

SPECIAL SESSION

September 2, 2020

The Council of the City of Chardon met in Special Session on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM via video-conferencing service, Zoom (Meeting ID: 817 7318 3781).

Daniel Meleski, 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, Nancy McArthur, Heather Means, Daniel Meleski, Jeffrey Smock.

Members of Council absent: none.

Others Present: City Manager Randal Sharpe, Finance Director Mate Rogonjic, Law Director Benjamin Chojnacki, Clerk of Council Amy Day, Police Chief Scott Niehus, Mark Wallach.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Blackley moved and Mrs. McArthur seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:07 PM for the purpose of conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of eminent or pending court action and invite Mark Wallach into the session.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion occurred concerning disputes that are the subject of eminent or pending court action.

Meeting reconvened at 7:49 PM.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Meleski spoke to express his support for the Chardon Police Department and law enforcement following public contention that has occurred resulting from a thin-blue line flag that was displayed during the pre-game of a recent high school football game.

Mrs. McArthur stated that Council supports the City's Police Department which is evident in the funds that are allocated to the department, municipal court and police prosecutor.

Mr. Grau asked the Police Chief if he had information to share about the next football game.

Chief Niehus stated that the Police Department is aware of protests for and against the school's decision to not allow the thin blue line flag, and they are monitoring the situation and are in close contact with school district representatives.

Mr. Smock commended the Police Chief on his response to the situation and expressed that the City is lucky to have him in charge of the Police Department.

Randy echoed the sentiments made about the Chardon Police Department and thanked the Police Chief and his department for keeping the community safe.

Chief Niehus spoke in support of his department.

Ms. Means stated that it is disheartening that this situation is happening for the students.

Council thanked the Police Chief for his hard work in researching and monitoring this situation.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Smock moved and Mr. Grau seconded to adjourn. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Attest:

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DANIEL MELESKI, Mayor  
President of Council

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AMY DAY  
Clerk of Council