

NORTH COLLEGE HILL CITY COUNCIL
Minutes for Virtual NCH Council Meeting, October 19, 7:00 pm

Persons wishing to address Council prior to its dealing with current legislation may do so by registering with the Clerk of Council.
Please provide to the Clerk, your name, address and the issue you wish to discuss.

Prayer

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Before roll call Pres. Graver welcomes Ms. Marjorie Anderson to Council. (Jim O'Shea's replacement)

ROLL CALL Ms. Bailey, Ms. Underwood, Mr. Miller-Novak, Ms. Zorb, Ms. Hartman, Ms. Anderson All present

AGENDA. Pres. Graver requested to amend the agenda to add Res. 17-2020. Discussion: Mr. Mosby informs council it is to get it on the May 2021 ballot. Deadline to Hamilton County Board of Elections by February 3, 2021. It is confirmed this is a renewal of our current street levy millage .Ms. Zorb moves to add Res. 17-2020 to the agenda. Ms. Bailey 2nd. Motion passes 6-0. Ms. Zorb moves to remove Res 11-2020. It has not been reviewed by the Finance Budget Committee yet after requesting such information. Ms. Bailey 2nd the motion. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the path and policy of new legislation. Motion to remove Ord 11-2020 passes 4-2. Ms. Bailey moves to accept agenda as amended. Ms. Zorb 2nd. Motion passes 6-0.

Meeting Minutes 08-03-2020. Ms. Bailey moves to adopt the minutes. Ms. Zorb 2nd. No Discussion. Motion passes 6-0

Communications: YMCA Covid testing Powell Crosley, Winton Road. Every Monday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance: Ms. Bailey reported. They met last Monday at 7:30 pm.

- Budget was discussed and it was discovered not all members had the same budget. Ms. Bailey requested Ms. Hall to send them the most current budget to work from.
- Try to establish a 2021 fiscal goals including a surplus and would like to avoid a clean-up ordinance.
- Talked about maybe starting an independent contractor's license system for the city.
- Spoke about the salary ordinance
- Set up a Committee of the Whole meeting which will be discussed in New Business tonight.
- Next meeting Monday, November 9th at 7:30 pm.

City Community and Development & Recreation: As reported by Interim Chair Ms. Bailey

- Talked about 2021 goals, maybe a community event, maybe a fitness event with properly social distancing
- Talked about the Root program, possibly a median adoption program for individuals or businesses to adopt some of the islands on Hamilton Avenue that haven't had landscaping in a while.
- Bulk amount of tulip bulbs. Perhaps reach out to the CIC to help purchase the bulbs.
- Still kicking around a Parks and Outdoor spaces levy
- Next Meeting November 9th at 6:30 pm.

Public Safety: As reported by Ms. Underwood. They have not met yet. Their meeting is the last Monday in October, which is next week.

Rules Public Policy: As reported by Mr. Miller-Novak. Not met yet since last council meeting and will not be meeting on October 26.

Ad Hoc reports: CIC did meet last Thursday. Ms. Underwood reports. Brainstormed several ideas on how to collect or gather information of NCH businesses to create a directory for the NCH citizens to encourage them to do business with NCH.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's report: Clean-up day Saturday October 24, 9:00 am to Noon.

Mayor's Report Con't

- She noticed that some of the sunflowers have been cleaned up and wanted to thank whoever did it. Ms. Anderson said her Mother, Mimi Anderson was responsible.
- Trunk or Treat, Saturday at Roses Parking lot 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Trick or Treat 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

City Administrator report:

- Welcomes Ms. Anderson to council
- Covid testing this Thursday at the Greater Emmanuel Church on Galbraith Road, east of Daly Road.
- Application for Community investment area. It applies to a new build, a 5 bedroom ranch on Mearl Ave. An ordinance will be coming to council soon in this matter.
- Clean up on Saturday. Residents and businesses, along with he and his wife, have committed to help out and he hopes to see members of council join in as well.
- Trunk or Treat October 31, 3-5 pm
- Issues for today: Legislation for the street levy, it is a renewal and funds will continue to be dispersed to us through 2021. If it's passed in May it will continue as a renewal. It's one of the largest levies we have and is renewed every 5 years.
- Also, avoiding the cleanup ordinance is not practical. When monies flow into our General Fund that money is used as needed. What Council does when they approve the budget is to approve spending limits. Movement of money happens throughout the year. The whole purpose of the cleanup ordinance, by law, every appropriation has to be in the black or even at zero. So the purpose of the cleanup ordinance is so that all accounts can be in order at the end of the year.
- There are several reports that had to be addressed this week, civil service, state reports, council roster, contract with Rumpke. I am in the midst of the Rumpke Contract to make sure we have it awarded to have the one that was removed from today is the ordinance for the monthly rates of the citizens. This ordinance insures that we have enough money to be able to pay for our Rumpke trash service without having to be short as it has been for several years.
- Discussion: Ms. Zorb asks Mr. Mosby to send a copy to council of prior rates for Rumpke. And asks for clarification on a grant for Electric Charging station and is there revenue involved. Mr. Mosby states there is revenue and they are looking at putting them on the property of the City Center. It's rumor that it might go on school property. That will not be happening. Ms. Bailey asks if we have heard back from the FOP. Mr. Mosby said the representative has been on vacation and he expects to hear from him once he gets back. He will keep Ms. Bailey and Ms. Zorb informed.

Law Director Report: Not present

Finance Director Report: Ms. Hall reports. She will send out an updated 2021 budget report to Council as requested and will have a financial report to Council at the next Council meeting.

Call of Members:

Ms. Bailey; Welcomes Ms. Anderson She offered to help her. Ms. Bailey mentions a breakdown in communication between administration and council and how can this be alleviated.

Ms. Underwood; Welcomes Ms. Anderson. She would like for us to get along. Looking forward to clean up Day.

Mr. Mill-Novak: Welcome to Ms. Anderson.

Ms. Zorb: Welcome to Ms. Anderson. She may be the youngest ever to be on Council. She sent an email to Mr. Miller-Novak to establish a written onboarding process. Please send your input to him. Ms. Anderson offers to help.

Ms. Hartman: Welcome to Ms. Anderson. Have a good time on Saturday for cleanup. She has a prior commitment.

Ms. Anderson: Thanks to all for the welcome. She will be unavailable to participate in cleanup day. Her sister is getting married that day. And asks how to get on a committee?

Legislation:

Second Reading: Ordinance 06-2020, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES AND STAFFING LEVELS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 3.06 OF THE CITY OF NORTH COLLEGE CHARTER

Second Reading: Resolution 16-2020, A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY ASSESSMENTS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PLACEMENT ON THE TAX DUPLICATE

Third Reading: Resolution 15-2020, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL AND THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL. Ms. Bailey needs 2 appointments for the Tax Review Council. After much discussion and no volunteers, Ms. Bailey moves to appoint herself until someone else steps up. Ms. Underwood 2nd. Motion passes 6-0.

First 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. Point of Order by Ms. Underwood cites from the Council Rules 7.9, Assignment of Agenda Items and questions why Ordinance 11-2020 was removed and Resolution 17-2020 was added. After much discussion it was determined by Pres. Graver, legislation came to him and he made the decision to put them on the agenda.

Third Reading: Ordinance 10-2020, AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY A PERMISSIVE VEHICLE LICENSE TAX PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4504.173 Ms. Bailey moves to adopt. Ms. Hartman 2nd. Discussion: Ms. Zorb asks where the revenue goes. Ms. Bailey said it goes to the street fund as restricted use. It does gain us more points in getting our SCIP grants to have our streets redone. Ms. Anderson points out the 2nd whereas of the legislation, "as the fee must be expended on road maintenance and repairs". Motion passes 6-0.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ms. Bailey asks for a budget work session or a Committee of the Whole meeting. It was determined to be a Committee of the Whole Meeting, October 27, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm with executive session to discuss setting salaries of city employees and the law director and have the executive session at 6:35 pm.
- Mayor Nichols asks Ms. Bailey to clarify or elaborate on her comment about the lack of communication between administration and council. Ms. Bailey responds saying there have been emails that have been unanswered and pieces of legislation or questions or follow up questions that have been unanswered. She will send a detailed email of all of them. She doesn't want it to sound bad, there can be a better way to communicate on them. (Technical difficulties during her answer. Some of her response not recorded here.) Mayor Nichols appreciate her response and agrees we want to work together with the same common goal.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Bailey asks Ms. Anderson which committee's she would like to be on. After discussions Ms. Anderson agreed to sit on Budget and Finance and City & Community Development and Recreation. Ms. Underwood moved to appoint Ms. Anderson, Ms. Bailey 2nd. Motion passes 6-0.
- Ms. Zorb notes an appointment for President Pro Tem to Council is still needed. After discussion Ms. Zorb moves to appoint Mr. Miller-Novak as President Pro-Tem. Ms. Bailey 2nd. Motion passes 6-0.
- Ms. Bailey ask who is the Chamber of Commerce representative. Ms. Zorb said she is and needs to be added to their list .Ms. Bailey will reach out to Chamber of Commerce to have Ms. Zorb put on their list.

ADJOURMENT: Ms. Bailey moved to adjourn. Ms. Underwood 2nd. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.

Mary Dewald, Clerk of Council

Mike Graver, President of Council