



**REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:**

**Officer/Shareholders Disclosure Form from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control** for Ralphs Appliance Inc. dba Ralphs Joy of Living, 1926 Tiffin Avenue, Findlay, Ohio for D5 and D6 liquor permits. This requires a vote of Council.

James H. Mathias, Chief of Police – Ralphs Appliance Inc. dba Ralphs Joy of Living, 1926 Tiffin Avenue, Findlay, Ohio. A check of the records shows no criminal record on the following:

- Ralph C. Smother II
- Julie Anne Smothers

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

**Board of Zoning Appeals minutes –August 10, 2023.**

- Status of BZA case # BZA-25-2022-63427 for 526 South Main Street (parcel #600000318290): 12/8/22 BZA approved this on the condition the required permits be obtained within 180 days giving a deadline date of 6/6/23. On 6/7/23, a 30-day extension was given on the deadline date making the new deadline date 7/6/23. The 7/6/23 BZA variance approval deadline date has passed with no permits obtained; therefore, the approval has expired and is no longer valid.
- Status of BZA case #BZA–10-2022-63665 for 3012 Goldenrod Lane: 4/13/2023, BZA approved this on the condition the required permits be obtained within 60 days giving a deadline of 6/12/23. The BZA variance approval deadline date has passed with no permits obtained; therefore, the approval has expired and is no longer valid. Filed.

**Findlay Police Department Activities Report – August 2023.** Filed.

**Design Review Board minutes - September 13, 2023.** Filed.

**Service-Safety Director Martin – Keep Active, Keep Healthy Project donation**

The City of Findlay received a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) donation from the Flag City 5K event sponsored by Dave’s Running that has already been deposited into the General Fund. This donation will go toward the Keep Active, Keep Healthy Project. Legislation to transfer this donation from the General Fund to the Keep Active, Keep Healthy Project is requested. Ordinance No. 2023-101 was created.

FROM:	General Fund	\$ 1,000.00
TO:	Keep Active #31993600-other	\$ 1,000.00

Filed.

**Treasurer’s Reconciliation Report – August 31, 2023.** Filed.

**Mayor Muryn – Indigent Defense Services renewal agreement 2023-2025**

In December 2022, the Hancock County Commissioners forwarded a renewal agreement between the City of Findlay, Hancock County Public Defenders Commission, and Hancock County Commissioners for Indigent Defense Services in Findlay Municipal Court for the term of three (3) years from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 to provide legal representation in Findlay Municipal Court for this three (3) year term with various details of the agreement needing to be discussed and negotiated causing a delay in the execution of the agreement. After reviewing the current agreement, Law Director Rasmussen has found it to be acceptable by all parties. This agreement will be retroactive to January 1, 2023. The annual fee of ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) will be paid on a quarterly basis. This sum is a portion of the County’s cost to employee attorneys and support staff for the term of the agreement which represents an average cost per case less than the cap adopted under Ohio Revised Code §120.33. This amount has been budgeted for 2023. The County will reimburse the City any dollars received as reimbursement from the State and will be paid to the City at the end of the calendar year. Legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a renewal agreement with the Hancock County Public Defenders Commission, and the Hancock County Commissioners is requested. Ordinance No. 2023-106 was created.

**Discussion:**

Councilwoman Frische asked why this is being paid differently than normal. Mayor Muryn replied that it is the City’s Public Defender contract and is not any different than normal. The amount is different than the prior three (3) years because the prior three (3) years were paying some catch-up funds to make up for funds that had been underpaid of the previous years. This is just stipulating in the new contract that the City is not a disproportionate amount based off of the State’s share of our fees. During some reconciliation, it was found that the City was being charged a set amount with the County collecting that, but then they were also receiving some reimbursement from the State, and that the City was not seeing that benefit and have addressed that in the contract which will decrease the contract amount and will establish a process for reconciling on a going forward basis. City Auditor Staschiak noted that the normal process is that this group would have come to Council and spoke to them directly regarding the matter and to give perspective from their office. In the past, Roger Miller came to Council and spoke about it. Council may want to reach out to them if they want to keep that relationship with them. Filed.

**City Engineer Kalb - HAN-Interstate and FHS Trails PID115232 (32821400)**

This project is for an extension of a ten foot (10') multi-use trail along Howard Street and Broad Avenue. The City of Findlay Engineering Department is currently working with a consultant on the design of the trail. Through the design process, it was found that additional right-of-way plans will need to be developed per the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) manual. Due to some of the existing grades along the proposed path, temporary easements are needed for construction. Additional funds are needed to compensate the consultant for the additional right-of-way plans that are required for this project. Legislation to appropriate and transfer funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2023-108 was created.

