

FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 16, 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 March 2, 2021 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes, Councilman Greeno seconded the motion. President of Council Harrington pointed out that the Council Clerk emailed out revised meeting minutes today, so the motion tonight to approve the minutes as circulated are to approve them as amended. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA: none

PROCLAMATIONS: none

RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS: none

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: none

PETITIONS:

Alley vacation request – Bliss Avenue

Chris Ostrander is requesting a vacation for a portion of Bliss Avenue at 1501 Lima Avenue (parcel no. 600001008687) in the Thorpe and Andrew Addition in the City of Findlay, Ohio. Referred to City Planning Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee. Filed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: none

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:

Law Director Rasmussen – legal opinion 2021-01 on 735.05 Contracts, material, and labor

The Administration is seeking to purchase a 5 year warranty for the Bomag ESPP Recycler that was recently purchased to mill the streets. The Auditor requested that Law Director Rasmussen prepare a legal opinion regarding whether or not the City may contract to purchase such a warranty.

The simple answer is yes. Section 735.05 clearly authorizes the director of public service to enter contracts, material and labor. 735.05 provides as follows:

735.05 Contracts, material, and labor.

The director of public service may make any contract, purchase supplies or material, or provide labor for any work under the supervision of the department of public service involving not more than fifty thousand dollars. When an expenditure within the department, other than the compensation of persons employed in the department, exceeds fifty thousand dollars, the expenditure shall first be authorized and directed by ordinance of the city legislative authority. When so authorized and directed, except where the contract is for equipment, services, materials, or supplies to be purchased under division (D) of section [713.23](#) or section [125.04](#) or [5513.01](#) of the Revised Code or available from a qualified nonprofit agency pursuant to sections [4115.31](#) to [4115.35](#) of the Revised Code, the director shall make a written contract with the lowest and best bidder after advertisement for not less than two nor more than four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the city or as provided in section [7.16](#) of the Revised Code.

Amended by 129th General Assembly File No.141, HB 509, §1, eff. 9/28/2012.

Amended by 129th General Assembly File No.28, HB 153, §101.01, eff. 9/29/2011.

Effective Date: 09-26-2003.

Under 735.05, there is no artificial time limitation set as to the length of the term of the contract so long as the contract is for a “proper public purpose” and is not “illegal and/or unethical.” As long as the payments meet these simple standards, it is up to the Administration and Council, not the Auditor, to determine when, where or how the bill shall be paid.

It is my Legal Opinion that the director of public service has the authority to make contract purchases up to \$50,000.00. It is further my opinion that the administration may use such funds to purchase a five (5) year warranty on the said Bomag ESPP Recycler machine. And, it is also my opinion that the director of public service may pay for said extended warranty up front and in one full payment.

In researching this matter, I consulted with our Bond Council, Price Finley, regarding my interpretation of 735.05. In addition I consulted with our Senior Audit Manager for the Northwestern Region of Ohio, Kevin Pegish. Mr. Price and Mr. Pegish agree with my position. Filed.

City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – February 2021. Filed.

Findlay Police Department Activities Report – February 2021. Filed.

Findlay Fire Department Activities Report – February 2021. Filed.

City Auditor Staschiak – summary financial reports

A set of summary financial reports for the prior month follows including:

- Summary of Year-To-Date Information as of February 28, 2021
- Financial Snapshot for General Fund as of February 28, 2021
- Open Projects Report as of February 28, 2021
- Cash & Investments as of February 28, 2021

Filed.

Findlay Municipal Court Activities Report – February 2021. Filed.

City Engineer Thomas – Blue Bonnet and Bittersweet Sanitary Sewers, project no. 35601200

By authorization of Ordinance No. 2020-038, a bid opening was held for this project on March 3, 2021. Bids were received from four (4) potential contractors with bid amounts ranging from \$486,340.00 to \$709,776.00. The lowest and best bid was received from Underground Utility, Inc. of Monroeville, Ohio. Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) was previously appropriated from the Sewer Fund to the project for design and startup. An appropriation of funds for construction, inspection and contingency is now needed to complete the project. Legislation to appropriate and transfer funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2021-025 was created.

FROM:	Sewer Fund	\$ 542,625.00
TO:	Blue Bonnet and Bittersweet Sanitary Sewers project No. 35601200	\$ 542,625.00

Filed.

City Engineer Thomas – 2021 annual street resurfacing/curb repairs, Contract A (concrete), project no. 32810900

By authorization of Ordinance No. 2021-003, a bid opening was held for this project on March 9, 2021. Bids were received from four (4) potential contractors with bid amounts ranging from \$612,907.45 to \$759,372.20. The lowest and best bid was received from Smith Paving & Excavating of Norwalk, Ohio. Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) was previously appropriated from the Capital Improvements Restricted Account to the project for design and startup. An appropriation of funds for construction, inspection and contingency is now needed to complete the project. Legislation to appropriate and transfer funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2021-026 was created.

