

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

November 9, 2020

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, 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 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 October 26, 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. Email, dated November 3, 2020, regarding Special Finance Committee Meeting. Submitted by Mayor David Scheffler.
2. Email, dated November 4, 2020, regarding Special 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. Notice to Legislative Authority of a stock change to a liquor license. For: Tiki Bowling Lanes, Inc., located at 1521 Tiki Lane, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. Submitted by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, 6606 Tussing Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.
2. Email, dated November 6, 2020, regarding 2021 Petitions Ready, submitted by Lesle Morgan, Board of Election Services, Senior Election Official.

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

Jennifer Sitterley and on behalf of Brad Hutchinson, thanked Council and all City officials for getting behind the levy when there was chaos and uncertainty on raising taxed. They are thrilled with its passage.

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to go outside the regular order of business, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt. Motion carried.

President Uhl thanked Ms. Sitterley and Mr. Hutchinson for everything they did. There was a significant amount of work and the citizens of Lancaster will benefit. There will be an official presentation will follow at a later date.

Mayor Scheffler echoed what President Uhl stated and the hours Jennifer and Brad put into this project as well as their employees was amazing. They went out of their way to understand the need, the way the budget works, and he can't say enough, and hole city appreciates what they did.

Service-Safety Director Paul Martin indicated that they did a lot of things and the team spirit they brought to the table was great.

Mr. Stoughton indicated that they worked hard to get the message out there.

Mr. Hall indicated that it was nothing short of magnificent to get this passed this time. Much appreciated.

Mr. James indicated hats off to Jennifer, Brad, and City officials.

President Uhl thanked Jennifer and Brad again for all done and appreciated.

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to return to the regular order of business, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee meeting, dated October 26, 2020, submitted by Mrs. Downour.
2. Water/Water Pollution Control meeting, dated October 14, 2020, submitted by Mr. James.
3. Special Finance Committee meeting, dated November 5, 2020, submitted by Mrs. Downour.
4. Finance Committee meeting, dated November 9, 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 113-20 - Second Reading – Permanent Resolution 118-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAWRENCE STREET WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY (LSWPCF) IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Mr. James made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the third reading of Temporary Resolution 113-20, seconded by Mr. Hall.

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 8-0.

Mrs. James made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 113-20, seconded by Mr. Hall.

Mr. James indicated start process upgrade and repair of the Lawrence Street Facility. They received good bids, superintendent put the specification together and have gone through bids and now they are ready to enter into a contract.

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 116-20 - First Reading – Permanent Resolution 119-20

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 116-20, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt.

Mr. Stoughton indicated the suspension is to allow the auditor to appropriate 1.5 million additional Cares act money for the City. This will allow for the appropriation and expenditure of these funds.

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 116-20, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt.

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 8-0.

Resolution Temporary 117-20 - First Reading – November 9, 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE LAWRENCE STREET WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY (LSWPCF) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. James indicated first of two readings as discussed during finance.

Resolution Temporary 118-20 - First Reading – November 9, 2020

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENGINEERING CONTRACT

Mr. James indicated discussed in finance and is the first of three readings.

Resolution Temporary 119-20 - First Reading – November 9, 2020

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR INSPECTION SERVICES

Mr. James indicated discussed in finance and is the first of three readings.

Resolution Temporary 120-20 - First Reading – November 9, 2020

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR THE 2021 SEWER EVALUATION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM DESIGN

Mr. James indicated this is the first of two readings.

Resolution Temporary 121-20 - First Reading – November 9, 2020

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT 2021 BUDGET EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021, AND TO ESTABLISH LINE ITEM TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Stoughton indicated this is the first of three readings.

Resolution Temporary 122-20 - First Reading – Permanent Resolution 120-20

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE AND TO AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN THE PARKS IMPROVEMENTS FUND (3015)

Mrs. Tener made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Temporary Resolution 122-20, seconded by Mr. Mattlin.

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 8-0.

Mrs. Tener made a motion to pass, engross, and enter upon the written record Temporary Resolution 122-20, seconded by Mr. Mattlin.

Mrs. Tener indicated updated fire system at Olivedale, new system not compatible with old system need to install 13 new detectors and pay for the service.

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 25-20 – First Reading – November 9, 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE LANCASTER CODIFIED ORDINANCE PART ONE – ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE NINE – TAXATION, CHAPTER 183 – MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Hall indicated this is the first of two readings as discussed during the finance meeting.

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)

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)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS/SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. James indicated there is a meeting for Water/Water pollution scheduled for November 11th, and he would like it cancelled.

Mrs. Bobbitt indicated the Safety Committee meeting for November 13th cancelled and set for 20th of November and will be held in the 1897 room

Mr. Stoughton indicated that he will move his IT meeting to City Annex basement on November 20th, so that Mrs. Bobbitt can hold her meeting in the 1897 Room.

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. November 23rd at 6:30 p.m.
2. December 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Special Meetings:

1. None

Upcoming Committee Meetings for the next 30 days:

1. Safety – November 13th at 7:30 a.m. City Hall 1897 CR Now Nov 20th
2. IT/Telecom – November 20th at 7:30 a.m. – City Annex - Basement
3. Finance – November 23rd at 6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers
4. Service – December 4th at 7:30 a.m. – City Hall 1897 CR
5. Code Enforcement & Zoning – December 7th at 8:00 a.m. – City Hall 1897 CR
6. Water/WPC – December 9th at 8:00 a.m. – City Hall 1897 CR

READING OF BILLS

PNC – MNCO - \$517.90 (Publication of Legislation)

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.

Both Mr. Stoughton and President Uhl thanked Clerk Deb for a fantastic job.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schoonover made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Bobbitt. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:04 p.m.


Teresa Lee Sandy, Clerk of Council