

Regular

December 4, 2024

Ontario City Council met in regular session on December 4, 2024, in the Municipal Building with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:11 p.m.

President Gallo introduced Steve Goulding to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Goulding served in the Marine Corps. He was machine gunner, stationed in Guam, and was in the Mediterranean on the USS Inchon. Mr. Goulding and his wife are co-owners of Beyond Esthetics Med Spa in Ontario and both of their children are Ontario High School graduates.

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

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 20, 2024 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rehfeldt said the Finance Committee will meet on December 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the temporary budget.

Director Gongwer responded to questions on the two projects in the Spring Village neighborhood.

- The sewer line replacement on Spring Village Lane should be completed by mid-February with final paving in the spring when asphalt is available. Residents will be notified when their driveway will be temporarily blocked during the project.
- The Victoria Court area sewer rehab, I/I reduction project, should start by the first of the year and end in April. They will place liners inside the sewer pipes.

Mr. Bradley reported the Economic Development Committee met earlier this evening. The Comprehensive Community Plan was discussed and they agreed it will go before Council to approve. Resolution 24-15 is on this evening's agenda. A quote will be requested from the same company for zoning updates. An MOU was introduced between the City and the Richland Community Development Group. The application for the Safe School Travel Plan was discussed.

Mr. Bradley scheduled an Economic Development Committee meeting on December 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner said the Personnel Committee met this evening in executive session, then voted to approve the changes discussed to the Wage Ordinance and for the Law Director to prepare legislation for the next meeting.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner announced a Personnel Committee meeting on December 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

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LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Bradley said the Ontario Police Department and Lions Club are sponsoring a toy drive. This weekend the Craft Show will accept a toy in place of paying admission. Giving Ontario, consisting of the Springfield Township Fire Department, Ontario Community Events, and the Ontario Center (former Richland Mall), is hosting an event this weekend for toy collections. Special guests at this event include the Miss Ontario Court and Bodpegn Miller, Ontario High School student who recently signed with the OSU football team. There will be a ticket raffle for an Ontario helmet signed by the 2024 Elite 8 Warriors, and an official Ohio State helmet.

President Gallo said the tree lighting is tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m. School groups will participate, there will be a golf cart parade, the Hagerman family will attend for the display lighting, and the Golden Girls will escort Santa. On December 14th, Ontario Community Events and Ontario Youth Sports will offer Breakfast with Santa at Texas Roadhouse. Richland Gives had a wonderful response this year that is ongoing for donations to the Miss Ontario Scholarship program, Ontario Youth Sports, and Ontario Community Events.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, came forward to ask what organizations use the Senior Center Building and what they are being charged since the city is considering increasing rental fees.

- The Senior Center Building is not rented to the public.
- The Senior Citizens and the non-profit organization using the building are not charged.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

ORDINANCE NO. 24-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 193 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO REGARDING MUNICIPAL TAX, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Webb read Ordinance No. 24-23, for second time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-24

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Mr. Rehfeldt read Ordinance 24-24 for the second time, by title only.

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RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 ONTARIO COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN.

Mr. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 24-15 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sunderland . Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Webb read Resolution No. 24-15, for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Webb moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-15, second by Mr. Bradley. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 24-15 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-25

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PARCEL #s 038-60-170-12-000 and 038-60-170-13-000 ON MABEE ROAD FROM R1- LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO B-BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bradley read Ordinance No. 24-25 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-26

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 23-29.

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 24-26 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mrs. Branham-Fonner read Ordinance No. 24-26, for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Branham-Fonner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-26, second by Mr. Sunderland. Four members cast their votes Aye, two Nay by Mr. Bradley and Mrs. Branham-Fonner, and Ordinance No. 24-26 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-27

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISED RULES FOR THE USE OF THE COMMUNITY ROOM IN THE ONTARIO CHARLES K. AND CHARLOTTE M. HELLINGER MUNICIPAL BUILDING, REPEALING ORDINANCE 23-28, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 24-27 on three separate days, second by Mr. Webb. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Feagin read Ordinance No. 24-27, for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Feagin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-27, second by Mr. Sunderland. Four members cast their votes Aye, two Nay by Mr. Bradley and Mrs. Branham-Fonner, and Ordinance No. 24-27 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 24-28

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN FUNDS DISBURSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sunderland moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 24-28 on three separate days, second by Mr. Bradley. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 24-28, for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-28, second by Mr. Bradley. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 24-28 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-29

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1137- STANDARD ZONING DISTRICTS; 1137.05 - B-BUSINESS DISTRICT; PARAGRAPH (C) CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Rehfeldt read Ordinance No. 24-29, for the first time, by title only.

At 7:34 p.m., Mr. Bradley moved to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(8), to consider confidential information related to marketing plans and specific business strategic of an applicant for economic development assistance and the information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance. Second by Mr. Webb. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

At 8:08 p.m., the meeting reconvened into regular session upon a motion by Mrs. Branham-Fonner , second by Mr. Webb.

At 8:09 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Sunderland, second by Mrs. Branham-Fonner.

Eddie J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council