LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL
LANCASTER, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING
May 6, 2019

PRAYER

CALL TO ORDER

President Uhl called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35 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:

Mrs. Bobbitt, Mrs. Downour; Mr. Groff, Mr. McDaniel, Mr. Schoonover, Mr. Stoughton, and Mrs. Tener, and Mr. Woodgeard.

President Uhl asked that the record reflect that all of eight members are in attendance tonight.

READING AND DISPOSING OF THE JOURNAL

The Clerk presented the Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 22, 2019.

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

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

1. Email, dated May 1, 2019, regarding Notice of Public Hearing #2. Submitted by Mary Jo Smith, Executive Director Community Development Department.
2. Email, dated May 2, 2019, regarding May 2019 Economic Development Meeting. Submitted by Mr. McDaniel.
3. Email, dated May 4, 2019, regarding LPD Awards Ceremony. Submitted by Mr. Groff.
5. Email, dated May 6, 2019, regarding Lighthouse MOU. Submitted by Law Director Randall Ullom.

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to receive and file the Reports of City Officials, seconded by Mrs. Tener. The motion carried.
COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Communications before Council this evening.

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 minutes for May 6, 2019, submitted by Mr. Stoughton.
2. Public Works Committee Meeting minutes for April 12, 2019, submitted by Mr. Schoonover.

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to receive and file the Reports of Standing Committees, seconded by Mr. Groff. The 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 scheduled before Council this evening.

READING OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Temporary 53-19 – Third Reading – Permanent Resolution 60-19

A RESOLUTION OF CONSENT FOR PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION FOR THE WIDENING OF ETY ROAD WITH THE ADDITION OF TURN LANES AT CR 33A (MEMORIAL DRIVE AND CR 37 (N. COLUMBUS STREET) WITHIN THE CITY OF LANCASTER

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 53-19, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt.

Mr. Schoonover explained this resolution gives permission to the City of Lancaster to work with the State of Ohio with the widening process of Ety Road.

President Uhl asked if there is any other discussion on the motion to pass, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to pass carried 8-0.
Resolution Temporary 59-19 – Second Reading – Permanent Resolution 61-19
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO FUND THE SENTINEL OFFENDER SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS TO BE UTILIZED BY THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the third reading of Temporary Resolution 59-19, seconded by Mrs. Downour.

Mr. Stoughton stated that he will give a better explanation after suspension.

President Uhl asked if there is any further discussion on the motion to suspend, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to suspend carried 8-0.

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 59-19, seconded by Mrs. Downour.

Mr. Stoughton explained that the next four resolutions before Council all deal with the Sentinel Services Contract and the monitoring required by the Municipal Court. The Municipal Court is required to provide monitoring, and with that there is a Memorandum of Understanding with the County, who basically pay for this monitoring. Better technology was found, at a cheaper price with the Sentinel Technology, which is on the state bid contract. These four resolutions, Temporary Resolution 59-19, is going to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with the county through a Memorandum of Understanding for the better technology and cheaper services, plus the City meeting their requirement to provide the monitoring capability through the courts. Temporary Resolution 60-19, is going to allow for the City to not go out for contract, but to buy directly from the state contract, which is the best price. This will optimize the opportunity to move quickly to buy this technology. Temporary Resolution 61-19, which is first reading, will set up the funding accounts where funding will come in and bills will be paid out of. Temporary Resolution 62-19, will allow for the appropriation of the funds from the county into the fund so all expenditures can be paid and all revenues can be received. The next four resolutions, Mr. Stoughton will be asking for suspension, and will be encompassed in this discussion. Additional questions or discussion can take place, should anyone wish to. But, all four resolutions go together and that is why he covered them all together.

President Uhl asked if there is any other discussion on the motion to pass, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to pass carried 8-0.

Resolution Temporary 60-19 – Second Reading – Permanent Resolution 62-19
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DISPENSE WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING SERVICES FOR CRIMINAL OFFENDERS UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM TO BE UTILIZED BY THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the third reading of Temporary Resolution 60-19, seconded by Mr. McDaniel.
President Uhl asked if there is any further discussion on the motion to suspend, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to suspend carried 8-0.

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 60-19, seconded by Mr. McDaniel.

President Uhl asked if there is any other discussion on the motion to pass, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to pass carried 8-0.

