

WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL POST-MEETING REPORT

October 16, 2023 – Regular Session



Members Present: President David Robinson, President Pro-Tem Katy Brewer, Pete Bucher, Rebecca Hermann, Beth Kowalczyk, Bonnie Michael (via Microsoft Teams), and Doug Smith.

Members Absent: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

Pool Survey Results

Paul Fallon with Fallon Research and Communications presented the results of the survey conducted related to the outdoor pool facility on the grounds of Thomas Worthington High School and the request for the City to provide funding for capital investment (renovation or replacement).

COUNCIL ACTION: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

September 11 Regular & Special Meetings, September 18, & October 2, 2023 Regular Meetings.

COUNCIL ACTION: The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS on LEGISLATION

Ordinance No. 22-2023- Village Green Tree Removal Ordinance

This Ordinance authorized the removal of a London Planetree from the Northeast Quadrant of the Village Green.

COUNCIL ACTION: Council voted to pass Ordinance No. 22-2023 by a vote of 6-0, with one abstention. The results of the vote were as follows:

Yea

President Pro Tem Katy Brewer

Bonnie Michael

Doug Smith

Beth Kowalczyk

Rebecca Hermann

Pete Bucher

Nay

None

Abstain

President David Robinson



NEW LEGISLATION – RESOLUTION(S)

Resolution No. 38-2023 - Orange Township Joint Economic Development District

This Resolution was brought before Council at the June 20, 2023, City Council meeting and was initially tabled at Orange Township’s request. It approves the proposed Joint Economic Development District contract with Orange Township.

COUNCIL ACTION: Councilmembers voted unanimously to remove the Resolution from the table, and, after it was introduced, voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 38-2023 as presented.

Resolution No. 56-2023- General Fund and 933 High Street TIF Fund

This Resolution authorized the transfer of previously appropriated funds to cover expenses as anticipated for the remainder of the year in appropriate accounts. Approval of the Resolution did not result in an increase of total appropriations.

COUNCIL ACTION: Councilmembers voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 56-2023.

NEW LEGISLATION – ORDINANCE(S)

Ordinance No. 23-2023 - Additional Appropriations – General Fund and 350 W. Wilson Bridge TIF Fund

This legislation appropriated additional funds in the General Fund for the purpose of providing additional funding for building needs at the Community Center as well as additional programming expenses. It also appropriated \$20.00 in the 350 W. Wilson Bridge TIF Fund to account for County Auditor fees.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Ordinance was introduced for a public hearing on November 6, 2023.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

Proposed 2024-2028 Capital Improvements Program

Staff presented the proposed 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program, which was distributed on October 2, 2023.

COUNCIL ACTION: None.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Item not on the published agenda: President Robinson made a motion to remove the Sustainability Manager position from the table.

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COUNCIL ACTION: The motion failed by a 3-4 roll call vote as follows:

Yea

President David Robinson

Doug Smith

Pete Bucher

Nay

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Rebecca Hermann

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