

FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 3, 2023

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 December 20, 2022 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor. Filed.

ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA:

Councilman Russel moved to add the following to/from tonight's agenda, seconded by Councilman Bauman. All were in favor. Filed.

ADD-ONS:

1. Letter from City Engineer Kalb – Real Estate acquisition agreement with Ohio Department of Transportation (*REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS section*).
2. Ordinance No. 2023-007 - Real Estate acquisition agreement with Ohio Department of Transportation (*LEGISLATION section*).

PROCLAMATIONS: none

RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS: none

PETITIONS: none

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Ben Ruzick, Governmental Affairs Director for Metronet is before City Council tonight to introduce himself and what his company will be doing in Findlay. He is the main support for Findlay. Any questions City Council receives from their constituents can be directed to him. He provided handouts to City Council. Metronet started in 2005. They are the largest independently owned 100% fiber infrastructure company provider to homes in the states. When COVID hit, it really changed things as many realized how important fiber infrastructure/better broadband infrastructure is to homes. Metronet currently serves in sixteen (16) states either operating and building in two hundred fifty plus (250+) communities, and are continuing to expand. They are honored to be in Findlay and being able to provide services by investing their multi-million dollar infrastructure to the community. He is a perpetual optimist and enjoys talking about the many positive things Metronet provides. The second page of the handouts shows how safety is very important to Metronet. They sit on four (4) different boards, including the State of Ohio for 8-1-1. Without that, the work they do could put a lot of people in harms way. The right side of that page talks about the many positive aspects of Metronet and what they bring to a community. Netflix's livelihood is based on connection. If someone does not have a good connection, it will not stream well and will lose service. Netflix started putting out recommendations of who the best providers are in the area with Metronet making the list. Metronet is involved in many individual community events and has received many awards on what they have achieved based on their speed and the services they provide. Their construction process is listed on the right of the next page of the handouts. It is how they break down the work they provide to the city which is referred to as a Local Convergence Point (LCP). They are ways they can manage the work through the City which helps build a relationship with the City's leadership team enabling them to know exactly where Metronet is going to be and when. A construction kick off meeting was conducted with the City leadership team who are in charge of the engineering permits, to ensure everyone was on the same page before they began construction. Once construction starts, they conduct monthly meetings with the team that fits their time schedules in order to honor and live up to what was discussed during the initial meeting. It also ensures that what they are building throughout the town shows respect to all residents and citizens they pass. The next page of the handouts is the communication with residential areas. A lot of communication is given to ensure residents know what is going on around them. A letter is mailed out to residents thirty to forty-five (30-45) days prior to the work that will be done in their area, and then a post card seven to ten (7-10) days prior, as well as yard signs/yard darts that are put in front of driveways and near curbs which is what they tend to get the most responses from. The yard signs/yard darts ask the homeowners to reach out to Metronet if they need anything or have questions. They list Metronet's phone number and email address. The next page of the handouts lists Metronet's construction website where a ticket is created for questions or if anything needs restored. Metronet responds within twenty-four (24) hours

Discussion:

Councilman Hellman moved to allow Mr. Ruzick additional time to continue his ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, seconded by Councilman Russel. All were in favor.

Mr. Ruzick continued stating that the postcards from Metronet provide contact information for residents so that they do not have to contact the City as they want to be able answer any questions they have, especially if it has to do with restoration. While Metronet works in easements and right-of-ways, homeowners view those as their yards and are treated as such. When Metronet is done, easements and right-of-ways should look as good or better than when they started. If not, it is their job to fix it. Construction is done during the winter which makes it difficult to restore things back to the way it was, so they will come back in the spring and regrass/reseed then. The City's Engineering team will inform Metronet of any missed areas during the monthly meetings Metronet has with the City so that the City can point out something they noticed wasn't restored properly or needs more attention. The last page indicates how the engagement in the community does not leave once Metronet is done with construction. Metronet stays and begins to get more involved with the community. This is when they start partnering with the Chamber, supporting current sponsorships and conduct their own sponsorships and events.

He has hosted a blood drive in a few states for a few residents that have had a passion behind it. For example, a young girl who was diagnosed with Leukemia, helped him realize how important blood transfusions are. She began talking to her mother one day who asked if Metronet would be able to conduct a blood drive for her daughter in her name, so they sent the information out to all Metronet employees and customers and was able to obtain enough blood to serve one hundred forty-two (142) people. Those are the things Metronet is passionate about. Once Metronet is done working in an area, they still want to passionately be a part of the community and continue to support it. The last page of the handouts is his contact information (i.e. email address, cell phone, etc.).

