

NORTH COLLEGE HILL CITY COUNCIL
Minutes for Virtual NCH Council Meeting, November 16, 7:00 pm

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Prayer

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL Ms. Bailey, absent, Ms. Blythe, Ms. Underwood, Mr. Miller-Novak, Ms. Zorb, Ms. Hartman, absent, Ms. Anderson, present. Ms. Underwood moves to excuse Ms. Bailey and Ms. Hartman. Ms. Anderson 2nd. Motion passes 5-0.

AGENDA. Ms. Underwood asks for discussion in regards to Ord. 12-2020. She asks for clarification, what is for and what year. Ms. Dewald responds; it is transferring the court clerk salary from the Police budget to the general fund. Pres. Graver confirms it is for 2021. Ms. Underwood asks if it changes the salary ordinance just recently passed. Pres. Graver believes no, it does not. She also asks if it went through committee, Ms. Dewald said it was received in an email that she misinterpreted and placed it on the agenda in error. Ms. Zorb moves to remove it from the agenda and send to Budget and Finance Committee. Ms. Underwood 2nd. Motion passes 5-0.

Further discussion: Ms. Zorb refers to Governor DeWine's legislation to allow virtual meetings expiring December 1. She has legislation available to add to the agenda to extend that deadline. However, it would need to be suspended and passed tonight and we don't have enough people to do that, so it may not be worth the exercise to add to the agenda. Ms. Underwood understands the emergency to that motion, but we need to follow the rules and suggests a special committee meeting and then special council meeting. With all that being said Ms. Zorb moves to accept the agenda as amended. Ms. Underwood 2nd. Motion passes 5-0.

Meeting Minutes for 10-27-2020, 11-2-2020, 11-4-2020. Ms. Underwood moves to correct a typographical error on November 2, 202 minutes, under Ms. Zorb's call of members, to correct the misspelling of Ms. Zorb's last name in her comments. Pres. Graver. Moves to correct October 27, 2020 under Police department discussion changing the year 20121 to 2021. Ms. Dewald notes the changes have been made. Ms. Zorb moves to accept the minutes as presented. Ms. Underwood 2nd. Motion passes 5-0.

Communications; None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance: Ms. Underwood reports this committee has changed their meeting to a Committee of the Whole Meeting. Next Budget and Finance meeting will be December 14.

City Community and Development & Recreation: Ms. Underwood reports this committees has also given up it's time for the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Next meeting will be December 14.

Public Safety: As reported by Ms. Underwood. Not met since last meeting and the next meeting Public Safety meeting will be November 23 .Ms. Blythe asks what time is that meeting. Ms. Underwood, 7:30 pm and Rules and Public policy is 6:30 pm.

Rules Public Policy: Next meeting November 23 at 6:30 pm.

Ad Hoc reports: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's report:

- On the 12th she sent a letter to each member of Council and President of Council. She vetoed a section of the pay ordinance that was passed on November 2, the section that pertains to the Recreation Director, she asks council to reconsider and leave the position as it is and just zero out the dollar amount. Ms. Zorb points out that the email sent out by the Mayor says Finance Director. Mayor Nichols apologizes and confirms it is her mistake, but it should say Recreation Director., not Finance Director.
- Reminds everyone, Christmas tree lighting November 28 at dusk in front of Perkins restaurant.

Discussion: Ms. Zorb asks what a line item veto does to an ordinance. She refers to section 9.10 of the City Charter. Council has the opportunity to override the veto. Mayor Nichols said Council has 10 days to act upon it. Per Ms. Underwood, if council does nothing the veto goes into effect.

City Administrator report: Not present

Law Director Report: Not present

Finance Director Report: No Report

Call of Members:

Ms. Blythe; no comments just now

Ms. Underwood; Reminds council to look for emails/calls to figure out date and time for a special meeting. Stay healthy and Stay safe.

Mr. Mill-Novak: Nothing.

Ms. Zorb: Nothing

Ms. Anderson: Wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Legislation:

First Reading: Ordinance 12-2020. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MOVING THE SALARY FOR THE MAYOR'S COURT CLERK TO THE FINANCE BUDGET AND TO APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO THE SALARY FOR THE MAYOR'S COURT CLERK. REMOVED FROM AGENDA.

Second Reading: Resolution 17-2020, DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Zorb inquires on the status of the TV purchase. In Mr. Mosby's absence Mayor Nichols reports she is not sure. Ms. Hall and Pres. Graver will follow up with Mr. Mosby.

Ms. Underwood asks if Ms. Hall was able to speak to the department's chiefs to resolve whatever issue there was and asks if the issue was resolved. Ms. Hall said the nature of the meeting was to go over the budget and make sure it met their needs, including the necessary equipment and staffing levels for 2021. She wanted their approval from them before presenting to council. They were in agreement with the items in the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Zorb asks Ms. Underwood if she would like to establish dates for Special Public Safety Committee to review Ordinance 12-2020 and Special Council meetings to suspend readings and hopefully pass legislation. It was determined the Special Committee Meeting would take place Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm. The Special Council Meeting would be immediately after at 7:00pm.
- Mayor Nichols asks if Finance Committee has discussed the last budget Ms. Hall sent out. In Ms. Bailey's (Chair of Finance) absence Ms. Zorb (Vice Chair of Finance) will contact Ms. Bailey to see if she had anything in mind. Either Ms. Zorb or Ms. Bailey will send information via email to Mayor Nichols.
- Ms. Zorb asks of Ms. Hall if Finance can have the cleanup ordinance by the next regularly scheduled finance meeting. Ms. Hall said yes, she could do that.
- Ms. Blythe asks about the road levy and that it expires. Pres. Graver said Resolution 17, 2020 is the first step in that process. It is 4.8 levy and a renewal.

ADJOURNMENT

- Ms. Zorb moves to adjourn. Ms. Underwood 2nd. Motion passes 5-0.

Mary Dewald, Clerk of Council

Mike Graver, President of Council