

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Delaware City Council

Meeting

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

October 21

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The special meeting of Council was held on October 21, 2020 and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and was held remotely through Cisco Webex and streamed Live through Facebook due to the State of Emergency – Executive Order 2020-01D. The following members of Council were remotely present: First Ward Chris Jones (exited the meeting 7:56 p.m.), Second Ward Lisa Keller, Third Ward Cory Hoffman, Fourth Ward Drew Farrell, At-Large George Hellinger, Vice-Mayor Kent Shafer and Mayor Riggle who presided.

Staff Present Remotely: Sean Hughes, Economic Development Director, Justin Nahvi, Finance Director, Blake Jordan, Public Utilities Director, Natalia Harris, City Attorney, Kyle Kridler, Assistant City Manager, and Tom Homan, City Manager

Mr. Homan introduced Natalia Harris as the new City Attorney.

ITEM 2: LETTERS, PETITIONS, AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Margaret Taylor
Stop 42, Owner
67 Lake Street
Delaware, Ohio

Ms. Taylor discussed the loss of income relating to COVID-19 and how the 10 pm last call for alcohol affects her business.

Todd Daughenbaugh
Fresh Start, owner
24 North Sandusky Street
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Daughenbaugh discussed the limitations to the CARES Act funding to businesses.

Frank Barickman
Restoration Brew Worx
25 North Sandusky Street
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Barickman discussed the loss of revenue to his business due to the restriction of alcohol sales.

Joshua Moore
Roop Brothers Bar
17 North Union Street
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Moore discussed the loss of revenue to his business due to the restriction of alcohol sales and changes related to COVID-19.

TJ Wellman
Flying Pig Ale House
12 South Sandusky Street
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Mr. Wellman discussed the current alcohol sale restrictions after 10:00 p.m. hurt businesses. He discussed the impact to both his businesses at the Flying Pig Ale House and Typhoon Asian Fusion Bistro.

Genti Koci
Opa Grill and Tavern
18 South Sandusky Street
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Koci discussed that the businesses are needing more support from the government. He voiced concerns over the restriction of alcohol sales after 10:00 p.m., the required reduction of seating, and discussed the benefit of liquor sales on Sunday.

Joanne Meyers
The Backstretch
Via Email
14 South Sandusky Street
Delaware, Ohio

The Clerk read into the record an email received by Ms. Meyers. She wrote to discuss the need for businesses to be creative to get patrons in establishments and that her business would not stay open later if allowed due to staff concerns relating to COVID-19, the management of seating, and mask wearing.

Brian Blackburn
Via Cisco Webex

Mr. Blackburn discussed his proposal for CARES Act funding to health and wellness related activities. This would included a Health and Wellness Business Expo, Website Search Engine Optimization, Web-Based Health Dashboard, Public Art and Event and Marketing.

Senator Andrew Brenner
The Ohio Senate, 10th Senate District
Via Cisco Webex

Senator Brenner provided a update on a bill proposed in the Ohio Senate regarding the legislation to modify the 10 p.m. restriction of alcohol sales.

ITEM 3: ORDINANCE NO. 20-70 [First Reading]

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE CITY'S CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PAYMENT TO THE CITY'S COVID-19 RESPONSE, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAMS WITH DELAWARE HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES AND THE DELAWARE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read the ordinance for the first time.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
Susie Bibler, Executive Director
Main Street Delaware
Via Cisco Webex

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20 East Winter Street
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Ms. Bibler discussed additional funding requests.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Shafer motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 20-70, seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Shafer motioned to enact the emergency clause for Ordinance No. 20-70, seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Shafer motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 20-70, seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

ITEM 5. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice-Mayor Shafer discussed other programs and loans that businesses can apply for assistance.

Mayor Riggle discussed the need to reach out to all businesses within the City on CARES Act and other funding programs, and not just restaurants, bars and those in the downtown area.

ITEM 6: EXECUTIVE SESSION: pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G) (3) pending or imminent court action, Section 121.22 (G) (1) personnel, Section 121.22 (G) (5) matters required to be kept confidential by State statute, Section 121.22 (G) (2) acquisition of property for public purpose and 121.22(G) (8) consideration of confidential information related to a request for economic development assistance.

Mrs. Keller motioned to enter into executive session at 7:54 p.m. This motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Shafer and approved by a 7-0 vote. Council met in executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G) (3) pending or imminent court action, Section 121.22 (G) (1) personnel, Section 121.22 (G) (5) matters required to be kept confidential by State statute, Section 121.22 (G) (2) acquisition of property for public purpose and 121.22(G) (8) consideration of confidential information related to a request for economic development assistance. Council conducted a discussion of those items with the following members present: Second Ward Lisa Keller, Third Ward Cory Hoffman, Fourth Ward Drew Farrell, At-Large George Hellinger, Vice-Mayor Kent Shafer, Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle. Absent from the discussion was First Ward Chris Jones (excused the meeting at 7:56 p.m.). Following the discussion at 8:38 p.m., it was moved by Vice-Mayor Shafer that Council move into open session, seconded by Mrs. Keller. This motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Vice-Mayor Shafer motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Keller. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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Elaine McCloskey, Council Clerk