Councilman Hellmann noted that he has seen Metronet’s yard markers in some neighborhoods and asked if that means that facilities and equipment have already come down the tree lawns and have already buried cables there. Mr. Ruzick replied that if there are yard darts in place, then it means they were actively engaged in laying the conduit with the tubing first and then will come back and install the fiber line. The main construction is the first piece that would come through a neighborhood. Yard markers mean there is conduit in the ground in flower pots and vaults (flush grade boxes) that are put in the ground. Councilman Hellmann asked if Metronet will be burrowing underneath driveways. Mr. Ruzick replied it depends where easements are at. In front easements, they will need to go under the driveway. They typically go in between the curb and the sidewalk where the end portion of the driveway may need to come up under on front easements. Councilman Hellmann noted that some easements are in the rear, but that Metronet’s markers are in the front of the property and asked if that means they may be in the front and/or the back. Mr. Ruzick replied that the markers are just to make people aware that they are coming and do not state where they will end up doing the work. If it is a back easement, they will be in the back. Metronet will continue to partner with the City’s Engineering Department to go over plans and will make readjustments when needed.

Councilman Bauman asked what kind of speed Metronet will be able to offer as opposed to competitors. Mr. Ruzick replied that Metronet is symmetrical in that their downloads and uploads are the same speeds which is nice for those working from home. The speed in Findlay will be 2G. They initially offered 1G, but recently upgraded their systems to 2G service. They offer one hundred (100), five hundred (500), 1 gig (1G), and 2 gig (2G) services.

Councilwoman Frische noted that there are carriers that offer fiber in certain neighborhoods and not the entire city and asked if Metronet is going to cover the entire city or if there will be dead spots. Mr. Ruzick replied that the map included in the handouts covers everything. The goal is always that, but there are times when they will move into an area where the cost is so extremely high that Metronet’s Finance Committee is unable to approve it. If an area is not cost effective for Metronet to provide service, but they are interested and willing to discuss what it might look like to provide service to them, a possibility would be to obtain funds from the Federal Government to support broadband. Councilwoman Frische asked when the live date is. Mr. Ruzick replied that they go section by section. As soon as they finish each LCP section, they light it up for residents so that they can obtain service immediately. He and City Engineer Kalb discussed how difficult is it to get pole permits back quickly on power poles which is what is needed for their long-haul fiber to get to neighborhoods and may end up lighting two (2) or three (3) LCP up at one time while waiting on one long line to service that neighborhood. Lighting up service is estimated to be the middle to end of this year with all construction finished by the middle to end of next year which will go quickly once they get rolling.

Councilman Russel asked if those doing the roll out services for Metronet are their employees or subcontractors. Mr. Ruzick replied that there is a portion of them that are internal Metronet associates (management team, Construction Managers) and do utilize outside contractors for the labor. They try to find them locally in-house, but do welcome suggestions of good contractors in the area. They have their own contractors that are not theirs, but work with Metronet across multiple states because good ones are hard to find and try to keep those they find. Councilman Russel asked if Council receives any complaints if they are to call Mr. Ruzick. Mr. Ruzick replied that is correct. Councilman Russel asked if the process is that Metronet starts with utility poles and then moves to underground within the neighborhood. Mr. Ruzick replied yes, but ultimately the real answer is going to be whichever way the utilities are now is how it will typically go. If the utilities are currently above ground, they will do their work above ground. Councilman Russel asked if the connection to each individual residence is on a case by case basis. Mr. Ruzick replied yes, one hundred percent (100%). When a resident lets Metronet know they want their service, they will bring a drop to their home which takes about an hour and a half to two hours finish.

Councilman Palmer asked if it is fiber all the way to the gateway in homes. Mr. Ruzick replied yes, one hundred percent (100%). Metronet does not use modems. They use Optical Network Terminals (ONT) to install the fiber strand into the home. It makes a world of difference for service speeds. Filed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: none

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:

City Engineer Kalb – 2023 early projects

There are several projects that will be included in the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan that the City of Findlay Engineering Department would like to be able to bid as soon as possible or to appropriate funds into the project so that the design work can be completed. Legislation authorizing the Mayor, Service-Safety Director and/or City Engineer to advertise for bids an enter into contract for construction, as well as appropriate and transfer funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2023-004 was created.

FROM:	CIT Fund – Capital Improvement Restricted Account	\$ 72,000.00
TO:	2023 Street Preventative Maintenance, <i>Project No. 32830300</i>	\$ 70,000.00
TO:	2023 Annual Street Resurfacing/Curb Repairs, <i>Project No. 32830400</i>	\$ 2,000.00
FROM:	Water Fund	\$ 5,000.00
TO:	Small Waterline (Garfield, George, Midland, Allen) CDBG, <i>Project No. 35723800</i>	\$ 5,000.00

Filed.

