

Monday, July 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

A presentation was made by Steven Saines of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the Water Protection Plan for the City of Zanesville.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015

The Council of the City of Zanesville met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2015 in the City Council Chambers, 401 Market Street, Zanesville, Ohio.

Mr. Vincent led those present in the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following members of Council answered Roll Call: Mr. Roberts, Ms. Gildow, Mr. Foreman, Mrs. Gentry, Mr. Tarbert, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Norman, Mr. Sharrer, Mr. Hutcheson, and Mr. Vincent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hutcheson moved to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Mr. Tarbert.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion or corrections? Hearing none, all in favor of approving the minutes as printed, please signify by saying aye.

All were in favor. None were opposed. Motion carries. Minutes stand approved.

COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Communication from Jay D. Bennett, Public Service Director-Second Quarter Report of 2015 for the City of Zanesville Cemetery Division from Jeff Johnson, Cemeteries/Parks Superintendent.

Mr. Vincent: I will entertain a motion to receive.

Mr. Roberts moved to receive, seconded by Mr. Tarbert.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of receiving signify by saying aye. All were in favor. None opposed.

Motion carries.

Resolution No. 15-85 – Introduced by Council – A Resolution supporting the City of Zanesville's application to the National Park Service for technical assistance through their Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Vincent: This is due August 1 so with that I will entertain a motion to waive.

Mr. Hutcheson moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Mr. Tarbert.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving? Hearing none, we will have roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

Mr. Vincent: Now I need a motion for passage.

Mr. Roberts moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Norman.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Mr. Bennett, do you want to add anything to this?

Mr. Bennett: Sure. Thank you very much. The National Parks Service offers no money, but they offer technical assistance in a variety of forms to local communities that are successful in their application. The envision project is looking at completing of the planning process, engaging community, bringing stake holders together to start looking at a southern trail out of Putnam Landing Park. They would look to traverse south of the river and then ultimately making its way around the wastewater treatment plant. Unless we want to incorporate that as part of the trail experience and we can do that. But if successful they would provide us assistance over the next year to year and a half. The City's commitment on this is to convene and to provide value, but make a forum to bring neighbors together to say where would be the most likely location of this and ultimately looking at some of the environmental issues. Lastly then, what we have asked them for are some recommendations on funding assistance to ultimately construct it. So this is just specifically the first phase of envisioning what this would look like.

Mr. Vincent: So it is to help us plan, there is no cost to the City other than time involvement of city employees?

Jay Bennett: That is correct.

Mr. Vincent: That could give us some very valuable information.

Jay Bennett: It certainly lays a foundation when you are thinking about making an ask for federal money and state money for this part. This effort would also be specifically looking at the environmental impacts and having some of that work done preliminary certainly helps an application to apply for federal or state funding source.

Mr. Vincent: It sounds like a good plan to me. Thank you. Is there anything else from Council? With that we will have roll call vote for passage.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Resolution is passed.

Mr. Michael Wyatt: Sir, if I may address Council?

Mr. Vincent: With that, Council, sir please hold on. With that, do you have a petition?

Susan Culbertson: Yes.

Mr. Vincent: This is for 15-85. I am sorry Mr. Wyatt. We had you with 15-86. So you did want to speak on the last Resolution, so my apologies. With that if you would like to come up and please accept my apologies.

Michael Wyatt: Thank you sir.

Mr. Vincent: We had you as 15-86 so we are off by one. I wish it was the other way around.

Private Petition:

Mr. Michael Wyatt: I am glad to see we are doing something. First my name is Michael Wyatt; I live at 1158 Selsam Street, here in Zanesville. I am glad there is something happening to our parks program, but Jim Tucker Park (formerly Calvert Park) within the first ward is a disaster. It is wreckage of where you dump all of your unwanted construction material up there. You knocked down at least two hundred trees and you are still knocking them down and that is an environment. I think that basically when you get this, when this goes through, I think that park ought to be on priority list number one. The way to get to that and the truck traffic up to there has to be solved. And you can solve it here. I appreciate it.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you Mr. Wyatt. So you are in favor of this Resolution then that just passed? Correct?

Mr. Wyatt: Yes, sir.