FROM:	CIT Fund – Capital Improvements Restricted Account	\$ 40,000.00
TO:	HAN-Interstate and FHS Trail PID115232, <i>Project No. 32821400</i>	\$ 40,000.00

**Discussion:**

Councilwoman Frische asked if another forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) is needed to extend this for another ten feet (10'). She asked what was paid out previously on this. City Engineer Kalb replied that the forty thousand dollar (\$40,000) request for this is not for engineering. It is for right-of-way plans. A little over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) was for engineering fees when getting into the design of where the driveways are and how close they were to the right-of-ways and their grades, getting a ten foot (10') path in there which had to be flat because of ADA and are now running into issues of getting so close to the right-of-way and getting smooth transitions into private property of the drives was not being able to be accomplished without having large slopes that could cause a car to drag on the bottom. Because this is an ODOT-funded via Federal Funds, the City has to follow their guidelines for this. If it was all City funds, the City would work with the homeowners to be able to go in there, but that there are a different set of rules with ODOT funding. This is to obtain additional plans to include a full set of right-of-way plans for them to go out and show all the temporary right-of-ways to include any donations. As explained in his email to Council, an Acquisition Consultant will have to be hired to do the negotiating for the City. The private property owners have to be prequalified through ODOT. He cannot do it unless he gets prequalified. These are steps that have to be taken. Filed.

**City Engineer Kalb – Findlay Airport Rehab of Runway 7/25 Design**

The City of Findlay Airport is preparing to start the design work for the rehabilitation of Runway 7/25. This project has already received a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that will cover ninety percent (90%) or two hundred sixty-eight thousand two hundred dollars (\$268,200) of the design work. The project is also eligible to receive grant funds from ODOT Aviation that will cover an additional five percent (5%) or fourteen thousand nine hundred dollars (\$14,900). The grant funds already received from the FAA, along with the amount of funds anticipated from the ODOT Aviation, the City will be responsible for fourteen thousand nine hundred dollars (\$14,900) as a local match. Legislation authorizing the Mayor, Service-Safety Director, and/or City Engineer to apply for grant funding from ODOT Aviation, as well as enter into a grant agreement with ODOT Aviation is requested. Ordinance No. 2023-109 was created. Filed.

**Mayor Muryn – Blanchard Valley Port Authority appointment**

Mayor Muryn is requesting Garry Peiffer to be reappointed to the Blanchard Valley Port Authority, term will expire on June 30, 2027. Mr. Peiffer has served as a City of Findlay appointment to the Port Authority since its inception in 2007 and brings a vast history of economic development, community leadership, and business experience. Mr. Peiffer is the retired President of MPLX GP LLC and retired Executive Vice President of Corporate Planning and Investor and Government Relations of Marathon Petroleum Corporation. He currently serves as a Director of MPLX GP LLC. Mr. Peiffer began his career with Marathon in 1974. During his career, he held a variety of management positions with increasing responsibilities. These responsibilities included Supervisor of Employees Savings and Retirement Plans, Controller of Speedway Petroleum Corporation and numerous other marketing and logistics positions. In 1987, Mr. Peiffer was appointed to the President's Commission on Executive Exchange serving for a year in the Pentagon as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Production and Logistics. In 1988, Mr. Peiffer returned to Marathon Oil and was named Vice President of Finance and Administration for Emro Marketing Company. He served as Assistant Controller, Refining, Marketing and Transportation beginning in 1992. He was named Senior Vice President of Finance and Commercial Services for Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC in 1998, Executive Vice President of Marathon Petroleum Corporation in 2011, and President of MPLX GP LLC in 2012 until his retirement in 2014. Mr. Peiffer is a member of the Board of Directors of the Roppe Corporation. He is also a member of The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation's Finance and Investment Committee and serves on the Catholic Community Foundation-Ohio. This appointment requires Council's confirmation.

**Discussion:**

Councilman Wobser moved to approve this appointment, seconded by Councilman Greeno. All were in favor. Filed.

**City Engineer Kalb – Water Meter System Replacement, Project No. 35783300**

City Engineer Kalb is requesting to appropriate the remaining funds into the Water Meter Replacement Project to cover the cost of the final transmitters and materials for the project. The transmitter project started early in 2022 and was scheduled to be a 5-year project. Water Superintendent Phillips warned during the planning phase of this project that the City lost the ability to remove meter read in December 2022. The issues being experienced estimating water bills were concerning, so the Administration felt this was not a sustainable practice for the duration of the 5-year project in that the Administration recommended to the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE to expedite the 5-year transmitter project and complete it as soon as the vendor could supply the materials. The APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE supported the recommendation and the project was accelerated. The transmitter portion of the project is complete and the vendor will be sending additional transmitters and equipment to the Water Treatment Plant. Once all equipment is received, the vendor will be preparing the final invoicing. Legislation to appropriate and transfer funds is requested. Ordinance no. 2023-110 was created.

FROM:	Sewer Fund	\$ 1,315,500
TO:	Water Meter System Replacement, <i>Project No. 35783300</i>	\$ 1,315,500
FROM:	Water Fund	\$ 1,315,500
TO:	Water Meter System Replacement, <i>Project No. 35783300</i>	\$ 1,315,500

Filed.

**Service-Safety Director Martin – insurance reimbursement for destroyed traffic signal cabinet**

The City of Findlay received payment for the replacement of a traffic signal cabinet that was destroyed from a vehicle accident from the insurance company in the amount of eight thousand eight hundred two dollars and sixty cents (\$8,802.60). Legislation to appropriate funds for the replacement of the traffic sign cabinet is requested. Ordinance No. 2023-111 was created.