City Engineer Kalb – WPCC Automatic Transfer Switch, Project No. 35630100

The Water Pollution Control Center (WPCC) has been having problems with the automatic transfer switch that is used to switch to generator power when the plant loses electric. Over the past year, the plant has experienced multiple incidents when the transfer switch would not automatically switch over and would have to be performed manually. To manually switch to generator power, a high voltage electrical contractor is called in on an emergency basis to be able to continue to run the plant when there is a power outage. Calling in an outside contractor can be problematic at times during severe weather, preventing the contractor from making it to the plant. With the current rates that the WPCC is experiencing, the plant can only withstand 5-6 hours of sewer before the sewer will need to be discharged. WPCC has had a contractor on site to evaluate the problems with the current transfer switch, but the switch cannot be repaired and needs to be replaced. Talking with a couple of vendors, the material needed for the automatic transfer switch has a lead time of roughly 35-38 weeks. To ensure that the generator backup in an emergency situation can be utilized, the materials will need to be ordered as soon as possible. Legislation authorizing the Mayor, Service-Safety Director, and/or City Engineer to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for construction and to appropriate and transfer funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2023-005 was created.

FROM: Sewer Fund \$ 300,000.00
TO: WPC Automatic Transfer Switch, Project No. 35630100 \$ 300,000.00

Filed.

Service-Safety Director Martin – HPH backflow testing via Ordinance No. 2022-140

The contract renewal with Hancock Public Health (HPH), specifically the backflow testing portion via Ordinance No. 2022-140 and the conversation that took place during the Tuesday, December 20, 2022 City Council meeting. As described in the legislation, as well as in the discussion, HPH has a Certified Plumber that is qualified to perform backflow testing. One of the services identified in the agreement with the City is that HPH’s Plumber performs annual backflow testing and repairs to all City-owned facilities. In 2022, HPH conducted seventeen (17) backflow tests for the City of Findlay taking sixteen (16) hours to complete. Based on the \$41/hour rate, the City spent \$656 for this services in 2022. The hourly rate will increase to \$43/hour with the City paying approximately \$688 annually for this new contract, dependent upon repairs needed. To validate the value and to address the concern raised during the 12/20/22 City Council meeting, a brief comparison assessment of registered backflow testing Certified Plumbers for the City was conducted, contacting fifteen (15) different certified plumbing services that are registered with the City of Findlay. Pricing models varied from a flat fee for service to a service fee with an hourly rate. The closest price to what the City paid last year was \$800. The highest price for the same service was \$3,280 with an average across the sampling of \$1,852.86 which validates that the current model is in fact how the City should proceed. Ordinance No. 2022-140 received its first reading during the 12/20/22 City Council meeting. Filed.

Fire Chief Eberle – Marathon Community Investment Program grant donation

The City of Findlay Fire Department received a check in the amount of \$4,800 from Marathon Community Investment Program to increase air monitoring capability through the purchase of additional 40gas monitors. The stipulations attached to this area that these funds are used expressly for the stated purpose. Due to time constraints and lead times, the equipment will not be ordered and received before the end of 2022, but would like to appropriate funds from this donation to the Findlay Fire Department budget. Legislation to appropriate funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2023-006 was created.

FROM: General Fund (Marathon Community Investment Programs) \$ 4,800.00
TO: Fire Department #21014000-other \$ 4,800.00

Filed.

City Engineer Kalb – real estate acquisition agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation

As part of the I-75/CR 99 Diverging Diamond Project, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is needing to acquire additional right-of-way or easement for the construction of the DDI. Some of the property that is going to be acquired is within the City of Findlay corporation limit, so ODOT will be acquiring the property in the name of the City of Findlay. ODOT will be assuming all costs for the negotiation and acquisition of the property. In order to ensure that the City of Findlay is in agreeance with ODOT acquiring the necessary property in the City’s name, ODOT is requesting City Council’s formal approval of the Real Estate Acquisition Agreement. Ordinance No. 2023-007 was created. This letter was read in its entirety during the LEGISLATION section of tonight’s meeting. Filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **STREETS, SIDEWALKS & PARKING COMMITTEE** met on October 24, 2022 to continue discussions from the October 18, 2022 and August 22, 2022 committee meeting on carriage/service walks.

We recommend the City remove carriage walks when curbs are replaced. Property owners can replace carriage walks at their own cost.

During the 11/1/2022 City Council meeting, Councilman Palmer moved to table this committee report so that the Administration could provide additional information regarding carriage walks within the next week or so. It was seconded by Councilman Bauman. All were in favor to table it. The committee report was then tabled. This was inadvertently left off the 11/15/22, 12/6/22, and 12/20/22 City Council agendas as being tabled. This was untabled and approved during OLD BUSINESS portion of tonight’s meeting.

An **AD HOC COMMITTEE** met on December 20, 2022 to review Council's Rules of Procedures.

