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NORTH COLLEGE HILL CITY COUNCIL

Minutes for NCH Council Meeting, Tue. September 7, 2021, 7:00 pm

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Prayer

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Dukes Dean	Present	Blythe	Present	Underwood	Present
Miller-Novak	Present	Zorb	Present	Hartman	Present
Anderson	Present				

AGENDA: Ms. Dewald reports that someone has placed a letter from Duke Energy in her mailbox a few moments ago and to add to the agenda. Ms. Zorb moves to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Anderson 2nd. Motion passes 7-0.

Meeting Minutes: Ms. Anderson moves to adopt the 08-02-2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Underwood 2nds. Ms. Zorb questions the "see attached" in Remarks from the audience. Ms. Dewald explains it is the report from Mark Shad, Clovernook Home for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Motion passes 6-0 with one abstain.

Recognition of retirement: for Lt. Maus for 20 years of service to North College Hill. Chief Schrand recognizes some of Lt. Maus accomplishments, such as the dug unit, D.A.R.T., High risk warrant service team and a member of the H.C.P.A., Hamilton County Police Chief Association Honor Guard which is a very prestigious group attending funerals, flag ceremonies, and other honor worthy causes which takes a lot of commitment and discipline. Mayor presents the proclamation proclaiming September 7, 2021 as Lt. Todd Maus Appreciation Day.

Swearing in New Police Officers: Nicholas Jackson having experience with the City of Hamilton, Tremont and Village of Addyston and Hamilton County Juvenile Court. And Andrew Morris has been with NCH Police Department since March moving from part time to full time and brings experience from being on the Ross Township Police Department. Mayor Nichols swears them in. Each officer speaks to the public thanking God, family and friends. Pres. Graver thanks Lt. Maus for his years of dedicated service to our city and recalls memories of them working the football games and welcomes the 2 new officers to the NCH police Department.

Communications: July Mayor's Court Report, Letter from Duke Energy who will be filling an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to increase our electric distribution rates.

Committee Reports:

City Community and Development & Recreation: Ms. Anderson reports. Last meeting was August 9.

- Discussed Recreation Director and duties for that position.
- Update on Tree City USA Board. They now have members.
- Long discussion about the Homeowners Assistant Fund, qualifications and parameters.
- Old business discussion about the planters
- Discussed code violations and how to move forward on that.
- Mayor requested that the committee look into a new city seal and decided it would be a great idea for the Comprehensive Plan to do.
- And also discussed ideas and plans for the Comprehensive plan.
- Next meeting Monday, September 13, 6:30 pm
- MS. Zorb asks if we are at the point to have a meeting about Tree City USA. Ms. Anderson is still waiting for an arborist.

Budget and Finance: Mr. Miller-Novak reports.

- No meeting was held in August
- Next meeting Monday September 13 @ 7:30 pm

Rules & Public Policy: Ms. Underwood reports.

- August 23 meeting was cancelled on August 23, that day.
- Next meeting September 27, 6:30 pm

Public Safety: Ms. Underwood reports:

- August 23 meeting was also cancelled
- Next meeting September 27, 7:30 pm.

Ad Hoc reports: Ms. Underwood reports.

- UPC committee held a meeting August 31, CIC meeting
- CIC met. Discussed with a representative from Clovernook Center for the blind, Mr. Schad, about partnering with NCH for development opportunities. Block Party was cancelled due to Covid concerns
- Trunk or Treat was discussed and hope to collaborate with the school and how to make that happen
- Reminder the Public Hearing for the food Truck is September 7, 6:45 pm. And benefits of food trucks
- Recreation Commission working with City Council and the chair of City, Community & Development & Recreation committee.
- Discussed other events, Breakfast with Santa, Easter Egg hunt, and hope to plan a Christmas event other than the Christmas Tree Lighting.
- Status of parks. Perhaps audits should be done of the parks, 2 specifically
- Next 2 meetings are scheduled for Sept 14 and Sept. 28. At 6:30 pm.
- Last **CIC** meeting was cancelled, lack of quorum. Next CIC meeting is Thursday September 16 at 6:30 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mayor's report: Ms. Nichols reports

- She found a student who would like to be a part of the Recreation Commission And now has 3 people. She spoke with Mr. Blaylock about finding his people so they can get the commission started back up.
- A proclamation is read for September known globally as Suicide Prevention Month. To raise awareness and resources for suicide prevention in our community.
- Discussion of Tree City USA, possible dates for Free Tree Day.

City Administrator report:

- Reports the loss of our finance director it was discovered that in our biannual audit this year that our previous 2 financial reports have not been uploaded in to the Hinkel System. That is a requirement before the state will come in and audit us. He has taken steps and is working with a firm to make sure that we have our reports submitted and we should have 2019 completed within a week. Probably a week or 2 after that we will have 2020 completed. He has been working with the Ohio Auditor State, they are well aware and we are on track.
- On the next council agenda there will be a resolution that will be coming up. It will be a part of the budget process where council will be required to accept the balance and rates of the tax budget which was passed back in July. The County is expected to pass their budget on the 14 of this month. Once that passes then the auditor's office will get the numbers to us and we will be looking to have a resolution prepared for council by the 20th and will be due to the county by October 20, 2021. Because council has already passed the tax budget this shouldn't require any deliberation.
- There are a few things he would like to discuss under legislation and will wait until that time.
- Ms. Underwood asks if a decision has been made who will be the next finance manager and Mr. Mosby said "no, that decision has not been made yet."
- Ms. Zorb asks if the portable speed humps have been purchased yet. Yes, they have been ordered but are on back order and should be in in the next 6-8 weeks. Exact placement of the speed humps has yet to be determined.

