

FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 2, 2021

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL of 2020-2021 Councilmembers:

PRESENT: Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser

ABSENT: none

President of Council Harrington opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ACCEPTANCE/CHANGES TO PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Slough moved to accept the February 16, 2021 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes, Councilman Niemeyer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA:

Councilman Russel moved to replace and remove the following on tonight's agenda, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

REPLACEMENTS:

1. 2020 Shade Tree Commission annual report (*ORAL COMMUNICATIONS* section)
2. Ordinance No. 2021-016 AS AMENDED – re-bid contracts for City insurance policies (*LEGISLATION* section)

Header:

- Changed "~~EXTEND CURRENT~~" with "TAKE BIDS AND ENTER INTO"
- removed "~~BE EXTENDED UNTIL JULY 2025~~"

WHEREAS:

- Changed "~~extend said current~~" with "take bids so that new"
- Changed "~~until July 2025.~~" with "may be in effect upon the expiration of the old policies."

SECTION 1:

- Changed "~~extend said current~~" with "take bids and enter into"
- Changed "~~until July 2025.~~" with "for the renewal period of July 2021 up to July 2025".

SECTION 2:

- Changed "~~extend said~~" with "secure bids on all of the afore described"
- Changed "~~current~~" with "new"
- Changed "~~extended until July 2025.~~" with "acquired and in place upon expiration of the current policies."

3. Ordinance No. 2021-020 (*LEGISLATION* section)

- Added "K9 Unit Donation" to the FROM portion of the appropriation

REMOVALS:

1. Zoning amendment petition for East Bigelow Avenue (4 parcels) – applicant requested this petition be withdrawn on March 1, 2021 (*PETITIONS* section).

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Muryrn – Developmental Disabilities Awareness month.

WHEREAS: The Hancock County Board of Developmental Disabilities was established in October 1952; and,

WHEREAS: The mission and purpose of Ohio's county boards of DD remain as strong as ever, with county boards continuing to provide vital supports and resources to Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families; and,

WHEREAS: The more than 600 people with developmental disabilities served by the Hancock County Board of Developmental Disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and,

WHEREAS: The most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and,

WHEREAS: Policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, and opportunities offered that allow people with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community; and

WHEREAS: We encourage all citizens to foster and support such opportunities that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities.

NOW THEREFORE, I Christina M. Muryrn, Mayor of the City of Findlay, Ohio, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as:

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

in Findlay, and offer full support to efforts that assist people with disabilities to make choices that enable them to live successful lives and realize their potential. I further encourage all citizens to join in this celebration by spreading awareness of the many contributions offered by people with developmental disabilities in our community.

Discussion:

Mayor Muryn noted that they do so much in the community. They have a number of individuals that work and serve the community on a daily basis. They also raise awareness for each and every one to live their best lives. She thanked them for what they do each and every day.

Councilman Shindledecker feels the Blanchard Valley Center is a gem in the community. He knows of some that have moved to Hancock County to avail themselves to the services of the Blanchard Valley Center for their children, some as far away as the Cleveland area. They do a great job. Filed.

RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS: none

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Findlay Shade Tree Commission Chair Thomas Mills – 2020 Shade Tree Commission annual report

