

FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 16, 2022

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL of 2022-2023 Councilmembers:

PRESENT: Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser

ABSENT: none

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

ACCEPTANCE/CHANGES TO PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Slough moved to accept the August 2, 2022 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

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

PROCLAMATIONS: none

RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS: none

PETITIONS:

Status of Mardic Investments, Inc. annexation (parcel no. 020001025344 south of CR 99)

On August 9, 2022, Phillip L. Rooney, Rooney & Ranzau, Ltd., agent for the petitioner, provided a letter to City Council. His client's request is to zone the property as M2 Multi-Family High Density upon annexation to the City of Findlay, Ohio. An Ordinance for this zoning request will be on the October 18, 2022 City Council agenda after the 60-day hold in the City Clerk's Office until September 29, 2022, and after the October 13, 2022 CITY PLANNING COMMISSION and the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE meetings where the request will be discussed. Filed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Lauren Sandhu – Blanchard River Watershed Partnership Riverside Dam restoration project community update on September 23, 2022

Ms. Sandhu sent an email on August 2, 2022 about the Riverside Dam Save the Date for their restoration project community update on September 23, 2022 from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Riverside Park Waterfall Pavilion. In her email, she updated Council on the Riverside Dam Project: This summer, the engineering firm Verdantas has worked to conduct a thorough engineering study of the Riverside Dam and Reservoir area. The goal of the study is to evaluate the build-up of sediment behind the dam, determine methods for sediment removal and management, and will propose modifications that can be made to the dam to allow for fish passage. The Blanchard River Watershed Partnership will be hosting a public outreach event this fall in partnership with Verdantas, to present the results of the Riverside Dam and Reservoir Area engineering study. The attached Save the Date invitation will be sent out in the coming weeks to include further details. Next steps for this project will be discussed. They appreciate Findlay City Council's support on this project. City Council requested Ms. Sandhu provide an overall update on what the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership has been doing since their last update to City Council during the October 20, 2020 meeting. Filed.

Barbara Dukes, property owner of 730 Sixth St – opposition of alley vacation request between 1415 and 1419 South Blanchard Street

This alley is the only access that property owners have to the rear of their properties. This access is used by property owners to have construction materials, tree trimmers, etc. have access to their lots. Ms. Dukes included photographs with her letter. CITY PLANNING COMMISSION denied the request on August 11, 2022; PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE tabled the request on August 11, 2022. Filed.

Christopher and Cathy Strzempka, property owner of 205 E Lima St – carriage walks

Christopher and Cathy Strzempka live on East Lima Street near downtown Findlay and have just had the gas lines replaced. While they were pleased to learn that their street was scheduled to be repaved as it is nearly undrivable, they found out last week that three (3) white "X"s were spray painted on their carriage walk in which a call to the City of Findlay revealed that the plans of removing their entire carriage walk based on a policy enacted by the City of Bloomington, IL. There is some fear that people might wander into the street from the carriage walk ignoring the nearby driveways or crosswalks, or that someone in a wheelchair would not be able to use the carriage walk to cross the road since the curb is not ADA compliant. They searched online for the Bloomington, IL curb policy and found that they enacted a policy of removing and not replacing carriage walks due to concerns over litigation in 2014, however, Bloomington published a nice little handbook, "A Master Plan for Sidewalks", on October 12, 2015, noting the public outcry over their removal and allowing them to be replaced by homeowners who wanted to keep them. "As a result of the Council vote, Public Works changed its operational practices and began removing the walks in cases in which property owners want them removed and to leave them for property owners who want them (carriage walks were rebuilt for owners in cases in which the walk was removed and the owners wanted to keep them.) The operational practice, however, does not cede control of the right-of-way to the property owner. The City is under no obligation to remove or repair a carriage walk, and it reserves the right to take action regarding any materials in the public right-of-way. Should construction or excavation required removal of a carriage walk, the walk should be replaced if the owner wishes it replaced." So, it would seem that the Bloomington, IL policy the City of Findlay is following allows homeowners to keep their carriage walks if that's what they wanted. Maybe the Law Director and the City Engineer were unaware of the actual policy. So, instead of hypothetical litigants, the City should be concerned with the very real people who live on the affected streets. The more likely scenario now is that an actual visitor to their house who is wheelchair bound will now be forced to disembark into the street, as well as, anyone using a walker or a cane, actually, everybody who visits, and walk in the busy roadway to their driveway or try to get through the grass in wet and snowy conditions.

Their neighbor to the immediate west, which is a triplex, has no driveway at all, and is forcing the residents to walk through the grass daily. They are unable to locate anything in City Council notes dated later than October 19, 2021, and it seems the final word of that meeting ended thusly.

“Councilman Russel pointed out that he believes there is more discussion needed on this topic, and that tonight is not the time for a final decision to be made and that Council should go ahead and approve the committee report and created legislation which would allow for plenty of time to hear from constituents on the issue with further conversations taking place with the City Law Director, Service-Safety Director, and City Engineer to gather more information.” As far as they can find, this has not happened and no actual legislation has been enacted regarding this. They are sure that other homeowners are upset and wish to have their input heard. They would love for someone to get back to them with their concerns. Filed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Lauren Sandhu, Blanchard River Watershed Partnership update *(see WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS above)*

