

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016

The Council of the City of Zanesville met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2016 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: Miss Bradshaw, Ms. Gildow, Mrs. Osborn, Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Gentry, Mrs. Norman, and Mr. Vincent. Mr. Foreman was absent.

Mr. Roberts moved to excuse Mr. Foreman. It was seconded by Mr. Wolfe. No discussion was held. A voice vote was held and all present were in favor of excusing Mr. Foreman. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman stands excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Gildow moved to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

A voice vote was held and all present were in favor. None were opposed. The motion carries. The Minutes stand approved.

COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Communication from Jay Bennett, Public Service Director - Cemetery Division 2016 3rd Quarter Report.

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

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

Resolution No. 16-100 Introduced by Council – A Resolution in support of the Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department's efforts addressing the use of tobacco in our community, as herein provided.

Mrs. Osborn moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Gentry.

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

Roll call vote for passage.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Absent Mr. Foreman

Motion carries. Resolution is passed.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 16-110 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance adopting the City of Zanesville Comprehensive Plan, as herein provided.

Mr. Baker moved for first reading, seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion?

Mr. Baker: For Council's information this passed unanimously by the Community Development Committee last week. As far as I know I don't think this changed at all. We haven't had any calls for the last month. This has been dormant as far as people recommending changes. So this is the final draft reviewed by the committee a month ago and recommended this adoption.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council? If no further discussion, all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye. All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman was absent.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 16-111 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance declaring the improvement to certain real property to be a public purpose; declaring such improvement to be exempt from real property taxation; requiring the owners thereof to make service payments in lieu of taxes; designating the public infrastructure improvements to be made that will directly benefit the real property; and establishing a municipal public improvement tax increment equivalent fund for the deposit of service payments.

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

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion?

Mr. Bennett: It is on for first reading. The administration has completed the proper notification to the school districts. We are in the process of finalizing the schedule to meet with the West Muskingum Local School District to discuss the matter so we can proceed back to Council prior to passage.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything you can share on the property for the public.

Mr. Bennett: This is the left over parcel after Panera Bread, 310 Charter, listed on the attachment. I think the sale is completed to We Love Pets. They will be moving off of Maple Avenue that is in Falls Township into the City limits on this parcel. This is at the request of the representatives for the ownership to form this. Ultimately, the long term collection of TIF Service payments would be dedicated to making road improvements in that immediate area.

Mr. Vincent: Excellent. Thank you. A nice summary. Is there anything else from Council?

Mrs. Osborn: Have you met with the vocational school yet?

Mr. Bennett: No. They have been notified. I personally did a reach out to the vocational school district as well and extended the offer to meet with them. We have not heard back.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council? All in favor of first reading signify by saying aye. All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman was absent.
Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 16-112 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the City’s Housing Policy and Procedures Manual increasing the maximum dollar limit for Home Repair Projects and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Baker moved for first reading, seconded by Ms. Gildow.

Mr. Baker: This was also discussed by the Community Development Committee which basically changes the amount of grant money that can be spent on individual housing from \$8,000 to \$12,000 with the median amount that is spent around \$6,700. This is keeping in line with increased state regulations that allow more flexibility on the part of Community Development to put money into housing grants where it is needed.

Mr. Vincent: This will allow some grants into homes, that were previously overlooked, because the cost of repairs went above the maximum.

Mr. Baker: Absolutely. With this they would be considered. It just gives the Community Development department a little more flexibility on what housing they can in fact dedicate monies to.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council? With that we are at first reading so all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye. All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman was absent.
Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 16-113 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to enter into a service agreement for Voice over Internet Protocol services and declaring an emergency.

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

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.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Absent Mr. Foreman

Motion carries.

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

Mrs. Norman moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion?

Ms. Gildow: This was presented at the Ways & Means Committee and the committee was very positive about this and recommended that this be passed as an emergency.

Mr. Vincent: We do have a special guest here. The Director of IT from the City, Lisa Hittle, if you have any questions for her. Is there anything from Council? Nothing? Thank you for coming. With that we will have roll call vote for passage.

Roll call vote for passage.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Absent Mr. Foreman

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 16-114 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to enter into a purchase agreement for Enterprise Resource Planning Software, conversion, installation, training, and maintenance.

Mr. Wolfe moved for first reading, seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye. All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman was absent. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 16-115 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to provide funds to the Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority for organizational, promotional, and operational expenses during the year 2017.

Mr. Roberts moved for first reading, seconded by Mrs. Gentry.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion?