Mr. Mills introduced Brian Bauman in the audience and thanked Council and the Administration for their support of the Shade Tree Commission and trees in Findlay. He thanked Mayor Muryn for her active participation with the Shade Tree Commission. 2020 was a challenging year. Some meetings were conducted virtually, some being postponed, changed, and even cancelled. The City took part in a number of State-wide virtual meetings such as the Ohio Urban Forestry Conference and also the Ohio Tree Commission Academy. The Arbor Day Program, Neighborhoods Program, and Adopt-A-Tree Program all began last fall despite the COVID pandemic, and they are now making plans for 2021 programs. The Arbor Day Program will be on April 23, 2021 at the Chamberlin Hill School. The Neighborhoods Program and the Adopt-A-Tree Program will both begin this fall as they were last year to allow for extra preparation time. The Shade Tree Commission involves a number of individuals: Brian Bauman, Ed Crawford who has been a member for a number of years, Barb Sherman, Ben Dolan, Tom Mills, City staff/City Council: Jim Niemeyer, Dave Honse, AJ Copus, Jeremy Kalb, and Brian Thomas. He thanked Council Clerk DeVore, City Clerk Launder, and Street Department Administrative Assistant Schey for their stellar support behind the scenes. Nothing would happen without them.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel asked what area Neighborhoods will be focused on this year. Mr. Mills replied one area will be on the east side of Findlay off of Fishlock, Riverside Park, and a location near the Municipal Building. They are currently advertising for properties for some tree work in the fall. Councilman Russel asked how someone could inquire about the programs. Mr. Mills replied they can call the Mayor's Office or the Public Works Office. Councilman Russel asked if now is the appropriate time to be pruning trees. Mr. Mills replied that trees generally need to be pruned in the winter time when they are down for the season (November-February). Right now is getting on the late side of pruning. There are ways to appropriately prune trees. He has literature available on the ways to prune.

Mayor Muryn noted that the Shade Tree Commission page on the City's website has added a place to sign up, year around, for those interested in a tree and will reach out to neighborhoods for future projects. Also on the Shade Tree Commission page of the City's website is a survey that is being conducted by a University of Findlay Biology student who will be graduating in May. It is a canopy tree survey of Findlay to show what is Findlay's tree canopy coverage is compared to other communities in the area to provide benchmarks for determining goals. It will also pinpoint different neighborhoods that need additional tree coverage. She is currently seeking another appointment to the Shade Tree Commission. Anyone interested can email their biography to her. Deadline is next Friday, March 12, 2021. Filed.

Cayla Fortman – D.O.R.A.

Ms. Fortman is the Executive Director for FOCUS: Recovery and Wellness Community who now provide youth services downtown within where D.O.R.A. will be designated for the refreshment area. They are located at 129 East Crawford. They serve the ages range of 13-18. They would like to see safeguards and preventative measures in place to ensure that the youth are protected from those walking downtown while drinking and socializing. Their organization would like to be able to verbalize to their youth the preventative measures that will be in place. She also would like confirmation that the disposal of the drinks will be in clear plastic cups. Mayor Muryn did speak with her and Claire at the Loft, but she is here tonight before City Council to reiterate the importance of it. They want to ensure that there is proper disposal of the cups due to youth walking in the same location as the D.O.R.A. Safe disposal of cups would eliminate the potential for youth to pick up anything that is left behind. The Community Partnership mentioned having instructions on the cups of how to dispose of the cups appropriately which would be a great preventative measure. While she understands that D.O.R.A. is for businesses, she wants to ensure that the youth are protected by it especially since they are in the downtown area where D.O.R.A. will be located.

Councilman Wobser asked if their organization is located on East or West Crawford. Ms. Fortman replied they are located at 129 East Crawford. Councilman Wobser asked what their hours of operation are. Ms. Fortman replied they are open 3:00pm-6:00pm. LGBTQ+ Spectrum of Findlay also has youth support groups after the 6:00pm hour at that location.

President of Council Harrington asked for details on what the Loft is. Ms. Fortman replied that the Loft is the name of their youth services. Focus Recovery Wellness is the overall agency name. They provide adult services, youth services, and recovery homes underneath of it. The Loft is what they call the youth services. Filed.

PETITIONS:

Zoning amendment request – E Bigelow Ave (various parcels)

Home Living Rentals, LLC on behalf of Jessica Borsani Powell, Esq. would like to change the zoning of various parcels on East Bigelow Avenue to M2 Multiple Family, High Density. It currently is zoned as R2 Single Family, Medium Density. Applicant requested this be withdrawn. Removed from the agenda during ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA portion of the March 2, 2021 City Council meeting. Filed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: none

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:

Police Chief Ring – donation in memory of Rex Fishbaugh

The City of Findlay Police Department received a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) check from Marsha Harris in memory of Rex Fishbaugh to be used for additional K-9 related training. Legislation to appropriate funds from the General Fund to the Police Department is requested. Ordinance No. 2021-020 was created.

