

Minutes of October 3, 2024 Council

Meeting of the Clayton, Ohio City Council
Clayton Government Center
October 3, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Fire Chief Brian Garver introduced the new Fire Inspector for the Clayton, Englewood and Union Fire Collaborative, Robert Emmer-Lovell.

Elaine Wittman, Assistant to the City Manager, provided Council with an update of Meadowbrook operations through September of this year, comparing it to the previous three years.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Seim presented the minutes of the September 19, 2024 Council meeting. Motion by Gorman, second by Kelly to approve the minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

David Seibel asked about the property at the corner of Taywood and Westbrook Roads, with the property being cleared, what is going in there. Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager, advised nothing has been filed with the City for development. The person who did purchase the property did go in and clear the property. Our Service Director has been in contact with them, they were required to get an EPA permit for the clearing and they also have to put up silt fence, but they have not filed anything with the city for the Planning Commission.

Earl Harlamert of the Parks Commission advised we are finally going to paint the buildings at Hardscrabble Park this Saturday from 9 – 12. Everyone is invited to come out and help.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance No. O – 09 – 24 – 18 An Ordinance Adopting the Planning Commission's Recommendation to Approve the Application for a Change in Zoning from RSD (Residential Single Unit District) to CMX (Commercial Mixed Use) for 5.0753 Acres of Property Located at Wenger Road and Hoke Road and Bearing the Parcel I.D. No.s M60 03109 0030, M60 03109 0060, and M60 03109 0034 Within the City of Clayton, Ohio. Second reading, no further discussion. Motion by Gorman to adopt the Ordinance, second by Bachman. Voting: Farmer no, Henning-yes, Gorman-yes, Merkle-yes, Kelly-abstain, Bachman-yes, and Stevens-yes. Motion passed 5-1 with one abstention.

Ordinance No. O-09-24-19 An Ordinance Rejecting the Planning Commission's Recommendation to Deny the Application for a Change in Zoning from RCD-2 (Rural Conservation District) to RSD (Residential Single Unit District) for 10 Acres of Property Located at Hoke Road and Westbrook Road Bearing the Parcel I.D. No. M60 03206 0020 within the City of Clayton, Ohio. Second reading, no further discussion. Motion by Henning to reject

the recommendation of the Planning Commission, motion was second by Gorman. Voting: Farmer-no, Henning-yes, Gorman-yes, Merkle-no, Kelly-yes, Bachman-yes, and Stevens-yes. Motion passed 5-2.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. R – 10 – 24 – 52 A Resolution Approving Amendment of 2024 Appropriations and Estimated Resources. Kevin Schweitzer, Finance Director, advised the Police department received insurance proceeds from the result of an accident that damaged a city cruiser. Revenues and expenditures of \$5,984 are requested. The Agency fund received an additional \$16,109.94 in North Clayton fees/assessments, which are paid to the Community Authority. Resources of \$16,109.94 are requested and appropriations of \$12,160.94 need increased. Motion by Henning to approve the Resolution, second by Farmer. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 10 – 24 – 53 A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Application(s) to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds for Phase 2 of the Hoke Road Widening Project from Wenger Road to National Road. Randy Sanders, Public Service Director, advised we are asking to submit another application to MVRPC for the Hoke Road, Phase 2, widening and utility expansion project, specifically on Hoke Road from Wenger Road to National Road. Staff submitted and received funding for Phase 1 of the Hoke Road widening project from Smith Road through Wenger Road including the round-a-bout at the intersection. Phase 1 is on schedule for the 2026 construction date. Motion by Gorman to approve the Resolution, second by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager, advised the Montgomery County Soil and Water Wenger Road Drainage program will have a public viewing of the project on Wednesday, October 9th from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Janice Ward Center. There is another Issue 6 informational meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 here in Council Chambers beginning at 6:30 PM. The meetings will also be streamed via zoom so residents who cannot make the meeting in person will be able to participate and ask questions. Our next Active Transportation Steering Committee meeting will be October 17, 2024, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, Councilmembers Farmer, Kelly, and Merkle are steering committee members.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Farmer thanked everyone for coming out this evening, and thanked Elaine (Wittman) for the presentation on Meadowbrook operations. I will be painting with the Parks Commission members this Saturday, please come join me, and I've been impressed at how good Hardscrabble Park looks, it's a beautiful park. Henning thanked Northmont for having Council in the Homecoming parade this evening, and good luck to the Bolts tomorrow. Early voting starts next Tuesday, October 8th and absentee ballots will be mailed Tuesday. If you're not registered to vote, Monday October 7th is the deadline. The City is doing a great job of promoting Issue 6, I've only heard positive feedback from residents, so thank you. In regards to Hurricane Helene, the winds that hit our area, we were without power for 48 hours. I would like to inquire with AES as we lose power a lot in our area, how many times a year that happens and what could be done to resolve the problem. Our hearts go out to all those in the lower states that were devastated much more than ours, it's hard to compare to what they have. They have so much destruction there, our prayers go out to them. Gorman stated I would too like to thank

Northmont High School for the parade tonight, it was a lovely night for a parade. Don't forget when you vote, vote yes for Issue 6. Merkle stated I want to say thank you to the city in terms of the work they did responding to the downed trees and everything else that happened during the storm. I was without power for 90 hours and had to empty a fridge and freezer Sunday night, but while I want to complain about that, there's others who suffered a lot worse. I do want to thank the city for the work they did getting things opened up, cleared up and making it possible for everyone. Kelly thanked the Service Department for the speedy results on the cleanup, especially there was an uprooted tree on Wenger Road that went across the roadway and it was taken care of within hours. Also, congratulations to Robert (Emmer-Lovell) for his new fire inspector position, to our staff and to the collaborative. Bachman stated it was a wonderful night for the Homecoming parade, and it was great to see so many in the community come out to support the schools, support the kids. Welcome to our new Fire Inspector Robert and welcome to the collaborative, and we wish continued success for the collaborative, that's an essential service. And, thank you Elaine for the presentation on Meadowbrook, it's a big deal where we are financially, it's been a long time coming. Stevens stated the parade was great and there was a great crowd. Northmont schools are the largest connector for all three of our cities, and we have the Fire Collaborative which is just as good. I also want to say congratulations and job well done to all of our Service department personnel, the Police department and Fire department in last weekend's storms, it was really bad and we had a large number of calls, but everyone on social media posted how quick we responded. I also want to say something about Meadowbrook, I think all those numbers are very positive. As always, I want to thank the residents who came out tonight and gave your input, for all the work our Council members do, and the staff who do an excellent job.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.