FROM:	CIT Fund – Capital Improvements Restricted Account	\$ 675,000.00
TO:	2021 Annual Street Resurfacing/Curb Repairs project No. 32810900	\$ 675,000.00

Filed.

Treasurer’s Reconciliation Report – February 28, 2021. Filed.

Mayor Muryn – Financial Summary. Filed.

City Engineer Thomas – Northside Sewer Televising, project no. 35603400

By authorization of Ordinance No. 2020-125, a bid opening was held for this project on March 3, 2021. Bids were received from seven (7) potential contractors with bid amounts ranging from \$25,529.75 to \$65,646.00. The lowest and best bid was received from Equix Integrity, Inc. of Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin. Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) was previously appropriated from the Sewer Fund to the project for design and startup. An appropriation of funds for construction, inspection and contingency is now needed to complete the project. The project will be using the City’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation to help fund this project. Depending on the results from televising, the grant will also be used for any sewer lining or sewer replacements that are needed to help reduce the amount of inflow and infiltration (I&I) in that area. The hardest part of estimating televising costs is the amount of cleaning that will be needed so that the contractor will be able to get the camera through the sewers, so he is asking for the total City share needed for this project to ensure that the funds are available if more cleaning is needed than estimated. If the funds are not needed for cleaning, those funds will then be utilized as the City share for the lining/replacement work. Legislation to appropriate and transfer funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2021-027 was created.

FROM:	Sewer Fund	\$ 75,000.00
TO:	Northside Sewer Televising project No. 35603400	\$ 75,000.00

Discussion:

Councilman Russel asked for the status of televising the entire City and what is planned to be done this year. City Engineer Thomas replied that this is not the annual request. This area is a high infiltration area where CDBG funds will be utilized for this project. The first step is to televise it to see if anything needs repaired. After that, he will bring another request to Council on what needs done. This particular area is bound by Trenton Avenue on the south, Melrose on the north, Broad Avenue on the west, and Bolton on the east, so all the sewers in that area will be looked at for this project. Councilman Russel asked how it is determined where to televise when. City Engineer Thomas replied that he is currently updating the long-term control plan with the EPA. The consultant went through it and updated sewer models and determined that this area needs looked at, at some point in time. Available CDBG funds cannot be used on every project, but can be used on this project, so he would like to apply those funds to this project. He will provide Council with the number of feet that will be televised for this project. Filed.

City Engineer Thomas – East Street and East Main Cross Waterline at Intersection, project no. 35711300

The existing waterline at the intersection of East Main Cross and East Street is currently running through a sanitary manhole. The City Water Department would like to fix the waterline and run it around the manhole while there are lane restrictions during construction of the MLK Parkway Improvements Project. This will eliminate the need to have a one-time lane restriction so that the waterline can be rerouted and then an additional lane restriction when the MLK Parkway Improvements project is under construction. While the work will be completed by City crews, an appropriation of funds for materials is needed to complete the project. Also, an additional appropriation of \$154.00 into the Water Meter/Transmitter Project is needed to offset the cost of advertising for qualifications. Legislation to appropriate and transfer funds is requested.

Ordinance No. 2021-028 was created.

FROM:	Water Fund	\$ 50,154.00
TO:	East Street and East Main Cross Waterline at Intersection, <i>project no. 35711300</i>	\$ 50,000.00
TO:	Water Meter System Replacement <i>project no. 35783300</i>	\$ 154.00

Filed.

City Engineer Thomas – HAN-Greenway Trail Phase 2, project no. 31993800

This project is currently under design, but some additional soil borings are needed to extend a ten foot (10') multi-use trail from the Eastpoint area to County Road 236. The total number of soil borings needed is higher than what was estimated, therefore, additional funds are needed to keep the project moving. Legislation to appropriate and transfer funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2021-029 was created.

FROM:	CIT Fund – Capital Improvements Restricted Account	\$ 16,000.00
TO:	HAN-Greenway Trail Phase 2 <i>project no. 31993800</i>	\$ 16,000.00

Discussion:

Councilman Russel asked what the scheduling risk of this project might be if not passed tonight. He asked if there are any construction risks of it being moved to the following year. City Engineer Thomas replied that it may not get moved to another year for construction, but that it would be a lot more difficult to keep the timeline so that it didn't get moved to another year. Once he has the funds lined up, the consultant then has to assemble a crew to do the work, all of which takes time. There are five (5) Tuesdays in March, so the next Council meeting is in three (3) weeks which would put the consultant in a bind if this was not passed until that meeting, and could result in additional design fees if they have to adjust their schedule.

