

REGULAR SESSION

May 9, 2019

The Council of the City of Chardon met in Regular Session Thursday, May 9, 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, Police Chief Scott Niehus, City Engineer Doug Courtney, Community Development Administrator Steve Yaney, Public Service Director Paul Hornyak, Director of Parks and Recreation Adam Rogers, Amy Patterson, David Allen, Joe Koziol, Paul Ovarik, Ken Ovarik.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Chuha noted grammatical corrections to the March 26, 2019 minutes and the April 11, 2019 minutes.

Mrs. McArthur moved and Mr. Grau seconded to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 Special Session and April 11, 2019 Regular Session minutes as amended.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Sharpe reported that the 2018 Annual Report has been distributed to Council and staff. Additionally, it can be found on the City's website.

Mr. Sharpe reported that Adam Rogers has been hired as the City's Director of Parks and Recreation. He thanked Park and Recreation Board Chairman Dan Goodell and Deputy HR/Finance Director Heidi Delaney for their assistance in the selection process.

Adam Rogers, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced himself and reviewed his background and experience.

Mr. Sharpe reported that the pre-construction meeting with Burton Scot Contractors for the 2019 Street Maintenance Program was held May 2, 2019. The balance of the 2018 Street Maintenance Program is scheduled to begin the week of May 6, 2019 followed by their portion of the 2019 Street Maintenance Program.

Mr. Sharpe reported that the bids for the 2019-2020 ODOT Cooperative Salt Purchasing Program were opened and the apparent low bid is \$64.39 per ton. This is an increase of \$19.76 per ton over the 2018-2019 price.

Mr. Sharpe reported that the City's Urban Forester is present to discuss the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle and their effect on Ash trees.

Urban Forester David Allen explained that Emerald Ash Borer has taken their toll on Ash trees and the tree removal is necessary. He reviewed the plan for removing 71 Ash trees that are 8-10" in diameter in Chardon Park Estates. Vallo Tree will remove the trees and restoration work will then be done to return the site to grass. A planting plan to replace the trees will be developed in the future with the cooperation of the Shade Tree Commission.

Discussion occurred regarding Ash tree care and removal.

Mr. Sharpe reported on the status of public works projects.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Mr. Blackley reported that Planning Commission met and approved a concept plan for the building expansion for Wecall Inc.

Mr. Blackley reported that Planning Commission also approved variances related to an outdoor open air garden center by Tractor Supply Co.

Mr. Blackley reported that the informal discussion with Geauga Faith Rescue Mission to discuss possible plans for an emergency shelter/transitional housing in a commercial property was postponed until the May meeting.

#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

Safety

Mr. Grau reported that the Committee met and continued discussions regarding the City's Emergency Preparedness Plan.

#### **HEARING OF PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL**

THOSE PERSONS ON THE AGENDA

Chief Niehus explained the purpose of Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15, 2019 as part of Police Week which gives the public an opportunity to express gratitude to our nation's law enforcement officers and recognize the officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Mr. Lelko inquired about the status of the John Bohl Memorial.

Chief Niehus stated that the memorial is still being designed.

GENERAL PUBLIC - none.

OLD BUSINESS - none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. McArthur reported that the Ohio Municipal League has requested municipalities contact State representatives and senators regarding restoring the local government fund. She encouraged Council to contact John Patterson, Sean O'Brien and John Eklund to discuss the importance of the funds to local communities.

**LEGISLATION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3071**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT/AGREEMENT WITH OHIO PAVING & CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE MUNICIPAL CENTER PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT #6-149 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 Ordinance be read for the second and third time by title only. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 3071 was then read for the second and third time by title only.

Mr. Blackley moved and Mr. Grau seconded for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3071.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES**

Mr. Meleski reported that expenditures were in order.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. McArthur moved and Mr. Grau seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the City Manager's contract.

Discussion occurred regarding the City Manager's contract.

Meeting reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3072**

AN ORDINANCE RENEWING THE CONTRACT WITH RANDAL B. SHARPE TO SERVE AS CITY MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHARDON TO ENTER INTO AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH RANDAL B. SHARPE TO SERVE AS CITY MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read for the first time by title only.

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

Ordinance No. 3072 was then read for the second and third time by title only.

Mr. Meleski moved and Mrs. Chuha seconded for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3072.

Members of Council spoke in support of Mr. Sharpe and the renewal of his contract.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL**

Council discussed the replacement process for the Law Director who will be retiring in September.

**ADJOURN**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Attest:

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JEFFREY L. SMOCK, Mayor  
President of Council

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AMY DAY  
Clerk of Council