LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL
LANCASTER, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING
March 25, 2019

PRAYER

CALL TO ORDER

President Uhl called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m., in Council’s Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Uhl led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council were present:

Mr. Baus, Mrs. Bobbitt, Mrs. Downour, Mr. Schoonover, Mr. Stoughton, and Mrs. Tener, and Mr. Woodgeard.

President Uhl asked that the record reflect that seven of nine members are in attendance tonight.

Mr. Woodgeard made a motion to excuse Mr. Groff and Mr. McDaniel from tonight’s meeting, seconded by Mr. Baus. The motion carried.

READING AND DISPOSING OF THE JOURNAL

The Clerk presented the Regular Meeting Minutes dated March 11, 2019.

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to receive and file the Journal, seconded by Mrs. Downour. After no discussion, the motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

1. Email, dated March 13, 2019, regarding City of Lancaster’s Community Development Block Grant Program. Submitted by Mary Jo Smith, Executive Director Lancaster Community Development Department.

2. Email, dated March 25, 2019, regarding Council Tonight. Submitted by Mr. Groff.

3. Email, dated March 25, 2019, regarding CDBG Activities Report. Submitted by Mary Jo Smith, Executive Director Lancaster Community Development Department.
Mr. Schoonover made a motion to receive and file the Reports of City Officials, seconded by Mrs. Downour. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Notice to Legislative Authority of the transfer of a liquor license. From: Thomas J. Dunnington & Ralph Michal Ankrom dba Dawg House Tavern, located at 701 Reese Avenue and Patio, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. To: DG2 Properties LLC dba Dog House Tavern, located at 701 Reese Avenue and Patio, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. Submitted by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, 6606 Tussing Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

2. Email, dated March 12, 2019, regarding Letter and Supporting Documents Regarding Electronic Monitoring. Carri Brown, Fairfield County Commissioner’s County Administrator.

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to receive and file the Communications, seconded by Mrs. Downour. The motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION (Awards)

President Uhl announced that tonight we have a special presentation by Mayor David Scheffler. President Uhl turned the floor over to the Mayor for the presentation.

Mayor David Scheffler announced the name of the City’s long time secret plant coming to town as Magna Seating of America. He invited everyone to visit their website and stated that the City has had a lot of partners landing this plant. The City first started meeting with them last October. They have had a number of visits, a lot of coordination with JobsOhio, Columbus2020, Fairfield County Commissioners, Lancaster Area Community Improvement Corporation, Lancaster Port Authority, and others in making this deal happen. The Mayor made a special thanks to Mike Pettit, because no one really knows how much work goes into a deal like this. Coordinating and gathering of data, coordinating meetings, getting late evening phone calls or messages saying “we need this data by 10:00 tomorrow morning” and he pulled it off very successfully. The City of Lancaster was first up against three other states, and one by one the City of Lancaster kept rising to the final two and then the final one. The Mayor shared a video that explains a little bit about what is going to be going on in the plant here in Lancaster. The video shared may be on the Magna Seating of America webpage. Mayor Scheffler stated, after the video, the focus now goes to Mitch Noland, City Engineer, getting infrastructure, traffic studies, etc. done. There will be a fast track plant construction and then the workforce of where the 300 workers will come from and be trained. The City of Lancaster is extremely happy about this and excited to have Magna Seating of America and should be a great teamwork from everyone and a great benefit to the City of Lancaster.

President Uhl asked if anyone had any questions or comments, with none, he briefly stated congratulations to the Mayor and Economic Developer Pettit and a great number of organizations that were part of making this a reality. An innovated industry standard setting company that is coming to Lancaster with 300 jobs is not a small thing. It is a big deal and how this has come about is a testament about everyone is working together to move the City forward. President Uhl again congratulated the Mayor and his team on a really successful venture here.

PETITIONS & MEMORIALS

There were no Petitions or Memorials before Council this evening.
PERMISSION OF VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

William Good, 3137 Meister Road, Lancaster. Mr. Good addressed City Council this evening in regards to Patriot Front, Proud Boys 3%, Anti Communist Action, or Atomwaffen Division. Mr. Good read from a prepared speech which was given to the Clerk for the record along with a photo of one of the flyers he spoke about in his prepared speech.

David McKinstry, 604 N. High Street, Lancaster. Mr. McKinstry addressed City Council this evening in regards to curb/sidewalk replacement program.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee Meeting minutes for March 25, 2019, submitted by Mr. Stoughton.