We recommend to update Council rules:

- Change meeting dates to not meet on election days similar to holidays
- Change length of speaking to five (5) minutes from ten (10) and allow for majority of Council to override
- To poll interested parties about meeting start time

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische noted that she supported forming an AD HOC COMMITTEE, but asked why one was formed now. Councilman Russel replied because of a desire to address the issues that are stated on the committee report, specifically with the driver of looking at meeting dates, especially meetings on election days. Councilwoman Frische asked if the committee is looking to change that now or next term. Councilman Russel replied to change it as soon as the AD HOC COMMITTEE makes a recommendation to Council with Council voicing their opinion. He anticipates that to come in February. The topic of conversation of Regular Session City Council meetings start time was brought up with the plan to make one recommendation to City Council concerning meeting dates, start time, as well as other items. Councilwoman Frische asked if the committee finds a sense of urgency for this because typically, this AD HOC COMMITTEE is usually formed within three (3) months of the end of a Council term to pick subcommittee representatives, etc. She asked what the sense of urgency is to meet on any of the topics that have been discussed. This committee meeting seems to be out of the normal.

Councilman Wobser added that Council is allowed to change their rules any time they want to. Councilwoman Frische replied that she asked what the urgency was as it is not the typical timeframe to meet. Councilman Wobser replied as Councilman Russel pointed out, that meeting dates that fall on election days and/or holidays make it problematic for Councilmembers, so the committee wanted to address that this year and not next year. While having the discussion and opening up the rules, the committee also added in the additional items.

President of Council Harrington noted that per the rules of Council, an AD HOC COMMITTEE can be called at any time by the majority of Council.

Councilwoman Warnecke asked when the committee was planning on holding a meeting on election days. President of Council Harrington replied that per the rules of Council, if a meeting falls on a holiday, the meeting would be held the immediate day thereafter.

Councilman Russel moved to adopt the committee report, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Bauman, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser. Nays: Frische. The committee report is adopted. Filed

The **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE** met on December 20, 2022 to review comments that came in from the open house on December 5, 2022 at the Marathon Performing Arts Center.

We recommend to set the date of January 23, 2023 at 5:00pm to further define the draft document.

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

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische pointed out that she was at the last meeting and realizes that the committee is making progress, but that the committee is looking at more funding in order to keep PlanningNext who are assisting with this. She asked if any of those conversations have taken place and/or if those discussions will be part of the next meeting. Councilman Wobser replied that he will defer that the Mayor answer that. The last conversation that took place asked PlanningNext where they were at on their budget so that it was not running a deficit. Mayor Muryn added that the following day after that meeting, she talked with Sarah (PlanningNext) with the Mayor asking her to provide an overview of what PlanningNext felt may be necessary to get over the finish line for the implementation plan and some of the resources needed, which is one of the reasons the City hired them. At this point, they have not requested any additional funds and are still working through the funds of the previous contract that have not been used. The City will be able to work within what we have. Any additional funds that will be necessary will be taken to the full committee. Councilwoman Frische asked if there will be anything about dollar amounts on the 1/23/23 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE agenda. Mayor Muryn replied no, not at this point in time, but if that changes, she will notify the appropriate parties.

All were in favor. The committee report is adopted. Filed

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 001-2023 (*Internet auctions - authorization to use*) **requires one (1) reading**

first reading - adopted

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, BY INTERNET AUCTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 002-2023 (*advances on County tax settlements*) **requires three (3) readings**

first reading - adopted

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE TAX ADVANCES DURING THE YEAR 2023 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE §321.34.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2023 (*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 Greeno moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXV, and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-129 **requires three (3) readings**

third reading – tabled during the 12/20/22 City Council meeting

(*Mardic Investments, Inc. annexation (parcel no. 020001025344 south of CR 99) – rezone*)

6:50pm public hearing is scheduled for 2/7/23 for this

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1100 ET SEQ OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE BY ZONING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY AS M-2 MULTI-FAMILY HIGH DENSITY (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE MARDIC INVESTMENTS, INC. ANNEXATION).

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-132 (*amendment to DORA hours*) **requires three (3) readings**

third reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-009 TO CHANGE THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFERESHMENT AREA (D.O.R.A.), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Frische.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that he has had some discussions with business owners in the D.O.R.A. and some Council representatives concerning the hours of D.O.R.A. He asked Councilman Palmer if there are any adjustment to the proposed change in hours, possibly with the New Year's Day schedule. Councilman Palmer replied that he is thinking of amending the hours to be New Year's Eve from 11:00am-12:00midnight, New Year's Day 12:00midnight to 2:00am and normal hours the rest of the day on New Year's Day.