Resolution No. 15-86 – Introduced by Council - The following final resolution enacted by the City of Zanesville, hereinafter referred to as the legislative authority or local public agency (LPA), in the matter of the stated described project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sharrer: I have one small amendment to this. I think first page, three quarters of the way down the paragraph that begins "in view of" inadvertently I think the amount was left out in the second sentence where it was typed three hundred two thousand five hundred eighty-four.

Mr. Vincent: Okay and then also down below? All of those spots?

Mr. Sharrer: Well that spot in particular is missing where it was typed out.

Mr. Vincent: Okay. Alright just that one. I see what you are saying. We have a motion from Mr. Sharrer to include some words as far as spelling out the actual dollar amount in the second line of the second paragraph under the second whereas. Is that correct Mr. Sharrer?

Mr. Sharrer: Correct.

Mr. Tarbert seconded the amendment.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? If there is no discussion, all in favor of that amendment signify by saying aye.

All were in favor. None were opposed.
Motion carries.

Mr. Vincent: We are now at final Resolution 15-86 as amended.

Mr. Sharrer moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving? Hearing none, we will have roll call vote for waiving of the readings.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

Mr. Vincent: Now I need a motion for passage.

Ms. Gildow moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Norman.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion?

Mrs. Gentry needed to step out of the room.

Mr. Baker: Mr. President may I call for a recess of ten minutes until the Councilwoman gets back?

Mr. Vincent: We have a motion for a recess for ten minutes.

Mr. Hutcheson seconded.

Mr. Vincent: All in favor of a ten minute recess signify by saying aye.

All present were in favor. None were opposed.
Motion carries and we are recessed for ten minutes.

Mrs. Gentry needed to be excused for a few minutes. This occurred about 7:13 p.m.

Mr. Baker moved to return to session and Mr. Roberts seconded about 7:22 p.m.

Mr. Wyatt: Mr. President, would you allow me to speak on 15-85 please?

Mr. Vincent: explained he had already spoken on that Ordinance.

Mr. Vincent: Okay, where are we. With that we had a motion for passage by Ms. Gildow and seconded by Mrs. Norman. So with that, is there any further discussion? We have Mr. Michael Wyatt then who wanted to speak on 15-86. Mr. Wyatt if you come up we are on 15-86, sir. It is about resurfacing work.

Mr. Michael Wyatt: My name is Michael Wyatt and I live at 1158 Selsam Street here in Zanesville and I am not a shadow. You should be able to see me pretty easy. The thing is I don't have much to talk about this. You got an emergency or first reading? I would like for it to go to first reading because I would like to review some of the stuff you are running through our government. I would like to be able to assess it, support it, or disapprove it. That is all I have.

Mr. Vincent: Okay, thank you, Mr. Wyatt. With that, we do have a deadline on this as it is due by August 21 for this to work out. Mr. Bennett if you could add anything else to that as far as the urgency on this.

Mr. Bennett: The City received this on July 17th. So the next meeting is the one we are at today and it is due August 21. So if Council would like to take it for first reading and then come back in the first meeting in August there could be that consideration to give Mr. Wyatt certainly a chance to review it. Ultimately it is for partnership with the state of Ohio, the Department of Transportation. No cost to the City, at this point, where there will be resurfacing work on U.S. 22. So at this point if you would like to take it to first reading that is fine.

Mr. Vincent: With that Mr. Bennett, we have talked about this, this has been coming. Did we have legislation before on this?

Mr. Bennett: Yes, it was Ordinance 13-105.

Mr. Vincent: Okay, so this is not new. Okay, is there anything else from Council?

Mr. Baker: Mr. President, it may not be new, but seeing that we do have a request to delay this by a couple of weeks for more reconsideration if it is going to do no harm to the intended results I would suggest that that is what we do. I am always in favor of giving the public as much possibility to go through as many readings as possible even if it is a redundant, even if we have covered that same ground before.

Mr. Vincent: With that is there any more discussion? No other discussion? Okay, we will have roll call vote for passage.

Mr. Baker: Is this for passage or is this for waiving of the readings?

Mr. Vincent: This is for passage.

We have already waived the readings.

Mr. Vincent: Is everyone clear? Okay, we are voting for passage. We have waived the readings and we are voting for passage. Okay, we will have roll call vote for passage, please.

Roll call vote for passage.

