

MINUTES
LOUISVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 6, 2024
7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING 7:00 P.M. –

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 24-17 - Being an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Louisville, Stark County, Ohio; amending and revising associated Ordinances as herein addressed in Section 141 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Louisville relative to the Police Department

There were no comments regarding Ordinance No. 24-17

Call to Order

Louisville City Council met in Regular session with Mayor-Council Member Fallot presiding.

COUNCIL MEMBER STREET MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALJANCIC, and the motion carried to approve the May 6, 2024 meeting agenda. The vote: All yea.

Council Members bowed their heads for a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patricia Fallot, Mayor-Council Member
Joanie Aljancic, Council Member
Mycha Mills, Council Member
Corey Street, Council Member
Jim Taylor, Council Member

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Andrew Turowski, Interim City Manager/ Police Chief
Tiffany Justice, City Clerk
Tonya Rogers, Law Director
Daniel Millsap, Public Works Director
Sonja Herwick, Finance Director
Rod Bordner, Fire Chief
David Maley, Planning & Development Director

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

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2024, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor-Council Member Fallot declared the minutes of the April 15, 2024 Regular Council meeting approved as presented.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

Randy Cole – Did not appear

Polly Stieber – Did not appear

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COUNCIL MEMBER STREET MOVED SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR, and the motion carried for the second reading of Ordinance No. 24-17. The Vote: All yea. Mayor-Council Member Fallot declared Ordinance No. 24-17 duly passed and enacted.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-18 – Being an Ordinance to revise the codified ordinances by adopting current replacement pages, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL MEMBER STREET MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLS, and the motion carried for the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-18. The Vote: All yea.

MAYOR-COUNCIL MEMBER FALLOT MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALJANCIC, and the motion carried to suspend the rules to allow for the emergency passage of Ordinance No. 24-18. The Vote: All yea.

COUNCIL MEMBER STREET MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLS, and the motion carried for the second reading by emergency of Ordinance No. 24-18. The Vote: All yea. Mayor-Council Member Fallot declared Ordinance No. 24-18 duly passed and enacted by emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-19 - Being an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Joseph A. Jeffries Company Inc. for the 2024 Annual Concrete Pavement Road Repair program.

COUNCIL MEMBER STREET MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR, and the motion carried for the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-19. The Vote: All yea.

MAYOR-COUNCIL MEMBER FALLOT MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STREET, and the motion carried to suspend the rules to allow for the emergency passage of Ordinance No. 24-19. The Vote: All yea

COUNCIL MEMBER STREET MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALJANCIC, and the motion carried for the second reading by emergency of Ordinance No. 24-19. The Vote: All yea. Mayor-Council Member Fallot declared Ordinance No. 24-19 duly passed and enacted by emergency.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-20 - Being a Resolution allowing the City Manager of the City of Louisville to submit a State of Ohio NatureWorks Program Grant

COUNCIL MEMBER STREET MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLS, and the motion carried for the adoption of Resolution No. 24-20. The Vote: All yea

ORDINANCE NO. 24-21 - Being an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Louisville, Stark County, Ohio; amending and revising associated Ordinances as herein addressed in Chapter 140 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Louisville relative to Department of Community Programming

COUNCIL MEMBER STREET MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR, and the motion carried for the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-21. The Vote: All yea

ORDINANCE NO. 24-22 - Being an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Louisville, Stark County, Ohio; amending and revising associated Ordinances as herein addressed in Chapter 146 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Louisville relative to Communication Department

COUNCIL MEMBER STREET MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLS, and the motion carried for the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-22. The Vote: All yea

ORDINANCE NO. 24-23 - BEING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$8,800,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW MUNICIPAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATION AND CLEARING, EQUIPPING, AND IMPROVING ITS SITE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL MEMBER STREET MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALJANCIC, and the motion carried for the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-23.

Discussion followed including; Interim City Manager Turowski reported there are two parts to the funding, short term financing and once the building is constructed the long-term financing. He reported the \$8.8 million number is higher than has been seen and should be closer to \$8.6 after adjustments. The next couple weeks will provide an estimate and be adjusted again. Short term debt will be based upon the final guaranteed maximum price, long term debt will be based on how Council wants to proceed with use of reserve funds versus financing the full amount.

Will ask for emergency at the next meeting after the Public Hearing to accomplish the June date to be able to go to market.

The Vote: All yea

ORDINANCE NO. 24-24 – BEING AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, STARK COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBER STREET MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLS, and the motion carried for the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-24. The Vote: All yea.