Resolution Temporary 61-19 – First Reading – Permanent Resolution 63-19
A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A NEW FUND AND SET UP A REVENUE ACCOUNT & EXPENSE ACCOUNTS FOR COURT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND (249)

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Temporary Resolution 61-19, seconded by Mrs. Downour.

President Uhl asked if there is any other discussion on the motion to suspend, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to suspend carried 8-0.

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 61-19, seconded by Mrs. Downour.

President Uhl asked if there is any other discussion on the motion to pass, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to pass carried 8-0.

Resolution Temporary 62-19 – First Reading – Permanent Resolution 64-19
A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE COURT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND (249), AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF OTHER SOURCES & 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 62-19, seconded by Mr. McDaniel.

President Uhl asked if there is any other discussion on the motion to suspend, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to suspend carried 8-0.

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 62-19, seconded by Mr. McDaniel.

Mr. Woodgeard asked what the savings of this new program is.

Law Director Ulloom stated that those are just funding in the account. The old program costs nearly a million dollars a year and this new program will roughly cost five hundred thousand dollars.

President Uhl asked if there is any other discussion on the motion to pass, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to pass carried 8-0.
Resolution Temporary 63-19 – First Reading – May 6, 2019
A RESOLUTION TO AMEND PERMANENT RESOLUTION 28-18 AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PARK STREET LOCUST/EWING STREET SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mr. Woodgeard stated that this is first reading.

Resolution Temporary 64-19 – First Reading – May 6, 2019
A RESOLUTION TO AMEND PERMANENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 68-17 AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PARK STREET AND LOCUST/EWING STREET SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT, WHICH WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE 2017 SEWER LINING PROJECT

Mr. Woodgeard stated that this is first reading.

Resolution Temporary 65-19 – First Reading – Permanent Resolution 65-19
A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND (101), AND AMEND THE CERTIFICATE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mrs. Bobbitt made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Temporary Resolution 65-19, seconded by Mr. Woodgeard.

Mrs. Bobbitt stated as it was explained in the Finance Committee, this to cover a claim where a City tree fell on a garage and vehicle.

President Uhl asked if there is any other discussion on the motion to suspend, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to suspend carried 8-0.

Mrs. Bobbitt made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 65-19, seconded by Mr. Woodgeard.

President Uhl asked if there is any other discussion on the motion to pass, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to pass carried 8-0.

Resolution Temporary 66-19 – First Reading – May 6, 2019
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA 3 AND AUTHORIZING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS UP TO 100% FOR UP TO 15 YEARS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL UNITS AS ESTABLISHED BY SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE

Mr. McDaniel stated that this is the first reading of this resolution, but stated that Council would like to discuss this in more detail.

President Uhl asked that the maps be placed pack up on the screen as Council gets ready to engage in discussion. President Uhl asked Mayor Scheffler to briefly describe what this is about.
Mayor Scheffler explained that this resolution proposes a community reinvestment area for census tract 317, 320, and 322 for multifamily housing. At least part of the area is already covered by community reinvestment area legislation but it is restricted to industrial and commercial developments in residential. It is specifically excluded from this. This started out as an attempt to provide some incentives for some developer to do something with Gateway Site at the corner of Main and Memorial Drive. In the research necessary to get this legislation before Council and also passed by the Development Services Agency, the Mayor stated that he looked at the census tract surrounding 320, and it became pretty obvious that these three census tracts are the poorest areas of town. The medium family income for Lancaster is $53,700.00, for the State of Ohio is $77,900.00, and whole Fairfield County is $76,000.00. But, for these three census tracts the medium family income is for 317 is $42,000, for 320 is $36,800.00, and for 322 is $35,700.00. There is a significant amount in that population that census tract is below the poverty level. This is an effort to spur some development in these three census tracts, which are covered by an existing CRA, but are not zoned for industrial or heavy commercial, so it is unlikely that any other development would happen in those three census tracts other than residential. There has been no new residential, to speak of, in these three census tracts and the average age of the homes in this area is 61 years for census tract 317, 75 years for 320, and 76 years for 322. If the City could spur some multifamily housing development, in these areas would bring construction jobs and the housing itself and hopefully be affordable, and maybe some shopping and grocery enterprises in the neighborhoods.

President Uhl summarized what Mayor Scheffler explained and then stated we would get onto questions from Council. There is currently a CRA that exists and encompass some of this area, but it excludes residential. This is only for new multi-use unit family residential development.