Ms. Sandhu is before City Council to provide an update on the ecological restoration of the Riverside Dam and Reservoir. In January 2022, eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) from the American Rescue Plan Action Fund was allocated to the Riverside Dam and Reservoir engineering study from the City of Findlay. Verdantas, formerly known as Hull and Associates, was hired to conduct the engineering study in January 2022. The engineering study began in March of 2022 with a cultural resources literature review of the project area. This is in compliance with the Section 106 National Historical Preservation Act. The Draft Field Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Riverside Park Dam project was received in May of 2022. This plan outlined the sample collection procedures and analytical parameters for surface water sampling (2 samples) and surficial sediment sampling (up to 11 total). The sampling locations were spatially distributed between the reservoir area and the dam area. The Hancock County Commissioners allocated eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) from the Hancock County Flood Mitigation Funds to the project in May of 2022. These funds will be utilized during the pre-construction phase of the project. (Final designs, models, and plan specifications established; re-vegetation plan established; permitting obtained; final construction costs established; public outreach conducted). Sediment sampling and a bathymetric survey were conducted in early June of 2022. Verdantas alerted the BRWP of a potential funding opportunity through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA). “Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal”. Up to sixty-five million dollars (\$65,000,000.00) will be available to address dam modification, fish passage installation, barrier removal, and sediment removal. A minimum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and a maximum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) per project, with a target time span of 3 years. BRWP reviewed the notice of federal funding with a meeting between the BRWP, Verdantas, and local NOAA representatives was held on June 28, 2022 to discuss the funding eligibility of the Riverside Dam project. It was determined that an application for funding should be submitted with emphasis placed on the fish species of the Blanchard River and the recreational value of the river. On August 3, 2022, a meeting was held with Verdantas and Alden (fish push engineers), to discuss options for the fish passage element of the dam modification. Five (5) designs were presented by the experts at Alden, and discussion was held to determine the three (3) best designs. These three (3) designs were included in the NOAA funding application. Letters of support for the application were received from: The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (Fish Management Research Chief and Assistant Chief), Senator Sherrod Brown, Senator Rob McColley, Representative Jon Cross, Mayor Muryn, the Hancock Park District, the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, and Dick Kozlowski. An application package was completed by Lauren Sandhu and Verdantas (Kristen Jenkins), with assistance from Jennifer Williams of Nonprofit Consulting. The application package was successfully submitted to grants.gov on Monday, August 15, 2022 and has been received by NOAA. A total of three million one hundred twenty-two thousand three hundred dollars (\$3,122,300.00) was requested. These funds will cover the remainder of the cost of the pre-construction phase, as well as the construction and post-construction phases. The earliest project start date is December 1, 2022. The anticipate grant award announcement will be in October 2022. If funding is not received, other opportunities will be pursued. The BRWP will be holding a public update event on Friday, September 23rd, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Waterfall Pavilion in Riverside Park. The findings of the engineering study will be presented and next steps will be discussed. Filed.

Karim Baroudi, Health Commissioner – General Health District update/Health Department agreement/Hancock Public Health operations/mobile health clinic

Mr. Baroudi came before City Council to provide updates on what the General Health District has been doing over the last twelve (12) months and to answer any questions on the renewal Health Department/Hancock Public Health operations agreement, as well as the mobile health clinic. Mr. Baroudi’s ORAL COMMUNICATION is available for review: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tT9dHrC-Zsl>

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser thanked Mr. Baroudi and his staff for the great service they provide to the community. He has questions about the contract because it is significantly different this time around than the first contract that was signed. He asked who makes up the Combined General Health District Board. Mr. Baroudi replied that before the combination, there was the General Health District of Hancock County and the City of Findlay Health District. The combinations by statute are: the Combined General Health District of the City of Findlay, County Seat, and the townships and villages that make up Hancock County. The Combined Health District Board is the governing entity for the Board of Health as a combined entity. The previous contract had set up the logistics with the City of Findlay being represented by three (3) representatives on the Board that the Mayor nominates and seeks Council’s approval of. There are also three (3) representatives from the townships and villages, and one (1) member that represents businesses or individuals that they license for the County and City (aka Licensing Counsel). Councilman Wobser asked if that Board, and not the DAC, is the sole decider of what the increase/decrease/rebates will be if the budget is not completely used. Mr. Baroudi replied that is correct. The reason the language is stated this way in the contract is because they present a balance sheet to the Board on a monthly basis, so the Board oversees their budget and are made aware of any deficits or surpluses that will exceed their carry-over budget for the next year. They have to then decide what they will do for the next year in order to cover their expenses to start the year. All budget issues are resolved at the DAC with the Board overseeing it. The Board suggests increases/decreases to the DAC depending on what they see in the budget.