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to receive and file the Reports of Standing Committees, seconded by Mrs. Downour. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

PUBLIC HEARING

President Uhl shared the rules of the public hearing and asked the Clerk to read the preamble.

Temporary Resolution 45-19 (Groff/Schoonover)
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 929.02

Mr. Schoonover explained that an application was served upon the Clerk on March 4th to add farmland in an agricultural district.

President Uhl asked that anyone here wanting to speak in favor of Temporary Resolution 45-19 to come forward at this time. With none, he asked that anyone wanting to speak against Temporary Resolution 45-19 to come forward at this time. With none, he turned the floor back over to Mr. Schoonover for closing comments.

Mr. Schoonover stated that he had nothing further to add.

President Uhl closed the Public Hearing.

READING OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Temporary 35-19 – Third Reading – Permanent Resolution 42-19
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ODOT TO PURCHASE SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) FOR THE 2019-2020 WINTER SEASON
Mr. Schoonover made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 25-19, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt.

Mr. Schoonover explained this is a yearly LDOT resolution for rock salt. This resolution will be placed in the annual housekeeping pieces going forward.

President Uhl asked if there is any discussion on the motion to pass, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to pass carried 7-0.

**Resolution Temporary 39-19 – Second Reading – Permanent Resolution 43-19**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE FETTER’S RUN STREAM RESTORATION AND SANITARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Woodgeard explained that this resolution is for the manhole covers in the amount of $300,000.00 and that he plans on asking for suspension.

Mr. Woodgeard made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the third reading of Temporary Resolution 39-19, seconded by Mr. Baus.

President Uhl asked if there is any discussion on the motion to suspend, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to suspend carried 7-0.

Mr. Woodgeard made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 39-19, seconded by Mr. Baus.

President Uhl asked if there is any discussion on the motion to pass, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to pass carried 7-0.

**Resolution Temporary 40-19 – Second Reading – March 25, 2019**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE SANITATION FUND (605), AND AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mrs. Bobbitt stated that this the second of three readings.

**Resolution Temporary 41-19 – Second Reading – Permanent Resolution 44-19**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO WAVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PIONEER ALLEY STORM SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Woodgeard explained that this is a resolution to allow dispense with competitive bidding for the alley project, and he will be asking for suspension.

Mr. Woodgeard made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the third reading of Temporary Resolution 41-19, seconded by Mr. Baus.

President Uhl asked if there is any discussion on the motion to suspend, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to suspend carried 7-0.
Mr. Woodgeard made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 41-19, seconded by Mr. Baus.

President Uhl asked if there is any discussion on the motion to pass, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to pass carried 7-0.

**Resolution Temporary 42-19 – Second Reading – March 25, 2019**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE MONDHANK DRIVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Woodgeard stated that this is the second of three readings.

**Resolution Temporary 44-19 – Second Reading – March 25, 2019**
A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE IMPROVEMENT FUND (317), AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF OTHER SOURCES AND APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND ISSUE A THEN AND NOW

Mr. Stoughton stated that this is the second of three readings.

**Resolution Temporary 45-19 – Second Reading – March 25, 2019**
Public Hearing Scheduled for March 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 929.02

Mr. Schoonover stated that this is second of three readings.

**Resolution Temporary 47-19 – First Reading – March 25, 2019**
A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE LDOT FUND (208), AND AMEND THE CERTIFICATE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mr. Schoonover stated that this is the first of three readings.

**Resolution Temporary 48-19 – First Reading – March 25, 2019**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT AND BYLAWS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF NEORIDE AN OHIO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Mr. Schoonover stated that this is the first of three readings.

**Resolution Temporary 49-19 – First Reading – March 25, 2019**
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT KNOWN AS ROCKMILL CORPORATE PARK PHASE 2 – PART 3 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT GWN AND PROJECT CHARGE
Mr. Schoonover stated that this is the first of three readings.

**Resolution Temporary 50-19 – First Reading – Permanent Resolution 45-19**
A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND (101), AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND ISSUE A THEN AND NOW

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Temporary Resolution 50-19, seconded by Mrs. Downour.
Mr. Stoughton explained at the end of 2018, the City was working on the public right-of-way regulation and the purchase order was closed at the end of 2018. The funds need to be reappropriated to pay for work that has been completed, and this is the reason for the request for suspension because the City has the bill in hand.

President Uhl asked if there is any discussion on the motion to suspend, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to suspend carried 7-0.

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 50-19, seconded by Mrs. Downour.

President Uhl asked if there is any discussion on the motion to pass, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to pass carried 7-0.

