
**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING
HELD: MAY 28, 2019
8:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Brunello; Council Representatives D'Amico, DiLalla, Hargate, Lombardo, Mastrangelo, Murphy, Stickan; Clerk of Council Cahill; Fire Chief Turner; Police Chief Cook; Service Director Evans; Building Commissioner Grabfelder; Finance Director Filippo; City Engineer Mader; Law Director Paluf

ACTION ON MINUTES:

The reading of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 14, 2019 was dispensed with. Mr. Hargate moved to accept the Minutes as written; seconded by Mrs. Murphy. Ayes: D'Amico, Hargate, Lombardo, Mastrangelo, Murphy, Stickan. Abstain: DiLalla. Motion carried.

The reading of the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held May 21, 2019 was dispensed with. Mrs. Murphy moved to accept the Minutes as written; seconded by Ms. D'Amico. Ayes: D'Amico, Hargate, Lombardo, Mastrangelo, Murphy, Stickan. Abstain: DiLalla. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Turner stated the Fire Department will be participating at Millridge Elementary School for their end of the year activities.

Mr. Mastrangelo thanked the Fire and Police departments for attending and serving the participants at the St. Paschal's festival last weekend.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Cook stated the SRO agreement has been updated to reflect an increase in wages and benefits for the Officer. The amended agreement has been forwarded to Dr. Kelly and will be presented to the Mayfield School Board on June 26th. Item #3, proposed Resolution 22-2019, authorizing the agreement is on for second reading this evening.

Chief Cook stated he met with Safety and Service Committee this evening to review the Communication Center upgrade. On the June 11th Council Agenda there will be legislation for the Avtec Console, the furniture upgrades and B&C Communications Installation and Labor. Avtec Console and the furniture have Government contract pricing. B&C Communications is one of the only companies in the state of Ohio that perform the installation of the Avtec Console. B&C Communications is a local company.

Chief Cook reported that the 9-1-1 system did not operate for a considerable amount of time on Saturday. The 9-1-1 system is provided through Cuyahoga County, Callworks system. A Civic Ready notice was sent to all residents. There are two police hard lines and two fire hard lines that are not connected to any 9-1-1 system. Those lines were used during the outage. The hard lines will be maintained during the upgrade to the Communication Center.

Service Director's Report: Director Evans reported that the swimming pool has been painted and the equipment is operating for the season. The swimming pool will have Opening Day on Saturday, June 1st.

Director Evans reported brush collection operates from April until the end of June. During this year's program, 1500 stops have been made; however, for the year there's been 2200 collection stops. This is a popular program with the residents.

The sign and message center project is complete. The Service Department will perform landscaping around the new sign in the upcoming weeks.

Director Evans distributed a memo to Council regarding construction notices on the Asphalt and the Concrete Road programs. The Concrete Road Repair program will be making repairs throughout the city; therefore, the construction notice will be posted on the city's website and Facebook. Residents' questions can be directed to the Service Department.

Director Evans stated that sidewalk program participants will receive door hanger notices stating the homeowner will not be responsible for the repair of sidewalks.

Director Evans stated the next Household Hazardous Waste Round Up will begin on June 10th and continue through June 22nd at the Service Department.

Building Commissioner's Report: Mr. Grabfelder had no report. Mr. Grabfelder answered Mr. Mastrangelo's concern regarding a house on Williamsburg. The city will mow the grass and Mr. Grabfelder is working with the Law Director to have the bank-owned property cleaned up.

City Engineer's Report: Mr. Mader reported that the Community Park project is nearly complete. Asphalt repair has been performed on Ridgebury and Wilson Mills Road will follow. A pre-construction meeting will be held on the Concrete Road Program tomorrow. The contractor will start on Maypine tomorrow. Door hangers will be provided to properties that have sidewalks marked. The notice will inform the property owner that the sidewalk repair will be paid by the city and to contact the contractor if the property has a sprinkling system and/or an invisible fence.

The Street Striping Program will have a bid opening on June 6th. The sewer program will be ready for bid in late June. Mr. Mader stated he will send a representative to the next Council meeting for review and award of the street striping contract.

Mrs. Murphy observed trucks stringing cable along Highland Road and she questioned which company was performing the work. Mr. Grabfelder answered that the cable work is being performed by Spectrum.

Finance Director's Report: Director Filippo requested a suspension of the third reading on item #4 to allow the special assessment street lighting legislation be passed before Council recess.

Director Filippo announced that the Treasurer of the State of Ohio released a Press Release on May 21st stating that the City of Highland Heights has joined Ohio Checkbook to bring more fiscal transparency to local government. Mrs. Murphy suggested Open Checkbook be announced on the city's website and Facebook page.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commission on Aging: Ms. D'Amico stated the Commission on Aging met on May 20th and planned additional events. There will be a lunch at Wild Mango restaurant in Legacy Village. A Lolley the Trolley tour will be held in August. A Special Person's Tea will be held at Stonewater in October.

A planting event will be held May 31st at the Community Center. The 20-participant event has been filled. The Garden Club will instruct on how to coordinate plants in a planter. The Girl Scouts will paint popsicle stick decorations to place in the pots. The Commission is anticipating this to become an annual event.

Mr. Mastrangelo questioned if the Annual Picnic will be held this year. Ms. D'Amico stated due to the small number of reservations the event may be postponed. Mr. Mastrangelo received clarification from Ms. D'Amico on how Commission on Aging and Community Partnership on Aging events are coordinated.