Councilman Bauman asked if Councilman Palmer is suggesting last call on New Year's Day. Councilman Palmer replied that is correct instead of the hours being thirty-six (36) hours straight.

Councilman Palmer moved to amend the Ordinance to change the hours in SECTION 1.B. to be: New Year's Eve 11:00am-12:00am and New Year's Day 12:00am-2:00am and then normal hours from 11:00am-11:00pm for the rest of New Year's Day, seconded by Councilman Russel.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked what the current hours are on a regular non-holiday schedule and asked what time D.O.R.A. ends. Councilman Palmer replied 11:00pm. Councilwoman Frische replied that it currently does not wait until last call. Councilman Palmer added that the request came because New Year's Eve is a time when many are already out. Mayor Muryn added that in the requested amendment, there is a number of holidays where downtown business owners have said that they typically have patrons overflowing during those hours, either earlier in the day for breakfast or later into the evening such as New Year's Eve, and would like to allow them to be out on the streets with their D.O.R.A. cups. She is fine with the amendment as presented to provide that break. Originally, she had done that for ease of documentation and circulated, but believes it is appropriate given that bars are not going to be serving after that time anyway. It will allow for a break and then can reconvene its normal hours.

Councilman Wobser asked Mayor Muryn when she initially put together business hours if the business owners were in agreeance with the hours she set forth. Mayor Muryn replied that they were, but she does not believe that there will be any issues. The State of Ohio's last call will always override local government rules and will not be serving during the break in hours anyway. President of Council Harrington added that the State will always supersede anything that the City of Findlay does as a Council. Mayor Muryn added that all our hours would allow patrons to buy a drink prior to the last call at the bar which is beyond the street from that period of time. The hours presented are appropriate.

Councilwoman Frische asked if the hours presented before the amendment ended at midnight and the amendment is just to add in the extra two (2) hours for the additional day. Councilman Palmer replied that the legislation before Council today has the hours of 11:00am New Year's Eve through New Year's Day 11:00pm for an extended period which was too much, which is why he is asking to amend the hours.

Motion to amend the Ordinance:

Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Bauman, Hellmann Nays: Niemeyer, Slough, Wobser, Frische, Greeno. Tie vote = President of Council Harrington breaks the tie voting aye. The Ordinance is amended.

Councilman Palmer moved to adopt the Ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Slough, Wobser, Bauman, Greeno, Hellmann. Nays: Warnecke, Frische, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-132 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-136 (*HPD Community Park Improvement Program grant*) **requires three (3) readings**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

third reading - adopted

Councilman Palmer moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-136 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-140 (*Hancock Public Health contract renewal*) **requires three (3) readings**

second reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-037 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HANCOCK COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BACKFLOW TESTING AND REPAIR OF ALL CITY-OWNED FACILITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-141 (*Emergency Management Services contract renewal*) **requires three (3) readings**

second reading

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE HANCOCK COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO MAINTAIN AN EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN THAT WILL ENCOMPASS ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF HANCOCK COUNTY, PURSUE A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAM, AND COORDINATE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES OF ALL THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS ACCORDING TO THE DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 5502.27 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-142 (*Airport Operations Coordinator pay increase*) **requires three (3) readings**

second reading

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO ADMINISTRATION TO GRANT AN ADDITIONAL TEN PERCENT (10%) SALARY INCREASE TO THE AIRPORT OPERATIONS COORDINATOR POSITION, WHICH WOULD EXCEED THE ALLOTTED EIGHT PERCENT (8%) OF CURRENT CODIFIED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-081 AS AMENDED, OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE SALARY ORDINANCE, TOTALING AN EIGHTEEN PERCENT (18%) PAY INCREASE FOR THE 2023 WAGE YEAR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-143 (*Washington Avenue Storm Sewer Upgrade*) **requires three (3) readings**

second reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE CREATION OF CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR THE WASHINGTON AVENUE STORM SEWER UPGRADE, PROJECT NO. 35512100, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel reminded Council that this project as been on the books and is something Council should pass tonight in order to take advantage of early bidding for the project.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its third reading, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel. Nays: Frische. The Ordinance received its third reading. Councilman Palmer moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-143 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-001 (*appropriations for current expenses & other expenditures for 2023*) **requires 3 readings**

first reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS WHERE NECESSARY FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that this is legislation that Council passes on the first City Council meeting of the year so that the City can continue to operate.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Greeno. 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 Hellmann.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked if there have been any changes to the budgets since they were presented at the budget hearing in December. Mayor Muryn replied no. Councilwoman Frische asked if Raise The Bar was added into the budget. Mayor Muryn replied yes. The two (2) adjustments that were discussed at the budget hearing were to add Raise The Bar at \$30,000 and an additional \$10,000 to her office for the addition of a full-time employee to fill Elicia Mitchell's position that had not previously been filled.

