

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

LANCASTER, OHIO

PRAYER

President Culver led the prayer before Council.

REGULAR MEETING

January 23, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the meeting to order at approximately 7:27 p.m., in Council's Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Culver led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council were present: Mrs. Bobbitt, Mr. Groff, Mr. Stoughton, Mr. Welker, Mr. Zekas, Mr. Touvell, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Hale, and Mr. Woodgeard.

READING AND DISPOSING OF THE JOURNAL

The Clerk presented the Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 9, 2012.

Mr. Hale made a motion to receive and file the Journal, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

1. Email, dated January 13, 2012, regarding Communications. Submitted by Mr. Woodgeard.
2. Email, dated January 15, 2012, regarding Service Recognition. Submitted by President Culver.
3. Email, dated January 18, 2012, regarding City Council Meetings. Submitted by Ann Palmer.

Mr. Hale made a motion to receive and file the Reports of City Officials, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Three emails, dated January 10, 2012, regarding Pearl House. Submitted by Chris Collins, Director of Development, Fairfield Homes.
2. Letter, dated January 10, 2012, regarding Rutherford House, 1743 E. Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio. Submitted by Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency, 1743 East Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

Mr. Hale made a motion to receive and file the Communications, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION (Awards)

There were no Special Presentations before Council this evening.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

There were no Petitions or Memorials before Council this evening.

PERMISSION OF VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

There were no Voters or Taxpayers to address Council this evening.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Finance Committee Meeting, dated December 11, 2011 and January 23, 2012. Submitted by Mr. Stoughton.
- 2. Water/Water Pollution Control Committee Meeting, dated January 11, 2012. Submitted by Mr. Hedges.
- 3. Planning, Zoning, & Economic Development Meeting, dated January 17, 2012. Submitted by Mr. Groff.
- 4. Safety Committee Meeting, dated January 20, 2012. Submitted by Mr. Woodgeard.
- 5. Service Committee Meeting, dated January 12, 2012. Submitted by Mr. Zekas.
- 6. Public Service Boards & Administration Meeting, dated January 12, 2012. Submitted by Mr. Touvell.

Mr. Hale made a motion to receive and file the Reports of Standing Committees, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were no Reports of Special Committees presented to Council this evening.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Public Hearings before Council this evening.

READING OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Temporary 179-11 – Third Reading – **Permanent Resolution 18-12**
PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION RC 5521.01, FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION OF PIERCE AVENUE AND FAIR AVENUE WHICH INCLUDE, MILL AND FILL, ASPHALT RESURFACING CURB REPLACEMENT/ADD WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS, ADA RAMPS AND UPGRADE OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT TO CURRENT ADA STANDARDS FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Mr. Hedges made a motion to pass engross, seconded by Mr. Zekas. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes.

Resolution Temporary 1-12 – Second Reading – Permanent Resolution 19-12

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CITY OF LANCASTER'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MITIGATION PROGRAM OF THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Woodgeard made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the third reading, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes. Mr. Woodgeard made a motion to pass engross, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes.

Resolution Temporary 4-12 – Second Reading – Permanent Resolution 20-12

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANT FOR THE HOCKING RIVER STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT

Mr. Hedges made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the third reading, seconded by Mr. Woodgeard. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes. Mr. Hedges made a motion to pass engross, seconded by Mr. Woodgeard. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes.

Resolution Temporary 5-12 – Second Reading

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE LANCASTER CITY AUDITOR TO REQUEST AN ADVANCE OF FUNDS FROM FAIRFIELD COUNTY OF THE CITY'S APPORTIONMENT OF TAX SETTLEMENTS FOR 2012

Resolution Temporary 12-12 – Second Reading

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PHOSPHATE FOR USE BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Resolution Temporary 13-12 – Second Reading

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SALT FOR USE BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Resolution Temporary 14-12 – Second Reading

PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION FOR THE CONSENT FOR BRIDGE PAINTING OF THE STRUCTURAL STEEL ON THE FAI-US 22-13.58 BRIDGE (SFN 2300257) WHICH IS THE BRIDGE ON US 22, LOCATED JUST EAST OF HUNTER AVENUE

Resolution Temporary 17-12 – Second Reading

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BIOXIDE FOR USE BY THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Resolution Temporary 21-12 – Second Reading

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE KEMPER AVENUE GAS MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Resolution Temporary 26-12 – First Reading

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ANNUAL CITY AUCTION OF CITY PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED

Resolution Temporary 27-12 – First Reading

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SICK LEAVE PAYOUT

Resolution Temporary 28-12 – First Reading

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Resolution Temporary 29-12 – First Reading – Permanent Resolution 21-11

A RESOLUTION TO ISSUE FIVE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR THE PAYMENT OF 2011 BILLS IN THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Mr. Hedges made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Woodgeard. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes. Mr. Hedges made a motion to pass engross, seconded by Mr. Woodgeard. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes.

Resolution Temporary 30-12 – First Reading

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

Resolution Temporary 31-12 – First Reading – Permanent Resolution 22-11

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LANCASTER AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 291, WITH RESPECT TO COMPENSATION AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO WORKING CONDITIONS

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Hale. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes. Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass engross, seconded by Mr. Hale. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes.

Resolution Temporary 32-12 – First Reading – Permanent Resolution 23-11

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE IMPROVEMENT FUND (317) AND AMEND CERTIFICATE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Hale. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes. Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass engross, seconded by Mr. Hale. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes.

Resolution Temporary 33-12 – First Reading

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT(S) FOR MOWING AND OTHER LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY CEMETERIES FOR 2012

READING OF ORDINANCES

NONE.

TABLED LEGISLATION

Ordinance Temporary 23-11 – Third Reading – **TABLED – December 5, 2011**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 181.04, 181.05 AND 181.15 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF AN ONE AND ONE-HALF TENTH OF ONE PERCENT TAX ON EARNINGS AND INCOME SUBJECT TO THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017 FOR PARKS AND RECREATION, AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to table Ordinance Temporary 23-11, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Stoughton mentioned that heard on the radio that that there would still be Clean Ohio Funds in the approximate amount of forty million dollars, and that it would not be completely unfunded.

Mayor Smith said that Mr. Pettit was aware of this and that the majority of the funds will be gone.

NEW BUSINESS/SPECIAL PRESENTATION

President Culver announced his recommendation of individuals for appointments to numerous boards that he assigns. Those recommendations are as follows: Meldy Bobbitt be reappointed the Special Improvement District (SID); Tim Welker be appointed to the Historic Lancaster Committee; Jon Hale be appointed to the Tax Abatement Committee; and one new board the Community Reinvestment Board he appoints Randy Groff, and James Russell. President Culver asked for a motion to accept his recommendation of appointments.

Mr. Woodgeard made a motion to accept the recommendation of appointments to the boards from President Culver, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried.

Mayor Smith announced that the State of the City date is being changed to Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. at the Olivedale Senior Citizen Center. The breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m., with the program to start at 8:00 a.m.

The Hero's Breakfast for the Red Cross will be Tuesday, February 14, 2012. Those being honored have not yet been announced.

Mr. Touvell reminded everyone that the City Park Levy will be on the ballot on March 6th and encouraged everyone to vote for this. This levy is what funds the parks and all of the programs.

President Culver stated that Mr. Overton from the Parks Department could do a presentation such as the county did when their issue was on the ballot last fall.

Mr. Stoughton thanked the administration, Chief Ward, and the local IAFF for coming to an agreement and being able to reopen Engine House 3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Next Regular Sessions of Council:**

1. Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Monday, February 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
3. Monday, March 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

READING OF BILLS

Newspaper Network \$532.70

Mr. Hale made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no requests for Executive Session before Council this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zekas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Welker. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:52 p.m.



Teresa Lee Sandy, Clerk of Council