

Minutes of October 17, 2024 Council

Meeting of the Clayton, Ohio City Council
Clayton Government Center
October 17, 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.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Seim presented the minutes of the October 3, 2024 Council meeting. Motion by Gorman, second by Henning to approve the minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. O – 10 – 24 – 20 An Ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Clayton Codified Ordinances. Motion by Henning to approve the Ordinance, second by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 10 – 24 – 54 A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a renewal agreement with the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) and Burnham and Flower Insurance Group for the provision of property, casualty and liability insurance coverage for November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025 with an annual premium of \$142,398.22. Kevin Schweitzer, Finance Director, advised no major changes have occurred with our coverage, and staff has encountered no issues interacting with agency staff. This year's annual premium is \$142,398.22 a 10% increase from last year's premium. Motion by Gorman to approve the Resolution, second by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager, advised we received a communication from the Miami Valley Communications Council, a notice to local governments participating in the electrical aggregation program that our supplier Energy Harbor was purchased by Dynegy. The MVCC aggregation program will continue uninterrupted at the same rate and continue with the same terms as we currently have with Energy Harbor. In the coming weeks residential customers and small businesses participating in the electric aggregation program will receive a notice regarding Dynegy's acquisition. There is no action needed on the part of the customer, this is only a notice. There will also be a follow-up letter from the utility notifying the customer that their contract with Energy Harbor is ending and they are being automatically switched to Dynegy. We are working with a resident after discovering the walking path from Flower to Westbrook Park is on private property with no easement. We have contacted the property owner, and they are agreeable to donating the piece of property with the path on it to the City. Staff is working with the property owner and will bring surveys and legislation to Council soon. We held our last Active Transportation Plan Steering Committee meeting this evening. We will be having a

couple of popup community events where people can come in and talk about the Active Transportation Plan and what they want to see and then in January we will be bringing that to Council for acceptance. The Thoroughfare Plan is now completed. I would like to request a work session at our next Council meeting, Thursday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m. to have the Kleingers Group go over the Thoroughfare Plan. I would also like to request that we schedule a budget work session for November 21st at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 2025 budget. For the Planning Commission, staff will be bringing proposed language at their October 28th meeting for adult use cannabis and Section 1141.1 penalties. The earliest the topic will be before Council is the November 21st meeting. As a FYI, Schnicke Development has submitted preliminary plans for Warner Village to the City by the October 10th Planning Commission staff review deadline. This deadline allows staff to review and submit comments back to the property owner prior to the application submission deadline of November 7th for the November 25th Planning Commission meeting. If this case moves out of the Planning Commission with a recommendation, the earliest it will be before Council would be the December 19th Council meeting for a public hearing and first reading. Arbor Homes has purchased the land directly to the west of the Hunter's Path development. We held our last Issue 6 informational meeting on Tuesday, October 15th. The video is available on our website and on our YouTube page if you were not able to attend.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Earl Harlamert of the Parks Commission thanked members of community, specifically Sam Cox and Dana York, city staff, and Council members who assisted with the painting of the buildings at Hardscrabble Park.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Farmer thanked everyone for coming tonight and thank you to Sam and Dana for the great job painting the buildings, they look really good now. As was mentioned, the ATP open house will happen at some point, I just want to encourage everyone to come out and put in your two cents on what you like and don't like about it, the tool design working it is anxious to get inputs. Halloween is coming up, be safe out there. Early voting has started, I would encourage you to go out and do that because you never know what might happen on election day. Henning wished Happy Birthday to Earl (Harlamert). Sam and Dana York thank you, and to all the people that brought their children also, the kids had less paint on them than I did. I hope you all have a safe Halloween to all the students and children that go out, be safe and be cautious of the traffic on the streets. We have additional early voting hours starting next week, you can learn more at voteohio.gov. I would encourage you all to get out and I endorse and support Issue 6, the fiscal outlook of the city is very dependent on this passing. Gorman stated I would also like to caution everyone on Halloween evening, the 31st of October, the kids will be everywhere and I know our Police will be out there also, please be careful. I received an email from our first City Manager, Dave Rowlands. He has just been appointed City Manager of Santa Maria, California, a community of 120,000. Dave is doing well and is very happy in his new position. Merkle stated with Halloween coming up, everyone please be cautious with small children in the streets. Daylight savings is coming up, it will be the first weekend in November, be sure to set your clocks accordingly. The Board of Elections is open for early voting, please get out and vote, your vote counts. Kelly wished her Father, Earl Harlamert, happy birthday. Sam and Dana thank you so much again, the park looks amazing, I drive by every day and it looks so nice. The thing we didn't mention about Halloween was our Police Officers. Our Officers are always out

there to ensure the safety of the kids and parents, making sure everything goes smooth. Bachman stated one of the greatest rights of an American is our right to vote. A lot of people have fought and died for that right, I encourage everyone to go out and vote. Stevens asked everyone to please get out and vote, there are a lot of things that hinge on this election cycle. Whatever side you are on or whatever issue you back. My focus is on Issue 6, it is vital to our city that we can get that passed. Please vote yes on Issue 6.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.