

NORTH COLLEGE HILL CITY COUNCIL

**Minutes for Council Meeting, Monday, January 21, 2020 7:00 pm**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Ms. Hartman, Ms. Underwood, Ms. Bailey, Mr. Miller Novak, Mr. O'Shea all present. Ms. Bailey moved to excuse Ms. Zorb and Mr. Hedger. Ms. Underwood seconded. Motion passed. 5-0.

**AGENDA:** Ms. Bailey moved to accept the agenda; Ms. Underwood seconded. Motion passed 5-0,

**Meeting Minutes:** Mr. O'Shea moved to accept the minutes of 12-18-2019, 12-30-2019, 01-01-2020, and 01-06-2020; seconded by Ms. Bailey. Motion passed, 5-0.

**Communications:**

- Information from the Ohio Municipal League for the newly elected. Copies will be placed in their city mailboxes.
- Proposed budget for 2020 from I.C.R.C.
- Bi-monthly magazine of City and Villages.

**Committee Reports:**

**Budget & Finance:** Ms. Bailey reported a meeting was held January 13 at 7:30 pm to discuss the finished audit reports ending in years 2017 and 2018. Next meeting will be held February 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM

**Public Safety:** Ms. Underwood reports: First meeting, January 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

**Rules and Public Policy:** Mr., O'Shea reports: First meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, January 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

**City & Community Development & Recreation.** Ms. Bailey reports: Next meeting January 27, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

**Ad Hoc Reports:** No report, Ms. Underwood reported no appointments as of yet. Mr. O'Shea did point out that Ms. Zorb was sworn into office as an appointment for Ms. Dewald on January 13, 2020.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor:**

- Ms. Nichols reports there have been 8 interviews for the opened position of Administrative Assistant. Three have been moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round which should occur by the end of the week.
- Ms. Nichols inquired if the Ms. Zorb and her Serve NCH group was able to plant the tulips in the islands on Hamilton Ave. Mr. Mosby reported yes they had successfully planted the bulbs and it was made possible with the help of Public Works providing safety and traffic control and other assistance.
- The owner of Curl up and Dye has a back to school special and mentioned that City, Community Development and recreation should get with her for community development.

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**City Administrator:**

- Mr. Mosby welcomed new members of council, Mayor, President of Council and Council clerk to their new positions.
- The Hamilton County transit tax, 0.8% on the March ballot, if passes could be a catalyst for a transit center in North College Hill and economic development. Hamilton County is setting aside 1.5 million dollars for economic development for suburbs in Hamilton County. Mr. Mosby is working closely with the county, private developers and C.I.C for possible redevelopment. He hopes Council will support him with legislation for the proposed project.
- Mr. Mosby has started planning for Suicide Prevention month and has reached out to Mt. Healthy, Springfield Township and Colerain Township with positive feedback. Ms. Driehaus has agreed to help again as well. Hopes are to have the third reading in August with September being the dedicated month for Suicide prevention.
- I.C.R.C. has sent their 202 proposed budget and an invitation to the liaison for the January 23 meeting.
- We currently enjoy \$70,000 more than projected in tax revenue in December most likely from the subpoenas that were sent out in October by our tax department R.I.T.A. We are not to expect this every month.
- Public Works has the new equipment in place at Dumley Park and waiting for the new surface and cooperative weather,
- Water Works project will conclude in March. Centerridge to begin about that same time (March or April).
- Gas Tax revenue is approximately \$170,000.00.
- Public Works will be cutting down dead or dying trees that can become a hazard to our city.
- Hamilton County's tax levy for 911 calls could lower fees and over 2 years and could mean approximately \$100,000.00 immediate results to the General Fund in 2020/2021.
- Shots fired, no injuries and suspect apprehended. Special thanks to the Hamilton County Coroners Office with a quick analysis of the DNA sample from the NCH P.D.
- Request for funding for flooring in the offices at the City Center. They are substandard and hazardous.
- Also, Mr. Mosby wants to work with council to get legislation to them in a timely manner for 3 readings, such as the Tax Budget due to Hamilton County in July right in the middle of Council's summer session.

**Call of Members:**

Ms. Hartman: No Report

Mr. Hedger: Excused

Ms. Underwood: No Report

Ms. Bailey: No Report

Mr. Miller-Novak: Welcomed Ms. Nichols as Mayor, Ms. Dewald as Clerk, Mr. Graver as President of council, Ms. Zorb as appointed and Ms. Hartman as council.

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Mr. O'Shea: Thanked Ms. Dewald for filling the need as Clerk of Council. He also pointed out the need for the city website to be updated with current members of council and the link on the home page for legislation to work. Discussion regarding the legal aspects of the agenda, charter vs new amendment. As chair of Rules and Public Policy he will investigate this.

**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

No one signed in but Mr. Jim Dewald, 6714 Jamar wanted the publicly thank Public Works for their help and the safety they provided with the planting of 1300 bulbs in the islands on Hamilton Avenue.

Councilmember also wanted to commend Public Works for their quick response to clean up the broken branches strewn all over the street from the previous night windstorm Councilmember Mr. Miller Novak expressed his appreciation for the planting of the tulip bulbs especially in such cold temperatures and to recognize the efforts of the department for a quick clean up after the windstorm.

**LEGISLATION:**

**First reading:** Resolution 01-2020; A resolution authorizing the use of an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy. Discussion, Mr. Mosby explained this replaces the bond for the positions of Police Clerk, City administrator and Finance Director. It covers the position and not the person, for example if one of these individuals should leave their position there is no need to reapply for bonding. The position remains bonded.

**FURTHER REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

**Seating assignments:** After much discussion, Ms. Bailey moved and Ms. Underwood seconded, from left to right, Mr. O'Shea, Ms. Hartman, Ms. Zorb, Mr. Miller Novak, Ms. Underwood, Mr. Hedger, Ms. Bailey. Motion passed 5-0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Liaisons:**

- **I.C.R.C.** Ms. Hartman moved to appoint Ms. Zorb as liaison, Mr. Miller Novak seconded. Motion passed 5-0
- **NCH Senior Center:** Ms. Bailey moved to appoint Ms. Underwood. Mr. Miller Novak seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- **O.K.I.:** Mr. Miller Novak moved to appoint Ms. Bailey; Mr. O'Shea seconded... Motion passed 5-0
- **Chamber of Commerce (AKA Business Assc,)** Mr. Miller Novak moved to appoint Mr. O'Shea. Ms. Bailey seconded. Motion passed 5-0
- **NCH School Board:** Ms. Bailey moved to appoint Mr. Miller Novak. Mr. O'Shea seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**2020 Calendar:** McNichol's asked for clarification on the December 8 as a Tuesday meeting. Calendar changed to Monday December 7, Monday night meeting. MS. Bailey moved to accept the amended calendar; Mr. O'Shea seconded. Motion passed 5-0

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**NEW BUSINESS:** Much discussion regarding Committee appointments.

- Mr. O'Shea moved to appoint Ms. Zorb to all committees at her request via email.
- Ms. Nichols asked for a councilmember to volunteer to be the C.I.C. member. Ms. Underwood accepted the appointment.
- Ms. Bailey said Council rules are not valid starting the year 2020. Mr. O'Shea moved to adopt the current council rules for the remaining 2 years until amended by committee. Mr. Miller Novak requested the change be as amended by council. Mr. O'Shea moved to adopt current council rules until amended by council Mr. Miller Novak seconded. Motion passed. 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Bailey moved to adjourn. Mr. O'Shea seconded. Motion passed 5-0

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Mary Dewald, Clerk of Council

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Mike Graver, President of Council