Mayor Scheffler stated that it is for three multifamily units or more.

President Uhl explained that now one currently living in these areas will receive no type tax break or abatement on their property tax. Residential folks will continue to pay what they have been paying on their residential property tax. President Uhl asked what questions do members of Council have.

Mr. Groff stated with only receiving the legislation with parcel numbers, without the map until tonight, he did spot check parcel numbers over the weekend and noticed that this included what is known as East School property as well as the Lancaster Glass site. Mr. Groff asked if it was fair to say that those two properties are probably the major properties among this at looking at development.

Mayor Scheffler stated that yes, that those two and maybe the Sherman school site may be another one that would be appropriate for development once the school moves out.

Mr. Groff stated in spurring development, asked if it was fair to say that the East School site has already been sold and already has a development plan.

Mayor Scheffler stated there is a plan development, but is not sure if the property has sold or not.

Mr. Groff asked if it was also fair to say on the Lancaster Glass site, as far as the development of that property. Yes it has been vacant for a while, it was demolished and has been in the process of being cleaned up over about 7 years or 8 years. The City applied for the grants for the cleanup the property environmentally. The grants amounted to about three million dollars from the State of Ohio to do the environmental cleanup on that property. Those grants were based on the right up of the City in the application, saying that this would spur so much in the way of tax dollars and so much in the way of
jobs. It was written to be a mixed use development of commercial and residential. If this
does not follow what was written in the application, he asked if the City is liable to reimburse
those grant funds to the State.

Mayor Scheffler stated that he is not knowledgeable in that grant.

Law Director Randall Ullom state that the grant was for cleanup of the site, and that has taken
place. It was a public/private partnership with Wagenbrenner and the City of Lancaster.

Mr. Groff stated that Wagenbrenner had a development plan for the property.

Law Director Ullom answered, yes, that he believes that they did or do. That was a Clean
Ohio Grant and the purpose of the grant was to clean up the property to be able to be
marketable and could be reused.

Mr. Groff stated that the grant was based on how it would be developed and how it would
provide so much in tax revenues and to provide jobs.

Law Director Ullom stated that he does not remember the specifics of the grant language, but
what he can say is that the State has been fully aware with the regards of this grant and
Wagenbrenner has chosen not to develop it. He believes if there was an issue with that over
the last couple of years the State would have raised the issue, and they did not.

Mr. Groff said that Law Director Ullom stated that Wagenbrenner owns that property, when
the grant was first applied for, Wagenbrenner was brought in asked if they purchased the
property and if the City received anything for the property. There is no record that they own
it, but it is in the records that Lancaster Colony was looking to donate it to the City, and there
are records that the County Commissioners were pushing for the donation to the City, but
seems to be a lack of records where Wagenbrenner actually bought or donated to them.

Law Director Ullom stated that is has been some time since he looked at it, but the County
Auditor’s records would show that Wagenbrenner did purchase, but he doesn’t know when.

President Uhl stated that he saw a couple other hands and that we would come back to Mr.
Groff.

Mr. Groff stated as a follow up questions, as it comes with the Lancaster Glass Property that
clean up did take a number of years, and that the No Further Action Permit, from the EPA
was given to make it eligible to build upon.

Mayor Scheffler stated that it may have been as long as two years.

Mr. Groff stated that he does have one more question regarding Housing Officer and Housing
Council.

President Uhl stated that we will come back to those.

Mr. Stoughton stated that he just wanted to stay on topic, and didn’t think that that was on
point with a CRA 3 overlay on three tracts of property. He stated if one has an issue about a
certain property that that is an offline discussion. Council is talking about a CRA for three
tracts that want to promote multifamily/multi residential housing and wanted to make sure that we stay on point in discussion.

Mr. Woodgeard stated that Council did discuss in the Finance Committee Meeting that 100% is a figure. It will be for 100% of new construction and has nothing to do with already existing.

Mayor Scheffler states that the legislation calls for up to 100% or up to 15 years and will be up to the Housing Council to decide what is actually awarded. That is also only on new construction, and if a developer purchases a piece of land, they will continue to pay income tax on the land and any other buildings currently on the site and will continue. It only apply for the new investment that any tax abatement may be awarded.

Mr. Woodgeard asked if that included the school taxes.

Mayor Scheffler answered that that includes all property taxes.

