



**City Engineer Kalb – first Capital Improvement appropriation of 2022**

Legislation authorizing the Service-Safety Director or City Engineer to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for construction, as well as to appropriate and transfer funds as follows is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-017 was created.

FROM:	CIT Fund – Capital Improvements Restricted Account	\$ 756,500.00
TO:	Police #21012000-other	\$ 318,000.00
TO:	Fire #21014000-other	\$ 90,000.00
TO:	Park Maintenance #21034000-other	\$ 15,000.00
TO:	Cemetery #21046000-other	\$ 15,000.00
TO:	Streets #22040000-other	\$ 106,000.00
TO:	Traffic Lights #22043200-other	\$ 120,000.00
TO:	Airport #25010000-other	\$ 92,500.00
FROM:	Sewer Fund	\$ 140,000.00
TO:	Sewer Maintenance #25061000-other	\$ 140,000.00
FROM:	Water Fund	\$ 305,000.00
TO:	Water Treatment Plant #25050000-other	\$ 50,000.00
TO:	Water Distribution #25053000-other	\$ 185,000.00
TO:	Utility Billing #25072000-other	\$ 40,000.00
TO:	Supply Reservoir #25073000-other	\$ 30,000.00
FROM:	CIT Fund – Capital Improvement Restricted Account	\$ 1,315,000.00
TO:	VHF Radio System #31983000	\$ 35,000.00
TO:	Upgrades to Shelter 15 #31913400	\$ 30,000.00
TO:	2022 Street Preventative Maintenance #32820100	\$ 230,000.00
TO:	2022 Annual Street Resurfacing/Curb Repairs #32820500	\$ 800,000.00
TO:	Engineering/Zoning File Scanning #31920800	\$ 50,000.00
TO:	Muni Bldg Elevator Replacement #31920900	\$ 150,000.00
TO:	2022 City Sidewalk/Ramps #32821000	\$ 20,000.00
FROM:	Sewer Fund	\$ 70,000.00
TO:	Annual Manhole Adjustment #35621100	\$ 50,000.00
TO:	Madison & Monroe Sanitary Phase II #35621200	\$ 20,000.00

Filed.

**Fire Chief Eberle – portable MARCS radios transfer**

The Findlay Fire Department recently replaced all of their portable MARCS radios through a combination of Capital Improvement Funds and a Federal grant award. The old radios are no longer of use to the Findlay Fire Department and have little value due to their age. The radios will be obsolete in 2025 due to enhanced security protocols on the MARCS radio system. Typically, the obsolete radios would be listed on the govdeals online auction site, however, in order to sell the obsolete radios to the general public, they will need to be deprogrammed and reset back to the original factory settings which is estimated to cost for thousand sixty dollars \$4,060.00 which greatly exceeds the value of the radios. Williams County Fire Department uses the same radio vendor as Findlay does for programming and service, therefore, the radios could be transferred to them for their use. When the radio vendor programs the Williams County channels into each unit, Findlay’s data will be deleted. By transferring the radios to Williams County, Findlay would be assisting another public safety agency and would avoid the deprogramming fee. After discussions with the Administration and the City Auditor’s Office, the recommendation is to transfer the radios to Williams County. Legislation authorizing the Service-Safety Director to facilitate the transfer of obsolete portable MARCS radios to Williams County is requested. Resolution No. 008-2022 was created. Filed.

**Service-Safety Director Martin –Riverside Pool operations via Findlay YMCA**

The City of Findlay has contracted with the Findlay YMCA for several years now to operate the Riverside Pool each year. The City of Findlay and the Findlay YMCA are interested in operating under a three (3) year agreement versus the current year to year agreement (copy of the draft agreement is attached). Legislation authorizing the Mayor and/or Service-Safety Director to enter into a contract with the Findlay YMCA for the operation of the Riverside Pool for the 2022-2024 seasons is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-018 was created. Filed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 to discuss the Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC). Councilman Bauman moved to adopt the committee report, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor. Filed.

