

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Delaware City Council

Minutes of

Meeting

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

November 12

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Held _____ 20 _____

The budget work session meeting of Council was held on November 12, 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, Second Ward Lisa Keller, Third Ward Cory Hoffman, At-Large George Hellinger, Vice-Mayor Kent Shafer and Mayor Riggle who presided. Absent from the meeting was Fourth Ward Drew Farrell.

Staff Present Remotely: Ted Miller, Parks and Natural Resource Director, Justin Nahvi, Finance Director, Bill Ferrigno, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Bruce Pijanowski, Police Chief, John Donahue, Fire Chief, Dave Efland, Planning and Community Development Director, Susie Daily, Information and Technology Director, Jessica Feller, Human Resource Manager, Natalia Harris, City Attorney, Kyle Kridler, Assistant City Manager, and Tom Homan, City Manager

Motion to Excuse: Vice-Mayor Shafer motioned to excuse Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Hoffman. Motion approved by a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 2: CONTINUED REVIEW OF CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

- a. Parks and Natural Resources – Ted Miller, Parks and Natural Resource Director

Mr. Miller reviewed accomplishments for 2020 including the upgrade of playground equipment at Mingo Park and Blue Limestone. Mingo Park had clearing on the US 23 berm, a new ADA drinking fountain installed, and a new pool pump. Veterans Park had the playground turf replaced. Smith Park had new ballfield material installed. The Parks Department assisted in the installation of the Rutherford B. Hayes statue signage. Mr. Miller reviewed the figures for Hidden Valley Golf Course, which was open for 175 days, but did have an increase in rounds played from previous years. Oak Grove Cemetery had 8 out of 14 monuments restored, with a total of 441 restored monuments. He discussed the plans demolish the caretaker house and implement the Master Plan. For urban forestry there were 136 trees removed and 123 trees planted. The arborist position was filled after a 5-month vacancy.

Mr. Miller reviewed the key recommendations for the Recreation Needs Assessment. Vice-Mayor Shafer questioned if the assessment will be presented to Council. It was discussed that this will be presented at a future meeting. This assessment focused on short-term, mid-term and long-term recommendations. He discussed goals for 2021 which include a natural play area at Boulder Park and landscape and parking lot improvements at Ross Street Park. Carson Farms Park is planned to have resurfacing of tennis courts and Veterans Park will have replacement of photos in the plaza. He discussed the goal to have new golf carts and driving range improvements.

Discussion was held regarding Parks and Recreation programming and how to manage the pool with COVID restrictions and continue athletic programming. It was discussed

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on the reorganization of the park programming and management of Jack Florance Pool and the Mingo Recreation Center with city staff re-established and the hiring of a Recreation Program Superintendent.

b. Community Promotions Fund

Mayor Riggle discussed that the City was estimated to receive \$50,000 in Bed Tax monies and that the Community Promotions Committee met to discuss the distribution of the funds. She provided a breakdown in funds and discussed the importance of providing funds to Main Street Delaware to allow them to continue to provide services and support to downtown merchants and businesses.

c. Budget Follow-ups

ITEM 3: DISCUSSION

ITEM 4: 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 7:13 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by a 6-0 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: First Ward Chris Jones, Second Ward Lisa Keller, Third Ward Cory Hoffman, At-Large George Hellinger, Vice-Mayor Kent Shafer and Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle. Absent from the discussion was Fourth Ward Drew Farrell. Staff present at executive session was Natalia Harris, City Attorney, Blake Jordan, Public Works Director, Jessica Feller, Human Resource Manager, John Donahue, Fire Chief, and Tom Homan, City Manager. Following the discussion at 8:06 p.m., it was moved by Vice-Mayor Shafer that Council move into open session, seconded by Mr. Hoffman. This motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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ITEM 5: ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Vice-Mayor Shafer motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle



Elaine McCloskey, Council Clerk