

Minutes of September 3, 2020 Council

Regular Meeting of the Clayton, Ohio City Council
Clayton Government Center
September 3, 2020

Due to the Governor's orders on limited size of meetings and Montgomery County being under the level three alert for COVID-19, Clayton conducted its regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Thursday September 3, 2020 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, Gorman, Merkle, Kelly, and Lieberman.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Seim presented the minutes of the August 20, 2020 City Council Meeting. Motion by Gorman, second by Kelly to approve the minutes as presented. All yeas, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. R – 09 – 20 – 43 A Resolution Approving Amendment of 2020 Appropriations and Estimated Resources. Kevin Schweitzer, Finance Director, advised we received monies into the Local Coronavirus Relief fund from Montgomery County. These monies are federal and require a separate fund to account for receipts and expenditures. Several expenditures were made in other funds that need to be reimbursed by the Local Coronavirus Relief fund. Motion by Gorman to approve the Resolution, second by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 09 – 20 – 44 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with the Northmont School District for the Provision of School Resource Officers for the 2020-2021 School Year. Matt Hamlin, Police Chief, advised the Clayton Police Department and Northmont City schools have worked cooperatively over the last several years to provide two Police Officers, one officer assigned to work up to forty hours per week for the high school, the second officer assigned to work up to forty hours per week at the middle school during the 2020-2021 school year. Northmont City Schools has agreed to reimburse the City for the cost of back filling the assigned school resource officers' hours with part-time officers. Motion by Gorman to approve the Resolution, second by Henning. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 09 – 20 – 45 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with ODOT to Perform a Road Safety Audit at the Intersection of Westbrook Road and Salem Avenue. Randy Sanders, Public Service Director, stated the audit has already been performed, this Resolution is to approve the project. We were contacted by ODOT in the fall of 2019 about a potential safety project at Westbrook Road intersection with Salem Avenue. ODOT worked with a consultant to perform a Road Safety Audit to identify possible solutions to accidents at that intersection. A safety grant was awarded to Clayton to perform those improvements to the intersection in fiscal year 2022. The State will assume and bear 100% of the construction and design cost. The city is responsible for the construction engineering which will be performed in house. Martina Dillon, Law Director, advised we need to amend the

Resolution's name to identify that this is now a project and not an audit. Motion by Henning to amend the Resolution to read "Road Safety Project", motion was second by Merkle. All yeas, motion carried. Motion by Merkle to approve the Resolution as amended, second by Gorman. All yeas, motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager, advised the Government Center offices will be closed Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day holiday. A reminder, our Sweep Clayton Clean event is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th at fire station 83 located on Woolery Lane. Currently, we have no agenda items for our next Council meeting scheduled September 17th. After discussion Council agreed to cancel the September 17th City Council meeting. For the 2020 Census Clayton has a 78.8% response rate as of August 26th with the deadline to complete the Census being September 30th. We continue to push social media posts weekly to our residents.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

None heard.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Kelly wished everyone a great Labor Day weekend. Gorman wished everyone a safe and happy Labor Day weekend, and with COVID-19 please be smart and this will be over soon. Henning wished everyone a great holiday weekend, but please stay socially distanced. I wish to acknowledge that I received a compliment on a staff member, Lindsey Dervali. The resident was so impressed on how she assisted them. Perhaps we can do a staff highlight program, announcing the various staff personnel that residents would encounter at the Government Center. Bachman wished everyone a happy holiday weekend. Lieberman wished everyone a happy holiday, and I'm not sure if this is correct or not but Montgomery County has the second highest rate of Covid in the state so please let's be safe, be smart, not stupid. Merkle thanked Randy Sanders and his crews for the removal of the bushes along Barrington. I wish to remind everyone absentee ballots are in the mail and if you're not comfortable voting in person, please fill them out and send them in. Be safe, be smart and wear your mask and wash your hands. Have a great holiday weekend. Stevens asked council's opinion on having our police officers CALEA Certified, let's start investigating to see if this is smart for our city. I believe in conjunction with the SR49 and Westbrook Road project we need to address the entrance to Meadowbrook as we also need to invest in our infrastructure. Again, I wish to thank the staff, Council and employees on the outstanding work they are doing during these difficult times.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Stevens advised an Executive Session is needed to discuss matters pertaining to imminent litigation. Gorman made a motion to break for an Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to imminent litigation, second by Lieberman. Voting yea were Bachman, Henning, Gorman, Merkle, Kelly, Lieberman, and Stevens. Council broke for Executive Session at 7:56 PM.

Council returned and Mayor Stevens re-opened the regular session at 8:05 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.