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NORTH COLLEGE HILL CITY COUNCIL
Minutes for Virtual Council Meeting, July 6, 2020 7:00 pm

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PRAYER

CALL TO ORDER at 7:02 pm

ROLL CALL Ms. Bailey, Mr. Hedger, absent, Ms. Underwood, Mr. Miller-Novak, Ms. Zorb, Ms. Hartman, Mr. O'Shea, absent. No discussion. Ms. Zorb moves to excuse Mr. Hedger and Mr. O'Shea. Ms. Underwood 2nd. Motion passes 5-0.

AGENDA Ms. Zorb moves to remove Ord. 6-2020 from the agenda. Ms. Underwood 2nd. No Discussion Motion passes 5-0. Ms. Zorb moves to adopt the agenda as amended. Ms. Underwood 2nd. Before the vote Ms. Bailey asked to amend the agenda by adding an emergency clause in the title to Res. 12-2020. Ms. Underwood explains the resolution must be amended itself. Ms. Bailey asks to amend the agenda so it will mirror what that resolution will actually state. Ms. Zorb explains the resolution itself has not been amended. You can't amend the agenda until the resolution title has been changed. Madam. Mayor asks why Ord 6 was removed. Ms. Zorb said it's due to substantial inaccuracies. Motion to adopt agenda as amended 5-0.

Meeting Minutes 06-1-2020 and special council meeting on 6-15-2020. Ms. Dewald said each member has a hard copy in their city mailbox but no electronic copy was sent. Minutes to be added to the next meeting.

Communications:

- May June edition of City and villages
- .Email from NCH resident regarding Res. 09-2020 assessments. Ms. Underwood asks if a copy was sent and Ms. Dewald confirmed council members received a copy of the email electronically on June 27, subject line Decertification for 6584 Parrish. . Resident requested to have future readings waved on the assessment against her property that was assessed in error.
- Mayor Court report. A hard copy is in each councilmembers mailbox as well as an electronic copy sent to council.

Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance: as reported by Ms. Bailey have not met yet since last meeting. Next meeting will be Monday July 13 at 7:30 pm.

City Community and Development & Recreation: As reported by co-chair, Ms. Bailey, we have not met since our last meeting which was very productive but the next meeting is cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later time.

Public Safety: As reported by Ms. Underwood. June 22 was the latest meeting. Discussion regarding;

- Discussed at length about the new ambulance
- Ms. Hall and Mr. Mosby were able to answer significant questions about the ambulance and the resolution would have an emergency clause
- The need for police software. Chief Schrand has narrowed down the software he would like to purchase and this may happen in August or September.
- Update with the Mayor's task force. Ms. Hall explained how the fire levy money gets allocated to the fire department and how the millage works on the potential levy.
- Briefly discussed Mt. Healthy fire levy
- Discussed staffing issues with the NCH Fire department

Public Safety continued

- Safety procedures and start dates for in person Council and Committee meetings. Ms. Zorb has discussed with ICRC seating arrangements keeping the COVID 19 precautions and mandates in place.
- Updated the committee on a format for meeting, agendas and other documents.

Rules and Policy: No Report. Ms. Underwood explains Mr. O'Shea is the chair and keeps the minutes for this committee and he is excused from tonight's meeting.

Ad Hoc Reports: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor:

- Glad to see that everyone is doing well and staying safe.
- COVID 19 testing took place at Life Springs Church in NCH today and due to unexpected storms it had to be shut down. Not sure if another one will be set up again. But she felt it was very well attended.
- There has been an uptick in Area code 45231, which includes NCH, Mt. Healthy and parts of Finneytown. Cincinnati Mayor has mandated their citizens wear facial masks in public. She has received phone calls and emails from NCH citizens who are concerned and something we should do here. She is looking at legislation as to what we can do and enact that as soon as possible for the safety of our community and get those numbers down.
- Car Show: Collaboration between the City & Community Development & Recreation Committee & the Safety committee and need to make a decision if we are going to have the car show and still keep our citizens and community safe. She does not want to make that decision solely herself.
- She received a phone call regarding Fireworks. She and Mr. Mosby will be working on a solution
- Ordinance 6-2020. She is not in agreement for a volunteer recreation director if we plan on having recreation here in NCH.
- Also Mr. Mosby will not be at the Council meeting tonight. He was volunteering at the Covid 19 test site in the hot sun and was there from the start and did not leave until after 7:00 pm. Discussion:
- Ms. Zorb said communication would have been helpful. She was sitting in a car in COVID testing line and asked if there is any opportunity to provide feedback to Hamilton County. Communication would have been nice. If they were told every time a lightning strike hits it will be another 20 minutes before the testing started up again, we would have known it was going to take a long time and people could have left a whole lot sooner. Cars were trapped. People were driving up through the grass trying to get out of there. Once it was shut down due to the storm people scattered.
- Ms. Zorb asked about The State of Emergency Proclamation that was signed by the Mayor and wanted to know the date it ends.

