

PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council was held at the Port Clinton City Hall with DeAnna Kuzma, President of Council, presiding. The meeting opened at 7:30pm. Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance, The Lord's Prayer, and a moment of silence for those serving our Country.

The roll was called and the following council members were present: Roseann Hickman, Beth Gillman, Margaret Phillips, Joel Freedman, Gabe Below and Jerry Tarolli; Lisa Sarty – excused

Mrs. Hickman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phillips to approve the March 28th, 2017, and April 11th, 2017, regular meeting minutes. With all those in favor, the minutes were approved.

The chair noted that certification has been received regarding the compliance with the rules and notification of this meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Mr. Mike Snider, July 4th planning committee

Passed out a flier showing all the activities that are planned for the 4th of July. A new event this year is the "Red, White and Blu-Ray Movie Marathon" which will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church starting at 11am showing 4 different movies throughout the whole day. Please do not call the police department asking if the fireworks will still be going on; instead please follow the "Port Clinton Area 4th of July Celebration" Facebook page.

Mr. Christopher Albanese, Political Director for Marsy's Law

Marsy's Law is a citizen initiated constitution amendment and that has to say there is diverse collation of individuals who support victims' rights. We are currently working to with the collation to collect signatures to put this amendment on the ballot in November. The language within Marsy's Law is already certified by the Attorney General, so it cannot change from its present form. In 25 other states, this language is engrained in their constitutions. When Marsy's Law went to five other states to ask their voters if they would be interested in amending these equal rights for victims, all five states answered with a resounding yes from its voters. We are lucky in Ohio that we have fantastic provisions that protect victims and gives them certain rights under the law. What is missing currently is the ability to enforce that right which is the purpose of Marsy's Law. Currently the only way for a victim to enforce those rights is to have the higher court overturn the case in a lower court; putting the victim through that once again.

Ms. Jamie Beier-Grant, Ottawa County Improvement Corporation

She spoke in regards to Ordinance that is on the agenda this evening. It is in regards to doing a third expansion of the CRA district to include the northern half of Perry Street from the birdhouse condos east to the State Route 2 overpass; to incorporate that commercial area into the district for the city. It would be a third district that would essentially set up but when you look at it, overall it encompasses a majority of downtown both where there is industrial and commercial opportunities. She stated thank you to Mr. Below for bringing this to the community for looking into adding this area. She is currently working with a business in regards to a 5 million dollar expansion, which would be in that area. She stated that she did run some general numbers on the 5 million dollar commercial project to see the possible total tax revenue. She stated that the total estimated taxes is \$80,000 dollars a year based on the taxable value of the project. She stated that one of the ongoing discussions with the school district is one of parts of the law that surrounds the community reinvestment area is that the school district receive 50% of what they would have other wised received if the embankment had not been given; so with that the school district would receive \$40,000. She stated that the company would complete and application stating what desires are. It would then

be reviewed by the local negotiating team, which includes many different stakeholders from the community.

Mr. Below asked if the figure that was discussed earlier is the property tax embankment. Mr. Below stated if you recall when we were discussing with the school board; the city is entitled to a fraction of the \$40,000. Mr. Freedman stated that it would only be on the improvement not the current. Mr. Below stated that the Ordinance would only include commercial property and it is set to only be as aggressive as state laws allow. Therefore, for remodeling it can be set to include up to 12 years as long as you are spending \$5000 in eligible expenses and for a new construction it can be set to include up to 15 years and up to including 100%. Mr. Below stated that all these would be reviewed on a case-to-case basis. Mr. Below states that he does plan on waiving the three required readings of the ordinance tonight as previously discussed by email with council due to the time sensitive material. Ms. Phillips states that she does think this is a great idea.

The public asked if the wording of the tax embankment is based on what the expectations are of the developer as far as jobs and revenue. Mr. Below states that there is city representation on the tax incentive council. Mrs. Beier-Grant that there is not a sliding scale to negotiate. She stated that the committee would look at each application on individual basis. It was asked by the public if the developer states that it is going to be able to bring so many jobs here is there provisions or fall backs if they do not meet this. Mrs. Beier-Grant stated the state requires that an annual review be done on every embankment that was granted previously. If the expectations are not upheld, the embankment amount can be decreased or the agreement can be cancelled all together.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wheeler introduced Dr. Kevin Frances who won mayor for a day from an auction at the Port Clinton Yacht Club. Thanked the city workers for their work on the streets, cemeteries and the parks. Stated that administration has an open door policy and if there are any questions from anyone, they can call or stop in. We cannot speculate on state dates. Yesterday administration received notice that the city was awarded 2.5 million dollars for the Jefferson Street reconstruction from small cities. It is a 95/5% match fund and that is fiscal year 2020. If the funds are available from the state, it could be moved to fiscal year 2019. Yesterday they had a meeting with all parties involved in the Madison Street project. We have not lost funding. As of 7:03 last night the start date will be June 15, 2017, for saw cutting, layout, bypass pump setup and traffic control devices will be delivered downtown. Excavation will begin on June 19, 2017, near the intersection of Perry Street and Madison. The engineering firm and construction firm has agreed to give us updates on the progress of the project. Mayor Wheeler stated that he would give an update on the Wetlands Project at the next council meeting. He stated that they have some paperwork that we are getting together and we are waiting on the official approval letter. In addition, the city park paving project has started and manholes were set today. The expected completion is before the fourth of July.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Not Present