7 Ayes

2 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 15-87 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 00-16, which adopted a classification plan for city employees; amending Ordinance 13-15 (Amended), which authorized a maximum schedule of positions; and amending Ordinance No. 13-16 (Amended), which established pay, benefits and employment policies for unaffiliated employees.

Mr. Vincent: We are at first reading.

Mr. Roberts moved for first reading, seconded by Mr. Tarbert.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Ms. Heskett, do you want to add anything to this? I know there is quite a bit of information here.

Ms. Heskett: We are very happy to finally see this happening. It has been a long project for us.

Mr. Vincent: I think a lot of these duties have fallen on you.

Ms. Heskett: Yes.

Mr. Vincent: The HR work and

Ms. Heskett: Right now there is a little bit of it in about three or four different offices. It will be great for the employees to have one person to go, to know who to ask questions to, and I think it is a good thing for the City overall.

Mr. Vincent: Okay, thank you. If there is nothing else from Council, we are at first reading; so all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye. All were in favor. None opposed.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 15-88 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to enter into a contract with Zanesville City Schools and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tarbert moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Mr. Hutcheson.

Mr. Foreman: Mr. President, I wish to abstain on this one.

Mr. Vincent: When we get to vote, we will get you okay? Is there any discussion on waiving? Hearing none, we will have roll call vote for waiving and so noted Mr. Foreman has abstained.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Abstention Mr. Foreman

Motion carries.

Mr. Vincent: Now I need a motion for passage.

Ms. Gildow moved for passage, seconded by Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, I do have a petition from Mr. Michael Wyatt who is speaking in favor of this, in favor for first reading.

Mr. Michael Wyatt: My name is Michael Wyatt and I live 1158 Selsam Street, Zanesville. I urge you not to go this, any kind of priorities like this. Give the people a chance to understand what you are doing. I don't know. I can't draw a line and say this is what they are doing; this is what they are doing. All of a sudden it is bang passage and the Mayor signs it and it is gone. I don't have a choice in this. I feel like being an American I have a choice at whatever decisions you make because it is going to affect me. If I have any more on that type of thing that is my answer. I would like for you to become citizens of the United States and not citizens from some of the other countries that has given us so much H. That is all I have to say.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Wyatt.

Mr. Roberts: I just wanted to state to Mr. Wyatt that he does have a say. Mr. Baker is his legally elected representative up here. We practice representative democracy within the City of Zanesville, as well as, the entire United States, so too many times people talk about government moving too slowly, Mr. Wyatt. I understand some of this stuff you don't like, but we are trying to keep the City of Zanesville moving. Okay? I just wanted to make that clear.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council? With that I can add, as far as the school year, this is about a safety officer in the school and the school is paying for a large portion. I am sure it doesn't fully cover everything, but it puts a police officer in the schools, Zanesville City Schools, for the year which has proven results I think in many studies. So that is what this is about and like I said the school year starts the 25th and I imagine a lot of things have to happen. Mr. Buck, do you want to add anything to that sir?

Fred Buck: There is a lot that has to happen. We actually have to select the officer we are going to send up there. It is between two senior officers which is great. Normally you don't have anybody that wants to do something like this. You know, it is not the easiest job in the world to deal with some young adults that age, but we have two guys that are really qualified in this and get along quite well with teenagers so I think it is a win, win situation for the Police Department and we will have somebody on hand probably to control and take care of the issues we have up there a lot quicker. The school was really excited about it happening. We have been trying to do a Resource Officer with them for two years now and we finally got it through. The only reason for the rush is to be able to select the person; we want them to be part of the selection process also.

Mr. Vincent: It was only recently the school came forward offering the money?

Fred Buck: Actually today. I got the agreement today. So, you know, it is just waiting to see what happens tonight.

Mr. Vincent: So with that, I guess in a way, my perspective its fortunate that this legislative body can move quickly and wave this and move this along. Some parts of this process cannot move quickly and that is the selection process and needing to be fair to the officers and make this important decision, this important choice, that we get the right officer in that position. Both can be beneficial to the city schools. Is there anything else from Council? We will have roll call vote for passage.

Roll call vote for passage.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Abstention Mr. Foreman

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 15-89 with a note here this does not need an amendment. This comes from the Law Director. With that, there are some changes to this Ordinance 15-89 and Ordinance 15-90 as far as who is the sponsor of this, the correction to that is that Fred Buck the Safety Director is actually sponsoring these two pieces of legislation and not Jay Bennett. So it is not part of the Ordinance so it does not need an amendment from Council, but we did need to make you aware of it. No wording changes within the Ordinances.