FROM:	General Fund	\$ 200.00
TO:	Police Department #21012000-other	\$ 200.00

Filed.

City Engineer Thomas – Logan Avenue Phase 3 (OPWC), Project No. 32894300

As authorized by Ordinance No. 2020-038, a bid opening was held for this project on February 12, 2021. Bids were received from six (6) potential contractors with the bid amounts ranging from six hundred forty-five thousand dollars to one million ninety-two thousand seven hundred twenty-three dollars and fifty—five cents (\$645,000.00-\$1,092,723.55). The lowest and best bid was received from Helms and Sons Excavating of Findlay, Ohio. This project is included in the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan and will be using the grant funding received from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) was previously appropriated to the project for design and advertising. An additional appropriation is needed at this time for to cover the City’s portion of the construction costs and contingency. Legislation to appropriate and transfer funds for this capital expenditure is requested. Ordinance No. 2021-021 was created.

FROM:	OPWC Grant	\$ 300,000.00
TO:	Logan Avenue Phase 3 (OPWC) Project No. 32894300	\$ 300,000.00
FROM:	Water Fund	\$ 88,200.00
TO:	Logan Avenue Phase 3 (OPWC), Project No. 32894300	\$ 88,200.00
FROM:	Sewer Fund – Stormwater Restricted Account	\$ 146,033.00
TO:	Logan Avenue Phase 3 (OPWC), Project No. 32894300	\$ 146,033.00
FROM:	CIT Fund – Capital Improvements Restricted Account	\$ 240,000.00
TO:	Logan Avenue Phase 3 (OPWC), Project No. 32894300	\$ 240,000.00

Filed.

City Engineer – Thomas – second Capital Improvement Appropriation of 2021

The second Capital Improvement allocation of the year is to authorize the Service Director or City Engineer to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for construction and to appropriate and transfer funds. Ordinance No. 2021-022 was created.

FROM:	CIT Fund – Capital Improvements Restricted Account	\$ 162,000.00
TO:	Park Maintenance #21034000-other	\$ 45,000.00
TO:	Recreation Functions #21044400-other	\$ 27,000.00
TO:	Streets #22040000-other	\$ 40,000.00
TO:	HVAC Upgrade for Municipal Building #31994700	\$ 50,000.00

Filed.

City Auditor Staschiak – credit card reader for all City Departments

In 2020, City Auditor Staschiak had asked Council to pass a resolution for credit card processing fees due to the addition of card readers at the front counter of the Utility Billing Department. The implementation of the card readers for that department was successful and the City Auditor’s Office is now in the process of systematically implementing card readers for other City departments, the next department being the City Income Tax Department. Additional legislation, similar to Resolution No. 032-2020 As Amended that was specific to the Utility Billing Department, is needed for implementing credit card readers throughout other City Departments. Per City Auditor Staschiak’s conversations with ACI, it was determined that legislation on this may be broadly worded eliminating the need to have separate pieces of legislation for each department during the implementation process. In order to continue the consistency of having convenience fees charged back to the customer across all platforms (online, phone or over the counter card readers), legislation authorizing fees to be charged back to customers choosing to pay in this manner, suspending the statutory rules and giving the Resolution all of its readings during the March 2, 2021 City Council meeting is requested. Resolution No. 006-2021 was created. Filed.

City Auditor Staschiak – Police and Fire union contracts comparison of benefits

Police and Fire union contracts expire this year. The City Auditor’s Office maintains records covering many years of their contracts. Due to variations across the bargaining units, the City Auditor’s Office is providing updated documentation listing the most recent contracts currently in effect, as well as a comparison of benefits table, to assist in understanding the benefits across the employee base. Filed.