**Resolution Temporary 51-19 – First Reading – March 25, 2019**
A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE LDOT IMPROVEMENT FUND (314), AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF OTHER SOURCES & APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND ISSUE A THEN AND NOW

Mr. Stoughton stated that this is the first of two readings.

**Resolution Temporary 52-19 – First Reading – Permanent Resolution 46-19**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE ROADWORK DEVELOPMENT (629) GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY IN FURTHERANCE OF PROJECT GWN IN THE ROCK MILL INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Temporary Resolution 52-19, seconded by Mrs. Downour.

Mr. Stoughton explained that this morning the Ohio Development Services Agency approved the $1.115 Million Dollar Grant to the City of Lancaster for this project specifically in support of Project GWN, which we now know to be Magna to provide a wonderful economic development opportunity. He stated he is asking for suspension to collect those funds as soon as possible.

President Uhl asked if there is any discussion on the motion to suspend, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to suspend carried 7-0.

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 52-19, seconded by Mrs. Downour.
President Uhl asked if there is any discussion on the motion to pass, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to pass carried 7-0.

President Uhl asked if there were any further resolutions to come before Council this evening. With none, we moved onto the next order of business.

READING OF ORDINANCES

None.

TABLED LEGISLATION

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business before Council this evening.

NEW BUSINESS/SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Tener stated that she wanted to address the gentlemen that spoke about sidewalks during the Voters and Taxpayer Section of the meeting. She explained that the Code Enforcement Committee will be meeting on Monday, April 1st at 7:30 a.m. They will be meeting in City Hall, 104 East Main Street in the basement conference room on the second floor. They will be discussing the sidewalk and possible CDBG funding coming available that can be used toward infrastructure and part of that is sidewalk. She has spoken to the Grant person and they have discussed some options.

Service-Safety Director Martin announced that the conference room in the basement no longer exists and that the meetings will now take place on the second floor in City Hall.

President Uhl asked if there was further new business this evening.

Mrs. Tener wanted to address the first gentleman speaking during the Voters and Taxpayers portion of tonight's meeting. Mrs. Tener stated that she is not aware of this and is not on Facebook and does not recall anything being in the paper in regards to what he was discussing. She asked Mr. Good how long this has been going on here in town with the signs

Mr. Good explained that those would have been put up late February or early March. He also stated that he spent about a week and a half trying to contact Lancaster Police Department with no return phone calls. This is why he brought it to City Council. He is not sure if this was ever reported to the Police Department as vandalism, because he never filled out a report with them, he only spoke to an officer on the phone. He doubts it was reported or reported to the newspaper.

Mrs. Tener asked Mr. Good how many signs were out.

Mr. Good stated that there were three. The individuals targeted the American flag poles in the downtown area. The first was placed in front of O’Huid’s, on second one Broad Street by the fountain, and the third by the Sheridan House.
President Uhl asked if there was further new business this evening.

Mrs. Bobbitt asked if he knew if the City removed those signs

Mayor David Scheffler stated that he was not even aware of the signs.

Service-Safety Director stated that all requests must come through his office. He approved the relative for the placement of the yellow and black flags to be placed for the fallen officer down Main Street and Memorial Drive. He doesn’t remember seeing the signs spoke about, but that doesn’t mean they weren’t there, but he would not be authorizing such signs. Anyone seeing these should contact his office. The City is opposed to the extremist groups and thanked Mr. Good for making the City aware of the signs

President Uhl asked if there is any other new business this evening, with none, we moved on to the next order of business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Sessions of Council:
1. April 8th at 6:30 p.m.
2. April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Committee Meetings for the next 30 days:
1. Code Enforcement – April 1st at 7:30 a.m. – CH (2nd Floor CR)
2. IT/Telecom – April 4th at 7:30 a.m. – Annex Building (Conf. Room)
3. Finance – April 8th at 6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers
4. Law – April 10th at 9:00 a.m. – FCMC Community Room
5. Public Works – April 12th at 7:30 a.m. – LPT (Conference Room)
6. Water/WPC – April 17th at 7:00 a.m. – WPC (Conference Room)
7. Finance – April 22nd at 6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

Upcoming Special Meetings:
1. None.

READING OF BILLS

PNC – MNCO - $165.40 (Publication of Ordinances)
PNC – MNCO - $53.30 (Publication of Notice of Public Hearing)

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mrs. Downour. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no requests for Executive Session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Downour. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:14 p.m.

[Signature]
Teresa Lee Sandy, Clerk of Council