Mr. Woodgeard stated that Council has no contact with this once it is passed.

Mayor Scheffler believes that that is true, and asked Law Director Ullom.

Law Director Ullom stated that that is true and Council has no approval.

President Uhl stated that the Housing Council will decide that and City Council will appoint to members to represent them who cannot be members of City Council, but will serve as representatives of City Council on that Council, so you exercise your virtues through that.

Mr. Woodgeard stated that is was stated that Sherman site was mentioned, but the Sherman site is in the floodplain and doubtful to get funding unless the property was elevated.

Mayor Scheffler answered that that is correct.

Mrs. Tener stated to reiterate about that, City Council can revisit this in 2029.

President Uhl asked if there were any further questions.

Mrs. Bobbitt asked if South school would also be in this.

Mayor Scheffler answered yes, that is correct.

President Uhl asked if there was further discussion before we move back to Mr. Groff.

Mr. Groff stated a follow up on Mrs. Bobbitt’s comment, South school is not be developed into residential.

Mayor Scheffler stated that South school is actually owned by Fairfield Community Health and they have other plans and if that ever fell through and there was a residential development, it would be eligible.

Mr. Groff stated this legislation mentioned a Housing Officer and a Housing Council, and asked who is that?
Mayor Scheffler answered that Pete Vail is the Housing Officer for the City and the Housing Council has yet to be appointed. City Council has two appointments, the Mayor has two, the Planning Commission has one, and then those five individuals appoint two more for a total of seven.

Mr. Groff asked if these will be somebody from the community as opposed to a City employee.

Mayor Scheffler answered it could be.

Mr. Groff asked if there was a list of people for appointment at this point.

Mayor Scheffler answered that not that he was aware of. Mayor Scheffler has spoken to President Uhl about the fact that Council will need to appoint two people.

Mr. Groff asked if the Planning Commission was meeting on this issue this week.

Mayor Scheffler answered the regular monthly meeting of the Planning Commission is this Thursday.

Mr. Groff asked if anything has been advised to them on this issue.

Mayor Scheffler stated that he actually suggested to them that the President of the Planning Commission, who is Paul Martin, could be their appointment, but it is up to them who they appoint.

President Uhl stated this same holds true to City Council, and that we will appoint two members and it is our hope that we can get that done at the next meeting when this legislation comes forward. It can be anyone of that City Council chooses, with the exception of any member of legislative branch. None of the nine members of Council that are part of the legislative branch can serve in that capacity.

Mr. Stoughton asked, what is it that the Housing Council does?

Mayor Scheffler answered that they have very limited functions. They are charged with inspecting any property that is awarded the tax abatement, every year. There is a report that has to be filed with the State of Ohio regarding this and they hear any appeals about this issue and a few other things.

President Uhl stated an example of an appeal would be if it were denied, then that developer could bring it before the Housing Council, who would hear that appeal.

Mayor Scheffler answered that that is correct.

Mr. Stoughton asked if the Housing Officer was defined as Pete Vail’s role or is that something that would be defined by the Housing Council.

Mayor Scheffler stated that it is defined by Pete Vail’s role. It is not necessarily Pete Vail, but rather the City Building inspector position, listed in the Ohio Revised Code.
Mr. Stoughton asked, what is the makeup of the Housing Council again and who appoints them?

Mayor Scheffler answered the Mayor appoints two members, City Council appoints two members, Planning Commission appoint one member, and then those five appoint two members.

President Uhl stated that anyone that hasn’t spoken to this before we head back to those who have.

Mr. Woodgeard stated that since City Council cannot appoint a City Council Member as one of their appointments.

President Uhl answered that City Council cannot appoint one of nine members of the legislative branch.

Mr. Woodgeard asked if the Mayor also had some restrictions or could he appoint a government official.

President Uhl stated that he was not sure if there were any restrictions in regard to the Mayor’s role in his appointments.

Mr. Woodgeard asked if anyone wanting to develop in the downtown area.

Mayor Scheffler stated that there is a CRA currently that would cover that area and if they wanted to do a commercial development, it would be covered.

Mrs. Tener thinks with the way the legislation reads is why individuals think it is 100%, and asked if it could be broken down some way, in Section 4 to say what it covers that they would have to pay.