Councilman Wobser asked Mr. Baroudi if he is certain the five percent (5%) will come through since it is not known exactly how much money is going to be spent this year and how quickly the ARPA funds and other grant funds will diminish because that is what has been running the show for the last couple of years. He asked Mr. Baroudi if he is fairly certain that the requested five percent (5%) is what should be used for the budget terms. Mr. Baroudi replied yes for planning purposes. They want to ensure that they can continue operations the way they should be. Everything has increased in price. They acquired a building that they can adequately provide services from that is safe and clean. They previously had been operating out of a building that was not proper to be in (had a leak) which was when he came before City Council to explain why they needed the current building they are in now. That endeavor was done by the Board and did not request funds from the City, County Commissioners, or townships for the building and instead incorporated it into their operating budget. The cost of everything is going up and are anticipating that five percent (5%) will cover the increase until 2025 based on the last seven to eight (7-8) years, which is a minimal increase. Councilman Wobser noted that Mr. Baroudi has stated that this is a long-term contract, but he sees it as a never-ending contract and asked if that is correct. Mr. Baroudi replied yes and that is how it should be. There is a clause in the contract at the request of Mayor Muryn and her Administration that if one entity decides that they no longer want to be a part of the combination, they will then have to allow the current combined entity enough time to dissolve. It was very difficult and a long process when the two (2) entities combined into one (1). There were a lot of appraisals that had to be done, so a lot of money went towards those appraisals, etc. Now, there is more to it because they are growing again and now have a building mortgage and would have to determine how to split costs. They are now an accreditation with the National Accreditation Board stating they are working up to standards and would have to make a decision whether or not the General Health District would be able to keep their accreditation if both entities decided to go on their own. It would be a big burden not only on the City, the County, but also the people they serve. Councilman Wobser noted that there is a three (3) year out clause, and asked if at any point in time after the contract is approved, if there would have to be a three (3) year notice before any entity could terminate the contract. The new contract does not have any stipulations to go back in and re-evaluate it at any point in time because it is an ongoing contract that continues ad infinitum and asked if that is the best thing for the City and/or the Board in the event there is a large influx of individuals come into the City vs the County or vice versa and the percentages change dramatically. He asked what the avenue would be for adjustment. Mr. Baroudi replied that since the contract is based on population and population alone at this point, a clause is included in the contract to re-evaluate the Census data every ten (10) years and adjust for influx or flux of people from other areas of the County. For this contract, the change was very minimal which warranted the re-evaluation of that clause and the changing of the appropriation. Hancock Public Health is more than the City of Findlay limits. There are many that come from the County into the City limits to work, eat, go to attractions, etc. It was learned from the COVID pandemic that threats of preparedness needs to be beyond the City limits because there is an influx of people coming into City limits every day and then go back home. They bring stuff here, eat here causing burdens on restaurants inspections here, etc., so it is good to think regionally instead of just in the City of Findlay limits. Councilman Wobser asked if there are any other ongoing contracts that the City is involved in. Acting Law Director Feighner (from the audience) replied that he is in attendance tonight in Law Director Rasmussen's place and informed Council that he has been an Assistant City Law Director prosecuting from the second floor of this building for twenty-three (23) years now. He also represents the Village of McComb, Benton Ridge, and VanBuren. He is not aware of every contract the City has pending right now, but can ask that of Law Director Rasmussen if it is a concern of Council to know what other contracts are out there that just reoccur. Councilman Wobser replied that Council has never dealt with an ongoing contract. Normally, there is an end date and it is known how much it will cost and is budgeted accordingly. He asked if the way this contract is being handled is appropriate. Acting Law Director Feighner replied that Section 4, paragraph 5 of the contract addresses the every ten (10) year Census that if it came to fruition, a contract addendum would be what the City would be looking for and should probably call a meeting to include everyone involved to discuss the City's concerns and determine if it could be resolved, and if so, it would then be an addendum just like this was. Mayor Muryn added that an example of an ongoing contract would be for EMS services which is a five (5) year contract with automatic renewals. The City has not had many mergers of departments or services that are essential to City government and are typically operated on their own in which she is assuming that would not be the desire of Council or the Administration at this point in time with public health. There are other agreements that are of similar structure. In Section 4, page 3, item #5 of this contract, the apportionment is based off of the Census, so it is evaluated. The language of the contract states that the increase shall be no more than five percent (5%) and will still need to be presented to City Council with any concerns going to the Health Department Board. As mentioned at the last meeting, the potential cost decrease verbiage was added stating that they would look into additional support through grants, etc. to cover their costs and amounts would be decreased proportionately. Overall, the contract is very similar to the prior one except that the original contract contained a lot more language because it was setting up the organization itself with this contract maintaining operations of the organization.

Councilwoman Frische asked if the EMS contract that the Mayor mentioned has a three (3) year out clause, being that her biggest concern with this contract is that if an entity wanted out, they would have to wait three (3) years which could be difficult depending on where finances are for each entity. She asked if the three (3) year clause could be eliminated and if so, how it would affect a five (5) year contract. She asked how the mobile clinic is factored into the City's contribution after City Council and the Administration gave one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) back in May and asked if the Health Department will be continually asking for additional money on top of this contract, or if the Mayor will be coming forward with any ideas which could be a controversial topic in the community. The City's portion of this contract is fifty-seven percent (57%) with the City contributing another one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). She asked if the Health Department and/or the City Administration are planning on asking Council for additional funds for other upcoming projects. The Health Department also received an additional one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in COVID money and will not continue to have those funds down the road. She asked what year the seven dollars and ninety-two cents (\$7.92) per person amount that Health Commissioner Baroudi mentioned was and asked if that calculation was during COVID. Mr. Baroudi replied it was from 2021. In 2017, taxpayers paid eight dollars and four cents (\$8.04) per capita. In 2018, they paid eight dollars and one cent (\$8.01), in 2019, they paid eight dollars and eleven cents (8.11), and in 2022, eight dollars and twenty-five cents (\$8.25) was paid. Councilwoman Frische replied that there was not a very big flux with the additional million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in COVID funds that was received to be looking at the potential five percent (5%) increase down the road and was not factored into the Health Department's daily operations. Mr. Baroudi replied that it was a contribution of City and County taxpayers towards the overall budget.