Ordinance No. 15-89 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to execute a Real Estate Lease Agreement with 34 South Fourth Street, LLC for expanded municipal operations and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Roberts moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Mr. Tarbert.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving?

Mr. Baker: Mr. President, just to point out the actual reason for declaring this an emergency, that the City of Zanesville Council recognizes that it is imperative to enter into the lease agreement as soon as possible for the preservation of public peace and safety. That is probably the highest duty that we have here. So, if we are going to be declaring an emergency this would probably be it.

Mr. Vincent: Okay, thank you. Is there anything else from Council? Any petitions? None? With that we will have roll call vote for waiving of the readings.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

Mr. Vincent: Now I need a motion for passage.

Mr. Baker moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Norman.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will have roll call vote for passage.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 15-90 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance declaring city property located at 400-402 South Fourth Street as surplus and authorizing the Zanesville Community Improvement Corporation, acting as the agent of the City of Zanesville,

Ohio, to negotiate the disposal of certain city owned property for economic development purposes and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tarbert moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Mr. Hutcheson.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving? Yes, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker: What is the reason for the necessity for the fast tracking of this, Mr. Buck?

Fred Buck: It is dealing with the prior, in other words, we have to get started and do this.

Mr. Baker: Never mind. Thank you. You are right. Thank you.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council? We will have roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

Mr. Vincent: Now I need a motion for passage.

Mr. Roberts moved for passage, seconded by Mr. Foreman.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none from Council, I do have Mr. Cole Graham here from Dutros speaking in favor of this and providing some additional information.

Mr. Cole Graham: Mr. President I may have made a mistake and it may be better for me to speak after the thirteenth item on 15-84. I am not quite sure when. I guess maybe now would be a good time. I have some things to show you and if that would be alright I will bring them up here real quick.

Mr. Vincent: Mr. Graham, you wanted to speak after 15-84?

Mr. Graham: I was just wondering if it is now or later that would be a better time for me to do this.

Mr. Vincent: Yeah, why don't you go ahead and talk about it now.

Mr. Graham: I usually have handouts, but I didn't have time. You guys are aware this is part of our Dutros project in a lot of what we have been working with Fred and Jay on has been the evidence building which the City has outgrown and they have been looking to find a remedy to that solution and we have been hoping to try to help with that. In conjunction with that part of our design for our project we have right here

(referred to poster) which is where the evidence building is currently located. We have designs for it for a new car wash. Which sounds trivial but it actually really helps with our efficiencies and the flow through of the traffic out of our new service building through here and out and down. As you can see by this it is staying within the design and color of the current facilities so what we are going to put up is going to match. It is going to look streamlined with the whole facility, but that is the plan for part of this operation. So that is generally what we are here for. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. I know I promised Mr. Baker here an update every now and then. Things are moving along very well as you can see just driving down the street. So, that is all I have.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, sir. Is there anything from Council? Mr. Buck is there anything you would like to add to this?

Mr. Buck: No, just except that it caught me by surprised on the last question. No, we are trying to keep this progressing as well as possible. I think everybody here got to go to the building. We showed them exactly what we are trying to do. I can't stress enough what this is going to solve at the Police Department and our problems with space, offices. We have the same issue here at City Hall. Who knows, we might see part of some of the department's being in this building. This building is a great old building and it has really presented itself quite well for the City of Zanesville and will help us out.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you. Thank you. It does appear to be a good win, win for all the parties, especially the City. Thank you. Okay, with that, if there is nothing else from Council, we will have roll call vote for passage.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

Ordinance No. 15-77 - Introduced by Council –An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to expend funds for building improvements and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Roberts moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Mr. Tarbert.

Is there any discussion on waiving? If not, we will have roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

Mr. Vincent: Now I need a motion for passage.

Mr. Hutcheson moved for passage, seconded by Ms. Gildow.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will have roll call vote for passage.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 15-78 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to establish a Fire Capital Projects Fund.

Mr. Vincent: We are at second reading.

Mr. Roberts moved for second reading, seconded by Mr. Sharrer.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of second reading signify by saying Aye.