Mayor Scheffler stated that it is a 100% of new investment. The real estate taxes on the land would continue and they would pay taxes on any other preexisting buildings or structures on that property. It is only on new investments and if a new developer built a multifamily property, the tax abatement would cover that new building only.

President Uhl stated that this feels very clear to him that when you read the preamble up to 100% for the construction of new residential unit. He asked if he is missing something that Mrs. Tener is specifically looking for it to say.

Mrs. Tener stated that we can just go on.

Mr. Groff asked for one quick clarification, it was stated that no one from Council could serve on this Council. He asked if someone from the Planning Commission serve on this Council.

Mayor Scheffler stated by the best of his knowledge they can.

Mr. Groff asked, if that would be a dual role, because some of the development may have to go through Planning Commission its self and they would have to be on both?

Law Director Randall Ullom stated that on a case by case you would have to determine if a conflict of interest actually exists, and he couldn’t just say no.

Mr. Groff stated that he just wanted clarification.
President Uhl asked if there was any further discussion or questions.

Mr. Stoughton asked if the President could serve on this being part of the Executive branch and not the legislative branch could serve on this committee.

Law Director Ullom answered that yes, that is correct.

President Uhl asked if there was any further discussion on this particular resolution. This resolution will go two readings and this is the first reading on this.

Mr. Woodgerd stated when the map appeared on the screen, it was never stated what those areas where.

Mayor Scheffler explained census tract 317 is bounded roughly by the Hocking River up to almost Memorial Drive, back south on Pierce Avenue, then west on Fair Avenue, and back to Lincoln Avenue; census tract 320 is bounded by the Hocking River on the west, High Street on the east, railroad tracks on the south, and zigs and zags from east to west along Fair Avenue, North Columbus Street, and back over to Pierce Avenue; census tract 322 is bounded near east side of town by King Street, Ewing Street, on the east side of High Street on the east end and goes down Memorial Drive to the edge of town. It is the near east side and south side of town.

President Uhl stated a robust discussion on an important piece of legislation and asked if there was anything further.

President Uhl stated not as a proponent or opponent of this legislation, but just in general the City of Lancaster needs more affordable housing. The Mayor and President Uhl had the opportunity to meet a couple of months ago with Community Action and the Housing Report that they put together shows that the City of Lancaster is of a deficit for affordable housing units. This is an important thing to help spur it along then he thinks that this could only be good.

Mr. McDaniel stated that this is first of two readings.

Resolution Temporary 67-19 – First Reading – Permanent Resolution 66-19
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO ASSIST THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN APPLYING FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020. THIS RESOLUTION IS IN FURThERANCE OF PROJECT GWN (MAGNA)

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Temporary Resolution 67-19 seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt.

Mr. Schoonover stated that this resolution gives City Engineer Noland an opportunity to submit a grant to the Transportation Improvement District for up to $250,000.00 to put towards some of the additional costs that the City may run into with the Magna Seating Project out on Mill Park Drive.
President Uhl asked if there is any further discussion on the motion to suspend, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to suspend carried 8-0.

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 67-19, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt.

Mr. Schoonover stated the suspension is to allow City Engineer Noland to meet his deadline for the grant application at the end of this month.

President Uhl asked if there is any further discussion on the motion to pass, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to pass carried 8-0.

**Resolution Temporary 68-19 – First Reading – Permanent Resolution 67-19**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LIGHTHOUSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO TO PARTIALLY FUND CRIME VICTIM ADVOCACY SERVICES IN THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Downour made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Temporary Resolution 68-19 seconded by Mr. McDaniel.

Mrs. Downour explained this was spoken a lot about at the last Finance Committee Meeting as well as tonight’s Finance Committee Meeting. This is to allow for the continuation of the Court Advocate Position, where the City Law Director’s Office will pay for this out of their contract labor fund, pay for the salary for one of the court advocates between May – August, and this is the reason for the request to suspend.

President Uhl asked if there is any further discussion on the motion to suspend, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to suspend carried 8-0.

Mrs. Downour made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 68-19, seconded by Mr. McDaniel.

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

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**

**Ordinance Temporary 6-19 – Third Reading – Permanent Ordinance 10-19**

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT APPROXIMATELY TEN (10) ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF PROPERTY SITUATED IN TOWNSHIP 14, RANGE 19, SECTIONS 2 & 3, CITY OF LANCASTER, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, FROM FAIRFIELD HOMES INC.