FROM:	SCM&R Fund (insurance proceeds)	\$ 8,802.60
TO:	Traffic Signal Department #22043200-other	\$ 8,802.60

Filed.

**Mayor Muryn – update on Project Hat Trick (Sheetz)**

Mayor Muryn is providing an update on Project Hat Trick (Sheetz). As the City of Findlay team continues to work with Economic Development to move Project Hat Trick (Sheetz) forward, she is providing an update and is making a request. First, she wanted to inform Council that proof of the executed JobsOhio Incentive Agreement has been received in compliance with Ordinance No. 2023-058 AS AMENDED. In May 2023, the Administration requested Council to authorize support towards Project Hat Trick, the Sheetz Food Production and Distribution Facility. As presented in Executive Session, funds will support improvements to Distribution Drive and Township Road 99, along with water and sewer extensions to provide services to parcel #020001030154 which is the parcel immediately east of Lowes Distribution north of County Road 212 an south of Township Road 99. In discussions with County Engineer Cade, Economic Development and the Allen Township Trustees it has been determined that the most expedient way to address these infrastructure projects will be to have the County Engineer manage the roadway improvements to Distribution Drive and Township Road 99. For the time being, this roadway will remain in the township. The property which Sheetz will be operational on is in the process of being annexed to the City of Findlay. In order to meet the timeline requested by all parties, a Memorandum of Understanding to allow for the Hancock County Engineer to complete the roadway improvements in coordination with City Engineer Kalb and that the seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) of General Fund dollars that were earmarked for roadway improvements be transferred to Allen Township is needed. The Economic Development and the City Administration have also confirmed that they funds that were authorized through the Ohio Department of Transportation and JobsOhio for the roadwork can be transferred to the Township. The City of Findlay will continue to be the lead entity and fiscal steward for het water, stormwater, and sewer infrastructure. There is no change to the projected financial benefit to the City of Findlay through this change in project management. Legislation authorizing the Service-Safety Director, Mayor, and/or City Engineer to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding is requested. Ordinance No. 2023-112 was created.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische understands the location of this being on County Road 212, but is still confused. She sent an email to City Engineer Kalb because she was told by the Economic Development that the City was doing the design work for this, but that it sounds like the infrastructure will be brought from across the street. When looking at the appropriation that was done for this project for Sheetz to come in, the City put in about three million dollars (\$3,000,000) between water, sewer, and storm water and asked if that is not needed now. City Engineer Kalb replied that in his update email, he explained that the sanitary that is on Township Road 99 is going to be extended down to this property, as well as east of the property over to County Road 230 to set up for any kind of future expansion that is needed. There is a waterline on County Road 212 that is a twenty inch (20”) line that the City wants to ensure is set up for the future for anything that is happening in all directions to not hurt ourselves in the future. The waterline will be extended up County Road 230 and are evaluating where the best and cost efficient location for this waterline would be for the City in the long run for any type of expansion. There is only one tap off of County Road 212. With the additional line that is coming off of there now, they will be able to have two (2) taps, possibly three (3) to help create redundancy and actual flow through their system and the City’s system. If the new line happens to break on County Road 230, some valves can be closed and they will still have a feed. If the feed on County Road 212 breaks, then some valves can be closed and they have feed off of County Road 230. If they just pulled off of County Road 212 where they only have one existing line, if something were to happen to that main line and they are not able to get feed, they will only have one feed through there. With bigger sites like that, there are fire loops or fire suppression to create for that and create multiple taps off of that to create redundancy through water and also fire flow and have multiple sources coming in.

The City is always going to make sure that it is set up for the future and will be running that line through there so that if anything expands to the east of this site, there would be another source for that water to be pulled from and would have one from County Road 212 and also the County Road 99 area. It is creating redundancy within the City's system as well.

City Auditor Staschiak added that he is looking for documents from the original executive session that he is yet to receive. Based on the comments in this letter and the comments that City Engineer Kalb just made, it would be appropriate to have a combined APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE meeting and WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE meeting so that he knows he has what he needs when it is time to start paying bills because based on some of the comments given, he is not sure he has what he will need to move forward with everyone's intent to do that positively. He asked Council to dot I's and cross T's. The other reason for a combined meeting is because he spoke with Councilman Wobser about this being a new process for Council. He does not know when, but is sure that there were times in the past that money was fronted to do some things to encourage good things to happen for the community that is parallel to this or similar to this, but cannot recall any in his tenure as the City Auditor. Since this is a new process, he wants to ensure that the process is followed to the letter because neither the Mayor, City Auditor or anyone sitting on the Administrative side of the room can speak to Council's intent of the legislation Council is to pass. City Engineer Kalb asked what additional information City Auditor needs from him and what he is expecting Council to be seeing in that WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE meeting. City Auditor Staschiak replied the information from the executive session because he turns it all in so it doesn't get distributed. Once he has that, it is the basis of what he needs. He wants to make sure that there is a complete understanding of what is happening and what is being done with the full agreement of Council that is being done with these changes and that he is allowed to move forward and pay. That is what he wants to make sure, and at this point in time, he does not want any questions. It is not the Administration that can decide what is Council's intent is, but is Council's determination as to what their intent was.