Ayes: Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-001 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-002 (*Sewer Fund*) **requires three (3) readings**

first reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel asked if this needs to be passed tonight. Deputy Auditor Sampson in the audience replied that it is part of the 2023 budget legislation that needs to be passed tonight. Councilman Russel added that this is another piece of legislation that Council passes on the first City Council meeting of the year so that the City can continue to operate.

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. Councilwoman Frische moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Hellmann.

Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-002 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-003 (*0 Greendale Ave rezone*) **requires three (3) readings**

first reading

6:55pm public hearing is scheduled for 2/7/23 for this

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 GREENDALE AVENUE REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED "R-1 RESIDENTIAL" TO "O-1 OFFICES/INSTITUTIONS".

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-004 (*2023 early projects*) **requires three (3) readings**

first reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS WHERE REQUIRED AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PROJECTS, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR SAID CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Bauman asked if there is any urgency to pass this tonight. City Engineer Kalb replied yes. This type of legislation is normally done at the beginning of the year for street preventative maintenance and street resurfacing projects. It will give the Street Department funds to do permanent repairs on streets during the winter and will also provide start up funds for bidding out resurfacing projects.

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

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked if money is not automatically appropriated for each department via for Ordinance No. 2023-001 that allows them to deal with potholes. City Engineer Kalb replied that this will be for any permanent repairs. For example, if the City needs to replace any concrete curbs on Fourth Street, it could be done now if there are funds available to do the work.

Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-004 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-005 (*WPCC automatic transfer switch*) **requires three (3) readings**

first reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BID AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH, PROJECT NO. 35630100 AT THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTER, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Palmer asked for an explanation of this situation. City Engineer Kalb replied that whenever the City loses regular electrical power, there is an automatic transfer switch that kicks on a generator to run the Water Pollution Control Plant, but that switch is not properly activating and have had to have a High Voltage Electrician do it manually on an emergency basis as there is no one in-house that can do that. A vendor has come in and looked at it to see if there are any repairs that could be done to automatically switch it over. The original transfer switch that needs replaced has a 35-week lead time before the City would receive the replacement switch. If power is lost before the replacement transfer switch is received, contractors will have to be called in and the City will have to pay a premium for their service. There are contractors lined up for emergency services (i.e. recent storm storm), but it creates a stressful situation. The plant can run about five (5) hours before looking at other options.

Councilman Wobser asked if this replacement switch is in the budget for this year. City Engineer Kalb replied it is in the Capital Plan. It will be a capital project, but since it has a thirty-five (35) week lead time, he wanted to request this before the Capital Plan was available. It will be part of the 2023 Capital Plan.

Councilwoman Frische asked if the three hundred thousand dollar (\$300,000.00) request went out to bid. City Engineer Kalb replied no it has not. He is just getting funds ready and knows what prices will be. It will have to go out to bid. He has received some good pricing, so he is trying to get this rolling. The project does not need the money tonight, but part of this Ordinance is to give him authorization to bid for the project. Councilwoman Frische asked why Council did not authorize him to go out to bid before money is transferred since it is part of the Capital Plan. Law Director Rasmussen replied that Council can do that. Councilwoman Frische asked how the Ordinance can be amended to do so. Law Director Rasmussen replied Council can vote on it. Mayor Muryn added that the Administration is not requesting approval of the Ordinance tonight, but would like to have the ability to move forward so that this can be bid and can enter into a contract in order to keep moving on this. The process can be in just one Ordinance instead of two (2) separate pieces of legislation because of the need to move forward with this which will require entering into a contract and pay them at some point, so putting everything into one piece of legislation made more sense. Councilwoman Frische asked if there is a way to amend this Ordinance to allow it to go out to bid without moving the money. She asked Law Director Rasmussen to look at how to word the legislation to allow this to move forward to go out to bid on this Capital project. President of Council Harrington replied that Council can amend anything they desire to and then Council would vote on it. Councilwoman Frische asked for a point of order. President of Council Harrington replied that there can be a point of order when he is done speaking. Councilwoman Frische replied that President of Council cannot speak on an issue and that she is asking her question to Law Director Rasmussen. President of Council Harrington replied that he is not speaking on the issue and is simply telling Council how this could be handled. He is not going to argue with Councilwoman Frische as that is not what Council is here for. Law Director Rasmussen asked City Engineer Kalb if there is time to amend the legislation. He asked what the timeframe on this project is. Councilwoman Frische replied that she would like to allow time for this to go out for bid, and would like to wait until after the Capital meeting before moving money. She asked if the Ordinance can easily be amended to reflect that. Law Director Rasmussen replied that it could be amended. Councilman Russel added it is really a question for the Mayor and the City Engineer. It sounds like there is more of a sense of urgency on this from Council than letting it wait another meeting or two. What is being requested is four (4) weeks of time and the risk of not starting it earlier. The request is to move money from the General Fund to a specific project. He does not see an issue with passing the Ordinance tonight because of the uniqueness of it. The City Engineer has stated he does not need it tonight, so Council defers to him. Mayor Muryn noted that the Administration would prefer it be done tonight because it does need to go out to bid and would like to get it moving forward in case of a catastrophic event. For example, if long-term power had been lost during the most recent storm, the City would have had to pay a premium to bring in a contractor from the Cleveland area to make the transfer switch work and restore power quickly because there is only five (5) hours before bad things happen and cannot be playing around with this situation. Yes, the legislation can be amended to remove the language that appropriates the funds and have it just authorize the bidding process, however, it would be bidding something that the City would ultimately not be paying for. Putting money into a fund and setting it aside for a project that is going to happen is not changing the bid process which is why there is a bid process. It does not change the competitiveness of it. She asked Council to move forward with this legislation because it is something that needs to be done and could cause significant issues, and will not change the process to instead have two (2) pieces of legislation of one to bid and one to contract and pay.

