

Regular

February 1

2007

Ontario City Council met in regular session on February 1, 2007 in the City Offices, with Council President Dave Metzger presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following persons were in attendance when roll was called: Council members Bobby Shook, Paul Williams, Mark Weidemyre, Debbie Konczak and Dan Zeiter; Mr. Metzger; Mayor Kenneth Bender; Law Director Rebecca Thomas; Service/Safety Director Chuck Au; and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested citizens were present in the audience.

Mrs. Konczak made a motion to excuse Mrs. Hellinger and Mrs. Shrader from this evening's meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. A roll call, five members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 18, 2007 were presented for approval. Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. At roll call, four members voted Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mrs. Konczak, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Tom Briner came before Council. Mr. Metzger asked Mr. Briner if his comments were concerning the court case, when he confirmed they were Mr. Metzger informed Mr. Briner that he could not speak about pending litigation before Council. Mr. and Mrs. Briner were very vocal in stating this was a violation of their civil rights and continued with outbursts until they were escorted out of the Council Chambers by Officer Brian Williams.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Weidemyre reported on the combined Parks/Finance Committee meeting held on January 23, 2007 where they discussed the upcoming parks levy which will appear on the May primary ballot. The decision was made to limit the ¼% income tax levy to five years beginning January 1, 2008, and all money collected will be used to improve the parks system. Volunteers are needed to promote the levy and inform the community of the details. Mr. Weidemyre asked those interested in serving on the committee to contact the Clerk of Council.

Mr. Zeiter scheduled a Streets Committee on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Shook, Mr. Williams, and Mrs. Konczak had no report this evening.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender began with the monthly Zoning Report stating January was a slow month with only two single dwelling family homes and a covered storage for a total property value of \$520,000.

At this time, Mayor Bender invited Phil Imhoff forward recognizing his nearly twenty years of service as a City employee and retiring today. Mr. Imhoff was accompanied by Service/Safety Director Mr. Au and Streets Supervisor Mr. Gleisinger. Mayor Bender then read the following Proclamation:

Philip L. Imhoff Day

It is the privilege of the Mayor of the City of Ontario to give praise and special recognition to Philip L. Imhoff; and

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Whereas, Philip Imhoff has proven himself to be faithful and valuable member Of the staff of the City of Ontario; and

Whereas, Phil began his career with the City on May 18, 1987 with the Building Maintenance Department and then on May 6, 1991 he became a key member of Our Service Department; and

Whereas, Philip Imhoff's dedication to duty and hard work have greatly contributed to making Ontario, Ohio a safe and outstanding community in which to live; and

Whereas, Philip Imhoff's retirement from service to the City began February 1, 2007; and

Now, therefore as Mayor of the City of Ontario, I do hereby proclaim February 2, 2007 as Philip L. Imhoff Day in the City of Ontario and urge all citizens to remember the distinguished and valuable role that Phil has played in our community.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto
Set my hand and caused the seal
Of the City of Ontario to be affixed
This 1st day of February, in the year
Of our Lord Two Thousand and Seven.

Kenneth A Bender, Mayor

Mr. Imhoff stated Ontario is a good community to work in. Mr. Gleisinger added it was a pleasure to work with Mr. Imhoff and is hopeful he will return this summer to help out in the parks and streets. Mr. Au also extended his congratulations and appreciation that Mr. Imhoff is willing to return to work in the summer.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Au commented on the recent phone calls he received from residents regarding the group of solicitor's collecting money in the area. He shared that a member of this group visited his residence this afternoon and displayed a paper indicating the Ontario Police Department authorized their function. The solicitor also suggested he contact the Police Department for verification. Mr. Au cautioned residents to use their own judgment when people are going door-to-door collecting money. The City does not have an ordinance to prevent people from collecting money in the area nor does the City authorize approval. He added one of the agencies they are collecting for is unwed mothers.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thomas had no report.

Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mr. Metzger explained Council does not have enough members present this evening to suspend the rules for voting on the legislation. Therefore, a special Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Several committee meetings will take place prior the Council meeting:

Streets Committee	5:00 p.m.
Utilities Committee	5:30 p.m.
Finance Committee	6:00 p.m.
Council Caucus	6:45 p.m.
Special Council	7:00 p.m.

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ORDINANCE NO. 07-05

(SECOND READING) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THIS CITY AND THE RICHLAND COUNTY TRANSIT BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2007 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Konczak read Ordinance No. 07-05 for the second time, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-01

AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH K.E. McCARTNEY & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Shook read Resolution No. 07-01 for the first time, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-02

AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ACCEPT PAYMENT IN CASH OF ALL OUTSTANDING INSTALLMENTS ON A CERTAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT UPON THE REQUEST OF CHARLES GILBERT AND MARIAN HENRY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Williams read Resolution No.07-02 for the first time, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-03

AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH RICHLAND ENGINEERING FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Weidemyre read Resolution No.07-03 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-06

AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE THREE (3) 2007 CHEVY IMPALAS FOR THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROCEDURE.

Mr. Zeiter read Ordinance No.07-06 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-07

REPEALING ORDINANCE 06-08 AND IMPOSING A FAIR SHARE ROAD IMPACT FEE ON NEW GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Konczak read Ordinance No.07-07 for the first time, by title only.

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At 7:17 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Weidemyre, and a second by Mr. Shook. At roll call, five members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

President of Council

Clerk of Council