

REGULAR SESSION

April 11, 2019

The Council of the City of Chardon met in Regular Session Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in Council Chambers of the Chardon Municipal Center.

Jeffrey Smock, President of Council presiding.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Members of Council present: Andrew Blackley, Deborah Chuha, Chris Grau, David Lelko, Nancy McArthur, Daniel Meleski, Jeffrey Smock.

Members of Council absent: none.

Others Present: City Manager Randy Sharpe, Finance Director Mate Rogonjic, Clerk of Council Amy Day, Law Director James Gillette, Police Chief Scott Niehus, City Engineer Doug Courtney, Community Development Administrator Steve Yaney, Public Service Director Paul Hornyak, Fire Chief Larry Gaspar, Joe Koziol, Amy Patterson, Jonathan Schneider, David Conley, Marci Mondello King, Susan Parker, Ken Ovarik, Paul Ovarik, Jim McClintock, Stacia Clawson.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-19

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR CHUCK PORTZER was read for the first time in its entirety.

Mr. Grau moved and Mr. Meleski seconded the rules be suspended and the Resolution be read for the second and third time by title only. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 6-19 was then read for the second and third time by title only.

Mrs. McArthur moved and Mrs. Chuha seconded for the adoption of Resolution No. 6-19.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Members of Council and staff thanked Mr. Portzer for his years of service to the City.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Smock noted that the Special Session minutes should reflect that Mr. Grau seconded the motion to approve the classification and pay plan.

Mrs. McArthur moved and Mrs. Chuha seconded to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2019 Regular Session and March 21, 2019 Special Session as amended.

No member of Council had any objections to the correction.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Sharpe reported that the spring newsletter is being finalized and will be mailed to residents the week of April 22, 2019.

Mr. Sharpe reported that the 2018/2019 Street Maintenance Program will commence once the asphalt plants open. A pre-construction meeting will be held with Burton Scot Contractors to review the scope of work and set the schedule.

Mr. Sharpe reported that the demolition of the house at 12499 Chardon Windsor Road has been completed.

Mr. Sharpe reported that the spring leaf collection is nearing completion.

Mr. Sharpe reported that the brush collection will begin on May 6, 2019 and will continue the first Monday of each month, May through October.

Mr. Sharpe reported on the status of capital projects.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Community Development Administrator Steve Yaney reviewed the economic development report for the first quarter of 2019.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Safety

Mr. Grau reported that the Committee met and continued their efforts to develop an Emergency Operations Plan for the City. Monthly meetings to develop the plan are anticipated.

Fire Chief Larry Gaspar demonstrated the functionality of air packs, pack trackers, and portable radios the Fire Department received as part of a FEMA grant.

Park & Recreation Board

Mrs. McArthur reported that the Board met and heard a presentation from Alan Krause who was interested in making improvements to the skate park. The Board discussed the potential project and asked Mr. Krause to prepare a budget and timeline to present back to the board.

Mrs. McArthur reported that recreational facilities are being prepared for summer programs.

Mrs. McArthur reported that the next Park and Recreation Board meeting has been set for May 21, 2019.

Mr. Grau reported that efforts are being made to build a stronger relationship with the directors of the travel basketball programs.

Finance

Mr. Meleski reported that the Board met and recommended approval of a CRA application from Medical Plaza Partners LLC and discussed the plans for the project.

HEARING OF PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL

THOSE PERSONS ON THE AGENDA

Johnathan Schneider, representing Chardon Chamber of Commerce, addressed Council to request permission to close Main Street for the Chamber Car Show on July 14, 2019 and July 21, 2019 (rain date if necessary).

Mr. Schneider explained that the car show has grown in size over the years and explained there are not enough spaces for those who wish to participate in the car show. He reviewed the notifications they have provided to residents, businesses and churches regarding their request.

Mr. Schneider reported that the Chamber has been in contact with the churches and are reserving parking spots for their congregation.

Mr. Grau asked where the Car Show cars will be parked.

Mr. Schneider stated that cars will be parking all around the Square and in addition, the middle traffic lane of Main Street from Water Street to Short Court Street.

Mrs. McArthur asked the Police Chief if there have been any problems when Main Street has been closed for the Maple Festival.

Chief Niehus stated that he is not aware of any problems this has caused.

Mr. Grau asked if Chardon Square Association (CSA) has any issues with the idea.

Mr. Schneider stated that CSA is aware that the Chamber is requesting to close Main Street and the organization does not object to the request.

Mr. Meleski asked if the police and fire chiefs are ok with the closing of Main Street.

Chief Niehus and Chief Gaspar had no objections to what has been proposed.

Mr. Lelko moved and Mr. Blackley seconded to approve the request by the Chamber of Commerce to close Main Street from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for the Chamber Car Show on July 14, 2019 and July 21, 2019 (rain date if necessary). Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Dave Conley, Illuminating Co., introduced himself as the City's new Regional Representative and explained that he is a liaison between the public and emergency officials and the Illuminating Co. He also reviewed the various ways residents can report and receive information regarding power outages.

GENERAL PUBLIC - none.

OLD BUSINESS - none.

NEW BUSINESS

A Public Hearing was set for June 13, 2019 at 6:20 p.m. to provide the public an opportunity to comment regarding the City of Chardon's proposed text amendment to the Planning & Zoning Code, specifically Chapter 1129 (Sign Regulations).

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION NO. 7-19

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS IN THE CITY OF CHARDON TREASURY FOR 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read for the first time by title only.

Mrs. McArthur moved and Mr. Meleski seconded the rules be suspended and the Resolution be read for the second and third time by title only. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 7-19 was then read for the second and third time by title only.

Mrs. McArthur moved and Mr. Grau seconded for the adoption of Resolution No. 7-19.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

Members of Council announced upcoming events and activities.

ADJOURN

Mrs. McArthur moved and Mr. Meleski seconded to adjourn. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Attest:

JEFFREY L. SMOCK, Mayor
President of Council

AMY DAY
Clerk of Council