City Engineer Thomas – COVID grant offer for Findlay Airport

As announced by the Secretary of Transportation on February 12, 2021, the City of Findlay Airport is eligible for grant funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA). The funds will assist airport sponsors to address the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will distribute these grants under the new Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP). Based on the size (category) of the Findlay Airport, the City is eligible to receive twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000.00) to be used for operational expenses such as personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the Airport, and debt payments. Legislation authorizing the Mayor, Service Director, or City Engineer to sign the grant agreement is requested. The grant transmission letter does not list a deadline to have the application submitted, but City Engineer Thomas would like to submit it as soon as possible, thus waiving the statutory rules and give the Ordinance all of its readings during the March 2, 2021 City Council meeting. Ordinance No. 2021-023 was created. Filed.

Mayor Muryn – Sidewalk Café permit fees

Mayor Muryn is requesting Council's authorization to waive applicable fees for sidewalk café permits for calendar year 2021. In light of the current restrictions being placed on local restaurants by the State of Ohio and the uncertainty of what the next year may hold, it is prudent of the City of Findlay to reduce the barriers for businesses wherever logically possible. The initial application fee is two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a renewal application which can be a large expense for a small business already struggling to maintain operations. It will allow businesses to provide outdoor seating options that may not have in the past. Businesses will still be required to file a sidewalk café permit, as well as meet all requirements for approval. The full application, rules and regulations are listed on the City's website: <https://www.findlayohio.com/Home/ShowDocument?id=2634>.

Discussion:

Councilman Hellmann supports this. Anything Council can do to support small businesses and cut any of their expenses would be advantageous. He has asked the City Administration to look into what is happening in other cities, mostly larger cities (Philadelphia, Columbus, Chicago, Boston, New York) where the City puts a cap on the percentage of delivery service fees for food that are imposed on the owner of the restaurant. Currently, that delivery fee is taken out of the restaurant's charge and not paid by the customer, sometimes up to thirty percent (30%). It causes a significant impact, especially on smaller restaurants. Because of this, cities are beginning to pass legislation limiting the fee to as low as five percent (5%), with ten to fifteen percent (10%-15%) being more reasonable. He requested the Mayor and/or Law Director to look into this in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Restaurant Association, Alliance Board and react in, possibly in a temporary basis, at least until businesses get back to normal to see if this is something reasonable or not. He has some literature that he will provide copies of.

Councilman Russel asked if this request to waive sidewalk café permit fees can be done via a voice vote. Law Director Rasmussen from the audience shook his head in agreement. Councilman Russel moved to eliminate the sidewalk café permit fee for 2021, seconded by Councilwoman Warnecke. All were in favor. Filed.

City Planning Commission – February 11, 2021; **agenda** – March 11, 2021. Filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2021 (*credit card reader - at any of the various City of Findlay offices*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHARGING CUSTOMERS A FEE FOR PROCESSING CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS AT ANY OF THE VARIOUS CITY OF FINDLAY OFFICES.

Councilman Wobser moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Resolution its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser. The Resolution received its second and third readings. Councilman Slough moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Hellmann.

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser informed Council that there was a similar piece of legislation that was only for the Utility Billing Department. This one is for other various City departments (i.e. Income Tax Department), and would like to have this in place before April 15th.

Ayes: Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXIV, and is hereby made a part of the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 007-2021 (*no PO*) **requires one (1) reading** **first reading - adopted**
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURES MADE BY THE AUDITORS OFFICE ON THE ATTACHED LIST OF VOUCHERS WHICH EITHER EXCEED THE PURCHASE ORDER OR WERE INCURRED WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER EXCEEDING THE STATUTORY LIMIT OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3000.00) ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.41(D).

Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXIV, and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-009 (*DORA project*) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FINDLAY DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (D.O.R.A.), MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS, AND ENACTING REGULATIONS TO THAT EFFECT.

Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Palmer.

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser noted that he has received additional comments from the community on this. He asked Mayor Muryn if there is anything she would like to change on the legislation prior to it being voted on tonight. Mayor Muryn replied she does not have any changes. She has talked with a number of different entities and a number of Councilmembers on this. A lot of feedback received on this was about expanding it to include the West End Tavern and the Fern which was discussed at length during the Ad Hoc Committee meeting where it was recommended to start with a smaller area for the time being that also aligns with the Downtown Findlay Improvement District (DFID) to ensure a clean and safe environment and be able to maintain it, and then look at expanding it. Another concern was the possibility of public intoxication and disorderly contact which will be monitored. All indications have been that those issues do not increase with this project. All of the public intoxication laws will still apply. It allows open containers to be marked containers purchased from a downtown establishment. The other issue that has been brought to her attention is the socializing around drinking in that area in which the City wants to be sensitive to that and address those concerns. While she would like to ensure that the community is doing their best to address concerns, she prefers that those concerns not be put into the application because of the need to follow up on the administrative process of making sure that is/is not occurring. The way the application is currently written allows for some administrative purview on the design of the cup to include some safe drinking guidelines. She will be working with Zach and the community collaborative, and the restaurant association to make training is available to businesses on a regular basis which would be beneficial to have. Her main concern is the tracking and following up on it because it is in the application. At this point, she is not recommending any changes to the application that has been shared with the community.

Councilman Russel noted that the establishments that will be enjoying the benefits of the D.O.R.A. will still have to maintain a liquor license with the State of Ohio and will have to abide by all the laws that are applicable with that. That will still apply and will not change just because they are now in a D.O.R.A. They will still be legally liable if they serve an intoxicated individual in a D.O.R.A. cup just as they would be now. D.O.R.A. does not change any of that. Findlay's downtown establishments have been good stewards of the responsibilities that go along with a liquor license.

Councilman Slough asked if any consideration in the future will be given to the West End Tavern and/or the Fern. Mayor Muryn replied yes. Nothing is off limits. Council will always have the authority to propose any amendments to the designated area.

Councilman Wobser noted that he is in favor of this as it is a good thing for the downtown. A lot of money has been designated to the downtown area over the last ten (10) years. This will be a good addition to continue to have a thriving and vibrant downtown area. He asked Mayor Muryn if this legislation is a document that Council can suspend it at any time. Mayor Muryn replied that legislation can always be suspended. Council has the authority at any time to terminate or suspend the D.O.R.A. activity with a majority vote of Council. Councilman Wobser replied that Council will see how it goes with the hopes that it goes as well as other communities similar in size to Findlay.

Councilman Shindledecker pointed out that there is always concern with anything new on how it will go. In the past, he and his wife sold beer tickets quicker than money can be printed. Over the years, there has been many downtown events where he can recall only one incident of possible intoxication that had to be dealt with by the Police. While this project is new, it should not be as frightening as some may believe.

Councilwoman Warnecke asked if it would be a possibility to not have D.O.R.A. during the vintage car show as some car owners may not want to take the chance that someone may spill a beer in their vehicle. Mayor Muryn replied that D.O.R.A. would still be permitted. Unless there is a designated event permit that has a separate liquor license, D.O.R.A. would be in effect. For example, Oktoberfest has to obtain a liquor permit for that event which is why they have the barriers put up and wristbands. D.O.R.A. would not apply during special events like that. D.O.R.A. would not be changed for events like Cruise Night. In fact, D.O.R.A. would most likely be appreciated during those types of events.

Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann. Nays: Niemeyer, Warnecke. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-009 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-010 (*benching/mitigation agreement*) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HANCOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. A COPY OF SAID MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN AS EXHIBIT A.

Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-010 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-011 (*Ra Nik Ltd. agreement*) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RA NIK LTD. WHEREBY RA NIK LTD. SHALL DONATE ALL OF ITS RIGHTS, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO SAID PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN AND ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A.

Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-011 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-012 (*accept and approve the Amber Waves Development annexation*) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION, COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF OHIO, AND BEING A PART OF SECTION 6 SOUTH, T1N, R11E, A TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF 8.584 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS (HEREINAFTER REFERED TO AS THE AMBER WAVES DEVELOPMENT ANNEXATION).

Councilman Slough moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Haas. Ayes: Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-012 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-013 (*rezone the Amber Waves Development annexation*) **requires three (3) readings**

third reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1100 ET SEQ. OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE BY ZONING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY AS I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE AMBER WAVES DEVELOPMENT ANNEXATION).

Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-013 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-014 (*mobile health unit*) **requires three (3) readings**

third reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Hellmann.

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser noted that there has been a lot of discussion on this in prior meetings, and the head of Hancock Public Health is not here tonight to answer questions. Some concerns that have been voiced to him from his discussions he has had with the community is that it has not been determined what communities are not currently being served that the mobile health unit will help. It has also been mentioned to him that the Caughman Health Center takes care of all people and provides rides to those wanting to come to their clinic to be served. It will cost seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00) just to get it started with ongoing expenses. While the Health Department has stated that they will not add that on to the City's bill, it ultimately has to come out of the City's portion of what we will be paying for the Health Department. These types of things are very difficult to manage and expensive to maintain over time. While it may look good the first couple of years, it will be an ongoing expense down the road. It will be an additional expense to the community. For those reasons, he is voting against this.

Councilman Russel did some research and talked with some citizens about the entire Health Department and their effectiveness and who their target market is. It was voiced to him that Hancock County is not large enough for a mobile health unit and that Findlay has the Caughman Clinic, the hospital, and urgent care facilities all within easy distance for anyone in the county. When it comes to public health and the target markets for the whole health clinic, the challenges are not measured in miles from a clinic, but in the accessibility and the convenience of being able to get family members to facilities for preventative type actions. What changed or solidified his mind on this was a conversation he had with a working mother whose job allows for the flexibility of getting her kids to immunizations and healthcare visits. In her case, if healthcare was available to show up to the school, all she would have to do is sign a form and her children could get whatever healthcare they needed via a mobile health clinic, it would be very helpful for her in that she would not have to take time off work to get them to appointments. In her case, she has the ability to manage that, but there are many who cannot juggle it. That is one challenge the mobile health clinic is trying to address. He had asked Mayor Muryn for the background of who she was appointing to the Health Board (Barbara Pasztor) during last City Council meeting because she is the one that is going to have to ensure that the mobile health clinic is managed well and is accessible not just during normal business hours of 8:00am-5:00pm, but also possibly be available during off-hour and/or night visits at different establishments, and that the mobile unit is being put to good use which is why there is a Health Board representing the City of Findlay's interest while ensuring the unit is being utilized. He was glad to hear Ms. Pasztor's qualifications and he thinks the mobile unit is a good investment if the City can prove it is a benefit to the community and enables citizens to not have to be home with sick kids or have to take a day off work to get immunizations which will in the end help local businesses. He is glad that the City Health Department and the County Health Department combined into one department as that merging has paid off, especially during COVID. It is another extension of cooperative efforts. He was glad to see that the Hancock County Commissioners also felt that the mobile unit was worth donating to. For all of the reasons he just stated, he will be supporting this.

Councilman Shindledecker has had conversations about this project with individuals that have a financial and health background. Most of the objections he has heard is that it is not needed in Findlay and that surrounding villages/towns (i.e. McComb, Van Buren, Vanlue, etc.) would take greater advantage of a mobile unit. While it is important that they do, it is not necessarily the case. While there are nursing homes, schools and the availability of on-scene medical attention, he still feels this is a good idea. It took more than fifty (50) years to combine the City and County Health Departments that is operating efficiently. He trusts Hancock Public Health on this and will support them on this mobile unit.

