

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 11, 2013

Call to Order

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

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Senger led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Wilson called the roll of Council. Councilmember Holtegel, Councilmember Pennington, Councilmember Senger, Councilmember Abbott, Councilmember Oler, Councilmember Meyers, and Councilmember Jones.

Agenda Modifications

Executive Session Requests

Public Hearing(s)

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Special presentation from Mayor Ron D'Epifanio to Jose Arias Sime

- Mayor D'Epifanio and Fire Chief Don Bennett presented Jose Arias Sime with a proclamation and a Fire Department t-shirt, as well as an invitation to join the Fire Department for a day to ride along on calls and experience it from their side, for his heroic acts in saving his sisters' lives during a fire at their home at the beginning of January. His sisters were badly burned, but they were treated at Shriner's Hospital and are now recovering. Fairfield High School Principal David Helms and Assistant Principal Larissa Smith presented Jose and his family with a check to help with rebuilding their home. Council and staff thanked him for his courage and bravery during the fire.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Abbott reported that Finance is monitoring legislation in Columbus around municipal income tax uniformity, which could impact the city.

Mayor D'Epifanio reported that the Crystal Classic is on March 2 at Fairfield High School. Showchoirs from throughout the state and some from across the country will compete at the Crystal Classic. He also recognized Councilmember Abbott for his work with Butler County United Way, as the 2013 Chairman of the United Way Campaign, and with Butler County SELF organization and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Councilmember Senger reported that Fairfield Footlighters will perform "Driving Miss Daisy" February 15-17 and 22-24 at the Community Arts Center. Also, Mr. Billy Smith, has been appointed to Parks Board, representing Fairfield School District.

Councilmember Pennington reported that Boards & Commissions applications are due by Friday, February 15. The applications are available online or in the Clerk of Council's office.

Councilmember Holtegel reported that the Kroger fuel station construction will begin with demolition in March. Also, legislation for conditional use of fuel stations will be presented to Council soon, possibly at the next meeting. Lastly, the Patterson Boulevard senior housing that was approved in 2010 has changed significantly and the builders have come back for approval of the changes, and he invited members of council to attend the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday at 6 PM to express concern about the changes.

Councilmember Jones thanked Mayor D'Epifanio for the moment of silence in remembrance of his father. He commented that his father was a member of Moscow Village Council and, after being diagnosed with cancer, had told Councilmember Jones that he just wanted to live long enough to see his son on council. Councilmember Jones thanked the residents for their votes and allowing that dream of his father's to come true. Councilmember Jones showed a picture of his father standing with him on stage during the Oath of Office ceremony. He commented that the book his father wrote, *Historic Downtown Cincinnati*.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2013

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2013 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Jeff Holtegel, Chairman; Tim Abbott, Vice Chairman, Tim Meyers, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Contract with Fairfield Chamber of Commerce.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Holtegel presented the third reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 6-13. APPROVED 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year contract with T.R. Gear Landscaping for landscaping maintenance.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Meyers presented the third reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 7-13. APPROVED 7-0.

Ordinance accepting public improvements and releasing the maintenance bond for Emerald Lakes Section 3 Subdivision.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Meyers presented the second reading of this ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mike Oler, Chairman; Debbie Pennington, Vice Chairman, Terry Senger, Member

Simple Motion: Motion to approve a liquor permit application in the name of Fairfield Partners, Inc. DBA LaRosa's, 5130 Camelot Drive, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Classes: D3 and D6).

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Abbott, moved to approve the liquor permit application in the name of Fairfield Partners, Inc. DBA LaRosa's. Motion carried 7-0. SIMPLE MOTION 3-13. APPROVED 7-0.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Adam Jones, Chairman; Tim Meyers, Vice Chairman, Jeff Holtegel, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a one (1) year contract with Huron Lime, Inc. for the purchase of lime for use in the Water Division.

Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holtegel moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a one year contract with Huron Lime, Inc. for the purchase of lime for the Water Division. The lime is used as part of the water purification process.
Legislative Action: Councilmember Jones presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holtegel moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holtegel moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 8-13. APPROVED 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to read the following two (2) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a one (1) year contract with options for years two (2) and three (3) with Brad Evans Excavating for the 2013 Concrete Repair and Replacement Work.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Brad Evans Excavating for the 2013 Concrete Repair and Replacement Program. This is work done in tandem with asphalt paving work.
Legislative Action: Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a one (1) year contract with options for years two (2) and three (3) Innovative Concrete and Utility Construction, Inc. for the 2013 Sidewalk/Apron Replacement.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Innovative Concrete and Utility Construction, Inc. for the 2013 Sidewalk/Apron Replacement program. This contractor will perform the sidewalk/apron replacement for residents that choose to use the city contractor and then pay the bill to the city for the work. Legislative Action: Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Abbott, Chairman; Terry Senger, Vice Chairman, Mike Oler, Member

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to read the following three (3) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Woolpert, Inc. for aerial imagery acquisition and digital orthoimagery.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Woolpert, Inc. for aerial imagery acquisition and digital orthoimagery, which are used in the city's GIS programs, which is helpful to several city departments. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Pennington moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 9-13. APPROVED 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an addendum to the contract with International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Local 4010 for wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment for the fire department bargaining unit.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an addendum to the contract with IAFF. Employees have not received a raise in two (2) years. When the cost savings on the health insurance portion of the agreement is subtracted from the pay increase, the net increase becomes 2.45%, divided by three (3) years, equals a pay increase of only 0.82% per year. He thanked employees for their patience and hard work in the difficult times of the past few years. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 10-13. APPROVED 7-0.

Mayor D'Epifanio thanked Local 4010 for being positive team players in the negotiations with the city.

Appropriation Ordinance (Contractual Items) - \$200,000 for the 2013 Concrete Repair and Replacement Program; \$174,156 for the 2013 Sidewalk/Apron Replacement Program; \$68,750 for aerial imagery acquisition and digital orthoimagery.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended appropriations related to the three contracts previously discussed. Legislative action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 11-13. APPROVED 7-0.

Mayor D'Epifanio thanked Fire Chief Don Bennett for reaching out to the new chief of Fairfield Township and organizing some joint training, which will be very beneficial to both communities.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- Monday, February 25 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 11 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 25 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:32 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Date Approved _____

Mayor's Approval