

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
APRIL 9, 2012

[Call to Order](#)

Mayor Ronald A. D'Epifanio called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Fairfield Municipal Building, 5350 Pleasant Avenue.

[Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance](#)

Councilmember Meyers led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Roll Call](#)

Clerk Jolivette called the roll of Council. Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Pennington, Councilmember Senger, Councilmember Oler, and Councilmember Meyers.

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to excuse Councilmembers Holtegel and Abbott. Motion Carried 5-0.

Councilmember Meyers stated Councilmember Abbott is with our business Development team in a strategy meeting.

[Agenda Modifications](#)

No modifications were made to the Agenda.

[Executive Session Requests](#)

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to approve an Executive Session to discuss the employment and compensation of personnel. Clerk Jolivette took a roll call vote of Council. Motion Carried 5-0.

[Public Hearing\(s\)](#)

No Public Hearings were scheduled.

[Special Presentations and Citizen Comments](#)

- [Certificate Presentation - Fairfield High School Boys Basketball 2012 District Championship Team and Coaches](#)

Mayor D'Epifanio presented recognition certificates to the Fairfield High School Varsity Basketball 2012 District Championship Team, which is the first team in Fairfield High School History to enter the Final Four. Coach Austing read the names of the team members: Devon Barlow, Keon Benjamin, John Boyle, Nick Braun, Herman Brunis, Tim Flemming, Miles Harris, Ben Horn, Bryce Lyndsey, Cody Minella, Steven Mills, Brandon Murphy, Errend Long, Kyle Smith, James Turner, Jeff Woods. He also recognized the following coaches: Jeff Sims, John Cecere, Steve Kessler, Everett Hibbard, and Adam Reed. On behalf of the team and the school, Coach Austing thanked the community for their support. Mayor D'Epifanio presented a certificate to each player and coach in attendance. Mayor D'Epifanio commented that James Turner worked for the City last year in the Parks and Recreation Department. Mayor D'Epifanio also presented Coach Austing with a Key to the City for the coaches and players.

There were no citizen comments.

[Mayor/Council Reports](#)

Councilmember Senger announced the Mid America Soccer Classic Tournament will be held April 13-15 for the girls' team and April 20-22 for the boys' team. For the boys' weekend there are 296 teams and the girls' weekend 226 teams. He stated there is an estimate that they will use 2,058 hotel rooms. He announced the Home Improvement Expo will be held at the Community Arts Center on April

14th and the Environmental Commission will distribute free seedlings in celebration of Arbor Day. He also announced the Community Arts Center One Stage Series will present a performance by Ball In The House an a cappella group on April 24th. He further announced the Mercy Hospital Sojourner Concert Series will present a performance by Rick Derringer on April 28th at the Community Arts Center.

Councilmember Oler announced the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies will review the Police Department April 22nd through April 25th. He further announced a public session will be held on April 23rd starting at 6:00 PM in the training room of the Justice Center. He stated interested persons may address the Accreditation team about the Police Department ability to comply with standards. He further stated for additional information contact Sergeant Kevin Rednour at 896-8247.

Councilmember Meyers announced the brush and limb pickup, which is the program where the City will bring a dumpster to a resident's home for yard trimmings.

Mayor D'Epifanio commented the MASC tournaments are growing and more teams are coming in. He announced he and Mayor Moeller from Hamilton are planning a day to honor those who have served our country from 2002 to current and they have put together a committee that has gone countywide. He mentioned it will be held at Butler County Regional Airport on June 30th between noon and 4:30 PM. He stated there are between 1500-1600 veterans from that time.

[Approval of Minutes](#)

- Regular Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2012

The minutes of the March 26, 2012 meeting of Council were approved as written.

[OLD BUSINESS](#)

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Abbott, Chairman; Terrence Senger, Vice Chairman, Michael Oler, Member

[An Ordinance to amend Section 181.01, entitled "Purpose", of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, relative to the apportionment of the existing Municipal Income Tax.](#)

Councilmember Senger presented the third reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. Ordinance No. 31-12 adopted 5-0.

[A Resolution to direct the Butler County, Ohio Board of Elections to conduct an election with regard to the reapportionment of the existing Municipal Income Tax.](#)

Councilmember Senger presented the third reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. Resolution No. 5-12 adopted 5-0.

Mayor D'Epifanio discussed the television show Bar Rescue from Spike TV that recently came in to change Win, Place or Show, formerly Charlie's Throttle Stop. He discussed the big opening on Friday night in which about 400 people were there standing in line. He noted the menu and name were changed by the television show to America Live Bar and Barbecue, which has a Memphis style barbecue.

[NEW BUSINESS](#)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Tim Meyers, Chairman; Mike Oler, Vice Chairman, Tim Abbott, Member

Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to read the following two (2) Ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 5-0.

[Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Southern Group, Inc. to replace existing drywells in the Lindale Subdivision and declaring an emergency.](#)

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with the Southern Group to replace existing drywells in the Lindale Subdivision. Public Works Director Dave Butsch explained a normal storm sewer system is when water goes into a catch basin on the street and is carried off through the storm sewer pipes and makes its way into a creek. He further explained a drywell is a flat area of the city where the water does not go into a creek instead it goes into a large dry well, which is a large cylinder type device buried in the ground, where the water flows into and percolates back out into the surrounding soil, so it doesn't have a storm sewer per se. Legislative Action: Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of Council. Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of the Ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. Ordinance No. 32-12 adopted as an emergency 5-0.

[Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bob Ross Buick, Inc. for the purchase of a Chevrolet Sierra 4x4 3500 Pickup Truck \(Unit #6316\) for use by the Street Department and declaring an emergency.](#)

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Bob Ross Buick to purchase a pickup truck in the Street Division of the Public Works Department. He stated this is a replacement vehicle for an existing 1996 vehicle with about 145,000 miles. Legislative Action: Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of Council. Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of the Ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. Ordinance No. 33-12 adopted as an emergency 5-0.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Abbott, Chairman; Terrence Senger, Vice Chairman, Michael Oler, Member

Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to read the following three (3) Ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 5-0.

[Ordinance declaring an obsolete server formally used for Police Dispatch as surplus and authorize the City Manager or designee to dispose of the equipment.](#)

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the declaration of surplus property for an obsolete server used in Police Dispatch, which is required to dispose of it. He stated it has no other productive use within the City. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Pennington moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of the Ordinances. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. Ordinance No. 34-12 adopted 5-0.

[Appropriation Ordinance \(Non-Contractual Items\) - \\$17,250 Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester #2 siding repairs; \\$10,000 Wastewater Division pump overhaul/replacement; \\$28,000 Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester #2 repair work; \\$24,980 Emergency pre-emption for traffic signals; \\$20,000 Maintenance of traffic cameras for I-275 Winton/South Gilmore Corridor Project; \\$15,000 Miscellaneous traffic signal upgrades and spare parts; \\$24,950 replacement of T-12 fluorescent light bulbs and fixtures at the Water Plant; \\$18,680 Purchase of a 2012 Jeep Liberty \(unit #626\) for the Water Department; \\$2,900 Concrete/Masonry repairs at the Water Treatment Plant; \\$4,750 Installation of a door in the exercise room at the Water Treatment Plant; \\$3,000 Electrical work associated with improvements to the Route 4 Pump Station; \\$3,350 Purchase of a chemical feed pump for use at the Route 4 pump station; \\$24,900 Erosion repair for River Road across from the Bolten Water Plant; and \\$24,800 Groh Lane fence improvements.](#)

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the following non-contractual items: \$17,250 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester #2 siding repairs; \$10,000 for Wastewater Davison pump overhaul and replacement to upgrade the capacity from 150 to 175 gallons per minute; \$28,000 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester #2 repair work. He further recommended \$24,980 for emergency pre-emption for traffic signals. He advised the City has been on an active program for a number of years to install pre-emption equipment to allow the emergency vehicles to get through on a green cycle when they are facing a red cycle when they are going through on an emergency call at a major intersection. He stated this year's project will be for Tylersville, Seward, Port Union and Muhlhauer. He further stated when these are complete, 92% of the major intersections in town will be complete. Mr. Pizzano further recommended \$20,000 for the maintenance of traffic cameras for the I-275 Winton/South Gilmore Corridor Project. He explained this is principally to monitor traffic during the construction of the new bridge and the improvements outside of Cincinnati Mall and that equipment will be recycled upon completion of the project. Mayor D'Epifanio stated those cameras will not be used to issue citations. Mr. Pizzano also recommended \$15,000 for miscellaneous traffic signal upgrade and spare parts; \$24,950 for T-12 fluorescent light bulbs and fixtures at the Water Plant; \$18,680 for the purchase of a 2012 Jeep Liberty for the Water Department as a replacement for a 2001 vehicle with 117,000 miles; \$2,900 for concrete/masonry repairs at the Water Treatment Plant; \$4,750 for installation of a door in the exercise room at the Water Treatment Plant; \$3,000 for electrical work associated with

improvements to the Route 4 Pump Station; \$3,350 for the purchase of a chemical feed pump for use at the Route 4 pump station; \$24,900 erosion repair for River Road across from the Bolten Water Plant and \$24,800 for Groh Lane fence improvements. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of the Ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. Ordinance No. 35-12 adopted 5-0.

[Appropriation Ordinance \(Contractual Items\) - \\$115,000 Replace existing drywells in the Lindale Subdivision; \\$25,903 Purchase of a Chevrolet Sierra 4x4 3500 Pickup Truck \(Unit #6316\) for the Street Department.](#)

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the following contractual items: \$115,000 to replace existing drywells in the Lindale Subdivision; \$25,903 for the purchase of a Chevrolet Sierra 4 x 4 3500 pickup truck unit #6316 for the Street Department. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this item. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Pennington moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of the Ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. Ordinance No. 36-12 adopted 5-0.

[Meeting Schedule](#)

Clerk Jolivette read the following meeting schedule:

Monday, April 23 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 14 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 28 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

[Executive Session of Council \(if needed\)](#)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:34 PM.

[Adjournment](#)

The Regular Meeting of Council ended at 8:15 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____