

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Delaware City Council

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

June 7

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Held \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

The work session meeting of Council was held on June 7, 2021, and was called to order at 6:32 p.m. and was in Council Chambers. The following members of Council were remotely present: Second Ward Lisa Keller (exited the meeting at 8:08 p.m.), Third Ward Cory Hoffman, Fourth Ward Drew Farrell, At-Large George Hellinger and Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle who presided. Absent from the meeting was Vice-Mayor Kent Shafer.

Staff Present Remotely: Natalia Harris, City Attorney, Bill Ferrigno, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Justin Nahvi, Finance Director, Kyle Kridler, Assistant City Manager, and Tom Homan, City Manager

## **ITEM 2: ESTABLISHING PROCESS FOR FILLING FIRST WARD COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY**

Councilwoman Keller and Councilman Hellinger voiced concerns on filling the vacant seat with the upcoming election and waiting for the election to allow the public to decide without giving any potential endorsement with the appointment. City Attorney Harris reviewed the City Charter relating to council vacancy and the process for reappointment and recommended that Council follow the Charter regarding the appointment.

Council agreed to have online applications sent to the City Clerk with a deadline of June 30, 2021. Special meetings of Council for interviewing candidates will be scheduled for July 8, 2021, and July 15, 2021, if necessary.

## **ITEM 3: DISCUSSION: REVIEW OF FUNDING OPTIONS FOR ANNUAL STREET PAVING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

Mr. Ferrigno reviewed the overall pavement condition for roads within the City. He discussed the average increase in roads per year and the additional maintenance cost from development. He discussed the need for a sustainable maintenance program. Mr. Ferrigno reviewed the proposed 2022 resurfacing program revenue sources and expenditures for the Second Ward, including streets with poor ratings, along with mileage and estimated cost for repairs. Other ward ratings and information was provided to Council.

Mr. Nahvi reviewed the sustainable funding options for annual paving maintenance, including the estimated cost to pave the backlog of poorly rated roads within the City. Option one was to establish a real estate tax levy devoted to paving maintenance. Option two is to shift income tax levy for Fire/EMS for paving maintenance. Option three is to modify the income tax rate and credit. Option four is to modify the credit for taxes paid to other municipalities. Option five is to assess property owners for paving costs.

Discussion was held by Council regarding the past failed transportation levy in 2016. Mayor Riggle discussed that the previous levy was too difficult to understand and the need to keep it simple. Mr. Hellinger discussed the need to take action and discussed the possible action of eliminate the income tax credit. Mr. Homan recommended that a future levy be presented to the voters in Spring of 2022. He also recommended having a task force with some council representation to work with the public.

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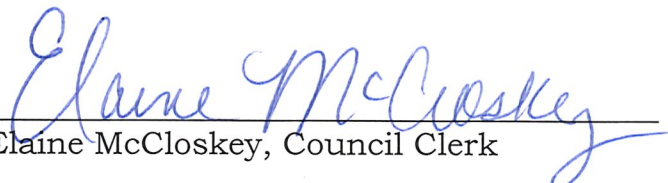
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## **ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mr. Hellinger motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

  
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Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle

  
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Elaine McCloskey, Council Clerk