Ms. Gildow: This was also reviewed at the Ways & Means Committee meeting and the committee agreed this is a good cause and I wanted to mention Matt Abbott is here from the Port Authority.

Mr. Vincent: Great. Is there anything else from Council? With that, we do have a special guest, Mr. Matt Abbott, Director of the Port Authority, is here with the usual annual report on what is going on at the Port Authority and what the future holds.

Mr. Matt Abbott: Thank you. It is always a great opportunity for me to come in front of Council and it is a great cause. We do have plans to move not only the City of Zanesville's economic vitality forward, but also the County, as a whole. Twenty-nine years of existence, with the Port Authority. I attended a conference last week and some of the people in the surrounding communities were talking about how to build the next business park and funding. A lot of questions came up about East Pointe and how East Pointe was pulled off. Seventeen million dollars went into East Pointe from the public sector. That has yielded over four hundred million dollars in private investment at East Pointe Park. With the JEDD partnership between the township, the City of Zanesville, and Muskingum County, in 2015 over one million dollars was generated and handed back to those entities for future development and future growth. So that is a definite impact that has happened over time.

The sustainable leadership, effective leadership, with a recent project in the City; the Community Development department, the Mayor's office, the City engineer, the Fire Department, the Fire Chief, and Zoning; it really is a team effort. It has been humbling being able to experience this and being in the position that really the business is at the epi-center of what we are trying to do, whether it is existing or new, we are able to wrap a lot of services around them. It has been a blessing working with the City.

Goals for 2015 and goals for 2016 don't really change. We have three big rocks that we look at as a Port Authority. One is business retention. As you can see with the expansion of Mattingly Foods that is part of our business retention. We have visited, to this point with our business retention/expansion program, over forty businesses since January. We have been out knocking on doors. We have been talking to companies realizing what their downfalls are with their business. What is going well. How we can help. A lot of those conversations, you talk a lot about work force and work force development. We are continuing to work on those and I have some ideas I am going to share with you on that.

As far as the Port Authority, to help those work force needs, we have earmarked \$50,000 out of our general fund for companies, for training opportunities, to train their employees. It is a competitive grant process, that we have been able to give out, through land sales generated income, but it is going out and answering the needs of the businesses and the companies. This is something that needs to continue and something that needs to happen. So we are going to continue that program moving forward.

A regional partnership, the manufacturing extension partnership, is a regional partner of Jobs Ohio. They were on over twenty of these visits with me. They offer programs such as workforce development, training dollars, and a program called Upskill. Upskill is where you might take your order selector and you want to make that order selector into a management position on the floor or move them up. So this provided resources and funds to employ the replacement for that employee to promote the growth from within the company. So it has been a big program. It was a grant funded program and a lot of our businesses in Muskingum County have taken advantage of that program. Business attraction is our second big rock. We have had 25 inquiries from January to September of businesses that are looking here. Businesses that want to locate here. There are a lot of things. You may have watched the news every once in a while. Businesses are slow to make decisions at this time with some of

the things we have going on with our federal election process. So hopefully after the first of the year some of these opportunities will open up.

We also updated our web-site. Our web-site was a very good tool, but it wasn't a tool for a site selector looking at our community to come in here. So if you get on our web-site and you are not a site selector you might have a hard time navigating, but if you want to get on our website and look up the great things that are happening as far as living in the City of Zanesville, or living in Muskingum County, we use the Convention & Visitor's Bureau website, as a driver to that. We are just trying not to duplicate things that are already happening within the County. It is really a site selector's tool. About 80% of the hits we get from businesses looking to locate here, look at the web-site first. So we need to clean it up. We will continue to do that.

Also for business attraction we are continuing to work our plan. In 2014 my predecessor had a consulting group called Insight Consulting come in and visit the City of Zanesville. They also visited Muskingum County. So often times people talk about what's your plan? What is your plan to do? This consulting firm is a site selector. It is the same consulting firm that has represented Fortune 500 companies that have actually chosen to locate here. So two big things that came out of that were we need buildings for people to locate; we can see that in some of the statistics that we have. Sixty percent of our inquiries are looking for a building first. You also need sites that are ready to go; shovel ready. You need all of the utilities and ready for companies to locate here. We can purchase today and start digging tomorrow. That is our plan. That is what we will continue to work on and I think we are showing that.

As far as the building perspective, I have engaged private investment. People that want to put up buildings. People that have property and have the means to put up buildings; I think it is important that we lean on the private sector to assist, to them as much as we can, to create these opportunities as far as a building and support them. We have a second grant that is ready to go. Much like our airport project, I am going to talk to you a little bit about where the airport project is. This grant is to duplicate the shovel ready site and the potential for a spec building on our own, but also seeking out private investment moving forward. That has been ready to go for some time. We just have some capital that is working at the airport park and there is some risk out there, associated with that.

