

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MARCH 9, 2009

#### Call to Order

Mayor Ronald A. D'Epifanio called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairfield Community Arts Center, 411 Wessel Drive.

#### Roll Call

Clerk Morsch called the roll of Council. Present members were Councilmember Snyder, Councilmember Oler, Councilmember Senger, Councilmember Rhodus, Councilmember Meyers, and Councilmember Judd. Councilmember Rhodus, seconded by Councilmember Senger, moved to excuse Councilmember Abbott. Motion Carried 6-0.

#### Prayer & Pledge

Tradetown Mayor Michael Bragg led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Request for Executive Session

Councilmember Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Senger, moved for an executive session to discuss the appointment of officials. A roll call vote was taken by the clerk. The executive session was approved by a 6-0 vote.

#### Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Donna Hempelmann, Principal of Cincinnati Christian Schools, introduced students involved in the mock government "Tradetown". She explained the set up for Tradetown and the roles of the students. Mayor D'Epifanio thanked Ms. Hempelmann and students for attending the meeting.

Joe Statzer, from the Butler County Auditor's office, reminded the community that applications to challenge property values is set for March 31 and applications must be physically in the office by that time. He explained the community outreach programs the Auditor's office has been involved with during the past year.

#### Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Meyers encouraged everyone to attend the Crystal Classic that will take place on Saturday, March 14 at the Fairfield Senior High School.

Councilmember Senger stated Maloney's Mowing was selected as the lowest and best bidder and will begin cutting grass at vacant and foreclosed homes in April. Councilmember Senger stated the cost is reimbursed through the property tax on the vacant home when it sells.

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2009 were approved as written.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Phase I - Public Safety Tribute: Legislative Action: Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Oler, moved to remove the ordinance from the table. Councilmember Meyers stated he tabled this ordinance originally because there was some thought about having to push out the purchase of a life squad. He further stated it is his understanding and has been verified through Chief Bennett and Finance Director Mary Hopton that this is not the case. Keith Davis, 1853 Vernon Place, stated before the luxuries are bought, Council must be sure the necessities and well being and safety of the residents are not compromised. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Meyers presented the third reading of an ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with The Verdin Company for a bronze sculpture group for the Phase I - Public Safety Tribute. Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Snyder, moved for adoption. Councilmember Rhodus encouraged Council to table items whenever further clarification is needed. He stated the Verdin Company is a local company. ORDINANCE NO. 23-09 ADOPTED 6-0.

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Motor Control Center Building: Legislative Action: Councilmember Rhodus presented the second reading of an ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with CDP Engineers, Inc. for professional services for the design of a motor control center building at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ordinance approved for second reading only.

Purchase of chemicals for use at Water Treatment Plant: Legislative Action: Councilmember Rhodus presented the second reading of an ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year contract with Univar USA, Inc. for the purchase of chemicals for use at the Water Treatment Plant. Ordinance approved for second reading only.

## **FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Fairfield Community Foundation Grant Agreement: Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger, Vice Chairman, presented the third reading of an ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Fairfield Community Foundation's scholarship and other programs. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Rhodus, moved for adoption. ORDINANCE NO. 24-09 ADOPTED 6-0.

Partners in Prime Grant Agreement: Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the third reading of an ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Partners in Prime formerly Senior Citizens, Inc. for Ark Transportation and other services to the residents of Fairfield, Ohio. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved for adoption. ORDINANCE NO. 25-09 ADOPTED 6-0.

Fairfield Tempo Club: Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the third reading of an ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Tempo Club for the Summer Theatre Program. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved for adoption. ORDINANCE NO. 26-09 ADOPTED 6-0.

Hamilton Fairfield Symphony Orchestra: Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the third reading of an ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Hamilton Fairfield Symphony Orchestra for two concerts. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Snyder, moved for adoption. ORDINANCE NO. 27-09 ADOPTED 6-0.

Greater Miami Valley YMCA: Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the third reading of an ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Great Miami Valley YMCA to provide funding for air conditioning in the gymnasium at the Fairfield YMCA branch and other programs. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Oler, moved for adoption. ORDINANCE NO. 28-09 ADOPTED 6-0.

Water System Mortgage Revenue Bonds: Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the second reading of an ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$2,470,000 of bonds by the City of Fairfield, Ohio, for the purpose of refunding Water System Mortgage Revenue Bonds in the City, authorizing an official statement, and declaring an emergency. Ordinance approved for second reading only.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Liquor Permit: Councilmember Oler presented a simple motion requesting that no hearing be held on the liquor permit application in the name of Ameristop Food Mart 29104, 465 Nilles Road (Permit Class: C1, C2, D6). Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved for adoption. Motion Carried 6-0.

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Water and Sewer Service: Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a request for permission for a resident of 2741 Bobmeyer Road to receive water and sewer service from the City of Hamilton. Legislative Action: Councilmember Rhodus, seconded by Councilmember Senger, moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Rhodus presented the first reading of a resolution permitting a Fairfield property owner to receive City of Hamilton, Ohio water and sewer service and declaring an emergency. Councilmember Rhodus, seconded by Councilmember Snyder, moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the resolution. Motion Carried 6-0. Rules

Suspended 6-0. Councilmember Rhodus, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved for adoption. RESOLUTION NO. 2-09 ADOPTED 6-0.

### **FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Reading's (3) by Title Only: Councilmember Senger, Vice Chairman, seconded by Councilmember Rhodus, moved to read the following three ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

Wage and Salary Ordinance: Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a wage and salary ordinance in accordance with the collective bargaining agreements between the City and the AFSCME, FOP and IAFF bargaining units and wages and salaries for certain part-time and seasonal employees. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of an ordinance to establish salaries and hourly rates for certain salaried and hourly employees of the City of Fairfield, Ohio and to authorize and limit the numbers and types of certain employees, to repeal Ordinance No. 15-09 and all amendments thereto and declaring an emergency. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the ordinance. Rules Suspended 6-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved for adoption. ORDINANCE NO. 29-09 ADOPTED 6-0.

2009 Budget Amendment: Legislative Action - Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 161-08 entitled "An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2009." City Manager Pizzano explained the following contractual appropriations: \$20,000 for monitoring services for SCRAM Units. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the ordinance. Rules Suspended 6-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved for adoption. ORDINANCE NO. 30-09 ADOPTED 6-0.

2009 Budget Amendments (Non-Contractual Items): Legislative Action - Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 161-08 entitled "An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2009." City Manager Pizzano explained the following non-contractual appropriations: \$21,000 for pavement sealing; \$30,000 to repair existing irrigation system along Route 4/Crescentville; \$25,000 for the design of electrical system for Muskopf Road Pump Station; and \$24,900 for manhole rehabilitation. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the ordinance. Rules Suspended 6-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved for adoption. ORDINANCE NO. 31-09 ADOPTED 6-0.

#### Meeting Notices

Monday, March 23                      Council-Manager Briefing 5 PM; Regular Meeting, 7 PM  
Monday, April 13                      Council-Manager Briefing 6 PM; Regular Meeting, 7 PM

#### Executive Session

Council took a 20 minute break then recessed to executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss the appointment of officials.

#### Regular Meeting Reconvenes

The Regular Meeting reconvened at approximately 8:20 p.m. No announcements were made as a result of the executive session of Council.

#### Adjournment

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

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Mayor's Approval

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_