

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL**LANCASTER, OHIO****REGULAR MEETING**

July 13, 2020

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:

Mrs. Bobbitt, Mr. Hall, Mr. James, Mr. Mattlin, Mr. McDaniel, Mr. Schoonover, Mr. Stoughton, and Mrs. Tener.

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

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to excuse Mrs. Downour from tonight's meeting, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt. The motion carried.

READING AND DISPOSING OF THE JOURNAL

The Clerk presented the Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 22, 2020.

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

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

1. Series of emails, regarding Board of Election Cost Question and answer. Submitted by Auditor Tricia Nettles.
2. Email, dated July 13, 2020, regarding Tonight's meeting. Submitted by President Uhl.
3. Email, dated July 13, 2020, regarding Agenda for Tonight's Finance Committee Meeting. Submitted by Mrs. Downour.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email, dated July 9, 2020, regarding 2019 Financial Disclosure Statement Deadline Filing Reminder. Submitted by, Jen Boger, Financial Disclosure Coordinator, The Ohio Ethics Commission.
2. Email, dated July 13, 2020, regarding Tonight's Meeting. Submitted by Bob Competti, Innerphase Video.

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to receive and file the Communications, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt. The 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 minutes for June 22, 2020, submitted by Mrs. Downour.
2. Finance Committee minutes for July 13, 2020, submitted by Mr. Stoughton.

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to receive and file the Reports of Standing Committees, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt. 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 71-20- Third Reading – Permanent Resolution 83-20

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE AND TO AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN THE GENERAL FUND (101)

Mrs. Bobbitt made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 71-20, seconded by Mr. Stoughton.

Mrs. Bobbitt indicated this is for unemployment payments.

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 73-20- Third Reading – Permanent Resolution 84-20

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT LANCASTER'S FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND AMENDMENTS

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 73-20, seconded by Mr. Stoughton.

Mr. McDaniel indicated this has been discussed in committee and during previous meetings. He indicated that he appreciates all the work the office has put into this and it is ready for a vote.

President Uhl asked if there was any other discussion.

Mrs. Tener indicated that she met with Lynda Burgee for two hours and that she is doing a good job and is an advocate for business owners and homeowners as well that need assistance

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 6-0, with Mr. Stoughton and Mrs. Tener abstaining from the vote.

Resolution Temporary 75-20- Third Reading – Permanent Resolution 85-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A REVISED INVESTMENT POLICY OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO

Mrs. Bobbitt made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 75-20, seconded by Mr. Stoughton.

Mrs. Bobbitt indicated it is exactly as it reads.

Mr. Stoughton added that it has not been updated since 1996.

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 82-20- Second Reading – Permanent Resolution 86-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE LANCASTER PORT AUTHORITY

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the third reading of Temporary Resolution 82-20 seconded by Mr. Stoughton.

President Uhl asked if there is any further/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. McDaniel made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 82-20, seconded by Mr. Stoughton.

Mr. McDaniel indicated there has been detailed discussions on this matter. This allows the Port Authority to assume some additional duties for the benefit of the City, bringing the Economic Development Director under the Lancaster Port Authority working directly with the City allowing the City to continue economic development operations under the Port Authority umbrella.

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 84-20- Second Reading – Permanent Resolution 87-20

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING THE PASSAGE OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 183.012, 183.013 AND 183.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF A FORTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.45%) TAX, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021, AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER ON THE SALARIES, WAGES, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER COMPENSATION SUBJECT TO THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX WITH ALL SUCH TAX TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING, MAINTAINING, REPAIRING, AND PROVIDING CAPITAL FACILITIES FOR THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the third reading of Temporary Resolution 84-20 seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt.

Mr. Stoughton indicated a suspension is needed to get this to the Board of Election before the 90 prior to the next election. With Council not holding a meeting until August 10th, we would not meet that deadline, and therefore this is the need for the suspension.

President Uhl asked if there is 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 84-20, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt.

Mr. Stoughton indicated this language is identical tax increase the City asked for the primary. The fact is, the City does need the money and has one of the lowest tax rates in the state of Ohio and of City our size. Seventy percent of these funds are for safety forces and other project the mayor has shared with the City.