So, if this meets with all those things, it would need to come out in the form of a resolution or some type of document from Council or some type of affirmation that tells him that even with these changes, it complies with what the intent was so that he can pay that three million dollar (\$3,000,000) bill that is coming his way.

Councilman Wobser asked if this has evolved or changed dramatically from the initial understanding during the executive session when it was talked about. City Engineer Kalb replied one thing that was left out in the money appropriation was the money for the road extension which will be another piece of legislation, but what City Auditor Staschiak just explained is almost exactly what was talked about in executive session several months ago. City Engineer Kalb replied that it has not changed from his end. He is looking for where to run the waterline and how to set the City up for the future to make sure the City can service this site and any other future site, and also make sure that it is the most cost effective location in for what route it is running, where it is going to be on their side of the building, if there are easements for the future, etc. The City does not want to put in a mile long line if there is only going to be one tap on it. He wants to make sure if the City is spending the money for this that they will be able to utilize it now and into the future.

Councilwoman Frische is all about setting up for the future, but that three million dollars (\$3,000,000) has been appropriated, plus another million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the State, and there will be an amount from ODOT, but that the location wiggled a little bit, so if it is going onto County Road 212 that some of the infrastructure is there. With what City Engineer Kalb is proposing and how far it is going to extend and what it looks like, is totally a City Council discussion for Council to know where development is going to be extended for economic development. Council needs to know the game plan and where the City wants economic development to market and how far. It needs to come back to Council as some of this discussion is not the same as what she understood. The City should save some money if they can when spending a lot in other areas. The City wants to greet Sheetz with open arms, but want to do it smart.

Mayor Muryn replied that Councilman Wobser and Councilman Greeno discussed this to ensure that all I's were dotted and all T's were crossed and that there were no significant changes from the executive session on this. Councilwoman Frische was not in attendance for that, but discussed it with her over the phone, but did not meet with her to go over the proposal, which might be where some of the ambiguity that is occurring. If that is what the City Auditor needs, the Administration is happy to accommodate to make sure that this continues to move forward as necessary.

Councilman Wobser pointed out that all of the details were discussed in the executive session meeting. The expansion was talked about and building for the future. He does want the City Auditor to be able to pay the City's bills, so he will schedule a joint WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE and the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE meeting to get everyone where they need to be and be able to move forward with this project.

Councilman Bauman noted that The Courier originally stated a location and then had to retract it and put it in a different location because they had incorrectly reported it to begin with. City Engineer Kalb replied that it has always been the same site that is being talked about right now which is east of Lowe's Distribution and north of the Buchanan site beside Township Road 230. Filed.

#### **Police Captain Hendren – State of Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program**

The Office of Criminal Justice Services announced a third round of grant funding for the State of Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program. The Findlay Police Department has only recently been made aware of this grant opportunity. The application deadline for this grant is Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 5:00pm. There is no funding cap on this grant, nor a grant match. The purpose of this grant application is to secure additional funding to support the salary of the recently created full-time position with the Police Department that is tasked with the redaction of body-worn camera videos and FOIA requests. Additionally, funding is also being requested to secure additional software to support the Findlay Police Department Body-Worn Camera Program. Legislation authorizing to apply for this grant, waving statutory rules and giving the ordinance all three (3) readings at the October 3, 2023 City Council meeting in order to meet the October 5, 2023 deadline is requested. Legislation to appropriate funds will be provided at a future date if the notice of award for this grant is received. Ordinance No. 2023-113 was created.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked if any dollar amount is needed for this since it will fill a job position. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that as it was discussed when preparing to do the body-worn camera program originally, this is State funding that is an annual grant that the City applies for with no local match. The City does not know what they are going to get based on how many departments go after these funds and the needs that the City presents in the grant application, but that they go directly towards the body-worn camera program. Sergeant Walters was moved to an Administrative role that is already on the program. He has done presentations on the program and is very invested in it. This request is to offset some of his salary, as well as some of the back office software. It is competitive non-match grant money. It is unknown when it will run out, but would like to apply for it. The City very notified very quickly with a quick turnaround. Applications to just apply for the grant have to be submitted by October 5, 2023.

Councilman Wobser asked if the City asks for a specific grant amount or is just asking for whatever amount is awarded. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that the City explains what they have with Officers, the amount of body cameras, how the program was established and how it is laid out, and then they will make a determination on what dollar amount they will award the City. It is not only what they feel is needed, but also what is available based on other asks of the different communities. Councilman Wobser pointed out that there was an initial grant request to get this project started and asked if that award has been received. Service-Safety Director Martin replied yes. The City paid up front and then was reimbursed once it was in place. Councilman Wobser asked if grant money has been received for all the requests involved with this project. Service-Safety Director Martin replied yes. Filed.

