

FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

NOVEMBER 16, 2021

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL of 2020-2021 Councilmembers:

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

ABSENT: Haas, Wobser

President of Council Harrington pointed out that Councilman Haas and Councilman Wobser informed him that they would not be in attendance tonight. Councilman Russel moved to excuse Councilman Haas and Councilman Wobser, seconded by Councilman Greeno. All were in favor. Filed.

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 November 2, 2021 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA:

Councilman Russel moved to add-on and replace the following on tonight's agenda, seconded by Councilman Slough. Filed.

ADD-ONS:

1. Resolution No. 021-2021 – OneOhio MOU opioid litigation settlement funds (*LEGISLATION section*)

REPLACEMENTS:

1. Ordinance No. 2021-118 – donation of three (3) trees from Community Foundation (*LEGISLATION section*)
 - Changed:
FROM: "General Fund" to now be "General Fund (Community Foundation Donation)"

PROCLAMATIONS: none

RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS: none

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: none

PETITIONS:

Zoning amendment request - 0 South Main Street

Lindsay Kneale, Project Manager of ARCO Construction Company, Inc., Senior Living/Multi-Family on behalf of Country Club Acres, Inc., would like to change the zoning of 0 South Main Street (Parcel #620001022082) to M2 Multi-Family, High Density. It is currently zoned as C2 General Commercial. Referred to City Planning Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee. Filed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: none

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:

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

Findlay Fire Department Activities Report – October 2021. Filed.

Findlay Municipal Court Activities Report – October 2021. Filed.

Findlay Police Department Activities Report – October 2021. Filed.

Treasurer's Reconciliation Report – October 31, 2021. Filed.

Mayor Muryn - October 2021 Monthly Budget Summary.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel asked Mayor Muryn how the year end will wrap up from her budget perspective. Mayor Muryn replied that overall, things are looking very good. The City's finances have been kept under control and have been in line with projections with the goal of always being within ninety percent (90%) of the budgeted expenses. She anticipates City departments to be giving some funds back from the previously approved budget. Revenues have been coming in strong, but are starting to see a little bit of lag in timing because of the mail. For example, on Monday, numbers were looking down for the month, but then today, a lot of collections came in which is a trend that may be seen throughout the end of the year. Overall, revenues are still coming in strong. She is happy with the City's overall performance and expect that the City will be able to add some cash back to the reserves again. Filed.

Mayor Muryn – Blanchard Valley Port Authority appointment

Mayor Muryn is reappointing Craig Anderson to the Blanchard Valley Port Authority. Mr. Anderson has served as a City of Findlay appointment to the Port Authority since its inception in 2007. His appointment will be effective through June 30, 2025. This appointment requires Council confirmation.

Discussion:

Councilman Shindledecker moved to confirm this appointment, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. All were in favor. Filed.

A set of summary financial reports for October 31, 2021:

- Summary of Year-To-Date Information as of October 31, 2021
- Financial Snapshot for General Fund as of October 31, 2021
- Open Projects Report as of October 31, 2021
- Cash & Investments as of October 31, 2021

Filed.

Traffic Commission minutes – October 18, 2021. Filed.

Parking Authority minutes – November 8, 2021. Filed.

Mayor Muryn – Shade Tree Commission appointment

Mayor Muryn is appointing Jane Ebersole to the Shade Tree Commission. Her appointment will be effective through December 31, 2023. This appointment does not require Council confirmation. Filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Downtown Findlay Improvement District (DFID) annual meeting – November 3, 2021.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that he is Council's representative to the DFID Board. Their annual meeting was held a couple of weeks ago. He provided a couple of highlights of what has been happening with the Downtown Findlay Improvement District (DFID) who are responsible for the downtown flowers. This year, sponsorship opportunities started to help bring in some revenue for the district to use for beautification efforts. The twenty-five (25) individuals that sponsored the DFID were given plaques downtown. That opportunity will be available again next year. The DFID hires a maintenance crew to pick up trash, cigarette butts, and spray weeds as part of the D.O.R.A. application. Part of the D.O.R.A. requirement is to provide a way to maintain trash from the D.O.R.A. project. The D.O.R.A. application references that the DFID had this maintenance plan in effect. The cigarette butt container and dog waste container bags seem to be popular due to the amount that is being used. The board is dedicated, specifically Jill Wagner with Wasbro Properties who gives her heart and soul into the downtown and the DFID, but does not get enough thanks for all that she does. Any comments, questions or suggestions about the board or about the downtown can be directed to him or the Mayor as they both sit on the board. Filed.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 021-2021 (*OneOhio MOU opioid litigation settlement funds*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that this needs to be executed by November 19, 2021.

