

Regular

November 16, 2022

Ontario City Council met in regular session on November 16, 2022, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Troy Sapp, Dave Rehfeldt, Kyle Webb, Josh Bradley, Sherry Branham, Rose Feagin, Nathan Sunderland, Council President Eddie Gallo, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Kris Knapp, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 2, 2022 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Sapp reported the Parks Committee met with OYS Director Kenn Spencer who provided an overview of OYS, which is more than just sports but includes community events, such as Concerts in the Park and the 4th of July Festival. Another meeting will be scheduled to discuss a plan for replacing the turf in ten years.

Mr. Rehfeldt scheduled a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting on December 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Webb said the Utilities Committee met this evening to discuss several items:

- A sewer line study is being done to determine if it needs updated for the PUD.
- The city is fourth on a list for approval from the Ohio Public Works Commission for a waterline replacement grant of \$250,000 and a \$250,000 loan at 0% interest.
- An EPA Lead Study grant was approved for \$31,000.
- Representatives from Buckey Energy Brokers and Navigate Power presented information on their aggregation pricing. Electricity prices are going up but prices can be locked in now. The Utilities Committee made a recommendation for the Law Director to prepare legislation for the next meeting to allow the Service -Safety Director to enter into an agreement with Buckey Energy Brokers for a 19-month program with Dynegy at 0.07824 kw hours

Mr. Webb announced a Utilities Committee of the Whole meeting on December 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- Tree Lighting events on December 1st begin at 5:30 p.m., Santa Claus arrives at 5:45 p.m., and the tree lighting is at 6:10 p.m. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available. Entertainment will be presented by the high school jazz band, choir, and auxiliary band units.
- The Craft Show is December 3, 2022, from 8 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser event, and the Police Department is partnering with the toy drive.

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

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PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, asked if Ordinance 22-52, that is on this evening's agenda, is the same information that was discussed during the last Planning Commission meeting and who will make the decision a building is abandoned or needs torn down.

- Mr. Medwid explained, this is the same information Planning Commission discussed. This is to help initiate the process but does not give the city authority or take away the decisions currently made by the county.
- Mayor Hutchinson added, the Health Department and Fire Department help make those decisions.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:24 p.m., the public hearing was opened for the Planned Unit Development to be located at 2577 Walker Lake Road.

Mr. Gallo shared comments he received from Attorney John Spon, who is representing residents of Stone Landings that is across the road from the proposed site. They are not opposed to the development but (1) do not want any of their land taken if the road needs expanded where four lanes go into two lanes, and (2) they would like a land bank or green line to shield their view of the development.

Chris Knapton, Director of Development for Moment Development Company and Kyle Wrentmore, Engineer for Mannik Smith Group, reviewed the details of the Development Text indicating the restrictions and allowable uses.

At 7:45 p.m. the public hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

ORDINANCE NO. 22-50

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Mr. Bradley read Ordinance No. 22-50 for the second time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-51

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1343, LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS, REPEALING ORDINANCES 06-13 AND 21-15, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Branham read Ordinance No. 22-51 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 22 – 52

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1349, UNFIT OR ABANDONED DWELLINGS, UNITS, BUILDINGS, AND STRUCTURES; REPEALING ORDINANCES 87-69, 06-14, AND 07-23; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Feagin read Ordinance No. 22-52 for the first time, by title only.

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ORDINANCE NO. 22-53

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO TO CHANGE ZONING OF CERTAIN LAND FROM B-BUSINESS TO PUD- PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (2577 WALKER LAKE ROAD), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 22-53 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-54

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 22-17 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2022.

Ms. Branham moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22-54 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sapp read Ordinance No. 22-54 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sapp moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-54, second by Mr. Sunderland. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-54 was adopted.

At 7:48 p.m., Mr. Sunderland moved to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(4), preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employments, second by Ms. Branham. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Chief Hill was invited into executive session.

At 8:55 p.m., the meeting reconvened into regular session, with a motion by Ms. Branham, second by Mr. Sunderland.

At 8:56 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Webb, second by Ms. Branham.

Temporary President Pro Tem

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council