**Traffic Commission minutes – September 18, 2023.**

*Note: item #2 on pg 2 is for the jake braking and noise pollution via Ordinance No. 2023-087 that City Council referred to the Traffic Commission during the September 19, 2023 City Council meeting (after the second reading of the Ordinance).* Filed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request to discuss the proposed budget schedule.

*We recommend keeping the Capital allocation at twenty percent (20%) for 2024 and 2025. Ordinance No. 2023-107 was created.*

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

The **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request to discuss the proposed salary ordinance via Ordinance No. 2023-097.

*We recommend to approve the salary ordinance as proposed. Ordinance No. 2023-097 received its first reading during the 9/19/23 City Council meeting.*

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

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 021-2023** (bulk trash and tire drop off event) *requires three (3) readings*

*third reading -adopted*

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN APPROPRIATED FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 023-2023** (transfer funds from SSD budget to Law Director budget) *requires three (3) readings*

*second reading*

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN APPROPRIATED FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Second reading of the Resolution.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 024-2023** (CR 230/212 aka Hat Trick aka Buchanan annexation aka Sheetz) *requires three (3) readings*

*first reading*

A RESOLUTION STATING WHAT SERVICES THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, WILL PROVIDE TO THE TERRITORY PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, SITUATED IN ALLEN TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF OHIO, AND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, T2N, R11E, A TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF 77.808 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE CR 230/212 (HAT TRICK AKA SHEETZ ANNEXATION)).

*First reading of the Resolution.*

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-043** *(Phase 2 benching project)* **requires three (3) readings** **tabled after third reading on 5/16/23**  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ACCEPT PERMANENT OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTIES IN ORDER FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HANCOCK COUNTY, OHIO, TO TRANSFER THE PARCELS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT TO THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-071** *(Downtown Recreation Area – design & engineering)* **requires three (3) readings** **tabled after third reading on 8/15/23**  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRAND & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES OF THE DOWNTOWN RECREATION AREA PHASE II BENCHING OF THE BLANCHARD RIVER, PROJECT NO. 31913700, APPROPRIATING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-084** *(200 W Lincoln St rezone)* **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1100 ET SEQ. OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE BY REZONING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY (REFERRED TO AS 200 WEST LINCOLN STREET REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED “R-3 SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL” TO “C-3 DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL”.

Councilman Bauman moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Palmer.

Discussion – *unable to capture comments/questions given by Councilwoman Frische and Mayor Muryr on this Ordinance due to audio malfunction.*

Ayes: Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Palmer, Slough, Wobser, Bauman. Nays: Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-084 and is hereby made a part of the record.

*Mayor Muryr advised Council that she received notice that the audio of tonight’s meeting went out at approximately 28:40 (after the motion to adopt Resolution No. 021-2023). President of Harrington ordered a five (5) minute recess at 6:37pm to fix the audio of tonight’s meeting. The audio was not working during the reading of RESOLUTION NO. 021-2023 – ORDINANCE NO. 2023-084.*

*President of Council Harrington commended Airport Director McGee for last weekend’s car and air show. There was over four hundred (400) cars and over twenty-five (25) airplanes on display. It was attended by thousands of people. It was a job well done. Councilman Wobser added that it was great to watch the Ford Trimotor fly over his house. It amazed him how slow it can move and still stay afloat. President of Council Harrington reminisced about the Tin Goose that flew from Port Clinton over to the islands. He rode it as a kid with his dad years ago. Councilman Bauman echoed congratulatory comments made to Airport Director McGee and her team at the Airport. It was a top notch event. He rode in that Ford Trimotor and was wondering if it was going fast enough to become airborne.*

*The audio returned as President of Council Harrington commended Airport Director McGee and her team at the Airport. Council convened at approximately 6:40pm.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-087** *(jake braking and noise pollution)* **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**  
AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PRACTICE OF ENGINE BRAKING, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “JAKE BRAKING”, TO BE PROHIBITED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische will not be supporting this Ordinance because she does not think it is necessary and that the City has bigger things to be dealing with. She does not want to make the decision if jake braking should be used in an emergency or not. She saw some online postings over the weekend about there already being signs coming into the City for jake braking. She is unsure if anything additional is needed. Semis are already going slow enough, going 35mph or less for the most part, so if there is a fluke once in awhile with a jake brake situation, she does not think the City should pick and choose who it will be enforced on.

Councilman Wobser asked if this applies to motorists coming off of I-75. City Engineer Kalb replied that the City has to work with ODOT because there are a lot of ODOT roads that go through Findlay. If the City passes an ordinance on where jake brake signs have to go, the City will still have to follow the manual on what locations they have to go in. They will mostly be on the State routes coming into City limits. It will be something the City has to work with ODOT on where the signs have to be placed. For example, State Route 12 coming into town, once past the exit ramps, the City may want to place signs there, but the final determination will be working hand in hand with ODOT and by following the manual as well.