Law Director Report: Mr. Bill Deters not present

Finance Director Report: No finance director at this time.

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Dukes Dean: Congratulation to Lt. Maus, welcomes the 2 new officers and speaks of the importance of National Suicide month.

Blythe: Comments in regard to the seriousness of depression and mental illness

Underwood: Thanks, and congratulations to Lt. Maus, welcomes Officers Jackson and Officer Morris and appreciates the diversity and thanks Mayor Nichols for the proclamation for National Suicide month.

Mr. Miller-Novak: Echo's Thanks to Lt. Maus and the 2 new hires. Thanks Mayor Nichols for the suicide prevention proclamation.

Zorb: Echo's the sentiment of council congratulating Lt. Maus and welcomes Officer Jackson and Officer Morris.

Hartman: Congratulations to Lt. Maus and the 2 new hires. She also announces her resignation from council. Here last official day will be Monday September 20. It was an honor to serve.

Pres. Graver thanks Ms. Hartman and is sorry to see her go.

Anderson: Is sad to see Ms. Hartman go. Echo's council's congratulations to Lt. Maus and the 2 new officers and is also appreciative of the diversity of the new hires. She reminds community that Touch the Truck is October 3. Held in Rose's parking lot. Also Discover Clovernook is September, 23 at Clovernook Center for the Blind. She also mentions and thanks 3 business who are renovating their buildings, McDonalds, Cincinnati Credit Union and Dollar General investing and respecting the community they are in. And appreciates the acknowledgement of suicide awareness. Ms. Zorb asks for times of Touch a Truck and Discover Clovernook. Touch a Truck is 5-7 pm and Discover Clovernook 5-8 pm.

Remarks from the audience: No one signed in.

LEGISLATION:

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 06-2021, LPA LEGISLATION-ODOT Let Project agreement, portion of US127 (Hamilton Ave.) with Mt. Healthy. Discussion: Mr. Mosby asks that this pass no later than the next meeting to keep this moving forward to begin on time. Ms. Underwood moves to suspend 2nd and 3rd readings. Ms. Anderson 2nd. Discussion. Ms. Zorb asks if it can be done at the next council meeting why rush it through tonight. Ms. Anderson said it gives the project more time. Ms. Underwood agrees and said this has been discussed throughout the year and doesn't see why it should go the full 3 readings. Motion to suspend passes 6-1. Ms. Underwood moves to adopt. Ms. Anderson 2nd. Motion passes 7-0.

SECOND READING: Resolution 20-2021, A Resolution to certify assessments to the county auditor for placement on the tax duplicate (vacant/foreclosed, failure to register).

SECOND READING: Resolution 21-1021, a Resolution to certify assessments to the County Auditor for placement on the tax duplicate. (Tall grass and trash removal)

SECOND READING: Resolution 23-2021, A Resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with URBAN FAST FORWARD for the purpose of facilitating and accomplishing an update to the City of North College Hill's comprehensive land use plan. Exhibit A attached. Representatives John Yung, Urban Fast Forward and Aaron Sorrell, Community Planning Insights present and are open for discussion with council. Discussions included community development, market to the young for homeownership, less renters and keeping residents in place, re-purpose shopping centers, CRA and fair lending practices, vacant lots and land.

Ms. Blythe calls for a 5-minute break. Mr. Miller Novak 2nds. Motion to a 5-minute recess passes 7-0.

Ms. Underwood moves to reconvene. Ms. Zorb 2nd. Motion passes 7-0.

SECOND READING: Resolution 24-2021, A Resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with COMMUNITY PLANNING INSIGHTS for the purpose of facilitating and accomplishing an update to the City of North College Hill's comprehensive land use plan. Exhibit A attached

SECOND READING: Resolution 25-2021, A resolution to certify assessments to the County auditor for placement on the Tax Duplicate. (Tall grass and Trash removal)

THIRD READING: Resolution 17-2021 A resolution to certify assessments to the County Auditor for placement on the tax duplicate. (Tall grass and trash removal) Ms. Underwood moves to adopt Res. 17-2021. Ms. Anderson 2nd. Motion passes 7-0.

THIRD READING: Ordinance 04-2021, An ordinance to adopt a new chapter 1196 of the North College Hill codified ordinances. (To address matters related to mobile food vendors). Mr. Miller Novak moves to adopt Ord 4-2021. Ms. Zorb 2nd. No discussion. Motion passes 7-0.

FURTHER REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE (as it pertains to legislation) None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Miller Novak asks to step down from Rules and Public Policy and Public Safety committee and join City & Community Development. Ms. Anderson moves to add Mr. Miller Novak to City & Community Development and Recreation. Ms. Zorb 2nd. No discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Anderson moved to adjourn. Ms. Underwood 2nd. No discussion. Motion passes 4
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Mary Dewald, Clerk of Council


Mike Graver, President of Council