

Public Hearing

The Second Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant was held on May 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 401 Market Street, Zanesville, Ohio, in the City Council Chambers. The following individuals were present:

Mayor Tilton; Council President Daniel Vincent; Councilperson Ann Gildow; Councilperson Jan Bradshaw; Councilperson Connie Norman; Councilperson Sandy Gentry; Councilperson Joey Osborn; Councilperson J. Rob Sharrer; Councilperson Andy Roberts; Councilperson Mark Baker; Director of Community Development Jay Bennett; Bill Arnett, COZ Staff; Kristine Geis, Wendy Tarr, Phillip Turner, Barbara Schafer, Peter Daniel, Zanesville Think Tank; Beth Brown, Muskingum County Library & ZTTP; Brenda Shepherd, Nora Daniel, Robert Embree, ZTTP; Nathan McDonald II and Nathan McDonald of C.A.S.S.-MIND; David Rogers, Cyndi Royce and Mr. Royce, citizens; and Susan Culbertson, Clerk of Council.

Citizens were given an opportunity to review and comment on the City's proposed CDBG Application, including the proposed activities before the City submits its application to the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Mr. Bennett presented information from a presentation which is attached. The first public hearing we actually tried to host was on January 30 and no one came due to the weather. Another one was held. The second hearing is being held tonight. The CAC met and made recommendations. The information will be at the CD Committee meeting next week. The application deadline is in June. The grant documents will be received from the state in October and we can then start the environmental review during the winter. We plan to start projects in February and we close out the grant at the end of two years as it is a two year cycle for this grant.

Six applications were received. Mr. Bennett reviewed them. One was ineligible because it extended outside the city limits and a second one was withdrawn. Four projects remain and the CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) recommendations are listed in the presentation material with \$170,000 grant estimate. The City can take up to 20% of the total grant for administration and 15% was decided to be adequate. Revolving Loan Money that has not been spent and the state is requiring us to spend it, and it will be used to fund the owner paint project. This has been a project in the past as it helps the owner and the neighbors.

Public Comments were received as follows:

Mr. Vincent: Are there any comments from Council? We will open it up to the public if anyone wants to speak for this grant? Please give your name and address.

Kristine Geis with the Zanesville Think Tank on Poverty and she lives at 2720 Village Drive here in Zanesville. She just wanted to quickly say we are one of the agencies up for a grant today. She wanted to make sure everyone knew what this was. We had a PowerPoint presentation, but we didn't want to bore you with it tonight. This is just a

really quick one page handout that covers the important facts. We are a new group just starting out. We are a group of all different kinds of citizens coming together to help alleviate issues of poverty and break down barriers where poverty exists in Zanesville. Housing came to the forefront by our group that realizes the hardships of poverty and our group includes people that are homeless, middleclass working people, and all of us come together. We found housing is a very serious issue here. This is not going to be replacing any of the housing services. This is going to help people navigate the housing services, to learn about housing services, education on services, and hopefully; reduce the amount of evictions cycling that happens in the city. If you have any questions, we are all available and you can see our blue shirts and there are several in attendance. This is how important it is to us that we want to come and support you in any way we can so that we can make our community a better place. Do you have any questions?

Mr. Vincent asked if Ms. Geis would leave some contact information in case questions do come up.

Ms. Geis said absolutely. I will leave that for you. Thank you so much for your time.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anyone else to speak in favor? Please provide your name and address please.

Nathan McDonald, II, 118 West 131st Street, New York, NY, but I was born and raised here in Zanesville. I graduated from Zanesville High School. I just wanted to thank the Council first for inviting us and for hosting this public hearing. I think it is very important to be involved in the community efforts and also to allow people to be aware of what is going on, like activities, events, and services in our community at CASS-MIND. This was a school that my late mother, Cassandra McDonald founded in 2012. I know a lot of you all knew her and became familiar with her work. After her passing, my brother and I took over the school. Unfortunately, neither one of us reside in the city. I live in New York as I stated and my brother lives in Cleveland, Ohio. We felt it was necessary and that the service was necessary to continue my mother's work in the school. It provided service to fill in for families with autism and children that are students that come to our school with autism. I am much honored to take up that mantel and to progress her vision of having a facility and an academic setting where students can come, thrive, and be creative. We can foster their creativity into something that is productive and make contributing citizens in Zanesville, Ohio. If you all have any questions for me, I gladly would like to entertain those. I passed out just a one pager highlighting some of those things that we do at the school and some of the services that we provide, and while I have the mic I also; because I always like to take advantage of an audience. I would like to invite you all to our art exhibition and play in June at the library. It will be the first Friday of June, (June 7). We have close to 100 art pieces that the students have made themselves. You can preview one of them currently at the Zanesville Art Museum because we participate in the student art museum program there as well. Again it is June 7th and that will be at 3:30 p.m. One of the students has written a play that the students will be performing as well as the art that will be displayed. As I said if you all have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us or reach out to us by Facebook,

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email, the website, or come and stop by, but we do have to take appointments because we have to socialize the students to any strangers that would come that they don't know, but we do welcome anybody to come to the school. Thank you.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, sir. We appreciate it. Is there anyone here to speak against? Okay, is there anything else from Council? With that we will call this public hearing to a close and resume the Council meeting here at 7:00 p.m. Thank you everyone.

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The Zanesville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019 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: Ms. Gildow, Mrs. Osborn, Mr. Sharrer, Mr. Foreman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Gentry, Mrs. Norman, Miss Bradshaw, and Mr. Vincent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Roberts moved to accept the minutes enmasse of April 22, 2019, Budget Hearing minutes of March 14, 2019 and Budget Hearing Minutes of March 26, 2019 as written, and seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Communication from Mayor Jeff Tilton-City Planning Commission – Mayor Tilton is hereby recommending the appointment of Bill Cochran to the City Planning Commission. Mr. Cochran will replace Kevin McPeck. Mr. Cochran's term will expire February 1, 2022.

Mr. Roberts moved to receive and concur with the Mayor, seconded by Miss Bradshaw. All present were in favor. None were opposed.
Motion carries.

Communication from Jay Bennett, Director of Public Services – City of Zanesville Municipal Airport Report – The Municipal Airport's 2019 1st Quarter Report.

Mr. Roberts moved to receive, seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

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

Resolution No. 19-47 – Introduced by Council – A Resolution permitting Restoration Park to be closed for a private event sponsored by the Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District and hosted by the Muskingum County Farm Bureau.

Miss Bradshaw 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 were in favor. None were opposed.

Motion carries.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 19-45 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to provide funds to the Ohio Flags of Honor Foundation as a donation for the presentation of the Ohio Flags of Honor at Zanesville High School.

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

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? With that are there deadlines?

Mayor Tilton: No.

Mr. Vincent: So there is time. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye.

All were in favor. None were opposed.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-46 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to submit an application to the Ohio Development Services Agency for an award of Community Development Allocation Program Funds and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Baker moved for first reading, seconded by Mr. Sharrer.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion?

Mr. Baker: This is going before the CD Committee next Monday for examination.

Mr. Vincent: Okay. Is there any other discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye.

All were in favor. None were opposed.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-48 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to enter into a contract with Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly to update the Zanesville Municipal Airport Master Plan.

Ms. Gildow 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 were in favor. None were opposed.
Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-49 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to purchase a new 2019 Western Star 4700SB Dump Truck from FYDA Freightliner Western Star Zanesville and Ace Truck Equipment for the Street Division through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Mr. Roberts 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 were in favor. None were opposed.
Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-50 – Introduced by Council - An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to enter into a commercial lease agreement with Harris Industrial Parkway, LLC.

Ms. Gildow moved for first reading, seconded by Mrs. Norman.

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

All were in favor except Mr. Sharrer and he abstains. None were opposed.
Motion carries.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

Ordinance No. 19-39 – Introduced by Council –Establishing the annual salary and benefits for the Public Service Director of the City of Zanesville.

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 were opposed.
Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 19-40 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper City official to pay invoices that did not receive authorization before the services were performed.

Mr. Sharrer moved for second reading, seconded by Mrs. Gentry.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion?

Ms. Gildow moved to request to waive the readings.

Mr. Vincent: So we can get these people paid?

Ms. Gildow: I think that would be nice.

Mr. Vincent: That was going to be my question. A motion was made by Ms. Gildow to waive the readings.

It was seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving? 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.

Mrs. Norman moved for passage, seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: This work was completed a while back and we normally have 30 days for invoices, so and it will still take an additional 30 days. Okay, we will have roll call vote for passage.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 19-41 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to apply for grant funding through the Federal Aviation Administration for the Airfield Lighting Vault Improvement Project.

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

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? This grant is due June 1, so it will go one more reading. There is no emergency language on this, are we going to be late?

Mr. Bennett: We will need to amend it.

Mr. Vincent: We will need to put emergency language in it?

Mr. Bennett: Please. So we have a grant deadline of June 1. Mr. Tarbert, would you like to help us to get proper emergency language in here.

Mr. Tarbert: Do we have another meeting? I would rather do a written ordinance if we have time.

Mr. Vincent: Okay. Is there anything else from Council? We are at second reading so all in favor of second reading signify by saying aye.