All were in favor. None opposed.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 15-81 A – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance allowing a moral claim.

Mr. Vincent: We are at second reading.

Mr. Hutcheson moved for second reading, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of second reading signify by saying Aye.

All were in favor except Mr. Tarbert and he was opposed.

Motion carries.

Mr. Vincent: It will return the next time for the final vote and that is the one that counts.

Ordinance No. 15-82 A - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance allowing a moral claim.

Mr. Hutcheson moved for second reading, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none all in favor of second reading signify by saying Aye.

All were in favor except Mr. Tarbert and he was opposed.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 15-83 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the appropriate official to hire a vendor to digitize court files.

Mr. Tarbert: Mr. President, it is the request of the court and the Law Director's office. I move to remove this from the agenda.

Mr. Baker: I second.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Mr. Tarbert, do you want to explain anything on it?

Mr. Tarbert: It is my understanding and I could let Mr. Hillis speak to this.

Mr. Vincent: Mr. Hillis would you like to explain?

Mr. Scott Hillis: Yes, the court creates a special project fund under the Ohio Revised Code. It tells them how much of fines and or court costs go into this special fund. That fund is to be deposited with the treasurer of each municipality. The fund can be spent only on certain projects and by order of a court not by City Council or anyone else deciding to pay or not to pay it. So because of that, I thought it was inappropriate to send it to Council because it just requires an order signed by the judge to expend the funds.

Mr. Vincent: So the dollar amount doesn't matter then in this case?

Mr. Hillis: As long as they have the funds in there account.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council? Again I have a motion and a second to remove this item from the agenda so all in favor of removing this item signify by saying aye.

All were in favor. None were opposed.
Motion carries. It is removed.

Ordinance No. 15-84 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to execute a Development and Real Estate Exchange Agreement and the necessary conveyance documentation to acquire 0.8349 acres, more or less, fee simple interest from 34 South Fourth Street, LLC located adjacent to and north of South Street in exchange for 0.2234 acres, more or less, fee simple interest owned by the City located adjacent to Fourth and South Streets, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Roberts moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Mr. Tarbert.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving of the readings? Hearing none, we will have roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

Mr. Vincent: Now I need a motion for passage.

Mr. Tarbert moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Norman.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion?

Mr. Roberts: Mr. President, I just wanted to clarify that this has already been resolved under 15-89 and 15-90 and it is the intent and the wish of the sponsor of this legislation to turn it down. I just wanted Council to be aware of that.

Mr. Vincent: You are requesting for Council to defeat this by voting no. Okay, Mr. Tarbert?

Mr. Tarbert: The same.

Mr. Vincent: You are requesting Council to defeat. Okay, any other further discussion? Is that clear to Council? With no other discussion we will have roll call vote for passage.

Roll call vote for passage.

0 Ayes

9 Nays

Motion is unanimously defeated. Ordinance is defeated.

Ordinance No. 15-72 - Introduced by Council - An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to dispose of surplus property.

Mr. Vincent: We are at third reading.

Mr. Tarbert moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mr. Hutcheson.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will have roll call vote for passage.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 15-44 – Tabled until the next meeting of August 10, 2015.

TRAFFIC ORDERS

Traffic Order Number 15-08

Section One: Traffic Order 15-08 is hereby to establish a No Parking Zone from in front of 439 Indiana Street northeast to 760 Whipple Street and establish a No Parking Zone from in front of 431 Shultz Drive southwest to 359F Shultz Drive.

Section Two: The appropriate signs shall be installed in accordance with O.R.C. 4511.09.

Mr. Vincent: A motion to receive?

Mr. Roberts moved to receive. It was seconded by Mr. Sharrer.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? With that, Mr. Buck, I was over there late at night and it appears it is just those tight turns as far as being able to get around. The cars make it impossible. It is tight for a car; let alone for a fire truck to get through. I assume that is the motivation behind this.

Mr. Buck: Yes, this was requested by Zanesville Metropolitan Housing, so we went over and looked at it. Actually Captain Coury followed me over and we looked at it and decided to take it through Traffic Committee and they thought so too.

Mr. Vincent: With this, fire trucks can get through then at that point?

Mr. Buck: Yes, definitely.

Mr. Vincent: Definitely. Okay. Is there anything else from Council? All in favor of receiving signify by saying aye.