MAYOR-COUNCIL MEMBER FALLOT MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALJANCIC, and the motion carried to suspend the rules to allow for the emergency passage of Ordinance No. 24-24. The Vote: All yea.

COUNCIL MEMBER STREET MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR, and the motion carried for the second reading by emergency of Ordinance No. 24-24. The Vote: All yea. Mayor-Council Member FalLOT declared Ordinance No. 24-24 duly passed and enacted by emergency.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL MEMBER STREET MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR, AND THE MOTION CARRIED TO NOT REQUEST A HEARING FOR A LIQUOR PERMIT CHANGE OF INTERESTS FOR WEST MAIN DRIVE THRU LLC, DBA WEST MAIN DRIVE THRU, UNIT B ONLY EXCLUDING GARAGE, LOCATED AT 1616 W MAIN STREET, LOUISVILLE, OHIO 44641. The Vote: All yea

COUNCIL MEMBER STREET MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLS, AND THE MOTION CARRIED TO NOT REQUEST A HEARING FOR A LIQUOR PERMIT FOR KOZY KABIN LLC, LOCATED AT 2110 MAIN ST E, LOUISVILLE, OHIO 44641. The Vote: All yea

DISCUSSION OF WAYFINDING SIGNS

The preferred design of wayfinding sign was distributed. Discussion followed including; on the process to move forward as approved, one-sided design as presented compared to two sided directional, cut of sign, number of signs, Umbrella Alley and Splash Pad on the signs, process, and time frame until erected. Splash Pad opening date was questioned and Memorial Day weekend is the usual time of opening, Interim City Manager Turowski reported they will contact the sign company to approve the design and begin work as soon as possible.

DISCUSSION OF TRASH/RECYCLING OPTIONS

Discussion followed including; the Joint Solid Waste District is opposed to moving recycling bins from current location to Constitution Center, current location was 11 dumpsters and increased with closing of Nimishillen Township's recycling center, proposed to have 8 at Constitution Center with larger size bins, Solid Waste District's three reasons for not moving are not enough volume, noise concerns close to a neighborhood, and it would tear up the asphalt parking lot, keeping current location will be an expense for keeping parking lot upkeep, propose a location of around the corner from the current location, Council Member Street stated the cost of the proposed single hauler being approximately \$1 for recycling and included yard waste in the proposal and with now needing to purchase a key card for yard waste and issues of the recycling centers it may be worth relooking at a single hauler, Interim City Manager Turowski stated that an opt-out option single hauler could be a possibility, Council Member Street stated a single hauler is a way to save residents money again, Law Director Rogers reported she has worked with other communities where there was a cap on the opt-outs such as 5% of the population, most people use, need, want a trash service and this could provide a lower rate to the majority of residents again, request of staff to investigate a single hauler, Council Member Taylor questioned 2100 W. Main location for recycling bins and staff reported it was confirmed too close to residential, Law Director Rogers reported the cap of 5% for opt-out was never reached at the other municipalities, Council Member Street stated the curbside City-wide pick up could be reinstated with single hauler, discussion of moving the recycling bins around the corner hasn't been discussed with Solid Waste District

DISCUSSION OF SOLAR FARMS

Planning & Development Director Maley distributed a newspaper article reporting townships in Stark County including Nimishillen Township opposing solar farms. He reported receiving a phone call regarding solar farms and not necessarily looking into the City, but for 500 acres or more. Mr. Maley stated there isn't enough land in the City and should not be an issue. He reported he is not aware of any municipalities doing anything, only townships.

NEW BUSINESS

Interim City Manager Turowski questioned if Council desired steps being taken prohibiting the sale of THC products in the City as licenses are expected to begin in June. Council Member Street stated he doesn't feel that product as being attractive to the City and attracting good clientele. Law Director Rogers reported the Ohio General Assembly has a bill proposed encouraging dispensaries and provides incentives to municipalities with them. Council Member Street stated working in the schools he often sees adult issues going to the children and doesn't want this causing more issues in the schools.

Police Chief Turowski report the all Department monthly reports was emailed before the Council meeting.

Planning & Development Director Maley had nothing to report.

Fire Chief Bordner reported kindergarteners are coming tomorrow for a Fire Station tour and last Friday elementary kids came for an event which included the Mayor.

Public Works Director Millsap had nothing to report.

MAYOR-COUNCIL MEMBER FALLOT MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALJANCIC, and the motion carried to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the hiring of a public employee. The Vote: All yea.

Council moved out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session at 8:10 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding adding information about Umbrella Alley and more information about the Splash Pad to the City website.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Justice, CMC
City Clerk