

## **Minutes of January 7, 2021 Council**

Regular Meeting of the Clayton, Ohio City Council  
Clayton Government Center  
January 7, 2021

*Due to the Governor's orders on limited size of meetings for COVID-19, Clayton's City Council conducted this meeting on Thursday January 7, 2021 via the Zoom meeting format*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 PM. Present were Mayor Stevens and Councilmembers Bachman, Henning, Merkle, Kelly, and Lieberman. Motion by Kelly to excuse Gorman who is out this evening, motion second by Henning. All yeas, motion passed.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Stevens gave the annual State of the City Address

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Seim presented the minutes of the December 17, 2020 Council workshop. Motion by Bachman, second by Kelly to approve the minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Seim then presented the minutes of the December 17, 2020 City Council meeting. Motion by Bachman, second by Lieberman to approve the minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Lieberman made a motion to Table Resolutions R-01-21-01 and R-01-21-02 until after an Executive Session later this evening. Motion was second by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 21 – 03 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Bid and Enter Into an Agreement with Security Fence Group, Inc. for the 2021 Union/Salem Intersection Safety Project (PID 112158) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$65,000. Randy Sanders, Public Service Director, advised Security Fence Group Inc. was selected for the 2021 Union/Salem Safety Project after competitive bids were received. The city was awarded grant funding from the state to improve the safety at the intersection, with the project being fully funded by a safety grant through ODOT which will include new mast arms and signals and widening/extension of the southbound Union Road right turn lane. The only cost to the city is the decorative addition to the mast arms, luminaire, signal supports and pedestrian crossings. This will be the same decorative addition to the Westbrook intersection schedule for 2022. Motion by Merkle to approve the Resolution, second by Lieberman. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 21 – 04 A Resolution to Appoint Clayton Representatives to the First Suburbs Consortium for the Year 2021. Motion by Lieberman to appoint Gorman and Henning and Merkle as an alternate, motion was second by Bachman. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 21 – 05 A Resolution Approving Appointment of Two Members to the Volunteer Peace Officer’s Dependents Fund Board for the Year 2021. Motion by Henning to appoint Lieberman and Kelly, motion was second by Merkle. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 21 – 06 A Resolution Appointing Clayton Representatives to the Volunteer Fire Fighter’s Dependents Fund Board for the Year 2021. Motion by Henning to appoint Lieberman and Kelly, motion was second by Bachman. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 21 – 07 A Resolution to Appoint a Clayton Representative and an Alternate to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Committee for the Year 2021. Motion by Henning to appoint Gorman and Stevens as the alternate, motion second by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 21 – 08 A Resolution Appointing Member to the Cost Recovery/ Impact Fee Appeals Board. Motion by Merkle to appoint Bachman, motion second by Henning. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 21 – 09 A Resolution Approving a Wage Agreement for the Year 2021 with the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 4379 for Firefighters within the Clayton Fire Department. Elaine Wittman, Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources advised the current firefighter’s contract includes a wage reopener for 2021. Members of the bargaining unit and city staff discussed and agreed upon a 2.0% cost of living (COL) increase effective January 11, 2021. All other provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement will remain in full force. The current contract expires March 31, 2022. Motion by Kelly to approve the Resolution, second by Lieberman. All yeas, motion carried.

#### **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager, advised her only comment this evening is to announce the Government Center offices will be closed Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

#### **VISITOR’S COMMENTS**

None heard.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Henning stated Mayor Stevens did a great job with his State of the City address. I also wish to recognize city staff, stress how much you mean to the city and everyone is greatly appreciated. I wish everyone a healthy 2021, it’s a new year and I hope it brings everyone health and prosperity. Bachman wished everyone a Happy New Year, looking forward to 2021 and everything we’re going to do. Go Bucks! Lieberman wished to address the issue that happened yesterday. Watching TV, we saw awful things, however that’s not what we do in Clayton. We’re not the same party yet we don’t fight each other, we talk and work things through. We joke and have become friends. We focus on Clayton and try to make it better for our residents, it is an honor working with you. Kelly thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with you, Council, staff and the citizens. We have a wonderful community, and I wish everyone a Happy New Year. Stevens stated he appreciated everyone; it’s amazing week-to-week how much gets done with so few people, and I wish everyone a Happy New Year.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Stevens advised an Executive Session is needed to consider the appointment of a public employee or official, and to review negotiations or bargaining with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Bachman made a motion to break for an Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public employee or official, and to review negotiations or bargaining with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, second by Merkle. Voting yea were Bachman, Henning, Merkle, Kelly, Lieberman, and Stevens. Council broke for Executive Session at 8:11 PM.

Council returned and Mayor Stevens re-opened the regular session at 8:54 PM.

Lieberman made a motion to un-table Resolutions R-01-21-01 and R-01-21-02 that were tabled at the beginning of this meeting, motion was second by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 21 – 01 A Resolution to Appoint a Member to the Planning Commission. Motion by Lieberman to appoint Sabrina Pritchett to the Planning Commission, motion second by Merkle. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 21 – 02 A Resolution to Appoint a Member to the Clayton Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion by Bachman to appoint Barbara Buyers, motion second by Henning. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Lieberman, second by Kelly to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.