Discussion to Mayors report continued

- Ms. Zorb, asked about the facial mask legislation. Madame Mayor asked to interrupt and said it would have to be something council would vote on. It wouldn't be just the mayor saying we are going to do this. And then asked Ms. Zorb to continue. Ms. Zorb wants to know who is going to enforce masks violations and is not proponent of passing legislation that can't be enforced.
- Ms. Underwood explained that the NCH State of emergency would last until December as the Governor had mandated, unless the Mayor put an end date in her proclamation. That is Ms. Underwood's understanding of NCH State of Emergency. She also wanted to point out that there are a lot of things that don't get enforced like the stop sign at the end of her street. If we decided to have a mask ordinance maybe businesses could post that face masks are required according to NCH Legislation. The Mayor also looked at what other communities are charging for the mask violation and agrees it should be posted.
- Mr. Miller-Novak feels that as a small community, if the state and the county doesn't have the guts to do it, then it's up to the mayors and the councils of the small cites to say we are going to require masks and make it easier for the business owners. We should make the decision to pass such an ordinance. Are the police going to stop every person not wearing a mask? Probably not, but if someone is in a store and refuses to put on a mask or leave then they can be arrested. Not necessarily for not wearing a mask but for disturbing the peace or any other problem they are causing. The government is providing our business the back backbone and the excuse they need to protect their employees without suffering any political backlash. We should make it legislation and not administrative action. Madam Mayor said there are 2 pieces of legislation that she and Mr. Deters are reviewing now.

City Administrator: No report. He was at the COVID 19 testing site at the start of the testing until 7:00 pm or later and wasn't able to attend tonight's meeting.

LAW DIRECTOR: No report.

Ms. Hall: Regarding the May statement she sent out to everyone, it shows a breakdown of revenues as well as the expenditures in addition to the normal reports that are sent out to make our finance statement a little more helpful in the decision making process. Revenues are doing fairly well considering the drop in income taxes in May. Despite that drop, year to date we are still doing pretty well according to our budget. We can move forward on the fire department roof issue. August we will be able to see a clearer picture of how our income taxes are doing. Discussion:

Mr. Miller Novak asked if the extension was included. She replied anything that was due April 15 is now due July 15. Thoerectically we should see a significant amount of revenue.

Call of Members:

Ms. Bailey: Asks that everyone continue to be safe socially and conscious of each other

Mr. Hedger: Absent

Ms. Underwood: She is interested in doing a Police Task force. She moved to create a task force which includes 4 members of council, 5 NCH residents and one member from administration and the committee will be able to add additional members as needed. Their purpose is to discuss various issues related to the Black Lives Matter movement as well as other issues that we may have with regard to our NCH Police Department. Ms. Bailey 2nd the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Miller-Novak reminds Ms. Underwood they would be subject to the Open Meetings Act and to make sure they take meeting minutes and notice their meeting like council does. Ms. Underwood said she would take the lead on that. The number of members was discussed and settled on. (See above motion). Ms. Underwood said Mr. Hedger would like to be on the task force. Ms. Zorb, and Ms. Bailey also wanted to be on it. Motion passes 5-0.

Mr. Miller-Novak: The marches we held in our city went well and no issues from counter protestors. He is always proud of the people who live in our city and was very confident in them. They were able to say what they had come to say in a manner that is befitting to our 1st amendment and befitting of our society and something we could all respect and honor. And also is in favor of governing the facial mask legislation.

Ms. Zorb: Doesn't want to belabor the Covid issue and wanted to leave the comments alone. We all know what we are dealing with and need to be smart about it. In regards to Mayor Nichols enjoying the tulips that were planted, you are about to see "a hold my beer moment" in the green space between UDF and the Credit union. There are things growing there that are about a foot and a half tall. It is going to be 2 fields of sunflowers! Ms. Zorb was grateful for the rain today or else she would have to have gone up there and water them all by hand. Ms. Bailey and Ms. Underwood both offered help if she needs help to water them again. The mayor asked if it would be the city sunflower. Ms. Zorb said, "Some, because the city sunflower is a dwarf sunflower. The rows are staggered. The first row is going to grow 3-5 foot, second row, 5-7 foot and the last row 8-10 foot."