Councilman Slough asked City Engineer Thomas if he would like this to be emergency legislation. City Engineer Thomas replied that he would appreciate it if Council would consider it.

Councilman Russel asked what the timeline for this project is and when construction will start. City Engineer Thomas replied construction is scheduled for FY24 that starts July 2023. This runs by the Blanchard River which requires environmental clearances that take longer than normal to do. It is estimated to take a year. While construction is not to start until July 2023, it still needs to keep moving along. Plans need to be done now so that clearances can begin, etc. Filed.

City Engineer Thomas – Chapel Drive Storm Sewer, project no. 35500500

By authorization of Ordinance No. 2020-014, a bid opening was held for this project on February 26, 2021. Bids were received from nine (9) potential contractors with bid amounts ranging from \$69,855.73 to \$89,497.00. The lowest and best bid was received from Brenneman Excavating, Inc. of Elida, Ohio. Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) was previously appropriated from the Restricted Stormwater Account to the project for design and startup. An appropriation is now needed for construction, inspection and contingency in order to complete the project. Legislation to appropriate and transfer funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2021-030 was created.

FROM:	Sewer Fund – Stormwater Restricted Account	\$ 70,000.00
TO:	Chapel Drive Storm Sewer <i>project no. 35500500</i>	\$ 70,000.00

Filed.

Mayor Muryn – Miracle League donation

The City of Findlay received a donation of \$45,935.00 from the Miracle League to go toward the purchase of bleachers and shade structure over existing bleachers at the Blanchard Valley Health System Miracle Park. These funds have been deposited into the General Fund. Legislation to appropriate funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2021-031 was created.

FROM:	General Fund (Miracle League donation)	\$ 45,935.00
TO:	Recreation Maintenance #21042000-other	\$ 45,935.00

Filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE** met on March 2, 2021 to discuss the finalization of a RFQ for a contractor to assist with the initial data gathering for the strategic plan.

We recommend the committee change the proposal to a RFQ instead of a RFP. Also recommend that Baker-Tilly review the RFQ prior to publication.

Councilman Russel moved to adopt the committee report, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. All were in favor. Filed.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 008-2021 (*basin support*) **requires one (1) reading**

first reading - adopted

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO FOR THE FLOOD MITIGATION EFFORTS WITHIN THE FINDLAY HANCOCK COUNTY, OHIO COMMUNITY.

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

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-016, AS AMENDED (*re-bid contracts for City insurance policies*) **requires three (3) readings**

third reading - adopted

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, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Slough moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Shindledecker. Ayes: Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-016 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-017 (*610 S Blanchard St rezone*) **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 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".

Councilman Hellmann moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-017 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-019 (*2020 Ordinances/Resolutions changes*) **requires three (3) readings**

second reading

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE FINDLAY CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-021 (*Logan Ave Phase 3 project*) **requires three (3) readings**

second reading

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-022 (*2nd Capital Improvement appropriation*) **requires three (3) readings**

second 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.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-025 (*Blue Bonnet and Bittersweet Sanitary Sewers, project no. 35601200*) **requires three (3) readings**

first reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Wobser moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-025 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-026 **requires three (3) readings**

first reading - adopted

(*2021 annual street resurfacing/curb repairs, Contract A (concrete) project no. 32810900*)

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING 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 Greeno. Ayes: Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Wobser 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 2021-026 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-027 (*Northside Sewer Televising project no. 35603400*) **requires three (3) readings**

first reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Greeno moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-027 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-028 **requires three (3) readings**

first reading - adopted

(*East Street and East Main Cross Waterline at Intersection, project no. 35711300*)

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser asked if there is some economy of scale work that the City Water Department is doing in the same area. City Engineer Thomas replied that the water lines run through an existing manhole that is located right in the middle of the intersection of Main Cross/Martin Luther King/East Street. It was located a couple of years ago, but with the Martin Luther King project going to be happening soon, he asked them to wait until the project was going on while the contractor would already have it closed down instead of having to close down the intersection for a couple of days to do the work. The City can then also go in and work and not have to close the intersection multiple times and inconvenience motorists. Timelines are on target, and just need the funds so that parts can be ordered.