Councilwoman Frische noted that an example that was given to her was if a semi was coming into town going 50-55mph and has to come up to a traffic light having to stop quickly, if they have eighty to one hundred thousand (80,000-100,000) pounds that they are carrying, that jake brake is going to come in handy. She does not think Findlay has a noise issue enough to justify more than the signs that are already in place. She asked if the City has the jurisdiction to do this as everything she has read through ODOT and the Ohio Revised Code states indicates that the County Commissioners and Township Trustees have jurisdiction, but does not indicate that the City does since some of this is outside the City limits. She asked if the City is working with more than ODOT on this, perhaps the County Commissioners. City Engineer Kalb replied that the City is not working with the County Commissioners on this project. With State routes coming through City limits, if the City changes speed limits, ODOT goes along with the City’s jurisdiction. While they are State routes, they still follow our jurisdiction. As soon as semis hit City limits, that is where those signs will come into effect. They have standards with that. Findlay is not the first town that is coming up with this concept.

Councilman Wobser noted that Councilwoman Frische noted that there are laws about this already on the books and asked if what she meant was that those already addressed this. President of Council Harrington replied that Councilwoman Frische's comments was about signage. Councilman Wobser asked what types of signage. He asked if she was referring to jake braking signs. Councilwoman Frische replied that there are already signs coming into the City from the County for jake braking that citizens have been posting online about over the weekend. There is Ohio Revised Code and ODOT rules that it can be looked up online. Anyone can go to ODOT's website and look up their jake braking policy. Everything in that policy lists County Commissioners and Township Trustees work with ODOT and seem to eliminate cities, but agree about lowering speeds inside city limits. Ordinance No. 2023-087 is nonsense legislation that has already been addressed and that the City does not need more signage to spend more money on. It is a pick and choose situation at the end of the day. Mayor Muryn disagrees with Councilwoman Frische's viewpoint. This is something that residents on Center Street specifically brought up. Mayor Muryn agrees that not all drivers are jake braking and is not a terrible issue, but that some are consistently using jake braking that is disruptive. City Engineer Kalb does a great job of consulting with the County and ODOT to make sure that the City is following appropriate standards, but that the City is ultimately responsible for the roads within City limits, so the City is able to pass legislation that addresses that. This Ordinance specifically talks about in emergency situations, so drivers will not be ticketed if jake braking is done to protect themselves or others around them. Passing legislation like this are small things that show that the City is listening to their citizens in trying to address some of the concerns that are being brought up. If Officers see someone riding their jake brake through town consistently and causing disruption, this Ordinance would give them the ability to address it. It is something small that is easy to implement.

Councilman Hellmann pointed out that he received a call today from a constituent who was complaining about the noise and increased traffic on County Road 236 stating that the street itself is getting a lot more traffic since it has been improved, so something like this would help, especially when they use jake brake in the middle of the night when coming down through there. The majority of them are probably going over the speed limit and running into a situation where they need to slow down. He does not see any reason why the City wouldn't pass this.

Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Slough, Wobser, Bauman. Nays: Frische. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-087 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-088 (DFID MOU) requires three (3) readings**

***third reading - adopted***

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Palmer moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Slough, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-088 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-089 (solar eclipse event) requires three (3) readings**

***third reading - adopted***

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Palmer moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Slough, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-089 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-091 (Laurel Lane waterline replacement) requires three (3) readings**

***third reading - adopted***

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH HELMS & SONS EXCAVATING, INC. FOR A REPLACEMENT WATERLINE ON LAUREL LANE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Palmer, Slough, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-091 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-096 (WTP CO<sub>2</sub> Tanks Replacement) requires three (3) readings**

***third reading - adopted***

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH KIRK BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CO<sub>2</sub> TANKS AT THE CITY OF FINDLAY WATER TREATMENT PLANT, PROJECT NO. 35790800, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Slough, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. Abstain: Wobser. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-096 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-097 (salary ordinance) requires three (3) readings**

***second 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. 2022-081, ORDINANCE NO. 2022-012, ORDINANCE NO. 2023-036 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Second reading of the Ordinance.*



**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-099** (City employee retirement payouts) **requires three (3) readings**

**first reading**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

*First reading of the Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-100** (Community Foundation grant agreement - FFD) **requires three (3) readings**

**first reading - adopted**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Letter to City Council on this was on the 9/15/23 agenda.

Discussion:

Councilman Palmer noted that this is an Ordinance to move grant money to the Fire Department, so he will move to adopt it tonight.

Councilman Palmer 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, Slough. The Ordinance received its second and third readings.

Councilman Palmer moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Niemeyer. Ayes: Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Slough, Wobser. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-100 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-101** (Keep Active, Keep Healthy Project donation) **requires three (3) readings**

**first reading - adopted**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Palmer noted that this is just grant money coming in that they are just going to appropriate anyway, so he will move to adopt it tonight.

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

Ayes: Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Slough, Wobser, Bauman. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman

Bauman moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Slough, Wobser, Bauman. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-100 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-102** (CR 99 annexation – accept & approve) **requires three (3) readings**

**first reading**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALLEN, COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF OHIO, CONSISTING OF TWELVE (12) PARCELS TOTALING 57.691 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COUNTY ROAD 99 (RACETRAC) ANNEXATION).