Mr. Miller-Novak Thanks Ms. Zorb and offered no help because he killed a cactus once.

Ms. Hartman: Nothing at this time

Mr. O'Shea: Absent

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Removed for virtual meeting

~~**FIRST Reading: Ordinance No. 06-2020, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES AND STAFFING LEVELS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 3.06 OF THE NORTH COLLEGE HILL CHARTER.**~~ Removed from agenda

FIRST Reading: Ordinance NO. 07-2020 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE NORTH COLLEGE HILL CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

FIRST Reading: Resolution No. 11-2020, A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST CARES ACT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

LEGISLATION: Con't

Resolution 11-2020 discussion. Ms. Underwood asks to waive/suspend 2nd and 3rd readings. Mr. Miller -Novak reminds council that 6 members are needed to suspend. Ms. Underwood refers to 9.09 in the city charter and feels this allows for less than 6 members to suspend. Ms. Zorb states 9.07 sets the standard for 6 members to suspend. Mr. Miller-Novak agrees with Ms. Zorb. Ms. Underwood withdraws her motion and reminds council that Res 11-2020 needs to be passed to accept the Federal Government money which the city needs for the budget. Ms. Zorb asks Ms. Hall if there is a time line that needs to be met. Ms. Hall feels that funds are available now and the emergency resolution is needed to draw down the funds. She will check on that deadline and report back to council. Ms. Bailey has spoken with Mr. Mosby and it's not really a deadline to get it in but the deadline is to get the funds deposited to the account that was used. The faster we get through the faster we can start being reimbursed, because in October we can't do anything beyond that.

FIRST Reading: Resolution NO. 12-2020, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR AN AMBULANCE FOR THE CITY OF NORTH COLLEGE HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT. Discussion: Ms. Bailey moves to add to the title, "and declaring an emergency". Ms. Underwood 2nd the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

SECOND Reading: Ordinance No.04-2020, AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, GREATER CINCINNATI WATERWORKS.

SECOND Reading: Resolution 09-2020, A RESOLUTION TO DECERTIFY ASSESSMENTS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PLACEMENT ON THE TAX DUPLICATE

SECOND Reading: Resolution No. 10-2020, A RESOLUTION TO ASSESS UNPAID WATER SERVICE ACCOUNTS TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR

OLD BUSINESS: Ms. Bailey reminds council we do still have Mr. Deters proposal and we did speak about making him an employee or being on some contractual agreement in the last finance. She would like to call a special meeting or committee of the whole. Mr. Miller-Novak recommends it be added to the next regular meeting as executive session under old business. Ms. Bailey agreed.

Ms. Bailey also asked Madame Mayor when she could have a mask ordinance ready for council. Ms. Nichol will see if she can have it by the end of the week.

Ms. Bailey said the Dallas Avenue house that the city owns has a fair selling price of \$44,000.00 to \$55,000.00. Ms. Underwood, to the best of her recollection, agreed that is correct.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Zorb moves to refer Ordinance 06-2020, (an ordinance setting salary and staffing levels), back to the finance committee to fix all the errors. Ms. Bailey 2nd. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.

Ms. Bailey asked Madam Mayor to have Mr. Deters look at Ordinance 06-2020 and finalize which employees should be on this and which should not be. Madam Mayor said she would do that and asks Ms. Bailey when she needs the information. Ms. Bailey said as soon as he can get it done. Ms. Bailey said she needs to have it in enough time for the finance committee to read it before Monday night to have their discussion.

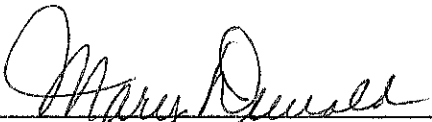
New Business continued

Miss Bailey entertains discussion to set a special council meeting .It was determined and agreed upon for two Special Council Meetings to be held, Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.to have readings on Resolution 11-2020, Cares Act Fund and Resolution 12, 2020 purchasing an ambulance. The mayor will have facial mask legislation to the clerk by Wednesday at 5:00 pm to get it on the agenda in time. All but one council member agreed to receive their special notice by email.


Ms. Zorb wanted to make some clarification on the sunflower topic that Serve NCH did help with the sunflowers and it was not just her.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Bailey moved to adjourn, Ms. Zorb 2nd. Motion passes 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.



Mary Dewald, Clerk of Council



Mike Graver, President of Council