All were in favor. None were opposed. Motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Vincent: With that, Mr. Bennett, I think you have some special announcements.

Mr. Jay Bennett: I have special guests. I come with special guests tonight. It is my pleasure to introduce to the community and to Council two new employees in the Community Development Department. That would be Mr. Greg DeLong and Mr. Patrick O'Malia. So if you guys want to step up or forward. Come on up Patrick. Patrick is joined by his lovely wife, Teresa, here tonight as well. Just a little brief dialogue about each of them. Thank you to the support of the Mayor and to the Council by kind of restructuring the Community Development Department and partnering with the County with some of the Housing projects and grants allowed us to kind of reconfigure the department. You see the result of that tonight. To start with, Greg DeLong is here. He is the new Deputy Director of Community Development. Greg has years, and years,

Mr. DeLong: A lot of years.

Mr. Bennett: of experience and planning and permitting and Community Development Grant Administration and administration of grants most recently by the way of Marysville. So six weeks with the City

Greg DeLong: June 12th, so roughly.

Mr. Jay Bennett: Six weeks in office. So he was the first one to join us. So you will get a chance to talk with him here in a minute. Secondly, is Mr. Patrick O'Malia with a Public Administration Degree via Cuyahoga County. He has been in office for eight hours.

(Laughter broke out)

Mr. Jay Bennett: The most important thing is he brought donuts on the first day. Come on, nice touch. Patrick is our brand new shiny Redevelopment Administrator. Something to talk to Council about and the public about is looking to reshape neighborhoods. Looking to look at corridors and reshape corridors in and out of our City. Patrick brings a lot of experience and ideas in that and he will be a strong partner with the Port Authority, the Zanesville Downtown Association, and some other entities that the City partners with to kind of redo some of that work. You will get a chance to meet both of them at the August 6th Community Development Committee of Council. Where we will begin the dialog regarding some directions, investment areas, and you will hear a little bit more about them at that time. So, is there anything you would like to say Patrick, Greg?

Greg DeLong: I am Greg DeLong and I am thrilled to be here actually. I have, like Jay said, I have a lot of experience. I have had over fourteen years of city planning so this is actually a step up for me. I am excited. I think Jay is going to be a great mentor in helping me. Primarily in the past I worked with grants and zoning stuff. As you are probably aware Marysville is a growing community. It is pretty busy there so I was the only planner for over eight years. So it has been a good thing. It is actually a second career for me. I was a mechanical designer for seven years before I even went to college. So I started at twenty-five and since twenty-nine it has been a fun track. People always ask why go into planning and I said I always built sand cities in my sand box as a kid and I guess it was always in my blood. My father was a school teacher so I think public servant has always been in my blood too. I am very happy to be here and I thank you all for allowing me to be here. I did place business cards in front of you so you do have my phone number and contact information.

Jay Bennett: And he was heck on the Sims Game. That was one of the qualifications, pre-test qualifications. (Laughter) (Applause)

Patrick O'Malia: Good evening. I would like to thank the Mayor and Mr. Bennett for giving me the opportunity to come up and address you guys tonight. This is a great chance for me to showcase some of my skills and hopefully bring some real benefit to

the city of Zanesville. Before coming to your city I worked for Cuyahoga County as a Public Information Officer. I also worked for the Department of Economic Development in addition to the City of Westley, the City of Day Village, and the Ohio Auditor's office. My wife Teresa and I come here from Cleveland. We just moved down this weekend. Today was my first day and it has been; this wasn't what I thought I would do on my first day. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to come up and speak with you guys. I am very thankful for the opportunity that has been provided to me by this administration. Thank you. (Applause)

Mr. Jay Bennett: Unable to join us tonight is the senior statesman of the department, Mr. Patrick Denbow. He is still with us as planner. So these three individuals and we have a new admin starting soon. Lisa Davis will be joining us on August 7th. Thank you very much.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Bennett and welcome Mr. O'Malia and Mr. DeLong. I hope you can stick around afterwards and can come up and say hello to you and welcome you officially or personally. We are very proud of our city and I think you made a brilliant choice as far as coming to Zanesville. I think you will be very happy here.

Okay, with that, is there anything else from the administration?