So here is a little update on the airport park. (A brochure was handed out by Matt Abbott) If you open it up to the first page that is the site-plan that we are looking at. This has a rendering of just 165,000 square feet building. The building could be a lot bigger than that. We don't know. It could be smaller than that. That is the plan we used based on a couple of companies that had interest in the park. So the second photo actually shows the crane. This photo was taken on October 5th. This crane is 80 feet in the air. It raises a 16 ton weight that you see at the bottom from about 60 feet and it hits the soil five to seven times compacting from 15 to 40 feet in depths every time it hits. So that process has been ongoing. They are moving very well. We are on schedule. We have had some issues with the crane, as far as the clutch to apply the brake once that 16 ton weight is up. I don't want that job. They have had some issues. They have a mechanic on site. That project is moving forward. The second photo you can see the dozer in the back ground. That is where they backfilled the spots that have been deep-dynamic compacted. The third sight is actually looking from the road up on the hillside there

are about eight feet of cut that has come out of that hill already to fill the front. The next slide shows a little bit more of the cutting and leveling process and getting the site at grade. At the end of the day this project is going to be a shovel ready site and this is what we will continue to work toward. Our three big rocks that we are looking at business retention, business expansion, and climate being to bring the proper infrastructure to support continued investment. That is all.

Mayor Tilton: That piece of property that is in the pictures the City and the Port Authority own together and we are making it shovel ready to sell in the future.

Matt Abbott: Yes, about 2/3 of that property is City of Zanesville property that has been sitting there since 1987. It is time for that property to make its money for us. We will continue to look into this program and create shovel ready sites. Also having flexibility that any understanding we need to identify our next park. We need to identify our next plot of land and where we are going to continue to move forward. So as a former teacher and coach, you have to be able to deal with different things that happen in your classroom so you adjust and that is why the Port Authority job is so consistent with that. We have to be flexible. We have to jump at opportunities when they come our way.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything from Council? So you are looking ahead for more properties; you are always looking?

Matt Abbott: Absolutely. We work with local real-estate agents. We work with real estate agents in Columbus that have properties listed in our communities, so not only the properties that are Port Authority held properties currently, but private sector property also. We continue to market those as well.

Mr. Vincent: So word is out there that the Muskingum County Port Authority is looking to purchase property?

Matt Abbott: Yes, absolutely. The Port Authority is always looking to purchase property. We are in the property purchasing business if those opportunities come along. We are always looking.

Mr. Vincent: You probably don't have the figures with you, but I was kind of curious when you mentioned expanding forty businesses, it would be neat to hear what that expansion resulted in as far as the number of new jobs, payroll, and some basic figures like that would be interesting to hear how this is paying back and also the competitive grant then too and how that is paying back.

Matt Abbott: Basically when you go in their door what you are looking at is how do I assist this company? How do you either make this company sustain where it is currently at or grow. And the training opportunities that we brought in, not only from the local level, the Port Authority level, but at the state level. I think it has created an opportunity for local businesses to expand. You can see some of those numbers, especially within the City, with the income tax numbers and those job creation numbers. We have that data as well.

Mr. Vincent: It is wonderful to look at existing businesses. We so often focus on new businesses coming into town and what can we do for them to get them here, but I think it is great that we are focusing on who is here and what we can do to help them grow to their full potential. I appreciate that. Could we pass these reports around? I am not sure the Mayor, Law Director, and others have seen them. Please pass these around to the audience also. Thank you, Mr. Abbott. We do appreciate you coming to provide us with the update. Sounds like good news. Is there anything else from Council? We are at first reading, so all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye.

A voice vote was taken with all present in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman was absent.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 16-116 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to provide funds to South East Area Transit for the year 2017.

Ms. Gildow moved for first reading, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker: Has that total from last year changed at all or was it the same?

Mr. Vincent: I think it is the same.

Ms. Heskett: It is the same.

Mr. Baker: It is the same at \$80,000. How long has it been \$80,000?

Mayor Tilton: Around 2005 or 2006 we cut the amount and then we brought it back up in the last few years. It has been \$80,000 for many years except for the drop we had.

Mr. Roberts: It does seem that it was \$100,000 at one point.

Mrs. Gentry: Yes.

Mr. Roberts: Then it was cut down to I think \$50,000 and then we raised it back up to \$80,000. I think at one point the subsidy was \$100,000. Does that sound right, Ms. Heskett?

Ms. Heskett: Yes.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council? Howard Stewart could not be here tonight to share with you an updated report as far as what is going on at S.E.A.T. He will be coming to the November 14, 2016 Council meeting. Is there anything else from Council?

Ms. Gildow: This also was mentioned at the Ways & Means Committee meeting and any questions that were asked at the time were answered.

Mr. Vincent: If there is no further discussion, all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye. All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman was absent.
Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 16-117 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to purchase items for employee recognition.

Mrs. Osborn moved for first reading, seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye. All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman was absent.
Motion carries.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

None

TRAFFIC ORDERS

Traffic Order 16-05

Section One: Traffic Order 16-05 hereby is closing Potter's Alley from Elberon Ave. north to the interstate to establish parking area.

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

Mr. Roberts moved to receive and Mr. Baker seconded. A voice vote was taken with all present in favor of receiving. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman was absent.
Motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Tilton: Yesterday we had the grand opening of the dog park. It looked like it was well received. Mrs. Gentry, Mrs. Norman, and I judged a contest of costumes of the dogs. It was very interesting how they dressed their dogs. It was hard to pick winners. We did it and I think the park will be well used in the future. A greyhound dog dressed up like a Greyhound bus won. They were very creative.

Last week, myself and Mr. Bennett, met with some people from a local church that want to come in and help us with the Kidzville and hopefully here in the next few weeks we will be setting up meetings for some leadership roles in that project.

Mr. Vincent: It was an excellent event yesterday and it was well attended. I guess we could get some photos on the website that might help to show, if there is a section for the dog park. That would be great. It was a great event and as Mr. Bennett said before the meeting all of the dogs did get along nicely. It looked like everyone had fun. Thank you to Councilwomen Norman and

Gentry for your involvement. Mr. Bennett was key. Miss Bradshaw was in on that too, I believe. Was anyone else involved? I want to thank the three leaders for their involvement.

Mr. Wolfe: When we discussed Ordinance 16-114 on the software, we had received a presentation at Ways & Means Committee and I would like to say thank you. It was an extreme amount of effort to scan and search the software companies to determine what the needs of the departments were and I just wanted to publicly thank the department for the extra effort that was done. It was a very helpful presentation on the timeline for this conversion to happen. I forgot to mention that and I wanted to let them know I appreciated it.

Mr. Vincent: I assume that was Lisa Hittle. Thank you.

PRIVATE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Non-agenda item petitions filed

Mr. Eric Jones, 221 Luck Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701 speaking on 3 Large M's DIGing—A bigger picture.

Mr. Eric Jones: Hello everybody. For the last six meetings I was going through the tenants of democracy. You should all know what they are. I am not going to repeat them or anything. At the end of this it should be that everybody understands that what we have here is a government of tyranny, which makes Mr. Vincent the tyrant. I have said this before, but now the question is how do we know? Does that mean that six tenants, we don't have them here, therefore we have a tyranny. I am not going to say what is missing, because basically all six are missing. A question, asked a number of times, was what difference should it make to the residents of Zanesville whether they live under tyranny or democracy. It is like asking a Christian, what difference does it make whether you worship Jesus Christ or Satan? Some of the Christians in the room might understand that. I am trying to give you analogies so that you can get to where we are here. So somebody might know that there might be a difference there. Now, if you go back through the Ordinances, the one that says what I have basically been saying here was 15-44 which was a doubling down of 84-4. I will let you go back and read them. You have time. We have been under a tyranny since 1984. I can give you some of the history of that, but again I will let you do some of the studying that needs to be done. Again, how do we know? I have given you the reading material that some of you should have been able to do. That is basically the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, Robert's Rules of Order, even though Robert's Rules of Order is only used here as a guide. That should tell you again why we have a tyranny. You can't really use the Ohio Revised Code unless you are an attorney. I keep coming back to the same thing. It keeps circling around to why we have a tyranny here. How do we straighten that out? Everyone keeps looking at me like this is going to be difficult. All you have to do is go back to Roberts Rules of Order. That is what the state wants you to do; that is what I want you to do; that is what the residents of Zanesville, if they want to be citizens, want you to do. Now, if you don't want to be a citizen hand over to Mr. Vincent your citizenship, but he should have it. If that is the case, then we are in more trouble that I am willing to stand up here. Thank you very much.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Jones. With that, is there anything else from Council?

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn and it was seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

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

A voice vote was taken with all present in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman was absent.

Motion carries.

Mr. Vincent: We stand adjourned. Thank you everyone and have a good evening.

The meeting adjourned about 7:33 p.m.