

Minutes of May 21, 2020 Council

Regular Meeting of the Clayton, Ohio City Council
Clayton Government Center
May 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 PM. Present were Mayor Stevens and Councilmembers Bachman, Henning, Gorman, Merkle, Kelly, and Lieberman.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Seim presented the minutes of the May 7, 2020 City Council Meeting. Motion by Gorman, second by Henning to approve the minutes as presented. All yeas, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. R – 05 – 20 – 26 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Issue Executive Orders Implementing Temporary Waivers to Certain Regulations and Certain Enforcement Activities in Order to Promote Local Businesses and the State's Responsible Restart Ohio. Jack Kuntz, Director of Development, advised in an effort to help Clayton businesses recover from the mandated shutdowns and social distancing requirements, we ask Council to consider allowing a new temporary onsite outdoor seating permit which will allow for a portion of the restaurant's already approved seating to be moved outdoors. Due to the social distancing requirements of the governor's executive order, the City understands that some restaurant establishments will seek alternatives to their indoor and outdoor configurations by extending operations to new outdoor areas including sidewalks, parking lots, etc. To ensure social distancing requirements are met while encouraging restaurant establishments to resume operations, we'll provide flexible outdoor operations allowances where they may not be permitted by City Code otherwise. Motion by Gorman to approve the Resolution, second by Bachman. All yeas, motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Zimmerlin provided an update on the CARES Act, advising money that came to the County in the first round will be distributed as grants to local businesses. Money that is currently at the State level, Bill 310 is currently being bounced between the House and Senate, as they can not determine how to distribute the money, however we have drafted legislation so once the bill has passed we can apply. The funds will only deal with COVID related expenses, not previously budgeted items for 2020. Kevin Schweitzer, Finance Director, provided Council will a current status of the city's financials in light of the COVID-19 shut down.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

None heard.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Gorman announced that Dayton and Montgomery County area are falling behind the state average on responses to the 2020 Census. Because of the virus issue they are not sending out people, but we need everyone to please complete their Census. Thanks going out to the first responders and all those on the front lines. Henning stated hopefully everyone has a great Memorial Day weekend, and the weather will be nicer than the last few weeks. Thank you Jack and Amanda for the Resolution we passed this evening, it will help our business community. I've heard nothing but nice things from the business owners about how the city is assisting them. Students are now on summer break, we ask that students continue to pay attention to the pandemic and take it seriously. Be careful, and have a safe and healthy summer. Bachman thanked the staff for the Sweep Clayton Clean event last weekend. With everyone sheltering at home there was a lot of cleaning out of houses and garages and we filled up quickly. Monday is Memorial Day and is a little different this year with everything that's going on, but it is the time to honor those who served in the military and remember those who did not come home. This is also the anniversary of the tornado and there are still a lot of repairs going on. Merkle stated everyone has had all they can possibly stand with COVID 19. I'm not accepting the standard of the new normal and are looking forward to getting back to a life where we don't need to social distance. I want to thank the first responders dealing with this on a day-to-day basis and putting their lives on the line. I hope we don't go through this again, and I'm looking forward to getting back to normal, everyone be safe. Stevens reminded everyone Memorial Day is the time to remember those who lost their lives. If you have an opportunity this weekend drive out to the old village area. A group of volunteers have purchased and installed 48 American flags on homes and businesses and they will be flying them this Memorial Day weekend. I also wish to thank the staff, you have been served a lot of curve balls these last few months but everyone has done a fantastic job of handling everything.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.