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 85-20- First Reading – July 13, 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE LAWRENCE STREET WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY (LSWPCF) UPGRADE PROJECT

Mr. James indicated this is first of three readings.

Resolution Temporary 86-20- First Reading – Permanent Resolution 88-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT KNOWN AS FAI-CR54-4.31, PID 106859, FAIR AVENUE (MEMORIAL DRIVE TO HIGH STREET)

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Temporary Resolution/Ordinance 86-20, seconded by Mr. James.

President Uhl asked if there is any further/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. Schoonover made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 86-20, seconded by Mr. James.

Mr. Schoonover indicated this allows the City to get ahead of the game and bid out this project for next year.

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 87-20- First Reading – Permanent Resolution 89-20

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE LOCAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (2050), AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF OTHER SOURCES & APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Temporary Resolution 84-20 seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt.

President Uhl asked if there is any further/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 84-20, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt.

Mr. Stoughton indicated the Auditor is required to create these accounts to track the money. The City has received over 1 Million Dollars, but ask Mayor Scheffler explained during the Finance Committee meeting, the City will only be able to spend a small fraction of this funding due to the strict rules on Coronavirus expense. The remaining funds will be returned to the county who will then return the funds to the state.

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.

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

READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance Temporary 14-20 – Second Reading – July 13, 2020 - TABLED

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 183.012, 183.013 AND 183.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF AN ADDITIONAL FORTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.45%) INCOME TAX, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021, ON THE SALARIES, WAGES, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER COMPENSATION SUBJECT TO THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX WITH ALL SUCH TAX TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING, MAINTAINING, REPAIRING, AND PROVIDING CAPITAL FACILITIES FOR THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Finance (Downour/Stoughton/Bobbitt) (2 Readings & Table)

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to table Ordinance Temporary 14-20, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt.

President Uhl stated that this is a privileged motion and there would be no discussion and requested the Clerk to call the roll. The motion to table carried 8-0.

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

TABLED LEGISLATION

Resolution Temporary 45-20- Third Reading – April 13, 2020-TABLED

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION FUND (212), AND AMEND THE CERTIFICATE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Service (Tener/Mattlin) (3 Readings)

Resolution Temporary 70-20- First Reading – May 18, 2020- TABLED

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A LPA AGREEMENT WITH ODOT FOR AN ODOT LET PROJECT

Public Works (Schoonover/Downour) (3 Readings)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Stoughton indicated Temporary Ordinance 14-20 will remain on the table until the November election results are in and then removed for passage.

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

NEW BUSINESS/SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Hall shared a Covid-19 infection handout with Council of information he gathered and entered into a graph.

Mr. Stoughton and Mr. Hall had discussion back and forth this information that Mr. Hall presented.

Mrs. Tener asked Mr. Hall, if someone tests positive and then is retested, at a later date, and test positive again, does this count as one positive or two?

Mr. Hall responded to Mrs. Tener that he will look into that and either respond by email or report back to Council what he finds. Mr. Hall also indicated that he will be periodically reporting information to Council on this issue.

Mr. Stoughton indicated the IT Committee meeting will take place this week.

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. August 10th at 6:30 p.m.
- 2. August 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Special Meetings:

- 1. None

Upcoming Committee Meetings for the next 30 days:

- 1. Law – July 15th at 9:30 a.m. – City Hall 1897 CR
- 2. IT/Telecom – July 17th at 7:30 a.m. – City Hall 1897 CR
- 3. Code Enforcement & Zoning – August 3rd at 8:00 a.m. – City Hall 1897 CR
- 4. Service – August 7th at 7:30 a.m. – City Hall 1897 CR
- 5. Finance – August 10th at 6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers
- 6. Water/WPC – August 12th at 8:00 a.m. – City Hall 1897 CR
- 7. Law – August 12th at 9:30 a.m. – FCMC Community Room

READING OF BILLS

- PNC – MNCO - \$295.40 (Publication of Legislation)
- PNC – MNCO - \$79.85 (Publication of Notice of Public Hearing)
- PNC – Proforma \$517.03 (Resolution & Ordinance Books 2020)

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt. 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. Bobbitt. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:06 p.m.



 Teresa Lee Sandy, Clerk of Council