If he were to factor all the money that was spent in 2021, it would have been fifty-two dollars (\$52.00) per person with only fifteen percent (15%) of it being taxpayer funded. Most of it was grants. In 2017 and 2018, thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) was being spent. Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per person extra was being spent with the taxpayer burden being lower. Councilwoman Frische asked if the City's contribution is what is setting off the individual taxpayer amount being lower than other counties that are being praised. Mr. Baroudi replied that it was not the grants that are being praised, but by good fiscal responsibility. Councilwoman Frische asked if all the contributions combined (City's portion, County's portion) as a whole is higher which is what is decreasing the individual taxpayer's cost. She asked if the counties Mr. Baroudi compared this to (Sandusky County, Erie County and Huron County) were not contributing as much since they were quite a bit higher, therefore causing the individual taxpayer to pay more. Mr. Baroudi replied no, they gave more. If the City and County's taxpayer's contributions were set higher and were divided by how many the Health Department serves, it would come up to seven dollars and ninety-six cents (\$7.96). If the City were to contribute more, it would end up being more of the taxpayer's money. The 2014 financial report of the City of Findlay Health Department was eighteen cents (\$.18) per capita. Councilwoman Frische asked Mayor Muryn if she had any additional comments about the one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) contribution from the City. Mayor Muryn replied that the mobile health clinic was a one-off project that had been discussed for awhile and was seen as a valuable tool for the Health Department. If there is something outside of the normal operations, there is always the opportunity to come back to Council and have a conversation of whether or not it is valuable. While having that discussion with the Health Department, it was made very clear that it should not cause a huge increase in operations and was estimated to be five percent (5%) which is lower than inflation, but what organizations across the community are seeing and is very reasonable, especially given that they have not had significant increases over the last six (6) years. She requested the out clause be three (3) years because it takes a significant amount of work to start up a government mandated department and there would be a lot of work that would have to go with facilities team development. There is a lot that goes into this and is not because the City or County wants to be able to terminate at any moment. In reality, the City could sign the contract today but then give the three (3) year notice also today and completely re-evaluate it. The three (3) year termination is from an operational standpoint for the amount of time that would be needed to establish an effective department. The numbers speak for themselves when looking at the costs the City of Findlay government was bearing to operate an independent Health Department and the efficiencies gained, as well as the overall level of services that have been gained through the combination and is well worth it's citizens' support. It is an investment that is being made by City or County government through taxpayer dollars that are from direct contributions to support those efforts. The City not only has much lower overall and very consistent contributions that are well below taxpayer's contributions. She appreciates Health Commissioner Baroudi obtaining accreditation that helps a lot with additional funding and support and reimbursements from government entities to help cover costs with the hopes to continually decrease them. Councilwoman Frische pointed out that there has been a lot of concern in the community over the last couple of years with the COVID pandemic and with parents on how it affected schools with a lot of disheartened feelings. While feelings are not money, they still are something that the City has to make sure they are addressed. She appreciates the Health Department having better transparency with their monthly meetings which is something the public will look forward to, especially when there are hot topics going on. She would like the City's legal counsel to explore the three (3) year termination clause and determine if that could be changed. She asked what would happen if one of the townships no longer existed or didn't have the funds to pay for it and wouldn't be able to continue to make payments for three (3) years until the termination date was up. When the City and County Health Departments combined, the goal with obtaining the accreditation was to make the organization more regional and eliminate the smaller Health Departments. She asked Mr. Baroudi if he is seeing anything to offset costs by expanding which is what the original plan goals were. Mr. Baroudi replied that a couple of the programs are now state-renowned. For instance, the Ohio Help Me Grow program is expanding into Fostoria where Hancock Public Health does not have jurisdiction, but are expanding their services to them. Hardin and Wyandot Counties will be needing some services as they are not doing well because they did not have the vision the City had six (6) years ago to combine their resources and make it a more efficient Health Department. Hancock Public Health does see openings a lot, especially with them being up to national standards and how they provide services. As the Mayor stated, the mobile health clinic is a one-time shot. Mayor Muryn made that clear in front of the DAC and the Board of Health. They are thankful for the City's contribution for it. It was a partnership on the community level, as well as the Rotary and the Community Foundation being a big part of it as they gave a lot of money to that project. Also, the County Commissioners and the DAC also approved it. It has come together because they see value in it with Hancock Public Health showing value in it for years to come. When they took possession of the mobile health unit last year, they did not have much of an opportunity to utilize it because of COVID with the vaccine being priority, but will pivot well moving forward from the COVID pandemic and will gain the community's trust. They were blamed for it locally, but a lot of it was coming from higher up that he had conversations City Council about. A lot of it was simply politics. He was there to do make sure they were compliant with what the State Governor was telling them to do. He understands parents' concerns that were addressed to the best of their ability. As a community, they look back to see what they can improve on. Every time there is an incident at the Health Department, whether it be a pandemic or something smaller, they review what they did and what they could do better which transpired the hiring of a Communications Specialist (Cheryl who is in the audience tonight) because they never communicated well with the public during the pandemic which was defined as one of the weak points as a Health Department.

Councilman Russel thanked Health Commissioner Baroudi for coming before City Council tonight. He has an acquaintance in Youngstown and one in Columbus who deal with the Public Health realm who both have brought up that Hancock Public Health is combined and want to know how it was done as they would like to do the same thing in their area. When Mr. Baroudi states that their reputation is strong, Councilman Russel hears that independently. He thanked those on City Council well before he was a Councilmember for having the foresight to combine the City and County Health Departments. He is especially thankful for how the Health Department handled the recent pandemic and how chaotic it would have been if they were not combined. He appreciates having the three (3) year out clause in the contract in case, for any reason, the Health Department discontinued functioning in the manner they are. He appreciates the protection three (3) year out gives the City as it protects their interests. The thought of starting up a Health Department from the ground up would not happen in a year or two and would be at a pace of sprinting to do it in three (3) years.

The three (3) year termination clause is a protection for the citizens of Findlay and their interests in public health to ensure the delivery continues. The contract provides stability for the district and protects the City and County's interests. Mr. Baroudi replied that the bottom line is that the Combined Health Department wants to provide a premier service to the community. He, Service-Safety Director Martin, and Fire Chief Eberle have started planning for the 2024 solar eclipse and are curious how it may bring on an influx of people coming to watch the totality here. If you do not hear from Hancock Public Health, it means things are going well.

Councilman Wobser asked if the mobile health clinic has been used to its full extent year-to-date. Mr. Baroudi replied no, not at all. The community is pivoting from COVID, so it has been utilized to its full extent for vaccines and follow-up. Mayor Muryn explained to Council the value it is adding to the community. Currently, the Health Department and the City Administration are organizing a screening for all City employees which will be an insurance cost savings. They did the same for the County. The mobile health clinic is also available to go onsite for testing at local businesses. All the services the mobile health clinic offers adds to the value of life in Findlay and Hancock County. Councilman Wobser echoed Councilman Russel's comments that Hancock Public Health is doing a great job. It is nice to know that other entities around the state are looking to do the same thing that Findlay and Hancock County have done so well.

Councilwoman Frische asked if there are any contracts with other counties that Hancock Public Health provides services to and if the goal is to fully provide services to other counties. Mr. Baroudi replied that they will provide services as they were asked to do from them because there are political subdivisions that they cannot cross and cannot take over (i.e. Wyandot County). They will instead wait to see if they need Hancock Public Health's assistance (i.e. restaurant health inspections, swimming pool inspections, sewage and water, etc.). If they do, they will then create contracts for them. There is nothing concrete right now.