Councilman Bauman asked if Council moves the three hundred thousand dollar (\$300,000.00) if it is possible that all of it will not be spent. Mayor Muryn replied that is correct. The bid process still stands.

Councilman Greeno informed Council that after the five (5) hour window time without power in a power outage situation, there is the possibility of overflow into the Blanchard River which then will cause dealings with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and violations of the City's permit, so it is something that needs to be fixed as quickly as possible. Mayor Muryn added that the City has been working on this issue for a number of months to see if it needs repaired or replaced. It is worn down, cannot be repaired and needs to be replaced to continue operations.

Councilman Wobser noted that the lead time on the switch is very long. If Council only approves this to go out to bid, it would start the clock going because all that can be done is to get the bidding out with a date for bids to be in, accept the bids, and then purchase the item. He asked if the switch will be purchased through the contractor or if the City Engineer is going to purchase it directly. City Engineer Kalb replied he is looking to purchase the switch himself in order to get moving on this. He is still evaluating what the best price for the City will be. Councilman Wobser asked if that is two (2) different things and asked if money will be saved by purchasing through the contractor or purchasing it himself. City Engineer Kalb replied it will not be a substantial savings. He is focusing on lead time of which way the switch can be obtained faster. Sometimes the contractor can get the product faster than he can which is something he evaluates. Normal resurfacing projects include putting the project out to bid and then appropriate the money, but in this case, it is more unique than those projects because of the lead time. He already has the money, so as soon as he has the bid awarded, he can then obtain a purchase order and get rolling on it. This is a unique situation compared to what other projects are. Councilman Wobser replied that Council wants to make this request as expedient as possible, but at the same time, ensure that the public is given the opportunity to see what is going on. There is a concern with the dollar amount requested.

Councilwoman Warnecke moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Bauman. 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:

Councilwoman Frische asked how long this project has been on the Capital Plan and asked if it was added in 2022. City Engineer Kalb replied it is part of the 2023 Capital Plan. With recent storms, there were more power outages, so he would like to have the issue corrected sooner rather than later.

Ayes: Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-005 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-006 (*Marathon Community Investment Program grant donation*) **requires three (3) readings**

first reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman Warnecke moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-006 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-007 **requires three (3) readings**

first reading - adopted

(*real estate acquisition agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation*)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENTS FOR THE I-75/CR 99 DIVERGING DIAMOND PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel moved to read the letter in its entirety since it is add-on legislation, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor. The Council Clerk read the letter in its entirety.

Councilman Russel noted that based on the reasoning of this request and since the City is not going to be spending any money on this effort, he will make a motion to suspend the statutory rules and give it all three (3) readings tonight.

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

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked if the City is going to own the property after the acquisition is complete and asked for the property's exact location. City Engineer Kalb replied that the City will not own where I-75 is as that is a LPA right-of-way which is ODOT's right-of-way. This area is CR 99 by Technology Drive where they have to acquire more right-of-way because of utilities, road widening, etc. This is in the City corporation limit and is City property that ODOT is acquiring because of their project, but because it is in the City's corporation limit and in the City's name, instead of them acquiring it and then transferring it over to the City, they are going to do so on behalf of the City. ODOT will incur all costs and will do all the negotiations as part of their 99/I-75 project, all because of the diversion diamond. This request is not just the diversion area, but also the sides of it.

