year so this is about 1/3 of our annual funding. Mr. Myers believes it to be money well spent. He appreciates Mr. Cleverley's commitment to Worthington and sticking around long enough to find a suitable space. Mr. Cleverley replied that they have appreciated the City's responsiveness. As a side note, David has been incredible over the years just staying connected with us and making sure that the relationship was strong and continuing to look for a space for us. It has been mutually beneficial. They appreciate the partnership.

President Michael added her joy that they are staying in the City. She recalls attending a CIC meeting and his uncertainty to be able to stay here. She is happy they found a way and are helping kick off a new development that should be good and viable for everybody.

**There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-2021 passed unanimously by a voice vote.**

#### **12. Ordinance No. 29-2021 Plat Amendment - 430 Tucker Dr.**

Approving a Plat Amendment to the platted front building setback line for Lot #52 in Medick Estates Subdivision. A Property Located at 430 Tucker Drive (Christopher & Mary Dillhoff)

**Minutes:**

**Introduced by Mr. Bucher.**

#### **13. Ordinance No. 30-2021 General Fund Appropriation - E. Wilson Bridge Site Demolition and Design**

Amending Ordinance No. 44-2020 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the General Fund Unappropriated Balance in the Amount of \$150,000 to Provide for Funds to the Worthington Community Improvement Corporation for the Purpose of East Wilson Bridge Road Site Demolition and Design.

**Minutes:**

**Introduced by Ms. Kowalczyk.**

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**

#### **14. Report by City Manager Greeson**

**Minutes:**

Mr. Greeson shared that staff, and the Community Relations Commission has been diligently working on the Source of Income issue that Council charged them with doing. A subcommittee of the CRC will be reporting to the CRC in special meeting tomorrow night. Most of the public engagement tasks have been performed; all the landlords were notified, a survey was conducted, two open educational sessions were

offered as well as a panel of housing advocates. Staff and the committee members met with the Columbus Apartment Association and Mr. Lindsey has prepared various language options for the Commission to consider. All of that said, he is reporting that we are anticipating bringing legislation to Council at the first meeting in July to introduce that would put you in a position to consider Source of Income legislation before the August recess, which he thinks is what we promised and with the CRC's assistance is being accomplished.

## Reports of Council Members

### 15. Reports of Council Members

#### **Minutes:**

Ms. Dorothy shared that there were some wonderful concerts over the weekend both at the MAC and the Concerts on the Green with several more scheduled throughout the summer. She also attended an outdoor movie night at the MAC which was fun, and the Farmer's Market continues to be great. She thanked all those involved for making those events happen. President Michael agreed with Ms. Dorothy regarding the outdoor movie at the MAC. She enjoyed the event. Mr. Greeson mentioned that we are working to re-energize the conversation about the Joint Recreation District to help address the long-term needs of Worthington pools. Our intern, Ashley Reynolds has been working diligently on that and had the pleasure of meeting with President Michael and Council member Kowalczyk on that issue. Staff has met with both the schools and SwimInc team in recent meetings and we are packaging a series of pieces of information that we plan to share with the entire council hopefully at the July committee-of-the-whole meeting but will try to get some of it out early so that we can surface any questions members may have. He added that our intern is doing a really good work. President Michael and Ms. Kowalczyk agreed with Mr. Greeson's comments regarding Ms. Reynolds.

## Other

## Executive Session

### 16. Executive Session

#### **Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith moved, Mr. Myers seconded a motion to go into Executive Session to consider to consider the appointment of a public employee or official.

**The clerk called the roll on Executive Session.**

**The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.**

Council recessed at 8:33 p.m. from the Regular meeting session.

**MOTION:** Ms. Dorothy moved, Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to return to open session at 9:02 p.m.

**The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.**

### **Additional Business**

President Michael stated that there was some additional business this evening that of an appointment to the Tax Incentive Review Council. This is a Council in which the City Manager recommends an appointment that is then confirmed by City Council. City Manager Greeson recommends the appointment of Rachael Dorothy to the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC). He asked for Council's concurrence.

**MOTION** Mr. Myers moved that Council concur with City Manager Greeson's appointment of Rachael Dorothy to the Tax Incentive Review Council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kowalczyk.

Mr. Lindsey noted that Mr. Myers' motion is correct in the appointment of Ms. Rachael Dorothy and not Council member Dorothy as the intent is for her to continue serving on the TIRC after the expiration of her City Council term.

The motion carried by a vote of 6 Yays, 1 abstention (Dorothy).

## **Adjournment**

### **17. Motion to Adjourn**

**Minutes:**

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

**President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.**

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    /s/ D. Kay Thress      
Clerk of Council

Attest

    /s/ Bonnie D. Michael      
President of Council