Mr. Groff asked to change the second on this resolution initially seconded by Mr. Baus to Mr. Schoonover.
Mr. Groff made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Ordinance 6-19, seconded by Mr. Schoonover.

Mr. Groff stated that he didn't have any discussion, unless Law Director Ullom would like to add anything. With nothing, Mr. Groff stated that this was discussed over the last couple of meetings.

President Uhl asked if there is any further discussion on the motion to pass, with none, he requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to pass carried 8-0.

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

**TABLED LEGISLATION**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business before Council this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS/SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mayor Scheffler the award that the City of Lancaster that was given at the National Cartograph Conference in Denver, last week is laying on table in the back for anyone to look at. This award was for the City of Lancaster’s adaption Cartograph to be used by Code Enforcement and for the innovated things the City does with Cartograph. Cartograph and ESRI visited the City to look at specifically how the Gas Department is using Cartograph and kind of a shining example to them of what it could do. Congratulations to Scott Snider in IT for his work, and making the nomination, and acceptance the nomination.

President Uhl congratulated Scott Snider and all those involved in this award.

Service-Safety Director Martin announced that Mayor Scheffler did do a post on the website showing a live view that rotates about every 60 seconds. This camera is located in the City Hall bell tower. Any resident or employee can visit the City’s homepage to what it going on in the downtown.

President Uhl announced that you can find that on the home page and find a link for it on the Mayor’s Face book page. President Uhl asked if there was any further new business this evening.

President Uhl stated that he had the opportunity to attend the Police Recognition lunch, this past Friday, and Chief Pillar and his team put on a fantastic event. He was impressed by how well the event was put together and by the great number of awards that were given out to the men and women of the Lancaster Police Department. They are appreciated. Last week was first responder week, and we appreciate all of our first responders here in Lancaster that keep us safe each and every day.
President Uhl also congratulated Kiwanis who turned 100 and that they had their 100th anniversary and celebration this past weekend. Congratulation for the Kiwanis Club of Lancaster and thanks for all the great things that they do including the fantastic park that they are working to get put in over at Hunter Park.

President Uhl also reminded everyone, while there are no contested races here in the City of Lancaster, that you should go out and vote tomorrow. The school board bond levy is on and he would encourage everyone to go and to vote.

President Uhl asked if there was any other new business for this evening.

Mrs. Bobbitt thanked all of the volunteers that came out for Downtown Clean Up Day last Saturday. There were over 100 volunteers and there help was appreciated.

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. May 20th at 6:30 p.m.
2. June 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Committee Meetings for the next 30 days:
1. Economic Development – May 9th at 7:30 a.m. – CH (2nd Floor CR)
2. Service – May 10th at 7:30 a.m. – Gas Dept. Conference Room
3. Water/WPC – May 15th at 7:00 a.m. – WPC (Conference Room)
4. Finance – May 20th at 6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers
5. Code Enforcement – June 3rd at 7:30 a.m. – CH (2nd Floor CR)

Upcoming Special Meetings:
1. None.

Mr. Stoughton asked if Council should members to this Housing.

President Uhl stated he thinks that the City would like to Housing Board at the next meeting, when the legislation comes up for vote.

Mr. Stoughton stated with that coming through Economic Development, if ideas of people for those position, could be emailed to Mr. McDaniel.

President Uhl stated that that is a fine idea.

Mr. Stoughton stated that way, to populate the board, as part of the legislation, that there is not much time to do that.

President Uhl does not think it needs to be done as part of the legislation, but rather a separate motion and voting.

Mr. Stoughton stated that he gets that, but it needs to be in place once the investment area is up and running.
President Uhl asked that all ideas be sent to Mr. McDaniel and include a short bio, so that Mr. McDaniel can get that out to everyone before the next meeting. This will give Council the opportunity to review. President Uhl asked Mayor Scheffler if he had a sense of when he will be appointing his two individuals.

Mayor Scheffler stated that he not sure.

President Uhl stated that Planning Commission will get theirs this Thursday.

President Uhl announced that between the May 20th and June 10th is a three week period. If you have any legislation, that the City is working through, there will be a three week gap between Council's meetings. These meetings were moved up in May due to the Memorial Day holiday.

**READING OF BILLS**

There were no bills before Council this evening.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no requests for Executive Session this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Groff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:28 p.m.

[Signature]

Teresa Lee Sandy, Clerk of Council