Councilwoman Warnecke noted that it was stated in Friday's newspaper that Hancock Public Health received the County's donation, so they went ahead and purchased the mobile unit. Mayor Muryn replied that they are looking to place the order and is unsure if they have specifically done that. With financial commitments from the Commissioners, Rotary, private donors and the Community Foundation, they have the funds to get the program up and running. Councilwoman Warnecke, added that the article stated that the County was going to match what the City will be donating, but the City has not voted on it yet and made it look as though it was trying to back the City into a corner. Mayor Muryn replied that the County voted to match the City's donation up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). If the City does not donate, then the County will not be donating. They had wanted to see the City move first, but then decided to move first with the stipulation that the City will jump in with them. This does not have a long lead time, so they are trying to get the unit purchased and operational as soon as possible. While she is unsure if Hancock Public Health has purchased the unit yet or not, she would not be surprised if they have.

Councilman Niemeyer noted that he is of the understanding that the City's donation is going to be more than what the County's donation is going to be and cannot see using taxpayer's money to fund this when this is not what they are paying taxes for. He has nothing against the Health Department, but would like to get some votes in the primary, so he is going to vote against this.

Councilman Hellmann informed Council that Hancock County's population is approximately seventy-four thousand (74,000) of which forty-one thousand (41,000.00), or over fifty-five percent (55%), are within the City of Findlay and about thirty-three thousand (33,000), or forty-five percent (45%), are rural Findlay and outside the City of Findlay, so asking the City to provide more funds for this unit does not bother him. There are citizens out there that do not have access to healthcare and/or may not know that they have health related issues (i.e. Diabetes, heart issues, etc.) that if they were to be able to be tested early on, it would be a benefit to them. He is in full support of this. While he understands the concerns of others, he views this as providing a service to citizens in the city limits and in the county.

Councilman Wobser noted that the demographic information that Councilman Hellmann just mentioned brings up a good point in that the usage of this would be more in the county than in the city, so for that reason, he will make a motion to amend the legislation to change the appropriation of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to now be one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

Councilman Wobser moved to amend the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Niemeyer, Palmer, Slough. Nays: Hellmann, Russel, Shindledecker. The Ordinance is amended.

Discussion:

Mayor Muryn addressed comments given to the ability to go outside the community and also comments on the Caughman Center. We are not taking resources from other areas within our community. It is a resource to go out into the community (i.e. near a school near a park when families are able to stop and get vaccines, well child visits, blood pressure screenings, etc. during the day or on their way home with our Health Coordinators with Hancock Public Health who will be able to detect some underlying health issues and refer them to another facility or help them set up appointments (Caughman Center, specialist, etc.). They will also be able to help with paperwork for those without insurance. It is an entry path into the healthcare system within the community. It also helps lower costs in some form for everyone, helps create productivity, and provides the ability to go to businesses and provide health screenings on site as a benefit to them on insurance discounts. It is well worth the donation the City would be giving and will see the return on investment. There are specific measure in the community health assessment that the Health Board will be tracking. If this moves forward, they will put together benchmarks to be able to track things as it is their responsibility to make sure that the mobile unit is effective and show to the community that it has been done officially which will support their abilities to be able to get grant funding down the road. Their goal is to obtain this initial funding set up and then the City's responsibility is to secure funding and move forward.

Councilman Wobser thanked Council for reducing the funding on this, but that he has not changed his mind on it as he does not feel it is a good expense for the City. While he appreciates what the Mayor has stated, if all of that were happening, this might be a good thing to do, but it is a big hill to climb in his opinion and he will still vote against it.

Vote to adopt the Ordinance as amended: Ayes: Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough. Nays: Wobser, Niemeyer, Warnecke. The Ordinance was declared adopted as amended and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-014 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-016 AS AMENDED (*extend current contracts for City insurance policies*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO TAKE BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AIRPORT LIABILITY, AUTOMOBILE, BOILER MACHINERY, CONTRACTOR'S EQUIPMENT, CRIME INSURANCE, POLICE PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S ERRORS AND OMISSION LIABILITY, REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY BE EXTENDED UNTIL JULY 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-017 (*610 S Blanchard St rezone*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1100 ET SEQ OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE BY REZONING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY (REFERRED TO AS 610 SOUTH BLANCHARD STREET REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED "C1 LOCAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT" TO R4 DUPLEX/TRIPLEX".

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-018 (*NASPO #MA152*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS NASPO #MA152 TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF FINDLAY'S WIRELESS SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its third reading, seconded by Councilman Haas. Ayes: Greeno, Haas, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Warnecke, Wobser. Nays: Hellmann, Slough. The Ordinance received its third reading. Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Palmer.

Discussion:

Councilman Hellmann asked why the Ordinance needs to be adopted tonight. City Auditor Staschiak replied that he should have included a letter at the last City Council meeting on this requesting it to be read as an emergency with all three (3) readings. He asked a couple of Councilmembers if they would be willing to do so tonight to get this done and get the money saved in a timely fashion. Councilman Hellmann asked if this is under a time crunch and if the company does not want to wait. City Auditor Staschiak replied that is correct. Service agreements for City cell phones are up and need to be renewed. Councilman Hellmann asked if contracts are due before the next board meeting and/or before the next City Council meeting. City Auditor Staschiak replied that is correct.

Ayes: Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno. The Ordinance was declared adopted as amended and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-018 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-019 (2020 Ordinances/Resolutions changes) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE FINDLAY CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-020 (donation to FPD K-9 Unit from Rex Fisbaugh) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Palmer.
Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Palmer.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that he did not know Mr. Fisbaugh, but thanked his family for considering the Findlay Police Department's K9 unit with this gift.

Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-020 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-021 (Logan Ave Phase 3 project) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-022 (2nd Capital Improvement appropriation) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR AND THE SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS WHERE REQUIRED AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2021 DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT LIST, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR SAID CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-023 (COVID grant offer for Findlay Airport) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE DIRECTOR, AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO ALL REQUIRED AGREEMENTS OR DOCUMENTS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS (CRRSA) GRANT FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY TO BE UTILIZED AT THE CITY OF FINDLAY AIRPORT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Greeno.
Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-023 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-024 (water meter system project) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF FINDLAY AND UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC., APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS.

Discussion:

Councilman Greeno noted that this Ordinance will allow the City to fulfill the contract agreement that the City is committed to for this year, therefore, he will request all three (3) readings be given tonight and adopted.

Councilman Greeno moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Haas.
Ayes: Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Haas. Ayes: Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-024 and is hereby made a part of the record.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Wobser: **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 5:30pm in the first floor Council Chambers of the Municipal Building (CC).

Mayor Muryn thanked Council for their action on the transmitter meter project legislation so that transmitters that are completely dead can be replaced and will be able to update the system. She was notified today that 2G will most likely be completely gone by the end of this year, so the City might have to accelerate the project further. She will keep Council posted while working through it.

Safety Director Schmelzer announced that Findlay was once again named the top micropolitan city for the seventh (7th) year in a row. Mayor Muryn added that it does not happen by accident. A lot of the great work that Council, the Administration, and also what the rest of Findlay does to create a strong infrastructure of providing low cost services goes a long way. Businesses have continued to thrive even during the pandemic, have been able to reinvest in the community, and have been able to attract new businesses which all takes a lot of work from a lot of people. She thanked Council for everything they do. It is a community recognition that she is proud to be able to represent the community on. She has received a lot of phone calls from State and Federal leaders who are proud of Findlay and everything they are able to accomplish. Councilman Shindledecker added that Findlay finished higher than the top city in the next tier up, and tied with the next tier up after that. It reflects the outstanding job this community does.

Councilman Niemeyer moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

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