President of Council Harrington thanked Mr. Baroudi for coming to Council and noted that there are obviously a lot of questions about Hancock Public Health. He asked Mr. Baroudi if he could provide an update to Council annually instead of every three (3) years. Mr. Baroudi replied that he will do so as he wants to answer all questions and get everything cleared up. He invited Council to contact him with additional questions. Filed.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:

Officer/Shareholders Disclosure Form from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control for Pramukh Traders LLC, dba Smoke-N-Stuff, 8013 CR 140, Findlay, Ohio for a C1 and C2 liquor permit. [This requires a vote of Council.](#)

Robert K. Ring, Chief of Police – Pramukh Traders LLC, dba Smoke-N-Stuff, 8013 CR 140, Findlay, Ohio. A check of the records shows no current criminal record on the following:

Rikenkumar N. Patel

Viralkumar A. Patel

Councilman Slough moved for no objections be filed, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor. Filed.

City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – July 2022. Filed.

City Planning Commission staff report – August 11, 2022; **minutes** – July 14, 2022. Filed.

Findlay Fire Department Activities Report – July 2022. Filed.

Findlay Police Department Activities Report – July 2022. Filed.

Findlay Municipal Court Activities Report – July 2022. Filed.

Service-Safety Director Martin – annual Community Park Improvement Program grant

The City of Findlay Public Works Department is again applying for the annual Community Park Improvement Program Grant through the Hancock Park District (HPD). The request is for fourteen thousand seven hundred eighty dollars (\$14,780.00) for restoration of Riverside Pool Bath House. The restoration will include removing loose and defective mortar joints, power washing the building, and tuck and point work on all defective mortar joints, then sealing the building. The work will be performed by a local contractor. The HPD grant is offered each year to communities within Hancock County to improve their park systems. This grant is then divided among the communities that request the available funds. These funds are at no cost to the community and do not require matching funds. The City of Findlay has completed many projects in our parks using these grant dollars. One of the requirements of the grant is to obtain project approval during a public meeting from its governing body. City Council's verbal authorization of the aforementioned projects through grant funds is requested. [Requires Council's verbal approval to fund this project by grant funds.](#)

Discussion:

Councilman Russel moved to approve this applicant for this program grant, seconded by Councilwoman Warnecke. All were in favor. Filed.

Police Chief Ring – Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) body-worn camera grant

The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) has opened the application period for the 2023 body-worn camera grant. OCJS is administering the grant process and awarding funds for Ohio law enforcement agencies who are implementing body-worn camera programs. The potential grant award varies by agency, as well as, agencies that do not have a current BWC program that will be prioritized. There is no City of Findlay match for the grant. 2022 awards ranged from two thousand three hundred forty-four dollars to two hundred thirty-two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2,344.00-\$232,200.00) with the average award being forty-three thousand five hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$43,578.00). OCJS has estimated that there is five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) available to award as part of the 2023 grant. The City of Findlay Police Department has been conducting trial demonstrations of body-worn cameras. It is the goal to establish a BWC program in 2023. Applying for this grant will help attain that goal should funding be awarded. The grant funding can be utilized for body-camera purchase, related hardware/software, data storage, redacting software and certain personnel costs. Time is of the essence, as grant applications are due by 5:00pm on September 8, 2022. Legislation authorizing the Mayor and/or Service-Safety Director to apply for grant funds from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services is requested. [Ordinance No. 2022-082 was created.](#)

Discussion:

Councilman Hellmann asked what dollar amount is being requested. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that there is no official request for funding at this point. It is just to apply for the grant. The cost is unknown at this point as it is in the middle of trials right now. Police Chief Ring added that the dollar amount has not been determined yet and will be determined once they decide on what vendor to go with. The plan to go with the highest quote once that is obtained the end of the week. It will be itemized on the grant request and then the state decides how much the City will get. It is a reimbursement grant, so it has to be funded all up front. Councilman Hellmann asked if the intent is to have body cameras on all Officers. Police Chief Ring replied they will be on all Patrol Officers and Detectives for the department.

Councilwoman Warnecke asked if once the dollar amount is known and if the grant is awarded, if that dollar amount will cover all of this. Police Chief Ring replied no. There is no guarantee that the awarded dollar amount will cover all of it. The Findlay Police Department is viewing three (3) different vendors for a five (5) year commitment via contracts the City will sign. The grant funding will most likely only cover a portion and will only cover for 2023 and not the entire five (5) years.

Councilman Russel asked Police Chief for a summary of the project to date (i.e. what types of things they are encountering, discovering, etc.) and a timeline for it. Police Chief Ring replied that they just finished a second trial yesterday, and will start the third trial the week of Labor Day. Thirty (30) day trials consist of three (3) body cams and one (1) or two (2) cruiser cams from each vendor. It has been fairly seamless so far and have not had any issues with deploying them. Officers are onboard with them. He has not received any complaints from the public. The process has gone very well. They are trying out the various technologies to determine what will work best with the needs of the department, Prosecutors, and Courts. They want something that is reliable, yet fairly simple. They do not have a lot of bodies to dedicate to manage the program, so it needs to be something that does its job well that is fairly easy to operate.

Councilman Bauman noted that he rode with Officer Hackworth into the early hours of Sunday morning where he saw the technology in use. It is impressive. He thanked Sergeant Griffith and Officer Kliesch.

Councilman Wobser asked if this obligates the City to purchase the body cams if awarded the grant. Police Chief Ring replied no. He reached out to the district representative for this through CGS. The soonest the dollar amount will be known for this is October. Once it is determined what the City will be given, there will be meetings to discuss it and can then either accept or decline.