Mayor Tilton: Mr. President, I have a couple of good items to give you tonight. First, tomorrow they will start the milling and paving of Shinnick and Fourth Streets to kind of finish up the enhancement project. I have also been told within the next few weeks they will be moving back into town to start the blacktopping of other streets within the City. Last week MedBen, which is our third party administrator; they kind of watch all of our medical and pharmaceutical expenses and if the pharmacies charge us too much they go after them and get those monies back for us. Usually we get a quarterly rebate check. Last week they brought us a rebate plus what they called a true-up. A true-up and the number was \$86,000, so it was a very good check. We thanked them for what they do for us.

Mr. Vincent: That is wonderful. That is great advertising for them and they are more conservative. Is there anything else from administration? Is there anything else from Council on miscellaneous? I am not looking for an adjournment yet as we still have some speakers. Okay, we will move on. We have two petitioners.

PRIVATE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Cindy Royce, 1543 Ridge Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio speaking on the shootings that are going on.

Mr. Vincent: If you will come up to the podium you have three minutes, Ms. Royce.

Ms. Royce: Since we moved in, we have been there about two and a half years; there have been three, four, or five shootings in our neighborhood. The neighbors are

banding together. We've got mostly rid of the prostitutes and the drugs are not as bad. We don't have drug dealers selling on every corner. We don't have hookers standing on every corner. But I think shootings are something that we are not going to be able to handle ourselves. The other night I fell asleep on my couch and I was asleep maybe an hour and I woke up to gun shots across the street. Okay? Now I live here and if you go down Hedgewood there is a drug house. Then there is an alley that goes and makes a C and then the other drug house backs up to this alley. Okay? The shooting was going on between the two drug houses. You know, I don't know, I reported the drug houses. You know when they are so loud they are not even on my street and people are knocking on the doors so loud on the first of the month that I can hear them from my house. My house isn't down by the street; it is up on a hill. I shouldn't be able to hear these people. Okay? I called the police, I sit out there on my porch and I watch; I don't ever see the police car come. But I am saying we need to do something about these shootings. People are getting shot; people are getting murdered. There needs to be something done. You know. We have done our part. We have banded together as the people on our street and gotten rid of what we could. I think, now somebody else needs to come in and do the rest. You know you should be able to go to sleep and you should be able to sleep without waking up to gunshots. My kids should be able to walk to their Grandma who lives two blocks away from me, without me wondering if they are going to get there without getting shot. You know, this is craziness. You know, how many people have to get shot before we are going to do something? Alright, that is all I have to say.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you Ms. Royce. We appreciate that.

Mr. Baker: I have a question if you don't mind. You say the residents have banded together and the prostitution and drug problem is significantly alleviated?

Mrs. Royce: Between us banding together and WHIZ putting their pictures on the news and the Times Recorder putting their pictures in the paper of the johns and the prostitutes. That got rid of almost all of the johns. And we got about one prostitute and then you might not see any for a couple of days and then you see another prostitute and it might not be the same one or it might be the same one. But yeah, we banded together as a neighborhood and we are like this is enough. Not on my street.

Mr. Baker: So you are saying the banding together of the residents and publicizing not only the prostitutes, but the johns had the greatest effect on helping to alleviate the problem?

Mrs. Royce: We used to have at least twenty hookers on Ridge at any given time. You could not go up the street without seeing one and you could see a couple of them two or three standing at the bus stop acting like they are catching the bus, but they are not because they are standing there all day. You know, and then we had, when it would get dark out then we would have the drug dealers actually dealing drugs on a couple of corners. You know, yeah, we got together and we are like we are not having any more of it. We don't want this in our neighborhood. We see them and we politely ask them to go on their way. You know, but as for an actual drug house there are two of them. You

know, they are doing as much business as Walmart on any given day. I don't understand why we can't get rid of them.

Mr. Baker: I think you are on to something where the bad publicity for not only the prostitutes but the johns can have an effect. You know, being reported by WHIZ and the TR etc.