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

Discussion:

Mayor Muryn noted that this was received just yesterday and that settlement agreements need to move quickly. They would like a response from the City accepting it by Friday. It is consistent with the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding that was executed earlier this year. This is specific to the Jansen Settlement Agreement. Earlier this year, there was an agreement with McKesson and some other companies, but this is a separate agreement that is consistent with the prior agreement that was accepted. This will be money on top of the monies that were previously agreed on to accept.

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

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-099 (*5th Capital Improvement appropriation*) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, WHERE REQUIRED, AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR SAID CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Slough moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Greeno, Hellmann. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-099 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-100 (*Bittersweet Dr/Bluebonnet Dr sanitary sewer project*) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-100 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-102 (*Attorney for Municipal Court's legal services*) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO WAIVE FORMAL ADVERTISING AND BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SCOTT BASINGER TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES OF FILING GARNISHMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT IN FINDLAY MUNICIPAL COURT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Slough moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Warnecke. Ayes: Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-102 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-105 (*Londonderry Dr vacation*) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PORTION OF A CERTAIN ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LONDONDERRY DRIVE VACATION) IN THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-105 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-106 (*Park St/Oakland Ave 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 THE TELA, INC. PARK STREET AND OAKLAND AVENUE REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED "I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL" TO "R-4 DUPLEX/TRIPLEX, HIGH DENSITY".

Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Slough, Warnecke, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-106 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-107 (*Hancock Public Health Combined Services contract renewal*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE-SAFETY OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO EXTEND THE CURRENT CONTRACT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COMBINATION OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF FINDLAY HEALTH DEPARTMENT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-109 (*dissolution of the Parking Authority*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CURRENT CHAPTER 147 ET SEQ OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO AND DISSOLVING THE PARKING AUTHORITY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-110 (*income tax receipts appropriation*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-111 (*Strategic Plan Project*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**
Adopted during OLD BUSINESS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PLANNING NEXT TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES AND IMPLEMENTING A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CITY OF FINDLAY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel pointed out that Planning Next has started to do some preliminary work with the City and the desire is to keep this going and get started. The contract has been reviewed by the City and the STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE. Planning Next is ready to get going on it.

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

Councilman Russel moved to table the Ordinance so that it does not pass today without the ability to have it on an emergency, otherwise, it will be forty-five (45) days before the contract can be executed. He would like to table this and then at the next meeting, give it consideration again when all ten (10) Councilmembers are present to allow for the possibility of eight (8) votes needed to be executed at that time. Or, he asked Councilman Niemeyer to reconsider his nay vote because it does not give it the eight (8) votes necessary to pass on an emergency. President of Council Harrington noted that the motion to table has been given and asked if there is a second to the motion. Seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke. The Ordinance is tabled.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-113 (*Spring Lake Sanitary upgrade Project No. 35611600*) **requires three (3) reading** **second reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT(S) WITH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SPRING LAKE SANITARY UPGRADE, DESIGN GRANT, PROJECT NO. 35611600, TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH SAID GRANT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Palmer moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its third reading, seconded by Councilwoman Warnecke. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Greeno. The Ordinance received its third reading. Councilman Palmer moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Greeno, Hellmann. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-113 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-114 (*BRWP Riverside Dam project*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that there is a desire to get this project moving.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its third reading, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance received its third reading. Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-114 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-115 (*Information Systems Mgr pay rate*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO GRANT AN ADDITIONAL EIGHTEEN PERCENT (18%) SALARY INCREASE FOR THE CURRENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER POSITION, WHICH WOULD EXCEED THE ALLOTTED EIGHT PERCENT (8%) OF CURRENT CODIFIED ORDINANCE NO. 2020-121 OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE SALARY ORDINANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-116 (*salary ordinance*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS, PAY RANGES, SALARY SCHEDULES AND OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY AFFECT PAY, FOR ALL NON-ELECTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE FINDLAY, OHIO, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-121, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-042, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-068, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-097 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-117 (*ee payroll deductions for HSA*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO MAKE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ENROLL IN THE HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT (HSA) PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-118 (*donation of three trees from Community Foundation*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FINDLAY-HANCOCK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO DONATE THIRTY (30) TREES TO THE CITY OF FINDLAY IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR THIRTIETH (30) ANNIVERSARY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Discussion:

Councilman Shindledecker asked where the trees will be planted. Mayor Muryn replied they will go in the Phase II benching areas. There will be opportunities along Main Street, potentially along the edge to plant trees as an entryway that will not impede the flood benefit that would be received from this project, but still have to work through the design process.

Councilwoman Warnecke asked if it will be thirty (30) or three (3) trees. Mayor Muryn replied it will be thirty (30).

Councilman Hellmann thanked Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation for the donation and congratulate them on their thirtieth (30) anniversary.

Ayes: Slough, Warnecke, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-118 and is hereby made a part of the record.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

City Auditor Staschiak pointed out that Council should have a packet with a lot of numbers on it that he placed at each council seat. It lists the projected total cost for the union and non-union wage increases. Council had passed the union agreements so swiftly in that the City Auditor's Office was not given an opportunity to provide these figures and he was unsure how quickly Council would pass the payroll ordinance that is in tonight's packet, so he wanted to be sure the City Auditor's Office completed their due diligence by providing this. Based on that across all contracts in the non-union salary ordinance 2021-116, the total projected cost and projected costs as there are a few averages and a few things that have to be projected forward that is approximately one million two hundred forty-seven thousand dollars (\$1,247,000.00). In 2023, the total cost across all the legislation will be two million seven hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$2,725,000.00), and is projected to be two million seven hundred fifty-one thousand dollars (\$2,751,000.00) in 2024 using the same formula and assuming they are all applied evenly, and per the verbiage. The supplementary pages behind that are the actual detail and how that breaks down into whether it will be stipends allowances over time with the figures known today. Every figure shown on this is based on a 2021 figure. The costs he just quoted to Council are costs over and above the 2021 figure and is not an accumulative cost across three (3) years. They are the cost over and above 2021. He discussed this with Councilman Wobser earlier today and were in agreement that this group should get a full set of these documents which is why he distributed them to Council tonight.

Councilman Niemeyer moved to untable Ordinance No. 2021-111 (*Strategic Plan Project*), seconded by Councilman Russel. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke. The Ordinance was removed from being tabled.

Discussion:

Councilman Niemeyer explained that the reason he voted against the Ordinance was because it seems like a lot of money to pay to an out-of-town firm, but that the City will find out from the results if it was worth it.

President of Council Harrington explained that this Ordinance is currently off the table and if Council wants to suspend the rules, that motion needs to be made again. Councilman Russel replied that if Councilman Niemeyer wants to change his vote so that it is an 8-0 vote and passes, he just needs to request that his vote be changed. Per Council's rules, it does not need to be reread or redone. Law Director Rasmussen added that Councilman Niemeyer could change his original vote or a Councilmember could request a motion to reconsider such legislation. President of Council Harrington replied that Council does need to suspend the rules again. Councilman Russel replied that the rules have been suspended and now the vote just needs to take place.

Mayor Muryn requested to speak, but President of Council Harrington pointed out that there is no discussion when the rules have been suspended.

President of Council Harrington requested a roll-call vote for suspending the rules of Council. Councilman Russel asked for a point of order stating that Council has already suspended the rules. President of Council Harrington replied that Councilman Niemeyer has to go on the record to change his vote. Councilman Russel noted that Council voted 8-0 to suspend the rules. The question is about Councilman Niemeyer's vote to accept the Ordinance. President of Council Harrington clarified that Councilman Niemeyer has not changed his vote, which is why he is doing a roll-call vote now to clarify who has voted aye or nay to suspend the rules. Councilman Russel asked for a point of order. President of Council Harrington clarified that a motion has been made and seconded so now a roll-call vote is being given to make sure the record is correct. Councilman Russel requested the Clerk give the tally of the roll-call vote on the motion to suspend the rules. Mayor Muryn clarified that the confusion is that Council already voted to suspend the rules with a vote of 8-0 given that passed. Subsequently, Councilman Niemeyer voted in opposition, therefore Councilman Russel voted to table it so that the City does not have to wait the additional time period of forty-five (45) days rather than thirty (30) days because it passed with insufficient votes to be effective immediately. Mayor Muryn asked if that was a correct interpretation. President of Council Harrington replied that is not correct. It did not pass 8-0. It passed 7-1 where Councilman Niemeyer voted against the suspension of the rules. Mayor Muryn corrected President of Council Harrington stating that Councilman Niemeyer voted in favor of suspending the rules and was given its third reading. Councilman Niemeyer voted against adopting it.

President of Council Harrington asked what Councilman Russel would like to see happen. Councilman Russel replied that Council's rules allow a member to change their vote. He understands Councilman Niemeyer's reason for voting no and also understands the implications of voting no tonight with two (2) Councilmembers absent. If Councilman Niemeyer wishes to change his vote, he may do so. President of Council Harrington replied that he has no problem with that, but that there currently is nothing on the record indicating that Councilman Niemeyer has changed his vote. As of right now, the only motion he is aware of and that has been accepted by Councilman Niemeyer is to pull the Ordinance from the table. The rules of Council are based on Robert's Rules of Order in that if Councilman Niemeyer wants to reconsider his nay vote for the suspension, that it has to go on the record. Councilman Russel replied that Councilman Niemeyer voted in favor of the suspension. The vote for the suspension was 8-0.

President of Council Harrington asked Councilman Niemeyer if he voted aye to suspend the rules. Councilman Niemeyer replied yes he did. President of Council Harrington replied that the rules of Council have been suspended and the clerk has given the Ordinance its second and third readings.

Councilman Niemeyer requested to change his vote on the adoption of this Ordinance to Aye, therefore, the vote became 8-0. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2021-111 and is hereby made a part of the record.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Shindledecker thanked those who have put smiles on many faces during a difficult year and a half. It has been a difficult time for the Arts on scheduling their programs and the uncertainty of being able to have a full house or not, but now seem to be back in order for the most part. He thanked the Fort Findlay Playhouse, Marathon Center for the Performing Arts (MCPA), the University and Findlay City Schools, not only for their arts, but also for their outstanding athletic programs, and the Hancock Historical Museum.

Councilman Russel: **AD-HOC COMMITTEE** meeting on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 5:00pm in the first floor Council Office (CO) of the Municipal Building.

agenda: 2022-2023 Council Rules of Procedures and sub-committee assignments

Discussion:

President of Council Harrington noted that Councilman Russel passed out the committee assignment and asked if he would like any feedback prior to this meeting. Councilman Russel replied that the email to Council representatives requests information, so yes he would like feedback prior to the meeting.

Mayor Muryn agreed with Councilman Shindledecker on his gratitude towards the Arts. There have been some wonderful shows in the community, great athletic performances and great musical performances the last couple of weeks. It is great to be back together as a community hopefully in a safe manner. It is great to see them perform at a high level.

Mayor Muryn informed Council that a press release was sent out today about the Hancock County and the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District being awarded just over seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00) to fund the improvements to the Norfolk Southern Railroad bridge as part of the flood mitigation project. It was the only project in the State of Ohio to receive such funding through the Federal Government for that project. It was through a lot of hard work. She gave a shout out to Brian Thomas, former Service Director, who did a lot of work behind the scenes to get the application completed prior to his departure from the City, and to Jeremy Kalb when he took it over, Steve Wilson and the County, City, State Government, Stantec who worked and got a lot of support at all levels to ensure the application had its best chances to continue to provide benefits from being on top of those different grant opportunities and keep flood mitigation efforts moving forward in Findlay and Hancock County.

Mayor Muryn noted that the City was contacted by the Humane Society regarding feral cat issues that were occurring not only throughout town, but also in a couple of neighborhoods. The City of Findlay is going to be paying up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) over the next couple of months to help mitigate some of that issue by spaying and neutering, as well as removing some of the sick cats off of the streets. The City is taking that issue seriously. Additional information will be going out to the public on it.

Councilman Palmer moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Niemeyer. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT