

problems that were discussed or potential problems or concerns that were discussed are landscaping, potential noise and a temporary access road for delivery and construction. All of these concerns were met to the committee's satisfaction. Therefore, the CD Committee recommends that this be passed.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Baker. Is there anything else from Council? Just to help be clear on that there will be no access from the private residential road in the back. There would be additional buffers as it will fall under new landscaping requirements for the additional buffering and the use of the property itself creates a buffer from the actual commercial activity down below the property. Mr. Sharrer, do you have something?

Mr. Sharrer: I was just mentioning the screening.

Mr. Vincent: The screening, yes. I think Council did hear concerns and expressed concerns as far as for the residential people back there. As you said, all the concerns were answered.

Mr. Baker: Yes, I would like to say that the representative from Menards, whose job it is to actually acquire real estate for this purpose around the nation, was very forthcoming and very helpful relaying concerns several of us had in meeting with him.

Mr. Vincent: Also, he offered to have someone here at tonight's meeting, but based on your committee meeting then I think there was no need for him to come from Wisconsin or wherever he is from for this meeting. Is there anything else from Council?

Roll call vote for passage.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Absent Mr. Foreman

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

**Ordinance No. 19-111** – Introduced by Council - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 1105.

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

Mr. Baker: This made its way through the CD Committee as well and the primary purpose of course is to make the appeals process for Code and Zoning a little bit more streamlined. Mr. Arnett could you bullet point this out, again?

Mr. Arnett: Sure, I think the primary purpose is to allow an applicant of the Board of Zoning Appeals to have an item reconsidered if the original request was only heard by a three member board and the board voted two to one way or the other. At this point the only procedural step after that two to one vote, which would be a defeat, would be to go to the Court of Common Pleas or before the vote they could ask for the item to be tabled. So by doing this new Code change or the new Code language it would allow a

person who gets a two to one vote to actually request reconsideration at an upcoming meeting where you had at least four members present, because it is backlogging as Mr. Schley reported earlier. Folks would come in and see three members and say we would like to have our item tabled for another month.

Mr. Baker: To be clear as well, there are also some limitations for the appeals process as well. Don't you need at least two votes in the affirmative in order for the appeals process to go forward?

Mr. Arnett: The Code change, Mr. Baker, would be a two to one or a one to two. If you had a five member panel a three to two vote would be a pass. A two to two still remains a failure. If it is a tie vote it is a fail, but in theory if you came to the Board of Zoning Appeals with three members and you were turned down one vote affirmative and two votes negative, if you had a five member panel and the other two members voted affirmative, you would pass three to two. So, the only case this would not be applicable is if you were defeated zero to three, because even if the other two people were there you would still lose.

Mr. Baker: So, this is another sort of outlet for an appeals process short of court basically? Okay.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Arnett and thank you, Mr. Baker. I think it is fairer or it sounds fairer to me for the citizens and applicants to be heard. Is there anyone else from Council? Is there anything else?

Roll call vote for passage.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Absent Mr. Foreman

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

**Ordinance No. 19-112** – Introduced by Council - An Ordinance authorizing the proper City official to enter into a purchase agreement for computer hardware and software for the Income Tax Department.

Mrs. Osborn moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion?

Ms. Gildow: David Wolfe, our City Treasurer, came to one of our Ways & Means Committee meetings and explained more thoroughly that the reason for the need for this new software largely relates to the fact that the existing software isn't going to be backed up or supported by the company that provided that so while it will bring some advantages it is almost necessary to spend the money at this point to get the new one and the Ways & Means Committee recommends that Council approve this.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you very much.

Ms. Gildow: Thank you.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council?

Roll call vote for passage.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Absent Mr. Foreman

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

### **TRAFFIC ORDERS**

TRAFFIC ORDER 19-07 Amended

Section One: Amend Traffic Order 19-07 as presented before Council on September 9, 2019.

Section Two: Northwest of intersection of Dryden Road and Dearborn Street on Dryden: Move the "NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER" sign which is presently located 45 ft. north of the intersection of Dryden Rd. and Dearborn St. Move the sign 22 ft. south of its current location. The new location will be placing the sign in front of 831 Dryden Road.

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

Mr. Vincent: A motion to receive?

Ms. Gildow moved to receive. It was seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

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

A voice vote was taken with all present being in favor. None were opposed.  
Motion carries. The traffic order stands received.

### **MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Tilton: I have a couple of things, Mr. President. First of all I would like to thank Shelly and Sands and Bud, Inc. for their fast mobilization on our two projects on Wayne Avenue, because of their working full bore and the weather cooperating, I feel that we should have that opened before the completion date of mid-December. I am hoping that sometime in November we have that back opened. I want to thank them for what they have done.

Second of all, I want to remind our citizens that this Thursday will be Trick or Treat from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and to watch out for our children.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, sir. That is a good reminder. Is there anything else from the administration? Is there anything else from Council?

