

CITY COUNCIL

January 17, 2017

The January 17, 2017 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Don Spiegel, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Rick Roberts, Don Spiegel, Bill Thornton, Kenneth Wessler, Bob Blocksom, Roxie Karg, and Marc Mays.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Mark Droll, City Auditor; Craig Swartz; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the January 3, 2017 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the January 3, 2017 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 3, 2017 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 3, 2017 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 9, 2017 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 9, 2017 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Craig Swartz addressed City Council concerning the building previously occupied by Blackhawk, 500 North Warpole Street, indicating that he knows a law firm in Columbus that can write a grant for the improvement of the building provided a feasibility study of the property has been conducted deeming it environmentally safe. It was noted that it is unknown if such a study has been done. Mr. Swartz indicated that ultimately if the City takes ownership of the building it could be demolished or repaired, depending on the results of the feasibility study, and if it is repaired spaces within the building could be rented. Mr. Swartz indicated that the City could work with the school trades program to help potential young tenants find a space for their work. It was noted that the current owner was renting areas of the building for warehousing purposes, and it is unknown if this practice is still going on. Mayor Washburn indicated that he previously discussed Mr. Swartz's ideas with Mr. Greg Moon, Wyandot County Economic Development Director, and he will contact Mr. Moon again.

Mr. Swartz also suggested flower boxes be placed along both sides of the George Washington Bridge located on East Wyandot Avenue, east of Harrison Smith Park. Mayor Washburn indicated that the City's summer help employees could work to maintain the flower boxes during the summer months. The possibility of the flower boxes being built as part of an Eagle Scout Project was suggested. An inquiry will be made with area Boy Scout leaders regarding the possibility of this project.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to place Ordinance No. 249-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH MEDICAL MUTAL OF OHIO, MUTUAL HEALTH SERVICES AND AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, TO PROVIDE AND ADMINISTER HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR THE ELIGIBLE CITY EMPLOYEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 249-12 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to place Ordinance No. 249-12 on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 249-12 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Blocksom, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 249-12. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 249-12 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to place Ordinance No. 250-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN APPLICATION, AS SPONSOR FOR DLUBAK GLASS OHIO, WITH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A 2017 MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANT, AND IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED, SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR THE GRANT, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 250-12 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to place Ordinance No. 250-12 on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 250-12 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 249-12. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 249-12 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to place Ordinance No. 251-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2018 MACK DUMP TRUCK CHASSIS AND HENDERSON DUMP BODY AND ACCESSORIES THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 251-12 for the first time by title only.

It was noted that City Council members received information from Mr. Mark Ellis regarding elected officials requirements for Sunshine Law Training.

It was noted that Mr. Greg Moon's term on the Income Tax Board of Review expired as of December 31, 2016. Mr. Moon has been contacted and has indicated that he is willing to accept a reappointment. This is a two year appointment by City Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Greg Moon to the Income Tax Board of Review. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mayor Washburn presented his list of reappointments to standing committees including: Park Board – Kip Wentling (5 year term); and Tree Commission – Judi Lambrite and Don Spiegel (3 year terms).

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to approve the Mayor's reappointments as presented. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Don Spiegel, Chairman