

**MINUTES
LOUISVILLE CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 20, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

7:00 – Call to Order:

Louisville City Council met in Regular session through Zoom virtual meeting with Mayor-Council Member Fallot presiding.

COUNCIL MEMBER GUILLEY MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STREET, and the motion carried to approve the April 20, 2020 Louisville City Council agenda. The vote: All yea.

Council members bowed their heads for a moment of silent prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patricia Fallot, Mayor-Council Member
Joanie Aljancic, Council Member
Richard Guiley, Council Member
Richard Slackford, Council Member
Corey Street, Council Member

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Larry Collins, City Manager
Andy Turowski, Assistant City Manager Safety Services/Police Chief
Tiffany Justice, City Clerk
Robert Duffrin, Law Director
Vince Marion, Director of Planning & Development
Rod Bordner, Fire Chief
Dan Millsap, Service Director
Sonja Herwick, Finance Director

Mayor-Council Member Fallot presented the City Clerk’s Certificate of Open Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor-Council Member Fallot declared the minutes of the April 6, 2020 Regular Council meeting approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2020

Council was presented with a financial statement presented by the Finance Director indicating the City’s financial status for the month ending March 31, 2020.

BOARD OF CONTROL

COUNCIL MEMBER GUILLEY MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALJANCIC, and the motion carried approving Change Order #1 from Workman Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$39,279.55 for the Water Treatment Plant Project. The vote: All yea.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-15 – BEING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE THRASHER GROUP FOR THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF THE NICKELPLATE AND EAST MAIN STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

COUNCIL MEMBER GUILLEY MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STREET, and the motion carried for the first reading of Ordinance No. 20-15. The vote: All yea.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-16 – BEING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STARK COUNTY, OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

COUNCIL MEMBER GUILLEY MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALJANCIC, and the motion carried for the first reading of Ordinance No. 20-16. The vote: All yea.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA)

Discussion followed including:

- The proposed map: Discussion followed including; Gorgas is the southern border and the Green Space is included, businesses with liquor licenses do not have to participate in the DORA, based on the zoning map, discussion of a church and residential areas in the proposed map, discussion of removing the residential areas including the back side of Giant Eagle for residents on Gorgas Street, discussion of staying on 15, businesses removing their parking lots as a walk through. Discussion concluded with the City Manager will communicate to the businesses in the proposed map area for their opinions and removing residential properties from the map.
- Signage – Designated DORA signs: discussion followed on who should pay for the signs, if business owners should be responsible or the City. Council Member Street reported that this topic should come after the decision of who will regulate and run the DORA.
- Running of the DORA: Discussion that a health and safety plan must be in place, discussion of partnering with the Chamber. Chamber Director in attendance, Casey Ellington was questioned by Council if this would be of interest. Mrs. Ellington reported that this would be of interest and City Manager Collins to meet with Mrs. Ellington. Mrs. Ellington will put on the Chamber's agenda for discussion, discussion of signage responsibility belonging to the City because the DORA is the City's district, discussion of cost of designated signs costing approximately \$50-\$75 at City's responsibility

- Proposed Hours of Operation: Discussion if should be year-round or summer months; discussion of hours, discussion of special events permits when outside of regular DORA hours, discussion of businesses not selling alcohol during certain family events, discussion of days of the week with holidays included, discussion of concerns addressed of people under the influence walking during daylight hours, discussion of creating special events permits. Discussion on this topic concluded with City Manager Collins to communicate with the proposed businesses opinions.
- Security and Clean Up: discussion of extra security and increased clean-up costs during special events
- Window Decals: discussion of having designated DORA businesses having a window decal to designate them
- DORA amendment process: acreage and liquor license permit requirements

Mayor-Council Member Fallot reported that City Manager Collins and staff to communicate to the business community to move forward.

Police Chief Andy Turowski reported that the Police Department has lower levels of activity during the pandemic. The Department has a good supply of Personal Protective Equipment and has staff reporting in order to keep costs down until more is known with financials during this time.

Fire Chief Rod Bordner reported that the Department has not had a confirmed Corona virus transport. Fire Department also has a good supply of Personal Protective Equipment and staff remains healthy.

Service Director Dan Millsap reported that the Water Treatment Plant project is going well and is on schedule. The Northeast corner catch basin is installed on the Marion/153 Storm Sewer Project. This past Friday 20 trees were planted on South Chapel.

City Manager Larry Collins reported that the tax reporting was extended to July and the impact will not be known at this point. Finance Department and Tax Department are looking at the impact and trying to find what the revenue stream will look like moving forward. Mr. Collins also reported that consideration of re-opening City Hall beginning May 4th with measures such as taking temperatures before entry. Mr. Collins reported that he will look forward to the Governor's recommendations. Spring-Clean-Up is a non-essential service and is on hold until the City's financial situation due to COVID-19 is clearer.

Director of Planning & Development Vince Marion reported that the March Zoning report is in the agenda packet. A Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission meeting were held on April 14th via Zoom regarding a parking lot at 315 S. Mill Street. Applicant requested that the residential structure be demolished for a parking lot to go in that area. Variances were approved in that regard. Council Member Street questioned communication with owners of former Thai steakhouse on Main Street. Mr. Marion reported that a letter had been sent requesting repair to the parking lot and some exterior improvements. A meeting has been set up for Wednesday

with the Building Inspector to meet with the owner. Communications were sent to the owner to complete over the winter.

Mayor-Council Member Fallot reported that this Friday night, and every Friday night through May, the High School football stadium will turn the lights on at 8:20pm. This will be done at stadiums throughout Ohio to show support for the seniors. Residents are encouraged to turn on porch lights at this time as well. Mayor-Council Member Fallot reported that the new bakery is open and you can call orders in.

Council Member Street questioned if grass would be planted on the area where the ice skating rink was. Service Director Millsap reported that it would be planted over.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Justice, CMC
City Clerk