*First reading of the Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-103** (CR 99 annexation zoning) **requires three (3) readings**

**first reading**

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 BOTH I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL AS OUTLINED BELOW. SAID ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALLEN, COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF OHIO, CONSISTS OF TWELVE (12) PARCELS TOTALING 57.691 ACRES (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COUNTY ROAD 99 (RACETRAC) ANNEXATION).

*First reading of the Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-104** (1700 Fostoria Ave rezone) **requires three (3) readings**

**removed from the agenda during OLD BUSINESS**

**This Ordinance mistakenly received its first reading during the 10/3/23 City Council meeting and was removed from the agenda during after OLD BUSINESS. The CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE tabled this during their 9/14/23 meetings, therefore this Ordinance should not have been created.**

~~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 1700 FOSTORIA AVENUE REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED "C 2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL" TO "I 1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL".~~

~~*First reading of the Ordinance.*~~

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-105** (315 Walnut St rezone) **requires three (3) readings**

**first reading**

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 315 WALNUT STREET REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED "R-3 SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL" TO "C-1 LOCAL COMMERCIAL".

*First reading of the Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-106** (*Indigent Defense Services renewal agreement 2023-2025*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2023 THROUGH 2025 WITH THE HANCOCK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION, AND THE HANCOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR A TOTAL OF NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$95,000.00) PER YEAR FOR SAID CALENDAR YEARS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Bauman moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Slough, Bauman. Nays: Greeno, Palmer, Wobser, Frische. Motion fails.

*First reading of the Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-107** (*Capital Improvement Flood Mitigation*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**  
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*First reading of the Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-108** (*HAN-Interstate and FHS Trails PID115232*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**  
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*First reading of the Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-109** (*Findlay Airport rehabilitation of Runway 7/25*) **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 APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND/OR RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF AVIATION FOR THE DESIGN OF THE REHABILITATION OF RUNWAY 7/25 LOCATED AT THE CITY OF FINDLAY AIRPORT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Palmer asked what the deadline is for this grant. City Engineer Kalb replied that the window opened October 1, 2023. It is competitive in that they do work hand in hand with the FAA. The City could submit their application sooner if passed tonight.

Councilman Palmer moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Slough, Wobser, Bauman, Greeno. Nays: Frische. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Slough, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-109 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-110** (*Water Meter System Replacement*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**  
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*First reading of the Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-111** (*insurance reimbursement for destroyed traffic signal cabinet*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**  
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Palmer pointed out that this is just funds from the insurance company to help replace the damaged box, so he will move to adopt this tonight.

Councilman Palmer moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Niemeyer. Ayes: Palmer, Slough, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Palmer moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Slough, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-111 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-112** (*Project Hat Trick (Sheetz) MOU*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NECESSARY PARTIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE HANCOCK COUNTY ENGINEER AND THE ALLEN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES TO ASSIST WITH ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO DISTRIBUTION DRIVE NORTH OF COUNTY ROAD 212 AND TOWNSHIP ROAD FROM DISTRIBUTION DRIVE EAST TO TOWNSHIP ROAD 230.

*First reading of the Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-113** (*State of Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program*) **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 GRANT FUNDING AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND/OR RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (OCJS), FOR THE STATE OF OHIO BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM TO SECURE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE SALARY OF THE RECENTLY CREATED FULL-TIME POSITION WITHIN THE FINDLAY POLICE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS SECURE ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE TO SUPPORT THE FINDLAY POLICE DEPARTMENT BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser noted that since this is working on a tight timeline and that this is just to apply for a grant, he will move to adopt this tonight.

Councilman Wobser moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Wobser, Bauman, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Slough. Nays: Frische. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Slough, Wobser. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2023-113 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

***NEW BUSINESS:***

Mayor Muryn requested Ordinance No. 2023-104 (*1700 Fostoria Ave rezone*) be removed from the agenda as the CITY PLANNING COMMISSION and THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE tabled the request during their 9/14/23 meetings. Councilman Wobser moved to remove Ordinance No. 2023-104 from tonight's agenda, seconded by Councilman Slough. Ayes: Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Slough, Wobser. Ordinance No. 2023-104 was removed from the agenda.