Park & Recreation: Mr. DiLalla stated the Park & Recreation Commission met on May 9th. Mr. DiLalla thanked Mr. Evans and Mr. Mader for the Park improvements that were performed this spring. All practices and games for baseball and softball are underway.

The pool opening will be Saturday, June 1st, weather permitting. There are new colorful funbrellas that have been installed.

Tennis dedicated court times will be Monday and Wednesday. Pickleball will be held on Tuesday and Thursday. Pickleball enrollment has increased to 45. Friday through Sunday, the courts will be on a first come basis.

A portion of the gravel lot by the old pool has been paved and striped which will enhance the day camp drop off area.

Drainage Committee: Chairman Murphy requested a Drainage Committee meeting for June 11th to review new submitted drainage investigation forms.

Legislative & Finance Committee: Chairman Hargate reported that the Legislative and Finance Committee met this evening and reviewed and approved a new 5-year lease for a copy machine in the amount of \$10,373 from CCT Financial.

The Committee discussed Resolution 21-2019 with the Finance Director and approved his request to suspend the third reading this evening.

The Committee will review requests from the Fire Department at the June 11th meeting for radios and thermal imaging cameras. Once the Fire Department requests have been approved, it will complete all the proposed capital expenditures in the 2019 budget for Service, Police and Fire departments.

Mr. Hargate requested a L/F Committee meeting for June 11th.

Planning and Zoning Commission: Mr. Mastrangelo stated the Planning & Zoning Commission did not meet last evening due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Law Director's Report: Director Paluf requested the suspension of the second and third reading of item #2 to allow for the beer and wine permit process for Community Day.

Mr. Mastrangelo questioned if alcohol will be served on Friday, July 19th. Mayor Brunello stated the F2 liquor permit is in effect for four days and there will be alcohol on Friday evening. Mr. Paluf stated the legislation will need to be amended to include Friday, July 19th.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brunello thanked everyone for their participation in the Memorial Day Ceremony. The event was well attended and appreciated by the Veterans and their families.

Mayor Brunello reported that the Community Day Committee met on May 21st and completed scheduling. The sponsorship letters will be distributed. The budget was reviewed for compliance. Mayor Brunello requested an amendment to Item #2 to add the Community Day activities on Friday, July 19th.

Mayor Brunello explained Item #1, the motion to confirm the appointment of Nick Cortese to the Park and Recreation Commission. Mr. Cortese will complete Mr. DiLalla's term which will expire December 31, 2020. Mr. Cortese was introduced and will be a great asset to the Commission.

Mayor Brunello congratulated the Service Department for preparing the pool for opening and maintaining the fields during this rainy season. Mayor Brunello thanked Mr. Mader for completing the road work and parking lot in a timely fashion.

SAFETY AND SERVICE COMMITTEE: Chairman Stickan stated the Safety and Service Committee met this evening and discussed the upcoming agenda items that were outlined by Chief Cook. The legislation will have first reading on June 11th. The Committee supports the Communications Center upgrade.

The Committee discussed future staffing increases in the Fire Department with the Fire Chief.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA: There were no items added.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC: There were no comments from the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT: A motion was made by Mr. DiLalla confirming the Mayor's appointment of Nick Cortese to the Park and Recreation Commission; seconded by Mr. Hargate. Ayes all; motion carried.

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 14-2019: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of proposed Ordinance 14-2019 which description is: "An Ordinance partially suspending the rules and regulations regarding the sale and possession of beer and wine at the municipal Park during Highland Heights Community Day for 2019 and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Council was asked to suspend the Second and Third readings to allow for the six-week alcohol permit process. Mrs. Murphy moved to suspend t

he Second and Third readings; seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Ayes all; motion carried.

Mr. Mastrangelo moved to amend Ordinance 14-2019 to add Community Days to the opening paragraph; to add July 19, 2019 to Section 1; and July 19, 2019 to Section 4; seconded by Mrs. Murphy. Ayes all; motion carried.

Mr. Hargate moved to enact as amended; seconded by Mrs. Murphy. Ayes all; motion carried.

SECOND READING OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION 22-2019: Council listened to the Second Reading Proposed Resolution 22-2019 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Mayfield City Schools for the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 21-2019: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of proposed Resolution 21-2019 which description is: “A Resolution declaring the necessity of providing for the payment of street lighting and the improvement or installation of additional lighting by special assessment of all parcels benefitted, and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Council was asked to suspend the Third Reading. Mr. Hargate moved to suspend the Third Reading; seconded by Mrs. Murphy. Ayes all; motion carried.

Mr. Hargate moved to adopt; seconded by Mrs. Murphy. Ayes all; motion carried.

SECOND READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 13-2019: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of proposed Ordinance 13-2019 which description is: “An Ordinance adopting a Tax Budget for the City of Highland Heights, for the year 2020 and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION 19-2019: Council listened to the Third Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 19-2019 which description is “ A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Statewide Ford Lincoln Mercury, Inc., for the purchase of one (1) 2019 Ford Fusion vehicle, in an amount not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$19,919.00), pursuant to the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Act, and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Mr. Hargate moved to adopt; seconded by Mr. DiLalla. Ayes all; motion carried.

ENACTMENT OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 12-2019: Council listened to the Third Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 12-2019 which description is: “An Ordinance for the resurfacing of Wilson Mills Road from I-271 Off Ramp to Alpha Drive in cooperation with the County of Cuyahoga and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Ms. D’Amico moved to enact; seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Ayes all; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Hargate and seconded by Mr. DiLalla to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all; motion carried. Said meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council