Mrs. Royce: Immediately. We used to have them. The same people circling, and circling, and circling, and circling. Once that happened, boom, it was like day and night difference. We used to have people, because we live so close to the fairgrounds; we used to have a guy with one of those great big giant horse trailers that could carry about three or four horses and he would circle the neighborhood in his horse trailer trying to pick up prostitutes. Then there was a guy in a company truck. Well I called his company and told them what they were doing and we haven't seen them back. We have done our part. I think that where the prostitutes have gone if you could get those people to ban together you could drive them out of other neighborhoods too. The community has to come together. If only one person in your neighborhood is doing it; it ain't going to work. But when several of the neighbors come together it worked. It is by no means perfect because like I said now I've got shootings. But it is a lot better than two years ago when we moved in.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you Ms. Royce. We appreciate it. Is there anything else from Council? With that, I know you feel like nothing is being done and I cannot tell you specifically what is going on as far as the police, but I do know with drug activity some of that stuff does take a long time. Years ago when I went out with a police officer he definitely pointed out where drug houses were, but an individual bust is not as important as a well-orchestrated bust that involves a lot of people. Those are hard to get. So with that I think the Police Chief is probably the best person to answer questions with that. I don't know if Mr. Buck if you wanted to add anything or not.

Mr. Buck: No. A lot of these people are published because they were arrested. So we have had a lot of undercover work in the area and I think that helped a lot over at Ridge Avenue.

Mr. Vincent: The neighborhood helped then?

Mr. Buck: We also did Seventh Street and I have had several people from that area and Sixth Street that have called to thank the police department for getting this scaled. Are we ever going to stop it completely? No. After the last shooting we had an arrest within a day, less than a day. Which it was a murder; unfortunately, it happened. It wasn't over drugs for a change. But we had that. We are very aware of that. We are actually working on a nuisance abatement letter for police right now whom I imagine they will be here to Council complaining, but you will be hearing about it.

Mr. Vincent: So some other piece of legislation will give the police more power to be involved and step in and help head off some of these issues then. Okay, we will look

forward to hearing about that then too. With that just to be clear, the neighborhood that has banded together and providing information is invaluable? Correct?

Mr. Buck: Yes. It helps.

Mr. Vincent: So please continue the reporting and continue the work. The police cannot be everywhere, as you know, and the information provided is valuable so thank you.

I have another petitioner: Mr. Michael Wyatt, 1158 Selsam Street, Zanesville, OH regarding fireworks July 4th, 2015.

Mr. Michael Wyatt: I am not always a bad guy. I thought you guys did a real good job on the fireworks and what have you. Of course, the fireworks that I seen myself was not down there on the bridge. It has been in other places. I just want to thank all of the veterans including anybody here that served in their military. I would like to just say thank you and I think if we get the opportunity to speak to a veteran you ought to tell him thank you for this, because they changed Independence Day to the Fourth of July. These guys in black suits will do anything; they will change anything you want. And so basically just be aware that basically that you got some good people out there looking after you. Thank you.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Wyatt. With that, I want to make it clear as far as thanking the Jaycees. The Zanesville Jaycees did sponsor and pull together that entire event and then sought a lot of sponsors to pay for the fireworks show. It was the biggest fireworks show ever, I think, if not, at least in recent history as far as decades. It was a very large show. The City was very involved and helped out with that as far as making sure things happened safely as far as the police and fire department. So it was an excellent show and we hear lots of good comments. And one really important thing is I want to thank you sir for your years of service. I do appreciate it.

Michael Wyatt: The reason I made any comments here is I wonder if our children know what we celebrate. Are they just out looking at flashing lights and what have you. I wonder if the school system ever caught up with and told them what Independence Day was and what it meant to them in their future. I didn't mean to extend that.

Mr. Vincent: That is fine. You still have time, so thank you. We do appreciate your service sir and your comments.

Mr. Baker: Mr. President. Mr. Wyatt, did you say they changed Independence Day from July 4th?

Mr. Wyatt: To the Fourth of July?

Mr. Baker: Yes.

Mr. Wyatt: That is what I said. What was it before the Fourth of July then?

Mr. Baker: I mean historically it was July 2nd which is when the Declaration was actually signed.

Mr. Wyatt: It was Independence Day. So that is what I was referring to. They changed that over to another name and tomorrow they might change it to Snodgrass Day. I don't know. (Laughter) But anyway, thanks for your comments.

Mr. Vincent: Thank again, Mr. Wyatt. Is there anything else from Council?

Mr. Hutcheson moved to adjourn and it was seconded by Mr. Sharrer.

Mr. Vincent: All in favor of adjournment signify by saying aye. Opposed?

All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion carries. We stand adjourned. Thank you everyone and have a good night.

The meeting ended about 8:03 p.m.