***OLD BUSINESS:***

Councilwoman Frische asked for updates on the meter transmitter project, fixing of bills, and what was proposed back in June. It went through the WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE, but that the water and sewer policy needs to be changed in order to correct bills. Service-Safety Director Martin replied it is in the final stages. There were two (2) different cycles that went out. The first phase was dealt with earlier this year and just went through the Phase II portion with the last of the transmitters having true readings and are now going through the reconciliation process where the five hundred percent (500%) increases happened. They are running those numbers and are communicating and then should have this trued up and cleaned up soon and move forward from there. Councilwoman Frische asked if the City is going to invoke a remedy or policy of how bills are handled, how they are being paid, truing them up until the water policy is changed and is passed at Council. Mayor Muryn noted that Deputy Auditor Sampson stated at the meeting that because it was documented during a City Council meeting, that was sufficient for the appropriate documentation until we look at the larger policy and change the rules which will be a larger conversation. Councilwoman Frische pointed out that many have been telling her that they have bills sitting out there and have gotten shutoff notices. She asked if the City is reaching out to everyone so that those that are going to get a seventy-five percent (75%) write-off or a twenty-four (24) month payment plan will be notified. Service-Safety Director Martin replied he believes so, but to be safe, customers that have questions or have received a notice, can reach out to the Utility Billing Department who will work with every individual. If someone has a reconciliation that is required, either credit or debit, the City will then work with them through the process that has been approved by the committee. The City is being very consistent and are following the processes that have been put in place for this reconciliation process. Mayor Muryn added that if someone is having an issue, they need to contact the City. A mailing went out to all the identified individuals or account holders outlining what their change was with them. If anyone received a past due notice that there were no shut offs that were occurring unless it was someone who it did not apply to in which they were called and informed that their bill was past due and that this does not apply to them and was a previous issue. Contact have been made, mailings went out and with this next round, more preemptive letters to those individuals will be given, so it definitely will be cleaner. If any Councilmember is hearing from anyone, they need to contact the Water Department as there is some misinformation that is being circulated.

Councilman Niemeyer asked if there was any response from the State of Ohio Liquor Board about the TREX application for Scramblers liquor license application because there wasn't a Social Security number on it at that time. Law Director Rasmussen replied that he does not believe there was a problem with it and thinks it went through. Councilman Niemeyer replied that Council did not see anything and tabled it the end of May or first part of June. President of Council Harrington replied that Council tabled it because of the fact that if we file an objection or not. Mayor Muryn added that we reached out to them and still have not received a response, but will follow up with the Liquor Commission to get some clarity on how they would like us to handle that moving forward.

President of Council Harrington gave his condolences to Councilman Greeno on the loss of his mother-in-law.

Councilman Wobser: **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE/WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE** meetings (combined meeting) on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 4:00pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building (CR1).

agenda: Project Hat Trick (Sheetz) annexation

Councilman Wobser: **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 5:00pm (*immediately following the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE/WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE meetings*) in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building (CR1).

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser asked if there are any public hearings before the October 17, 2023 City Council meeting. Council Clerk DeVore replied that there are no public hearing before that meeting, but that there will be three (3) before the November 8, 2023 meeting.

Councilman Hellman moved to excuse Councilwoman Warnecke who left the meeting at 6:37pm because she became ill, seconded by Councilman Bauman. All were in favor.

Mayor Muryn congratulated Airport Supervisor McGee and the Airport team for a wonderful event this weekend at the Airport. It was very well done, very well attended, very well put together. She thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, and the Public Works Department for their assistance. It takes a village, and the City team gets it done.

Mayor Muryn gave a shout out to the University of Findlay Golf Team who has been hosting a nine (9) team tournament at the Findlay Country Club for the last two (2) days that brought in a lot of individuals into the community. They finished second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and performed very well. It is the hope that they will bring home another National Championship.

Mayor Muryn notified Council that it was announced today that the Hancock County Veteran Service Office, as well as the City of Findlay, has been working with the Veterans Affairs to bring a VA Clinic to Hancock County and the City of Findlay. It will be located on the north end of town. She is very excited to be bringing that to the community. She thanked everything that worked behind the scenes working to help get that done. The Zoning Department and Hancock Regional Planning have been in discussions on it.

Mayor Muryn visited the Liberty-Benton Elementary School 3<sup>rd</sup> graders today who are learning about City and County government who provided her a drawing of all Councilmembers. She is glad she gets out to talk to the kids because they give her a lot of hope with the excitement they have on getting to be a part of it, engage in the process, and talk to their City leaders, but also the ideas they have for their community. One of the questions that they asked her was why she does what she does. Why is she Mayor. Her response was what she hopes is exactly what Councilmembers think which is to build a community that they are proud of and that they want to be a part of and that they want to share with others. Sometimes we can get bogged down in the politics or the minutia, but hope that we all reflect on the work that we are doing to build a better community that we can all be proud of and that is for these kids long-term which is exactly why she loves the job, and hopefully that Councilmembers do too, and that nobody takes insult to the cute little figurines that they drew for Council (Mayor Muryn displayed the drawings the students did of Councilmembers). She appreciates the time and effort that Councilmembers put into their job.

Councilman Palmer was approached by a constituent about food trucks having to get a solicitor's license and requested to review the current process and come up with some changes for it. Food trucks are not going door to door like a door-to-door salesman and are regulated by the Health Department. Mayor Muryn replied that the same individual contacted her and is something that can be looked at to ensure that the City knows what is going on, who is in town, and that they have the appropriate certifications and insurance, as well as make sure that it is easy to do business. That can be revisited and can report back to Council.

President of Council Harrington reminded Council that the National Emergency Alert will conduct a test tomorrow, October 4, 2023 at 2:20pm on cell phones, radios, and televisions. It is a national test and suggested that no one contact the Police, Sheriff's Office, or Fire Department about it. It is a legit test to ensure if something nationally were ever happen that that system is working property.

Councilman Bauman moved to adjourn City Council at 7:13pm, seconded by Councilman Niemeyer. All were in favor. Filed.

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