

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held August 26, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Neil Mackinnon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Marquette, Ruse, Heban, and Densic all present. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to excuse Mrs. Eckel. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of August 12, 2019 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of August 26, 2019 was presented to council. Marina, Economic Development and Finance & Insurance committee reports and Ordinances #2019-47 and 48 were added to the agenda. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation committee report from August 12, 2019 was presented to council by Mr. Oberdorf (see written report).

Economic Development committee report from August 22, 2019 was presented to council by Mr. Heban (see written report).

Finance & Insurance committee report from August 12, 2019 was presented to council by Mr. Densic (see written report). Mr. Marquette said he thinks the whole payroll study is garbage and we didn't need to spend money to see what salary we can afford. Mr. Densic said it is more than a salary study as it also studies benefits and the committee did not think the pay ranges and comps we had were accurate. Mayor Mackinnon said our pay structure is based on looking at comps now. Mr. Ruse said council asked the committee to look at and the data is useful but they did ask that three more comparable cities be studied. He said the study is for benefits and pay. Mr. Marquette asked what we are trying to find out from this study and Mr. Densic said the benefits and pay for our market. Mayor Mackinnon asked if this is coming to a conclusion and was told yes. Mr. Oberdorf said he has been anguishing over this for some time and that this should have been done a long time ago. He wants to be fair to all those considered and get this done as quickly as possible as raises are overdue. Mr. Densic said this should be wrapped up shortly. Marina committee report from August 16, 2019 was presented to council by Mr. Staczek (see written report).

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka expressed condolences of the city on the death of Mrs. Freeman's mother. Chief Kitzler said the door hangers are on order for giving warnings for those in violation of the new trash receptacle ordinance.

Mayor Mackinnon congratulated and thanked everyone involved in Riverfest especially Mr. Ledesma and the RBA, said he attended the dedication of the new elementary school saying it is beautiful inside and outside, and reminded everyone that the new football stadium will be dedicated this Wednesday at 7:00pm as part of the Stroll the Street.

CORRESPONDENCE

Three pieces of correspondence were read to council 1) a thank you letter to Chief Kitzler and the Rossford Police Dept. from the Asst. Chief of Police of Oregon, Oh for their assistance in an armed robber 2) a thank you to Mayor Mackinnon from Rossford Schools for his attendance at the dedication ceremony for Rossford Elementary School and 3) a letter from Micki Leganik along with petitions

regarding handicapped ramps on Superior St. Mr. Ruse responded to item 3 saying that a safety application has been made to ODOT on August 12th regarding a pedestrian crossing on Superior at the Rec. Center.

ORDINANCES

#2019 – 43 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH OPTUMHEALTH CARE SOLUTIONS, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was covered in the recreation committee minutes. This was given a first reading only.

#2019 – 44 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MANNIK SMITH GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUIRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OVERSIGHT OF THE COLONY ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was recommended by the public works committee and is for the oversight of the Colony construction project with total cost not to exceed \$187,869. Mr. Densic said that is 6% of the total project cost which is a little high. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2019 -45 - AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ROSSFORD EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek said he has not been happy with the flow of information on this but he will vote yes after having a meeting with Superintendent Creps last week where he learned a lot of good security enhancements are in place. He said he did bring up using armed teachers which Mr. Creps declined but he did give kudos to the RPD. Mr. Staczek said his concern is what is plan B if the SRO is taken down. He said having a school resource officer is a good first step but there should be additional armed security. Mr. Creps told him that he would bring before the board within the next six months. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2019-46 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE NA HARMON GROUP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and John Colapietro, 1004 Groce asked what the content of the ordinance is. Mayor Mackinnon responded that it allows hotel/motel tax to be used towards financing of a convention center if a hotel is built. Dallas Paul of NAI Harmon said the document is a letter of intent that if a hotel is built in Project RED that the hotel/motel tax would be diverted towards financing of a convention center and demonstrates that the city has endorsed the project. He said the reason for the emergency is that he has a letter of intent from a hotel that will be on site in two weeks and he wants to demonstrate the commitment to this project. Mr. Ciecka said the final financing details are not available yet and that this is just a non-binding preliminary letter of support. Mr. Ruse said the RCVB is in support of this. Mr. Heban said this is just planting the seed. Mr. Marquette asked what the total dollars involved are and was told approx. \$225,000 which otherwise could only be used for tourism. Mr. Marquette asked who would own the convention center and was told by Mr. Paul it would be a public entity. Micki Leganik, 401 Superior asked if citizens would be able to vote on this and was told a convention center

being built will not involve the city. Erin Crawford, 544 Bruns asked if the convention center would be adjacent to the hotel and was told yes. Vote on the motion all ayes except Mr. Densic who voted no. Motion carried 5-1. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes except Mr. Densic who voted no. Motion carried 5-1. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2019-47 – AN ORDINANCE CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AN ASSESSEMENT AND LIEN UPON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD PURSUANT TO ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE 1327.07 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said she needs this tonight as due to the auditor by September 9th. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2019-48 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE GENERAL LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said she needs this passed tonight as the policy expires August 31st. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2019 -20 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the application is due September 7th so he needs this passed this evening. This is to apply for additional funding for the Rt.65/Colony Rd. roundabout. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2019 – 21 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICPATE IN THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said he needs this passed today as the application is due August 30th. He said this is the second time we are applying for this grant as we were turned down the first time. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek offered his condolences to Mrs. Freeman and Jessica Benson and thanked Mr. Ledesma for his efforts on Riverfest.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to have the pine trees trimmed at the marina. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if anyone saw a need for a committee of the whole meeting and congratulated everyone for a fantastic Riverfest.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to dispense with the September Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Heban extended his condolences to Mrs. Freeman and Jessica Benson, said he echoed the comments regarding Riverfest, and said Stroll the Street has been great.

Mr. Densic offered his condolences to Mrs. Freeman and Jessica Benson, said his concern on the proposed water agreement is with the continuation of the economic development agreements which puts NWWSD in an awkward position. Mayor Mackinnon said he is meeting with Toledo on Friday because NWWSD cannot vote on issues that are of economic development interest to Rossford. Mr. Densic said Riverfest was fantastic but some boats suffered damage from the fireworks which we need to prevent, and asked if the purchase orders have been issued for the marina work. Mr. Cieccka said that will be done this week.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave. asked if Mrs. Freeman will be issuing a public notice to the media what the cost of the new fire levies will be per \$100,000 and said he would like the city to be more proactive with the contractor about removing the dirt from Crossroads Pkwy. as caused by the Amazon project. Chief Drouard said he will get the levy information to him.

Micki Leganik, 401 Superior St. said thank you for the progress on the handicapped ramps on Superior St.

Kevin Urrutia, 331 Jennings Rd. said Riverfest was amazing and thanked everyone who went into the dunk tank which raised over \$400 for Rossford Little League football

Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Neil A. Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council