



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

Members Absent: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

Resolution No. 58-2023 - Thomas Worthington High School Field Hockey Recognition

COUNCIL ACTION: Councilmembers voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 58-2023. Mayor Holmes recognized the team.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES

October 9, 2023 Regular Meeting

COUNCIL ACTION: The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS on LEGISLATION

Ordinance No. 24-2023 – Subdivision – Final Plat – 286 W. South St. – SUB 03-2023

This Ordinance approves the Final Plat for the Resubdivision of Lot #1 of Weatherburn Subdivision located at 286 W. South St. and grants variances for lot width for Lot#1B and Lot #1C.

COUNCIL ACTION: Council voted unanimously to table Ordinance No. 24-2023 until December 4, 2023.

Ordinance No. 25-2023 – Prohibiting the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products

This Ordinance amended Chapter 765 of the Codified Ordinances to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products and to increase the civil penalties for violations of Chapter 765.

COUNCIL ACTION: Council voted unanimously to pass Ordinance No. 25-2023.

NEW LEGISLATION – RESOLUTION(S)

Resolution No. 59-2023 – Amending the Position Description for Management Assistant/Special Projects Coordinator

This Resolution amended the job description for the position of Management Assistant/Special Projects Coordinator.



COUNCIL ACTION: Councilmembers voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 57-2023.

Resolution No. 60-2023 – Franklin County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

This Resolution adopted the 2023 Franklin County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

COUNCIL ACTION: Councilmembers voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 60-2023.

Resolution No. 61-2023 - Transfer of Funds

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 this Resolution did not result in an increase of total appropriations.

COUNCIL ACTION: Councilmembers voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 61-2023.

NEW LEGISLATION – ORDINANCE(S)

Ordinance No. 26-2023 – 2024 Operating Budget

This Ordinance adopts the City's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2024 and appropriates sums for current operating expenses.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Ordinance was introduced for a public hearing on December 4, 2023.

Ordinance No. 27-2023 – 2024 Community Group Funding

This Ordinance appropriates funds for Community Groups, including the Worthington Historical Society, the Worthington Partnership, the Worthington Chamber of Commerce, and the McConnell Arts Center. This legislation was split from the original 2024 budget appropriation Ordinance to provide Council Members who may also be board members of these groups an opportunity to abstain from voting.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Ordinance was introduced for a public hearing on December 4, 2023.

Ordinance No. 28-2023 - Additional Appropriations – General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund

This legislation appropriates additional funds in the General Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund to provide additional funding for tax collection and income tax refund activity.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Ordinance was introduced for a public hearing on December 4, 2023.



Ordinance No. 29-2023- Regulation of Chickens

This Ordinance refers Chicken Regulations to the Municipal Planning Commission for review.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Ordinance was introduced and referred to the Municipal Planning Commission

Ordinance No. 30-2023 – Adopting Replacement Pages to the Codified Ordinances

This Ordinance adopts replacement pages for the Codified Ordinances to incorporate changes to the City Code and State Law since the last update.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Ordinance was introduced for a public hearing on December 4, 2023.

Ordinance No. 31-2023 – Public Health Contract – Columbus Public Health

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Columbus Department of Health for the provision of public health services to Worthington.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Ordinance was introduced for a public hearing on December 4, 2023.

Ordinance No. 32-2023 – Compensation for Unclassified Employees

This Ordinance establishes the salaries for unclassified employees in the City for 2024.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Ordinance was introduced for a public hearing on December 4, 2023.

Ordinance No. 33-2023 - Appointment of the Franklin County District Board of Health as the Provider of Plumbing Inspection Services

This is the annual ordinance that authorizes the City Manager to appoint the Franklin County District Board of Health as the provider of plumbing inspection services for the City of Worthington in 2024.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Ordinance was introduced for a public hearing on December 4, 2023.

Ordinance No. 34-2023 – Amending the Municipal Income Tax Code

This Ordinance adopts the amendments to the municipal income tax code as recommended by the Regional Income Tax Agency and required by the General Assembly in House Bill 33.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Ordinance was introduced for a public hearing on December 4, 2023.

Ordinance No. 35-2023 – Riverlea Police Protection Contract



Staff is proposing a 2024 contract in the amount of \$91,391, this represents a 3.5% increase from the 2023 contract.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Ordinance was introduced for a public hearing on December 4, 2023.

Ordinance No. 36-2023 – Referring Draft Signage Regulations to the Municipal Planning Commission for Review – APZ 01-2023

This Ordinance will refer the draft Signage Regulations to the Municipal Planning Commission for review.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Ordinance was introduced and referred to the Municipal Planning Commission.

POLICY ITEM(S)

Worthington Pools

Time was provided for continued discussion of the funding request from Swiminc for the outdoor pool facility on the grounds of Thomas Worthington High School. Staff sought direction from City Council regarding the amount of funds, if any, to be provided and the strategy for provision of the funds.

COUNCIL ACTION: Council requested additional time to consider funding and will continue the discussion in 2024.

New Liquor Permit - Boxland Inc.

The Ohio Division of Liquor Control notified the City of a request for a new liquor permit for Boxland Inc. dba Boxland Media LLC. The City had the authority to request a hearing or waive their right to a hearing.

COUNCIL ACTION: Council voted unanimously to not request a public hearing.

2024 Operating Budget and 2024-2028 Capital Improvements Program

Time was provided for discussion by City Council of any remaining items related to the 2024 Budget and the 2024-2028 Capital Improvements Program.

COUNCIL ACTION: None.

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