Councilman Wobser moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Russel. Ayes: Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-028 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-029 (*HAN-Greenway Trail, Phase 2, project no. 31993800*) **requires three (3) readings**

first reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Wobser moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-029 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-030 (*Chapel Dr storm sewer project no. 3550500*) **requires three (3) readings**

first reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser asked if a contractor is already lined up for this project. City Engineer Thomas replied that is correct. The contractor would like to get started before the next City Council meeting if possible, but contracts will need to be signed before then. If it were up to the contractor, this would be completed before the next Council meeting, but that will not happen because the asphalt plants will not be open, so the contractor would like to start the week of the next City Council meeting. If Council were to suspend the readings and adopt this tonight, that would ensure that the contractor can get started and be finished within a week with little disturbance to property owners.

Councilman Russel asked City Engineer Thomas if he is finding that contractors are eager to get projects started and if so, if that is normal, abnormal or COVID related. City Engineer Thomas replied that yes contractors are looking for work. The amount of interest in this project surprised him in that it is a smaller project. There were contractors that thought they had jobs last year, but were cancelled because businesses did not have the money. While he does not like asking Council to suspend rules on so many pieces of legislation, especially on larger projects, contractors are eager to get started on projects. Contractors would like to start in April and be done by June. As soon as they are done, the asphalt contractors can come in. The sooner contractors can get in, the sooner the projects can be completed with room for inclement weather delays. Although contractors are looking for work and are providing good pricing right now, some pricing is starting to go up such as asphalt and steel.

Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-030 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-031 (*Miracle League donation*) **requires three (3) readings**

first reading - adopted

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

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that this is a transfer of a donation given to the City by the Miracle League of Findlay for the addition of some bleachers and shade structures at the Miracle League Park that is a fabulous facility that has been an unqualified success. They privately generated funds to apply to physical improvements there. He thanked Brad Koller and all of his team/committee that made this happen and their continued passion for the Miracle League.

Ayes: Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Haas, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-031 and is hereby made a part of the record.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Wobser: **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting on April 6, 2021 at 5:30pm in the first floor Council Chambers of the Municipal Building (CC).

agenda: conclude the RFQ document and review Baker Tilly feedback

Councilman Russel: **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** meeting on April 8, 2021 at 12:00pm in the first floor Council Office of the Municipal Building (CO).

agenda: Bliss Avenue vacation

Councilman Russel noted that he and his wife received their COVID vaccination this past Saturday at the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex held by the Hancock County Public Health, hospital, and University of Findlay. They only spent approximately twenty-five (25) minutes at the clinic, including fifteen (15) minutes of it sitting in a chair until he could leave. It was a well-run process. It was an impressive arrangement and setup. He and his wife literally walked through, got their shot, sat down and then walked out. He thanked all three (3) organizations for their efforts of putting it together. Their follow up vaccinations are already scheduled for April. There is another vaccination clinic coming up in a couple of weeks.

Mayor Muryn added that two thousand (2,000) vaccines were distributed this past Saturday. The process went like clockwork due to thorough planning, walkthroughs and the coordination between the different departments. There will be a second (2nd) vaccination clinic on March 22, 2021. There have been an increase in the number of vaccines available. The eligibility in the State of Ohio will change on March 19, 2021 to those forty years old and older (40+), as well as those with cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, heart disease or obesity qualities and will change on March 29, 2021 to those sixteen and older (16+).

Mayor Muryn informed Council that the City will be receiving around four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) of American Rescue Plan funds this year and around that same amount again next year, but they have not yet received the Treasury's guidance on how those funds can be utilized. Once those guidelines are received, the Administration will work with the Auditor to generate ideas of how to recommend those funds be spent and what are eligible expenses, etc. and will then work with Council to determine what the next steps are. Department heads are already brainstorming some ideas on how to best utilize those funds within the community.

Mayor Muryn thanked the City Engineering Department for their efforts on coordinating projects early this year in order to get a head start on them and save the City money. They do a fantastic job of getting a lot of work done with a small team of employees making sure Hancock County's infrastructure is not only maintained at an exceptionally high level, but at the lowest cost possible. That happens by a lot of hard work, strategy, and by Council's support.

Mayor Muryn reminded Council that this month marks the one year anniversary of the COVID pandemic. The Findlay community is positioned far and above any other community both from a resource perspective of getting the vaccine rolled out, as well as by the overall management leadership during the COVID pandemic. She appreciates Council's support in trusting the Administration to be able to serve the community and keep Findlay moving forward and by keeping focused on what needs done to serve the community each and every day, and by making sure Findlay is positioned to move forward. She is excited for what the future holds because Findlay is in a great position largely due to Council being supportive in making sure the community is positioned well.

Councilman Slough asked for the status of the open Safety-Service position. Mayor Muryn replied that it is down to two (2) final candidates who will be coming in next week for interviews and will be meeting with all of the department heads. She anticipates making a decision late next week. She will inform Council as soon as that decision has been made.

Councilman Slough moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT