

# NORTH COLLEGE HILL CITY COUNCIL

Minutes for NCH Council Meeting, Monday September 06, 2022, 7:00pm

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## PRAYER

## CALL TO ORDER

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## ROLL CALL

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|------------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|----------|
| Dukes Dean | Dewald  | Underwood | Alexander | Zorb    | Blythe  | Anderson |
| Present    | Present | Present   | Present   | Present | Present | Present  |

## AGENDA

Motion from Ms. Dewald and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Anderson to add public participation before Communications, motion passed 7-0.

Motion to approve agenda as amended by Ms. Anderson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Dewald, motion passed 7-0.

## MINUTES Council Meeting Minutes 08-01-2022

Motion to approve minutes by Ms. Dewald and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Anderson, motion passed 7-0.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The Senior Center has closed and they would like to know where they can meet and play bingo and volleyball league. The Seniors need somewhere to go, he wishes the city could take it over. They were concerned about paying her membership dues and will they have to pay again. They really need the senior center open. They want to know why it closed.
  - Ms. Dewald will stay on top of the issues and updates are to come. Sad it closed due to staffing issues. Ms. Dewald is unaware if dues will need to be paid again.
  - Mr. Mosby reported they are looking at options to reopen the city center and ways that can benefit the seniors.
  - Ms. Blythe asked why the center closed.

## COMMUNICATION

- July's Monthly Mayors Court Report
- August's Monthly Mayors Court Report
- Hamilton County Conservation District

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES

**City Community and Development & Recreation:** Ms. Anderson reports.

- Spoke about the Wise Park renovations and rededication. Thanked all for the work and renovation of the park. Discussed code enforcement task force which was created and why it is needed and who will serve on it. They discussed firework legislation what other cities are adopting. Discussed the Tree City USA board and Christmas Tree venue. Discussed the two Tree City USA signs. Discussed the comprehensive plan from Mr. Mosby that the second stage has begun. There were mixed results from the surveys. There is still no funding for LED lights on Galbraith. Waiting on street sweeper schedule. Mr. Mosby talked about new signage for the city entrances.
- Next meeting September 12, 2022

**Budget and Finance:** Ms. Dukes Dean reports.

- Discussed the Tax Duplicate legislation is normal business and nothing has changed. There was a finance quarterly report given and will now be given on a quarterly basis. Discussed the Senior Levy

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will be moved to council. They are getting a bid on building renovations for city center and deciding if it is worth it or just build new. Discussed their needs for a revenue account added and lines items for police impound lot. They went into an executive session to discuss the salary of an employee.

- Next meeting September 12, 2022

**Rules & Public Policy:** Ms. Underwood reports:

- Meeting was canceled.
- Next meeting September 26, 2022

**Public Safety:** Ms. Underwood reports:

- Meeting was canceled.
- Next meeting September 26, 2022

### Ad Hoc Report:

- Ms. Dewald spoke about the closure of the Senior Center
  - Ms. Underwood asked about the levy and current funds collected.
    - Mr. Mosby explained there needs to be a plan or recommendation for the senior center to be reopened or spent on seniors to keep collecting the levy.
- Ms. Anderson spoke about the Code Enforcement Task Force about possibly repealing a current ordinance and making rules clearer to know what should be enforced. Working on creating a new line item to fund code enforcement. Discussed adopting standardized code to make it clearer. Next meeting in October.
  - Ms. Dukes Dean confirmed the code enforcement would focus on dilapidated building and tall grass. Ms. Anderson confirmed the code enforcement does not have ability to right tickets. If it's on public property is police and private is on code enforcement. Explained there will be a focus for code enforcement each year.
- Ms. Zorb next ICRC meeting 9/8/22.
- Ms. Zorb for Tree City USA had a pawpaw harvest.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mayor Ms. Nichols reports:

- Happy to be back to work. Thanked the Jewish Federation, CRC, students from Cincinnati State for the renovation and rededication of Wise Park. Clean up day this Saturday September 10, 2022 from 9-12, pizza provided. Fall Festival this October 1-5<sup>th</sup>. The school district would like to bridge the gap between the city and school. Homecoming parade is coming up and invited council to participate.

City Administrator Mr. Mosby reports:

- Just celebrated the rededication of Wise Park. Concluded the bi-annual audit and putting in several recommendations in place. The police levy is up for renewal. The Senior Center is being dissolved but working on new ways to serve the seniors of NCH. Mr. Mosby yielded his time to the new economic development officer.
  - Mr. Liszniansky is the economic development partner and creating a comprehensive plan.
    - They want to enhance the municipal tax base meaning new jobs and higher end paying jobs. How they can create tax incentives and creating public private partnership.
    - They are working on getting communications with stakeholders.
    - First 6 months planning phase and then next year would be implementation in 2023.
    - SWOT was performed.
    - Create a partnership with City, CIC, and Chamber
    - They are focused on engagement. Final plan by end of year.
      - Ms. Dukes Dean asked what does leverage your tax base. They want to create better paying jobs in the city. Confirmed they seek out opportunities. Asked several questions confirming her understanding of the economic development strategy.
      - Ms. Anderson asked several questions to confirm her understanding of the

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economic development strategy. Discussed the planning committee on how to get in contact. The other committee is the Board of Zoning Appeals which is different.

- Ms. Dewald asked for the presentation to be forwarded to council.

Law Director

- Not present.

Finance Director

- Not present.

### CALL OF MEMBERS

**Ms. Dukes Dean:** Expressed her condolences for their loss. Thanked the seniors for expressing their concerns. Happy to have the mayor back. Thanked the Jewish Federation for renovations of Wise Park. Happy to see some news about the economic development firm.

**Ms. Dewald:** Shared an experience about driving through NCH, it was a beautiful day and just loved seeing everyone out and brought her joy. Welcomed back the mayor.

**Ms. Underwood:** Welcomed back the mayor. Expressed her condolences for their loss. Thanked the Jewish Federation for renovations of Wise Park. Congratulated Ms. Long for the new role as the city manager for the City of Cincinnati.

**Ms. Alexander:** Expressed her condolences for their loss. Welcomed back the mayor back.

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**Ms. Zorb:** Asked Mr. Mosby about the opioid settlement funding is on his radar. Asked about where the public works supervisor is posted.

**Ms. Blythe:** Nothing to report.

**Ms. Anderson:** Expressed her condolences for their loss. Welcomed back the mayor back. Thanked the Jewish Federation and Mrs. Clear for renovations of Wise Park. Expressed her condolences for the senior center closing. Gave a shout out to the Fire and Police department for all their hard work. Shout out to Mr. Blake going around picking up trash around the entire city and has a go fund me setup to keep it going. Fall festival is happening this October.

### REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- No further remarks.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss the purchase, sale, or leasing of real estate and personnel.

Ms. Dewald made a motion to enter executive session for the above stated reason and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Graver reconvened the meeting out of executive session.

### LEGISLATION

**SECOND READING** RES. NO 14-2022 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NEMANN FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE IMPROVEMENT, REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION OF MARSHALL PETER DUMELE PARK

**SECOND READING** RES. NO 15-2022 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH COLLEGE HILL AND THE FULL-TIME NORTH COLLEGE HILL FIREFIGHTERS BARGAINING UNIT, IAFF LOCAL 5279

Ms. Underwood moved to suspend readings and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Dewald. Motion passed 7-0.

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Ms. Anderson motioned to adopt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Underwood. Motion passed. 7-0

**SECOND READING** RES. NO 16-2022 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH COLLEGE HILL AND THE PART-TIME NORTH COLLEGE HILL POLICE OFFICERS BARGAINING UNIT, FOP-OLCI

Ms. Underwood moved to suspend readings and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Dewald. Motion passed 7-0

Ms. Dewald moved to adopt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Underwood. Motion Passed 7-0

**SECOND READING** ORD. NO 06-2022 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A SUPPLEMENTAL PAY TO LAWANDA WILLIS FOR FINANCE MANAGER DUTIES

**SECOND READING** ORD. NO 07-2022 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE NORTH COLLEGE HILL CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Dewald motioned to suspend readings and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Underwood. Motion passed 6-1

Ms. Zorb wanted to know the rush to pass. Ms. Dewald explained there is no need to stay on the books. Mr. Mosby explained the ordinances can be updated sooner.

Ms. Underwood moved to adopt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Dewald. Motion Passed 7-0

**SECOND READING** ORD. NO 08-2022 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE NORTH COLLEGE HILL CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Dewald motioned to suspend readings and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Underwood. Motion passed 6-1.

Ms. Zorb confirmed that this not an emergency to be passed.

Ms. Dewald moved to adopt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Underwood. Motion Passed 7-0

**FURTHER REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE** (as it pertains to legislation)

- No remarks.

### OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

- Assign to committee legislation for funding the work on Hamilton Ave and legislation that would require minimum square footage for a residential structure.
  - Mr. Mosby confirmed for only new buildings old properties are grandfathered in.
- Ms. Anderson motioned for Ms. Alexander to be added to Budget and Finance and City Community Development and Recreation committee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Underwood. Motion passed 7-0.
- Ms. Dewald motioned for Ms. Dewald to be add to Rules and Policies and Public Safety committees and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed 7-0.

### ADJOURNMENT

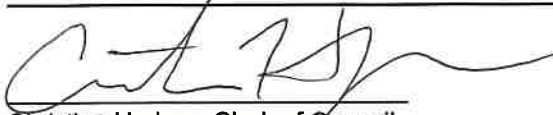
Ms. Dukes Dean motioned to adjourn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Zorb. Motioned passed. 7-0.

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Christian Hedger, Clerk of Council



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