Councilman Russel asked if the City Police Department is far enough into the trials to know if the body cameras will make Police Officers more or less efficient on the paperwork side of things which was one of the concerns that it would make their job a challenge. Police Chief Ring replied that it may slow down some of the report writing because when there is body cam footage, what is entered into the narrative needs to match what was shown on the footage. Human memory sometimes leaves things out here and there. Body cams will slow down their reporting some, but not greatly, primarily on major cases. Councilman Russel asked if during the trials of the different body cams if the footage being taken is usable and is part of the record. Police Chief Ring replied yes. They can go through all footage and pick out what events they want to hold onto and can download them to the City's hard drive. Councilman Russel asked if there is corresponding Commission for Accreditation on Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) or if they just become part of . . . Police Chief Ring replied no, it is just policy. This was looked at last year, but in order to apply for the grant, they had to have a policy in place, which they did not have, so they worked through a policy which was a six to eight (6-8) month procedure that went through the union that took until spring of this year, and then the trials on the cameras began in June. CALEA wanted a policy created. It does not elevate the Police Department and is just another thing they will be following. Councilman Russel asked if there is an expectation on when it will be fully implemented. Police Chief Ring replied the goal is to be implemented as soon as possible in 2023, but will depend on supply chain demands and the vendor. One vendor has estimated it to be six (6) weeks from the order date up to six (6) months which depends on what things are like in 2023. Councilman Russel asked if this will be incorporated in the budget for 2023-2024. Mayor Muryn thanked Police Chief Ring for going over the details. One of the reasons this is being brought to City Council is because it was not planned to request grants at this point and were instead wanting to bring a proposal to Council that would have included the overall budget amount and then determine what grants are available and ask for Council's support, find grants, and then put it in the budget because of the expedited timeline of the grants and do not want to miss the window to apply if the City is interested in it which is why they asked if the City is awarded a grant and decide not to move forward if there is any penalty or if it will create an issue to which they responded it would not be an issue and that they understand as they work with expedited processes with communities across the state. As they begin to understand the full financial impacts of this, they will then have those discussions with Council before the budget process and then would be able to incorporate that into the budget moving forward. Service-Safety Director Martin addressed Councilman Russel's question in that there is a placeholder in 2023 for this. Filed.

Income Tax Board minutes – May 4, 2022. Filed.

City Engineer Kalb – additional funds for Water parts inventory (Ordinance No. 2022-062); resolution to transfer funds

A part of Ordinance No. 2022-062, money was appropriated for the purchase of additional material needed for water service taps. When the allocated money was appropriated into the account, the whole amount was transferred into Water Distribution. Due to some of the materials being purchased are water meters, a portion of the funds should be appropriated into Utility Billing for proper accounting. From the breakdown in Ordinance No. 2022-062, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) will need to be transferred to Utility Billing to cover the purchase of the necessary meters. Legislation to transfer fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Water Distribution account to the Utility Billing account is requested. Resolution No. 022-2022 was created.

FROM:	Water Distribution #25053000-other	\$ 50,000.00
TO:	Utility Billing #25072000-other Water Meter Equipment	\$ 50,000.00

Filed.

City Engineer Kalb – Sewer Funds for Water Parts inventory (Ordinance No. 2022-062)

As part of Ordinance No. 2022-062, money was appropriate for the purchase of additional material needed for water service taps. This included funds for the purchase of meters that are needed for the new services. The original ordinance only appropriated money from the Water Fund, but since the meters are funded by a 50/50 split with the Sewer Fund, additional funds will need to be appropriated for proper accounting. Legislation to appropriate and transfer an additional fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Sewer Fund to Utility Billing so that the correct funding can be used for the purchase of the new meters is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-083 was created.

FROM:	Sewer Fund	\$ 50,000.00
TO:	Utility Billing #25072000-other Water Meter Equipment	\$ 50,000.00

Filed.

Police Chief Ring – charitable trust donation

The City of Findlay Police Department was notified through the Auditor’s Office of the receipt of a charitable trust donation from the estate of Robert L. Hamilton. The trust agreement allows for the Police Department to buy equipment, not to include vehicles. The received amount is twenty-three thousand five hundred one dollar and ten cents (\$23,501.10). The City of Findlay Police Department has identified the following equipment for purchases:

- Safekeeper Evidence Drying Cabinet and UV-FDC lamp/shipping: \$5,254.00
This equipment will be used to dry out articles of evidence that are wet, from blood, water, or other bodily fluids.
- Smartboard and Projector for the Detective Division: \$3,899
Will be used during major investigations or incidents in which the Detective Division is utilized as a command center.
- Ultrastar 12TB Hard Drives (4) \$1,160.00
Hard drive for saving electronic data from the Detective Division “Z” drive.
- Panasonic HD Camcorder and memory card: \$940.00
Used to record major crime scenes. Currently do not have an operable one.
- Craftsman Tower Tool Box: \$199.00
Used to store items used in crime scene investigations taken to and from the scenes.
- Fusion Trajectory Kit: \$950.00
Used in crime scene investigations and bullet trajectory reconstruction.
- Safeweb swab drier: \$499.00
Used to dry collected DNA related samples
- Microburst 10” fuming tank: \$315.00
Update the aquarium tank that is used to fume items for fingerprints.
– Shipping for the above three (3) items: \$102.00
- Aardvark forcible breaching tool/shipping; \$9,902.00
Breaching tool for breaking into doors, etc. Uses kinetic energy and can breach virtually any door, including school doors protected by the Boot System.
- 8’x4’ magnetic white board for Patrol Division hallway: \$369.00
Replaces 30 year old cork board that is crumbling apart. Area used to post off-duty/OT jobs, information, etc.

Total amount: \$23,589.00

These quotes were approved by Deputy Auditor Sampson prior to this legislation request. Legislation to appropriate funds on an emergency basis in order to meet quote deadlines and rising costs from several vendors is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-084 was created.

FROM:	General Fund (Robert Hamilton Charitable Trust Gift)	\$ 23,501.10
TO:	Police Department #21012000-other	\$ 23,501.10

Filed.