All were in favor of second reading. None were opposed.
Motion carries.

Mr. Vincent: This will return to our next meeting with proposed emergency language to get this passed in time to not lose out on the grant.

Ordinance No. 19-43 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to apply for grant funding through the Federal Aviation Administration for the Airport Master Plan Update Project.

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

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

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

Ordinance No. 19-27 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the Public Service Director to apply for an OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) Grant and Zero Interest Loan and execute contracts in connection with the Round 34 State Issue 1 Program, if approved.

Mr. Foreman moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion?

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 19-28 – Introduced by Council - An Ordinance authorizing the disposal of personal property that is obsolete, unneeded, and unfit for public use pursuant to O.R.C. 721.15.

Mr. Roberts moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mr. Foreman.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Mr. Vincent: With that, the public and for people who are new as far as to this. A lot of work goes into this. There is no discussion here and I kind of feel bad, but there is a lot that goes into all of these ordinances and all of this legislation. There are committee meetings and lots of discussion and lots of reading so, when Council is quiet I think they have all of their questions answered. They have discussed it enough, so just to let you know where we are.

Ordinance No. 19-30 – Introduced by Council - An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to enter into a Federal Local LET Project Agreement with ODOT for the Resurfacing and Related Work on Ridge Avenue from Cornell Street to West Main Street.

Miss Bradshaw moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mr. Foreman.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 19-31 – Introduced by Council - An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to enter into a Federal Local LET Project Agreement with ODOT for the resurfacing and related work on Dryden Road from Pershing Road to Luck Avenue.

Ms. Gildow moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

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Ordinance No. 19-32 Amended – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to dispose of surplus property.

Mr. Foreman moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 19-33 – Introduced by Council - An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to enter into a Federal Local LET Project Agreement with ODOT for the South Street Improvement Project.

Mr. Roberts moved for third reading, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 19- 38 Amended– Introduced by Council - An Ordinance allowing a moral claim. (Keith Haddock)

Mr. Roberts moved for third reading, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Roberts: This claim was discussed at the Public Service Committee meeting earlier tonight. After reviewing all of the facts and evidence there was a recommendation from that committee to deny this claim.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Roberts. Is there anything else from Council?

Mr. Baker: Yes, I would like to ask the gallery if Mr. Haddock is present. I didn't know if he could make it. I am not sure exactly what he looks like as I have only met him once. (He was not present) Okay, very good. That is all.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Baker. Is there anything else from Council?

Roll call vote for passage.

1 Ayes Mr. Baker

8 Nays Ms. Gildow, Mrs. Osborn, Mr. Sharrer, Mr. Foreman, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Gentry, Mrs. Norman, and Miss Bradshaw.

Ordinance is defeated.

TRAFFIC ORDERS

None were submitted for this meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Vincent: Council you have printouts of what is going to be displayed. If we can't get the second Mondo board working relatively quick, I guess the suggestion is to turn the one toward the public to watch and Council will look at the handout.

Special Guest Cindy Lawyer speaking on literacy within the City and some of the challenges with that and what opportunities we might have.

Mr. Vincent: I won't give something away. Please keep in mind as we were reading through the Budget Hearing minutes and we talked about parks and them not being utilized and helping get people in the parks.

Ms. Cindy Lawyer appreciated the opportunity to present today. She is a retired teacher after 35 years. A few years ago she started working with Forever Dads as a volunteer. Because of a Dollar General Grant she is now considered a Literacy Liaison or a Community Liaison for our community. The Literacy Council's mission is to eradicate illiteracy in Muskingum County. We really want to connect individuals as well as groups to unify and strengthen. They have collaborated with the Zanesville Muskingum County Health Department and they have a Community Health Improvement Plan. The slide presentation is attached to explain the programs they have implemented and the plans for Muskingum County including the City of Zanesville by working with the Summer Lunch Program in the city parks- nourish the bodies and their minds with reading. She asked the city to partner to see what we can do to bring about change in our city parks and invited Council and the Administration to come and read in the parks, if it can be worked out.

Ms. Lawyer: Working together the Muskingum County Literacy Council and the City Council can make an impact in our community. I appreciate you letting me take your time. Thanks!

Mr. Vincent: Does Council have any questions or comments?

Mr. Foreman: I have served on the Literacy Council for several years now and even before Ms. Lawyer came along and since she has joined us as part of the Dollar General Grant. We were able to hire her and also a coordinator. It has been very nice. I really appreciate her enthusiasm. As you can tell, she puts endless hours into what she does. It is very much appreciated for our community and I can't even imagine the payout that our community gets from her work. Good job.

Mr. Vincent: You can see she is creating a very strong foundation for our youth. As a City are not able to get into much of the social stuff, but a few things we do. This is one thing that maybe with us personally as far as becoming involved in reading and the Mayor or Mr. Bennett maybe out there reading in the parks. There could be some good things we could do to help out.

Mr. Foreman: Mr. Bennett, he just volunteered you to read in the parks.

Mr. Bennett: Absolutely.

Mr. Foreman: I just wanted to make sure you heard that.

Mr. Vincent: I am sure you will.

Mr. Bennett: I will, absolutely.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you again. With that the Mayor is going to have a proclamation here at the end. We are going to adjourn and get the cameras set up for the proclamation to help recognize this. We appreciate that Mayor Tilton. We are still under Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business, so we will turn to the Mayor.

Mayor Tilton: I would like to give an update about our situation in the south end with Columbia Gas. As of 2:00 p.m. this afternoon of the 600 homes that were affected by this outage, 497 of them have been brought back up on line. The only ones that are left are those that the Columbia Gas technicians could not get into. They will be working tonight to try to get those all and once they get through this round they will be working on trying to get ahold of those people that they can't get ahold of so that they can all be put back up on line. I really want to thank Columbia Gas. They have been very helpful. They have been very straight forward with this and giving me updates every two to four hours. They have worked very well.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mayor. With that, we have the media here tonight and I guess I am thinking and it just came to my mind just now those 100 and some people that have not been able to get into homes, maybe some coverage here tonight will help people reach out to neighbors who are, away or wherever, so somehow help to make these connections work out a little better so we get gas turned back on to all of them.

Mayor Tilton: One of the things Columbia Gas is asking is if those people don't have gas service back to leave their porch light on so the technicians know where they are at. Again, during the re-upping of the gas they actually have replaced some water heaters and minor repairs in these homes that have safety issues.

Mr. Vincent: They did some work free of charge.

Mayor Tilton: Yes, and Columbia Gas has done that on their dime.

Mr. Vincent: To help to get gas back on, unsafe water heaters as they go back and turn on and then they fixed them.

Mayor Tilton: There were failures or safety issues they have been replacing them.

Mr. Vincent: So they are working hard to make sure people are made whole again and back in service.

Mayor Tilton: Yes, they have done a great job.

Mr. Vincent: Okay, is there anything else from the Administration or from Council?

PRIVATE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Vincent: We do have a speaker tonight, Mr. Dave Rogers, speaking under Private Petitions and Communications as a non-agenda item.

Dave Rogers, 1104 Benjamin Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701 speaking on in recognition of National Police Week being this week May 12-18 The Importance of The Police being Policed.

Mr. Vincent: With that, Mr. Rogers, I will let you know ahead of time as I wasn't able to get back and go through records, but we will see what you have to speak on, but I know you have spoken on this subject many times before. This is just to let you know as far as if you are at your three and this could be your last time. I just wanted to let you know.

Mr. David Rogers: It depends on how it is related, correct?

Mr. Vincent: It depends on the subject. Go ahead, I will let you know.

Mr. David Rogers: Okay. Members of Council and the general public. In recognition of the National Police Week being this week, May 12 through the 18th. The importance of Police being policed simply is to insure public trust and removal of any questions of improprieties. Zanesville for long has had questionable officers that have retains to conduct themselves in an unprofessional manner with disregard of law, civil rights, their contracts, and city ordinances. Yes, recently there were photos shown of officers in a rescue on the railroad bridge which the outcome was very good in handling other officers to help and aide in recovery of a person. Although my wondering was lack of tying off and harnesses which many have been, so not to start off subject?

Some on social media didn't think pictures should have been posted, but there is much to be learned seeing plus posting is a protected right under the First Amendment. Which brings me to when law enforcement has their own use of social media and it becomes a public domain open to all to visit and leave their comments. Now when personnel and law enforcement in charge of such a site; locks, removes comments of citizens, then that would be a direct violation not only of the first amendment, but also of their oath of office to uphold the Constitution. Also I do believe such blocking or removal of comments is related to previous misconduct of said officers. It would make previous comments and complaints fully acted basically in connecting the dots. Said removal occurred last year and I have been studying how to proceed. Thank you, members of Council.

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Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Rogers. With that, if Council doesn't have anything else, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Osborn moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Vincent: All in favor of adjournment signify you saying aye. Those opposed say nay.

All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Vincent: With that, at this time I would ask Council to all stay and everyone to stay as far as the Mayor has a proclamation to read.

Susan Culbertson
Clerk of Council

Daniel M. Vincent
President of Zanesville City Council