Ms. Gildow: I would just like to remind people that November 5<sup>th</sup> is Election Day and to encourage people to get out and vote.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council? We will move on to private petitions and communications.

## **PRIVATE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Sarah Chapman, Zanesville Think Tank on Poverty, 995 S. Hopewell Road, Hopewell, OH 43746 speaking on solution on homeless.

Mr. Vincent: Will you come to the podium and pull the microphone around so we can hear you? You will have three minutes.

Sarah Chapman: This is my first time so please be gentle. I am Sarah Chapman and I am from the Zanesville Think Tank on Poverty. I am here to speak upon a very sensitive matter. As we all know that our homeless in our town has grown. There is no secret to that. I myself as a domestic violence survivor was homeless with my three boys and I know the feeling that comes with it. The fear alone was just crippling. It was overwhelming and what am I going to do with my babies? Truthfully, I was just scared. I was grateful when Transitions opened their doors for me and my boys. With that being said, my feeling of being afraid was still there, because I was only allowed to be there for a short period of time. The uncertainty was scary. I was worried about our safety. I can only imagine what it is like today as I read the paper and I watch the news and I question what is next. The cold is setting in and I wonder how the City of Zanesville is going to resolve some of these issues. What is the City's thought to help the homeless families, children, men, women, and the disabled? Is there a possibility to provide transportation to and from a job? How about just getting them an address? Just an address to use so they can get their mail and receive important things that are needed; things like this are needed and above all shelter for this upcoming winter. I have faith in my community that they are able to resolve these matters. Once again, thank you. Sarah Chapman. Thank you for listening.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you very much. We appreciate it.

Jill Sharrer, the Think Tank on Poverty, 1052 Brandywine Blvd, Apt. A, Zanesville, OH speaking on experiencing homelessness on addressing the situation.

Jill Sharrer: My name is Jill Sharrer and I am on the Board of Zanesville Think Tank on Poverty. I know first-hand what it is like to the struggles of feeling of staying warm and to know where our next meal is coming from. As of August the first of 2018, up until then me and my husband were homeless, in Muskingum County and surrounding states

trying to find jobs. I do have my own place and everything, and do go to college and stuff now and is an advocate. Extreme cold can make your body lose heat more quickly than it can produce heat according to the Centers for Diseases and Control. Which then prones us to having humans to illness; which increase which includes ER visits and medical expenses that tax payers will have to provide for, plus the law enforcements that have to deal with the crimes because our basic needs are not being met. They have to do what consists for them to do to stay warm. That means breaking in places; the crime rate goes up because they are just trying to stay warm. We need a short term solution. It is going to take a time and agreement on a warming shelter. We understand that as a community. It is going to take money, effort, and a place, but we need to use harm reduction of illness, crimes, and reduce hospital visits. Let's show compassion of our fellow community members and give a hand up, meet them where they are, not how they got there or where they came from. Our community needs a solution to find out. It is cold now and there has already been one death in Ohio related to homelessness and being out in the cold. Our temperatures have not got cold yet, but they are too. So, we need to find a solution and we come to you to ask, "What is your guys' solution to help us find a shelter; or something temporarily until another solution can be appropriate." I thank you for letting me speak tonight. Have a good night.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you very much for sharing. Thanks for coming. With that, this is a challenging problem, not only in Zanesville, but all across the nation, except for warmer climates of course. With that, I know a lot of different things are going on between communities such as the Think Tank, churches, and the administration has been involved in many different areas as far as looking at things. We had Councilmembers involved looking at this. There are no easy answers. I do know there are a lot of really good people working on this issue and does anyone have anything they want to add to that on what their involvement is?

Mrs. Osborn: I just want to encourage folks; I know I said this at the forum last week, but the warming shelter situation; that issue is not right now a Council issue. That issue is going to Board of Zoning Appeals on November 14<sup>th</sup> and so if folks have opinions, strong ideas about that that; is the place where you can express those and that is the appropriate place to do so at this point in time. It is not here on our desk to be voted on right now.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council or the Administration?

Keane Toney: To let you and Council know that the intersection of Brown and Maple where Dresden comes in also. There have been a lot of close calls there and we spoke with a couple of residents there. The Traffic Committee is going to have us erect two left turn yield signs just to make people aware because what is occurring is people are turning left, not realizing the thru traffic is still proceeding. So it does not go on a traffic order, but I wanted to let all of you know that it is going to take place.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, sir. With that, our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and please keep Treasurer David Wolfe in your thoughts as far as the loss of his mother. Is there anything else from Council?

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

Mr. Vincent: Thank you everyone. We stand adjourned.

The meeting adjourned about 7:30 p.m.

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Susan Culbertson  
Clerk of Council

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Daniel M. Vincent  
President of Zanesville City Council