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 007-2022** (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 Slough moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Niemeyer. Ayes: Bauman, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wisener, Wobser. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXV, and is hereby made a part of the record.

**RESOLUTION NO. 008-2022** (transfer obsolete FFD MARCS portable radios to Williams County) requires one (1) reading

*first reading - adopted*

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO TRANSFER OBSOLETE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO FIRE DEPARTMENT PORTABLE MARCS RADIOS TO THE WILLIAMS COUNTY NORTHWEST FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT IN EDON, OHIO.

Councilman Slough moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Greeno.

**Discussion:**

Councilman Wobser asked why this is going outside the normal process versus going through the normal gov.deals online process. He asked what the four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) of programming fees entails and asked if anyone that obtains the City's radios will have to have them reprogrammed. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that is correct. Councilman Wobser asked why they are going straight to Williams County and not through gov.deals. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that if they were made available on gov.deals, then anyone could bid on them with the lowest bidder obtaining them regardless if it is a municipality or not. If they were sold without deprogramming them, anyone would be able to listen to the City's frequencies. The City has to protect their channels by having them deprogrammed before they can be sold on gov.deals which would be at the City's cost to do so. The cost to deprogram them is actually higher than the value of the devices. By giving them to Williams County, it will be helping out an agency that needs them. The City's vendor is the same as Williams County's vendor because of the size of the region that they cover. If Williams County takes the City's equipment, they are willing to deprogram and re-program at no cost to the City. Councilman Wobser asked if the City would still have to incur the four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) if they were placed on gov.deals. He asked if whomever receives them will have to pay the reprogramming costs in order to use them. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that the City could sell them as is and put it in writing that the recipient would have to reprogram them, but once the City hands them over, the recipient can do whatever they want with them. It is a transaction. Whomever buys them can do whatever they want with them. They can de-program and/or reprogram them. The City cannot subject anyone the ability to listen to our frequencies. The City does not own the process of deprogramming them before they are put in someone else's hands. Councilman Wobser asked how they will be deprogrammed if they are given to Williams County. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that the City's radio vendor is also Williams County's radio vendor. The radio vendor has offered to deprogram them if the City gives the radios to them since they have the potential to provide frequencies to Williams County in the radios the City would be giving to them. The radio vendor is willing to swap frequencies at no cost to the City. Councilman Wobser asked how it was determined that the radios go to Williams County. He asked if any other county wants them. He asked what the City's connection to Williams County is. Fire Chief Eberle replied that the City was approached by the radio vendor about the opportunity to give them to Williams County. A department in Williams County (Northwest Fire & Rescue) does not have the budget to purchase new radios and only have a few radios in their inventory. The radio vendor covers all of Williams County who are trying to help Williams County out. The radio vendor contacted the City asking what we were going to do with our old radios knowing we just purchased new ones and reminded him (Chief Eberle) that they will need to be deprogrammed because the City's information is still programmed in them. The radio vendor is willing to deprogram them for a fee which is the fee quoted in his letter to Council. In order for the radio vendor to program the Williams County template into the new radios, they will have to clean all of the City's information out. The radio vendor approached the City about giving them to Williams County. Councilman Wobser asked if the radio vendor is providing a charitable need to Williams County. Fire Chief Eberle replied that they are taking care of their customers and knows that Williams County does not have a budget to purchase radios, so are trying to help them out. They are probably doing other programming for other departments in Williams County. The majority of the departments in Williams County consist of small volunteer departments who were able to secure some radios through a State of Ohio MARCS radio, but this department that the radios are going to, were not able secure any radios through a grant. The City's radios can be transferred or the City can keep them for three (3) years and then throw them away. It does not make sense for the City to spend four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) and then sell them and maybe only get a few hundred dollars for them on an auction site. Councilman Wobser asked if Williams County can only use them for three (3) years. Fire Chief Eberle replied that is correct. Councilman Wobser asked if it is for sure that the radio vendor will be able to transfer them to Williams County at no cost to Williams County. Fire Chief Eberle replied that is his understanding. The radio vendor knows that Williams County does not have a budget for radio related items. The City can write in some guarantees in the paperwork for that. The City would be transferring them directly to their Fire Department and not to a third party vendor.

Councilman Wisener asked if MARCS is a frequency throughout Ohio. Fire Chief Eberle replied it is. Councilman Wisener asked if that is because they can assist agencies with better communications throughout the whole state. Fire Chief Eberle replied that is correct. MARCS stands for multi-agency regional communications system. It allows for multiple agencies to use the same radio system. The City's radios can communicate with every Fire Department in Hancock County, and some just outside the County. Each agency has a radio template that is programmed in it. There are local channels and state-wide channels that the City can communicate with anyone that is using that channel. Some are reserved for large incidents and there has to be a request to use them, but are available to everyone. Councilman Wisener asked if Findlay can talk to an agency in Columbus. Fire Chief Eberle replied they cannot because they are not programmed in them. There are emergency use only channels that are used for large incidents that everyone has in their template, but are not used on a day to day basis.

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

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-010** (*Part 15 Fire Prevention Code*) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 15 OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2000-011 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

Councilman Slough moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman, Greeno. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-010 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-011** (*amendment to salary ordinance*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCE NO. 2021-116, KNOWN AS THE SALARY ORDINANCE, OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-014** (*Cypress Ave – Women’s Resource Center vacation*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**  
AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PORTION OF A CERTAIN ALLEY (HEREINAFTER REFERED TO AS THE CYPRESS AVENUE VACATION) IN THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-015** (*2021 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. 2022-016** (*2022 Continuing Professional Training grant*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**  
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel pointed out that this is a standard practice of moving funds that are donated to the City.

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

Discussion:

Councilman Hellmann asked how many Officers this covers. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that it covers hours, not Officers because there are different types of curriculum through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) with the State determining the requirements for law enforcement every year. In a cycle of education, it could be a different curriculum for different Officers. This is the dollar amount that the City was awarded to provide education this year.

Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-016 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-017** (*first Capital Improvement appropriation of 2022*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**  
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.

First reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-018** (*Riverside Pool operations via Findlay YMCA*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE-SAFETY OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FINDLAY YMCA TO OPERATE THE RIVERSIDE SWIMMING POOL FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED YMCA PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC AND RECREATIONAL USE FOR THE CITY OF FINDLAY FOR THE 2022-2024 SEASONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Warnecke asked if there is a cost difference on this for a one year versus a three year contract. Mayor Muryn replied no, there is no cost change.

Councilman Wobser asked if there are any changes from last year. Mayor Muryn replied there are no changes except the term of the agreement going from one to three years. The amount was increased slightly two years ago. Councilman Wobser asked if the pool could remain open on Labor Day. Mayor Muryn replied that keeping it open on Labor Day weekend has been discussed but has not historically happened because they cannot get the staff to run it then. College staff have gone back to school by then and some are on vacation then. She can discuss it with them and let Council know the outcome of that discussion and add it to the agreement. Councilman Wobser replied that he would like to have it discussed to see if it would be an option. He asked if they had any escalation clause or wanted anything changed in the contract. Mayor Muryn replied no.

First reading of the Ordinance.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

##### **OLD BUSINESS:**

President of Council Harrington asked Mayor Muryn to explain the tv options for City Council meetings. Mayor Muryn replied that it will continue to be the exact same process of televising and livestreaming as it had been early on during COVID. It is livestreamed to the City's YouTube channel. That feed is going to the channel that City of Findlay has and is the same channel that was previously used through Spectrum that the University of Findlay is now providing production services for. It gives their students the opportunity to gain experience and provides the City a better uniformity between the streaming services. There had been some technical issues that are better suited for the City's current system to have just one feed instead of dual feeds running. It should still look the same on television with a little better production quality. It has also been available on YouTube since mid-2020. It will continue to grow and expand. The University of Findlay has reached out to possibly provide some kind of specialty segments and produce some other communication opportunities for the City. It is a great partnership. The prior vendors had served the City for a long time, did a great job, and are ready to retire. She is glad the University of Findlay was ready to step up and provide the services to the City.

President of Council Harrington pointed out that he received a text message on his cell phone saying tonight's City Council meeting is not on television. It is on the internet, but not on television.

##### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Wobser announced that Findlay High School held their Ohio State Swimming and Diving Championship event in Kenton, Ohio this past weekend. Five (5) Findlay High School students attended the event: Selby Wilt, Ben Williams, Parker Stocker, Xavier Doering, and alternate Joe Vasiloff who were All-Ohioans that earned All-Ohio honors and set two (2) new school records, and had a top twenty (20) finish as a team. They represented Findlay very well.

Councilman Russel announced that the annual Kiwanis pancake event will be Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 7am-1:00pm at the Findlay High School Cafeteria.

Councilman Russel announced that yesterday was Statehood Day. Ohio's birthday is 1803.

Mayor Muryn updated Council that there recently have been conversations centered around the Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC). It is not a done deal and is still in the investigation stage to gain an understanding of the options on what is financially feasible, what is best operationally for the entire community and county, and to gain a better understanding of what will be required of the City of Findlay.

Mayor Muryn informed Council that the City of Findlay entered into an agreement with the Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio (CCNO) in Stryker, Ohio for them to house approximately thirty (30) inmates as needed. They will provide daily transportation and will house the City's inmates for \$80/day. It is a beneficial opportunity for the City to take advantage of. The Administration will be working to get this up and operational and is anticipated to be able to send inmates there as soon as next week.

Mayor Muryn announced that masks no longer need to be worn in the building. She gave a shoutout to the City of Findlay team for maintaining the goal of being operational while keeping employees safe and conserving the City's finances. The team did a great job managing through it. Hancock County is now at a low transmission rate, one of the few counties across the State of Ohio to achieve that level.

Mayor Muryn informed Council that the City of Findlay received the top micropolitan award in Site Selection Magazine for the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row. It is great to see Findlay's businesses continue to grow and prosper here, and continue to attract new businesses. It speaks to the environment that we allow for businesses to prosper. It continues to help support local businesses to make sure there's great opportunity for citizens and continue to attract new businesses which is important for a thriving economy. She thanked Council for creating an environment of economic development by attracting, attaining, and supporting businesses. Each year it becomes more of a challenge to keep the accolade and set our community apart, but will continue to strive to do so.

Councilman Hellmann congratulated the Economic Development Agency and the Alliance's entire staff on their hard work getting this done. They did a great job. Mayor Muryn noted that the details of how the City ranked what we were compared to will be coming out, and may be available electronically now. It is a great accolade across the entire country that Findlay continues to lead in investments within the community. Understanding how that happens is very important.

Mayor Muryn brought some handouts (bookmarks listing information about the website, rack card with the dates of the meetings and frequently asked questions) for the Strategic Planning workshops on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. She asked Councilmembers to take some to hand out. The Community Outreach Team meeting was held last week to organize the upcoming workshops. There will be community members participating in those workshops. The workshops are approximately an hour long. It is important to allow the entire community participate in this process. This is one round of a couple of rounds that will occur. The goal is to have participation in each round to help refine the process. Councilman Wobser asked if there is anything available for Councilmembers to advertise on social media. Mayor Muryn replied that she will email the resources, that are also available at [findlayforwardplan.com](http://findlayforwardplan.com), that includes a document section with all of the materials in an electronic form that can be shared on various social medias and can be emailed. There will also be some newspaper and radio advertisements. She has already provided some social media posts that can be shared. The City's website has been updated, as well as the [findlayforwardplan.com](http://findlayforwardplan.com) website which is the primary spot for communication on this process. Councilman Wobser asked Councilmembers to disseminate the information on their social medias as much as possible. The more that participate, the better the process.

Councilman Bauman moved to adjourn City Council at 7:35pm, seconded by Councilman Palmer.

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