Service-Safety Director Martin– purchase of two (2) replacement Fire Department utility pickup trucks

The 2022 Capital Plan included replacement of two (2) Fire Department utility pickup trucks. These dollars were appropriated in Q1 of 2022. Due to supply chain issues, there has not been an opportunity to order Ford vehicles through the State bid process, and they are not accepting any further requests for the 2022 model year. Availability in 2023 remains unknown. In researching alternative options, Warner GMC currently has two (2) vehicles in stock that meet the needs of the Fire Department. With the GMC government discount, these vehicles are priced lower than the State bid amount for a similar Ford truck. The State bid specifies Ford, so the City is requesting to waive the formal advertising and bidding process and purchase two (2) GMC 2500 pickup trucks from Warner GMC. Legislation to waive the formal bid process is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-085 was created.

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser asked for clarity on this request as he is under the impression that the City was going to purchase two (2) Ford pickup trucks, but that Ford is not making pickup trucks very fast and could not get the trucks from them, and found out that if the City signs a waiver, they can get a suitable truck for less than money than the Ford trucks were. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that is correct. Councilman Wobser asked why this would not have been done in the first place. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that Ford is the State contracted vendor that the City works through, but since they do not have anything available, they looked into going with another vehicle. In this case it is actually cheaper which creates an opportunity where the City can bypass the bid process and go after another vendor. Councilman Wobser asked why they didn't have the waiver in the first place. If the City can get a suitable truck for less money and are still getting a discount from the State, why it would not have been done in the first place. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that was a discussion they had today because they typically use the vehicle the State puts out for the City to use through the contracting and bidding process. They looked at other options because Ford was not able to provide the demand and are looking to move forward with alternative options in the future. Councilman Wobser asked if in the future if all options, regardless of vendor will be evaluated. Service-Safety Director Martin replied yes.

Councilman Palmer asked if the City is obligated to go through the State process or if they can simply look for a better deal without any kind of obligation of going through the State process. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that is correct. Filed.

City Auditor Staschiak – salary ordinance via Ordinance No. 2022-081

As Paymaster for the City, the salary ordinance has typically been revised by the City Auditor's Office with changes requested by the Administration and presented to Council for review. Attached is this year's updated pay ordinance. The changes made to the existing ordinance are outlined in the list attached to the ordinance. The Mayor's Administration and the City Auditor's Office have reviewed the document. Revisions include:

- All exempt positions with a salary range had the min and max amounts raised by six percent (6%) for 2023
- All steps in the hourly ranges and all excepted pay ranges were increased by six percent (6%) for 2023
- The 2024 wage rates were increased by three percent (3%) after three percent (3%) after three percent (3%) of the 2023 raise was removed
- All effective dates were changed as needed in each section
- Eligibility levels for vacation were revised
- All levels of non-union longevity were increased
- A new provision provides for the use of discretionary leave for exempt employees
- All other changes are addressed in the Outline of Changes document

A completed Ordinance will need to be passed by October so that payroll system programming to accommodate the changes outlined in the Ordinance can be in place. Legislation on an emergency basis is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-081 was created. Filed.

A set of summary financial reports for July 31, 2022:

- Summary of Year-To-Date Information as of July 31, 2022
- Open Projects Report as of July 31, 2022
- Cash & Investments as of July 31, 2022
- Financial Snapshot for General Fund as of July 31, 2022

Filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE** met on August 2, 2022 for a zoom call with PlanningNext to review final draft of public comments and final action plan.

We recommend to continue to move forward with the Strategic Planning process.

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

The **WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE** met on August 3, 2022 to discuss transmitter project.

We recommend to move forward with the project on an expedited schedule as proposed.

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

The **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request from Michael Stoner to vacate a portion of the east/west alley from South Blanchard Street to Graceland Avenue bounded between Lots 5391 and 5392 in the Leiser Addition.

We recommend tabling the request.

Councilman Hellmann moved to adopt the committee report, seconded by Councilman Palmer.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische noted that she is new on this committee and apologized for missing this committee meeting. She did not think an alley vacation was going to be a big deal. She saw all the notes from the committee report and went out and visited with the property owner to get a better feel for things and believes other committee members did the same thing. She took the time over the weekend to visit every property owner that did not sign the petition for their input. One of the property owners that was against it is now okay with it and in favor of the vacation. She would like to see this request go back to committee to get it done and taken care of.

All were in favor. Filed.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 022-2022 (*transfer of funds to Utility Billing for water meter equipment*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN APPROPRIATED FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that this is just to move funds from one account to another.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend that statutory rules and give the Resolution its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser. The Resolution received its second and third readings. Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, 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. 2022-068 (*HAN-Interstate and FHS Trails*) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Slough moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-068 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-069 (*Rector Ave waterline replacement*) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bauman, Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-069 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-074 (*909 Broad 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 909 BROAD AVENUE REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED "R3 SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL" TO "C1 LOCAL COMMERCIAL".

Councilman Hellmann moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-074 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-076 (*Law Director budget – more funds for legal svcs (pending litigation)*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-077 (*additional funds for 2022 Cube and Diamonds concession sales*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that he will make a motion to suspend the statutory rules and give this Ordinance its third reading tonight so that the CUBE's concession stand can continue to sell products.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its third reading, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance received its third reading. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Bauman, Greeno, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-077 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-078 (*Hancock Public Health combined services contract renewal*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-107 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO CONTINUE COMBINED HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HANCOCK COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT AND CITY OF FINDLAY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser asked Mayor Muryn if she would like for this to be passed tonight. Mayor Muryn replied it would be preferred if it was passed tonight, but can wait to be passed during its third reading.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-080 (*2022 Street Preventative Maintenance*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that he will make a motion to suspend the statutory rules and give this Ordinance its third reading so that the Street Department can continue their great work and finish out the season.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its third reading, seconded by Councilwoman Frische. Ayes: Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel. The Ordinance received its third reading. Councilwoman Frische moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Wobser. Ayes: Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-080 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-081 (*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 CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-116, ORDINANCE NO. 2022-011 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-082 (*Ohio Office of Criminal Justice System grant – body-worn cameras*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO APPLY FOR BODY-WORN CAMERAS TO BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that because of the timelines stated earlier tonight, he will make a motion to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings tonight.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-082 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-083 (*Sewer Funds for water parts inventory*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
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: Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Wobser. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-083 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-084 (*Robert L. Hamilton estate trust funds donation to FPD*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Discussion:

Councilman Russel pointed out that this same estate donated funds about a month ago to the Findlay Fire Department to purchase equipment. He thanked Mr. Hamilton and his estate for their support of the City's Fire and Police Departments who are able to get a lot of things with the donated funds. It is very much appreciated.

Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-084 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-085 (*purchase of 2 replacement Fire Dept utility pickup trucks*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO WAIVE FORMAL ADVERTISING AND BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT(S) FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) FIRE DEPARTMENT UTILITY PICKUP TRUCKS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Palmer noted that due to the great pricing the City has been given, he will make a motion to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings.

Councilman Palmer moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Slough.

Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Bauman, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer. Nays: Wobser, Frische. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Bauman moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Warnecke.

Discussion:

City Auditor Staschiak asked Council for an amendment to the Ordinance so that it will comply with him being able to pay the bill properly and pass the audit. The legislation should specify who the City is buying the trucks from since it is waiving bidding requirements. He asked Council to amend the Ordinance to list where the trucks are being bought from.

Councilman Russel asked if the trucks will be bought from Warner Buick-GMC. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that City Engineer Kalb sent an email after the letter in the Council packet was distributed. Warner Buick-GMC had two (2) trucks at the time he requested legislation, but since then, they now only have one (1) and the Fire Department worked with another dealership to purchase another truck which is why he was requesting to waive the formal bidding process to purchase the second vehicle. Since Warner Buick-GMC did not have the second vehicle, they were able to find a dealership in Ohio that was able to accommodate the same request. That money was already appropriated and are working that through the proper process. The City has never purchased a vehicle with Warner Buick-GMC, but is under the fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000.00) threshold. The amended Ordinance should be for the purchase of one (1) truck through Warner Buick-GMC that is under the fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000.00) threshold. The other vehicle is also under the fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000.00) threshold. City Engineer Kalb clarified that the City Sewer Department purchased a vehicle from Warner Buick-GMC that was under the fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000.00) threshold earlier this year, and with this new vehicle coming for the Findlay Fire Department, it will put the purchase over the fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000.00) threshold. The two (2) vehicles combined will be over the fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000.00) threshold, so they will have to wait to purchase this vehicle for the Findlay Fire Department.

Councilman Wobser asked if the City Fire Department is still short a truck. City Engineer Kalb replied no because the City was able to secure another vehicle from Coughlin that the City has a fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000.00) threshold with. The City Fire Department will still have their two (2) vehicles, but only one (1) from Warner because they sold one and the City was able to secure a second one. They will only be purchasing one (1) from Warner, but will still need to waive the bidding process for Warner because they are over the fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000.00). Councilman Wobser asked if they will need to amend the amount of the Ordinance. City Engineer Kalb replied yes to state it is just one (1) truck. One (1) truck from Warner will still need to have the bidding process waived. Councilman Wobser asked if the amendment should take into an account that it is one (1) truck and not two (2) and that it is being purchased through Warner Buick-GMC. City Engineer Kalb replied that is correct.

Councilman Palmer moved to amend the Ordinance to change the purchase of two (2) to the purchase of one (1) utility pickup truck, and also to add the vendor Warner Buick-GMC, seconded by Councilman Russel.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked for clarity that the City Fire Department is getting two (2) vehicles with one (1) of them being under fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) and do not need permission from Council and do not need to have it included in this amendment. City Engineer Kalb replied that is correct. Both of the vehicles are under fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). They are both roughly forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) each, one (1) being from Coughlin that is still within the fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) threshold which is why the City does not have to waive the bidding process for it, but since Warner has already had a purchase from them, waiving bidding for Warner is needed. When combining the two (2) forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) vehicle purchases together puts them over the fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) threshold.

President of Council Harrington asked if the proposed amendment to the Ordinance will satisfy his needs. City Auditor Staschiak replied that City Engineer Kalb did a good job explaining this. He added that as part of the City Auditor's day-to-day tasks of what they have to do is to monitor the aggregate that is spent for each vendor once the aggregate passes the fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000.00), legislation is then needed to waive bidding when it is a situation like this whether it be a truck or equipment, etc.

Ayes: Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. Councilman Palmer moved to adopt the Ordinance As Amended, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-085 and is hereby made a part of the record.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Wobser: **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting on September 27, 2022 at 5:30pm in the first floor Council Chambers of the Municipal Building (CC). Councilman Wobser moved to have said meeting, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor.

Discussion:

Mayor Muryn asked if this meeting could be held earlier in the day so that she could attend as she has already committed to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity at that time. She suggested 4:30pm. Councilman Wobser replied that at this point, it will be at 5:30pm with City Auditor Staschiak checking with his staff if they are available to move the time up. If the time changes, he will let everyone know.

- agenda: 1. mid-year review
2. prebudget meeting

Councilman Greeno: **WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE** meeting on August 23, 2022 at 4:00 pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building (CR1).

agenda: CSO long-term control plan

Councilman Palmer: **STREETS, SIDEWALKS & PARKING COMMITTEE** meeting on August 22, 2022 at 4:00pm in the first floor Council Office of the Municipal Building (CO).

agenda: carriage walks

Councilwoman Frische asked if a **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** meeting is going to be scheduled in the near future to address the South Blanchard Street vacation request that is currently tabled. Councilman Russel (Chair of the committee) replied no and that these regularly scheduled meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 12:00pm.

Mayor Muryn requested an Executive Session meeting to discuss the potential acquisition of a property. Councilman Russel moved to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:41pm and noted that there will be no business to be conducted after adjourning from Executive Session and will simply adjourn tonight's meeting after reconvening, seconded by Councilman Greeno. All were in favor. President of Council Harrington dismissed everyone else that would not be going into Executive Session. Councilman Russel moved to adjourn out of Executive Session at 9:01pm, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor. Councilman Russel moved to adjourn out of Regular Session at 9:02pm, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor.

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