TREASURER'S REPORT

None

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

None

**SAFETY SERVICE
DIRECTOR REPORT**

Very proud of the efforts of our supervisors and our city workers, we are starting to see the fruit of our labors that we put in in the spring. The

Jefferson Street project being approved was great. Brush pick-up is currently going on and they should be wrapping up on Thursday. Stated that our beach crew picked up over 150 dead fish off the beach after the storm.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Just a reminder to everyone that the Special Olympics torch run is this Sunday. Our athletes will be arriving in Port Clinton around 5pm and then they will be running Jefferson Street down Perry to Lakeview Park around 5:30pm. Their dinner is around 6:30pm at Lakeview Park. Please come out and support our athletes.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Not present

CORRESPONDENCE

Laws, Rules and Ordinances meeting meetings from May 23, 2017
Auditors' month end reports for May 2017
Salvation Army is looking for bell ringer for Christmas in July. If you are interested, contact 419-732-2769 to sign up.

Ms. Phillips made a motion to approve the correspondence as stated; seconded by Mr. Freedman. With all those in favor, the correspondence was approved.

THIRD READINGS

None

SECOND READINGS

ORDINANCE 13-17

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, OHIO, DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, AND CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT HOUSING COUNCIL AND A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL.

Mr. Below made a motion to amend Section 4, sub section 'E' needs replaced with a 'B'; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With the results of the roll call, Ordinance 13-17 was amended as stated.

Mr. Below made a motion to waive the three required readings of Ordinance 13-17; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With the results of the roll call, the three required readings were waived.

Mr. Below made a motion to adopt Ordinance 13-17 as amended; seconded by Ms. Phillips. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With the results of the roll call, the Ordinance 13-17 as amended was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

ORDINANCE 14-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A FINANCING PROPOSAL FROM TOLEDO LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY IN ANTICIPATION OF THE CITY ESTABLISHING AN OHIO ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Below made a motion to waive the three required readings of Ordinance 14-17; seconded by Mrs. Hickman. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes;

Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With the results of the roll call, the three required readings were waived for Ordinance 14-17.

Mr. Below made a motion to retain the emergency clause on Ordinance 14-17; seconded by Mr. Freedman. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With the results of the roll call, the emergency clause was retained on Ordinance 14-17.

Mr. Below made a motion to adopt Ordinance 14-17; seconded by Ms. Phillips.

Mr. Below stated that he sent correspondence to all of council. He asked if there was any further information that they should know about the attachment to the ordinance. He was advised that there was not.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With the results of the roll call, the Ordinance 14-17 was adopted.

RESOLUTION 17-3

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THREE GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE OTTAWA SANDUSKY SENECA SOLID WASTE DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Below made a motion to waive the three required readings of Resolution 17-3; seconded by Mrs. Hickman. Mr. Below stated that he believes council is all aware that there is an upcoming deadline for the grants for the items listed in the resolution.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With the results of the roll call, the three required readings were waived for Resolution 17-3.

Mr. Below made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-3; seconded by Mrs. Hickman. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With the results of the roll call, Resolution 17-3 was adopted.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Below – The finance committee meeting scheduled for June 20th will be rescheduled and we will be taking up the Lakeshore Drive assessment Ordinance. Thanked council for appointing Carol Morgan to the CRA Housing council in his absence last month. At the last infrastructure meeting, the committee asked numerous questions in regards to the Madison Street project. He stated that they have not received those answers yet from Mr. Peterson and he asked if Mr. Johnson could follow up on those answers for the committee. Today information in regards to the plans for the Ottawa County Land bank. He asked if city council can receive more information in regards to the decision making process and the city's intentions for the space. Thanked everyone for making the Walleye Festival successful. Thank you to city council for approving the Ordinance tonight.

Mrs. Hickman – Encouraged everyone to come out and encourage our athletes on Sunday for the torch run.

Ms. Phillips – This past week she went for another ride with Mr. Johnson. She stated that it is always a great ride and encouraged other city council members to do so also. She stated that she has noticed that the grass clippings are getting better on the manholes in town. She stated

that 2 weeks from this evening the Laws, Rules and Ordinances committee is having an open forum regarding medical marijuana. Mrs. Gillman – This Wednesday, June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness day. At Riverview, they will have a meeting at 10am acknowledging the number of cases in Ottawa County. They are going to place 71 flags, which represents the number of cases that were investigated in Ottawa County this past year. Now through August 18th, every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30am to 1pm for anyone from ages 3-17 there is a summer lunch program; which includes free lunch and an activity. Thanked the Greater Port Clinton Area Arts council for holding their 24th annual Arts in the Park. There is a couple new businesses in town; Maz Kitchen and Anytime Fitness.

Mr. Tarolli – Emergency Services is schedule for next Tuesday at 5:30pm in city hall.

Mr. Freedman – nothing to report

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Below. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18p.m.

April Pipoly
Clerk of Council

DeAnna Kuzma
President of Council