Councilman Wobser asked how much property and the costs this includes. City Engineer Kalb replied it varies. ODOT is reviewing fair market values and are working through their plans and will be submitting final right-of-way plans sometime this month. ODOT sent this to him a little later than what they wanted to because they had a hold up with the central office which has different timings than the City has. The agreement was sent to him because they would like to start acquiring property in the City's name. This is all part of their project that they will be paying for. Councilman Wobser asked what happens if the property owner does not want to sell. City Engineer Kalb replied they have third party acquisition consultants who negotiate with property owners on what price they will settle at. If a property owner does not settle, then it will go through a court system to settle it. Most times it is settled outside of court. If any property owner does not settle, it will be ODOT that handles it. Councilman Wobser asked if all the land ODOT is looking at to purchase is all vacant. City Engineer Kalb replied that most of the land is west of I-75, but some is east. Councilman Wobser added that while it sounds like a great deal for the City. Mayor Muryn added that the State has been in discussions with the majority of the property owners for quite a while. Overall, the property owners in this area recognize that the redevelopment of this roadway will benefit their properties long term and is not significant sections of property and is strips along the roadway to allow for the diverging diamond to become wider closer to I-75. City Engineer Kalb, Mayor Muryn and representatives from District One of ODOT presented to the TRAC Committee last year to request the final amount of money necessary for the construction, expecting to hear from them in February on that determination. Details of the project are on the City's website.

Ayes: Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-007 and is hereby made a part of the record.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Palmer apologized for misspeaking during the last City Council meeting on the STREETS, SIDEWALKS & PARKING COMMITTEE report and moved to lift the committee report off the table, seconded by Councilman Russel. All were in favor. Councilman Palmer moved to approve the committee report, seconded by Councilman Bauman.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische reminded Council that the discussion during the last City Council meeting of the year last year on whether or not this was tabled or not tabled and passed. Councilman Bauman had brought up that the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Architects are going to make decisions on the ADA requirements for carriage walks, but that the Mayor had stated that they are not including that in their transitional plan, so to her that means that the ADA on carriage walks was never an issue and will not be an issue, so she will move to deny the committee report. Councilman Palmer replied that his understanding is that the ADA does not want to touch it because they do not want to give the City bad advice on the transition plan and then leave it open for a lawsuit. Councilwoman Frische clarified that they were in committee when the Law Director was not the current Law Director and were at the part of defining a carriage walk as not a sidewalk and then things went haywire. Since the City is not defining it into a transitional plan as being an ADA issue, it needs to go back to committee and put Findlay citizens first and move this forward by grandfathering it and be thorough with it. Before, the City was in fear of the ADA and would not be better off defining it in the ADA traditional plan if it truly was an issue.

Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman. Nays: Frische, Niemeyer. The committee report was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Russel reminded Council of the **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 12:00pm in the first floor Council Chambers of the Municipal Building to review the proposed zoning code changes. It will be live streamed on the City's YouTube channel.

Councilman Russel noted that at the last City Council meeting, he asked for input on City Council meeting start time and has yet to hear from the majority of Council on it. From whom he has heard from, 6:00pm is the leading time. He asked that anyone wanting input on it to contact him with their preferred start time of 6:00pm, 6:30pm, or 7:00pm. He has also asked for input on Council's seating, but has not heard from the majority on that. He asked Council to let their voices be known. The **AD HOC COMMITTEE** will incorporate the results when they meet next to finalize Council's rules.

Mayor Muryn thanked the City of Findlay Fire Department who fought numerous fires and responded to numerous calls during the bad weather, the Police Department, and Public Works Department who did a wonderful job of preparing and made sure the roads were clear as quickly as possible to keep the City up and running, keeping motorists safe. She also thanked the Water Distribution that had to repair six (6) different waterline breaks during forty (40) below temperatures. She is extremely grateful for the work they did, and extremely grateful that they choose to be a part of the team.

Mayor Muryn reminded those on the STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE to engage their networks to respond and encourage them to take a look at the plan that is available on findlayforwardplan.com and provide feedback on it before the 1/23/23 meeting.

Mayor Muryn thanked Council for their support of the City's budget. Raise the Bar received a State grant of \$125,000.00 to continue to bill out their work, specifically mentioning the support from the City of Findlay and how those public dollars help support the work they are doing that provides the seed money that is required for them to cover operational expenses to be able to qualify for those grants.

Mayor Muryn noted that there was some discussion and questions about the 2023 Capital Plan and informed Council that it will probably be at least another month before starting discussions with Council on it, which is later than what is preferred to move forward on, but that there is a lot of different dollars and pots of money out there right now that they are trying to figure out how to take advantage of in order to put those dollars to best use and leveraging as much outside dollars as possible. There are some big picture items with City facilities and a number of other items that are delaying it, so it will be best to have all those conversations all at once, as well as the ARPA money.

Councilman Palmer moved to adjourn City Council at 8:09pm, seconded by Councilman Bauman. All were in favor.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT