

FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 6, 2024

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL of 2024-2025 Councilmembers

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

ABSENT: none

President of Council Harrington welcomed Boy Scout Julius Rodeckey in the audience from Troop 319 who lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Filed.

President of Council Harrington requested a moment of silence. Filed.

ACCEPTANCE/CHANGES TO PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

- Councilman Palmer moved to accept the July 16, 2024 Public Hearing meeting minutes for Revenue Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024, seconded by Councilman DeArment. Filed.
- Councilman Palmer moved to accept the July 16, 2024 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman DeArment. All were in favor. Filed.

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

PROCLAMATIONS: none

RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS: none

PETITIONS:

Alley vacation request – Bank Street/East Pearl Street/South Blanchard Street

Joshua Slough is requesting a vacation of the east to west alley between lots 4671, 4716, 4672, and 4715 in the Park Addition. Referred to City Planning Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee. Filed.

Zoning amendment request – 615 East Edgar Avenue

Joshua Slough would like to change the zoning of 615 East Edgar Avenue to R3 Small Lot Residential. It is currently zoned as R2 Medium Lot Residential. Referred to City Planning Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee. Filed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Shelby Coleman – marijuana ordinance and park

Mr. Coleman asked when the City of Findlay got out of the business of running the City and into the business of legislating morality. The good people of the State of Ohio have spoken on this matter. It is not for Council or the Administration, as a collective group, to go against the will of the people by outlawing what has been passed. He sees a lot of good and bad ideas coming out of this room, such as the park that nobody wants that is in a bad location and no parking for it, but if the City wants to do something like that, the City cannot refute the numbers of the tax money collected from legal weed that is millions to hundreds of millions of dollars. The City has to recognize that fact. They also have to recognize the fact that that money could do something for the homeless. There is a guy sleeping under the awning out here. Mr. Coleman walked into the leading building of this City right past somebody sleeping under the awning. He asked what that means to the City. The marijuana money could be used to do something about that.

There are junkies and hobos sleeping underneath the bridge on Main Street that some of the millions of dollars that the marijuana tax money would generate could do something about that. The City could quit wasting hundreds of thousands and tens of thousands of dollars putting people in jail for it. As he was looking at the members of Council, he asked himself where the members in his age group are represented in this. He is fifty-two (52) years old and does not see that on Council. Council has to come along and start realizing that times have changed and have to acknowledge it and change with it. It seems like a lot of decisions and a lot of monies are being used in ways that do not reflect or represent not only his age group, but thirty (30) year olds and twenty (20) year olds. It has to change. He asked Council how many of them walked past the guy sleeping outside the building. He asked if any Councilmember wants to acknowledge that. He asked Councilmembers if they think it is not Findlay, Ohio. The City has to do better. Not want to, not need to, but have to. It has got to stop. There are river walks to nowhere and motels full of migrants that the City cannot do anything with, but yet the biggest money-making plan to come across Council's desk is now in question which doesn't even make logical sense. It seems like Council is trying to legislate morality and not law. The people of the State, the people of the County, and the people of this very City have spoken on this matter which is a dead issue. The City should quit trying to interfere with it and start figuring out how to capitalize on it. He has seen a lot of good ideas and a lot of bad ideas, but what all of them have in common is tax money. It all has to come from tax money, from private donors. He asked if the City has even looked into the hundreds of millions of dollars that places like Monroe, Michigan and other small towns are raking in. He asked Council where they think Findlay is getting weed from. They are going to Michigan, right up I-75 and getting it. He asked if that is something they want to promote by denying this. Findlay is not going to get rid of it. Figure out how to utilize it. The City has to start using out-of-the box thinking for out-of-the-box problems. He realizes that a lot of the Councilmembers are from the older generation with a lot of age and wisdom which is great, but have to start . . . President of Council Harrington interrupted informing Mr. Coleman that his allotted four (4) minutes to speak were up.

discussion:

Councilman Bauman believes there is some confusion around what this legislation is meant to do. This is to hit the pause button so that the City can get the regulations from the State of Ohio. It is not saying that the City of Findlay won't consider having a dispensary in Findlay, Ohio. It is saying that the City of Findlay is hitting the pause button so that the City of Findlay can obtain the regulations set by the State and discuss it in the future, how to zone dispensaries, etc. Mayor Muryn replied that is correct. This ordinance gives the City approximately twelve (12) months, hopefully having conversations about it sooner. The PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE has already started requesting some information to be prepared, and then will have the discussion at a PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE meeting . . . Mr. Coleman interrupted asking if that is getting the carriage in front of the horse. President of Council Harrington informed Mr. Coleman not to interrupt. Mayor Muryn continued stating that one of the reasons that the City had waited until this point in time was because the State was supposed to provide more robust guidance and that the State legislature was going to take action and make some modifications, so the City has been waiting to hear from them, but then they didn't and are now going under the previous rules. This Ordinance will allow the City to look at the State's rules and then make any changes necessary to our current local zoning regulations that do not permit medical dispensaries, in which the City currently does not have any, and then determine where they are allowed in the City and how that fits within the State regulations that they have put in the place.

Conversations on this is going to move forward at the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE who have requested information to look at the aspects and look at anything that the City wants to put in place, and then, where in the community with zoning, to permit that. Mr. Coleman replied that he hears what Mayor Muryn is saying, but that she stated that the City is waiting to be updated with up-to-time regulations and rules from the State, but that when the State drug their feet and referred it back to the old rules, he asked why the City is not prepared to work under the old rules. Mayor Muryn replied that the moratorium that currently is in place would have restricted all of them. The previous moratorium was for medical marijuana and now have to determine where in the City's zoning code recreational marijuana can be located, otherwise, the only parameters are the State regulations. The City is a little more restricted beyond the State's regulations which is why this moratorium is being requested. It does not necessarily mean that it is going to extend for the full twelve (12) months, but that it can be in place for that long. If conversations take place sooner, the City will roll out its regulations and go from there. Mr. Coleman replied that his question was not really answered in that Mayor Muryn had stated that they reverted back to the old rules so he asked why the City was not prepared to go forward under the old rules. Mayor Muryn replied because the old rules had a moratorium in place under those as well and did not have local prescriptive zoning that the City wanted to . . . Mr. Coleman began to interrupt, Mayor Muryn continued that she is not going to get into a back and forth with Mr. Coleman on this. The PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE is who is going to have to change the City's zoning code to allow dispensaries which is the conversation that will take place next. At this point in time, the City wants to make sure that it is well thought out. Mr. Coleman is correct that the conversation did not take place because the City did not know what rules to work with in the new regulations. That conversation did not take place in the old regulations because the community had opted to not allow them at all. It is now time to have public conversation which is what Council will be moving forward with.

Councilman Russel noted that under current State Law, licenses for medical facilities were determined by the State in specific locations. No medical dispensaries were licensed for Hancock County. To this point, recreational marijuana can be dispensed at medical dispensaries. There currently are no legal medical dispensaries allowed in Hancock County, therefore, there are no legal recreational facilities allowed in Hancock County. Those are the State's rules. The State has also placed some parameters on where medical facilities cannot be which are within a certain distance from schools, libraries, playgrounds, parks, etc., so the City has to look at that mapping in terms of our zoning and how it works/doesn't work. The State has given very little direction on where recreational facilities can be except for the fact that they can only be in a place that is currently selling medical marijuana. There currently are no medical dispensaries licensed for Hancock County, so this issue is moot at the current time. The concern is that the State will drop the flag and remove that restriction. In which the City's zoning rules at that point in time will need to be in place. He anticipates the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE to start investigating this more. Councilman Bauman as Chairman of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE and the HANCOCK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, who edit the City's zoning maps, have started mapping out the areas of where the facilities would be restricted based on what is currently in the Ohio Revised Code. If the State Legislature changes the Ohio Revised Code, the City has to respond which takes time. He is not a big proponent of recreational marijuana, but will work towards and vote to allow facilities in the City because fifty-two percent (52%) of Findlay's citizens voted for it. The County voted against it. The City now has to determine how to best zone this, just like we zone anything else involving commercial activity. Local government (City) has zoning rules that we have to ensure that they fit with the City, which takes time.

It is his hopes that by the time the City obtains final rules from the Ohio Legislature that the City will then promptly have its rules in place and then let the market work. Mr. Coleman asked what reasonable timeframe is estimated to have local rules in place. Councilman Russel replied that he will refer that question to the State Representatives and State Senators. Mr. Coleman replied that he is not dealing with State Senators and Representatives and that he is dealing with Findlay City Council. Councilman Russel replied that they are the first step in the line. Mr. Coleman replied that it sounds like the City is passing the buck . . . President of Council Harrington replied that Councilman Bauman, Chairman of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE will make sure that Mr. Coleman is aware when the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE meeting will be, that is open to the public, so that he can come. All the public is invited.

Councilman Bauman pointed out that he shares Councilman Russel's opinions in taking a hard look at this and has asked the Administration for their side of this. Once they have everything, they will hold a PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE meeting to discuss it thoroughly and then go from there. Mr. Coleman asked what kind of timeframe that will be. Councilman Bauman replied within the next couple of months. Mayor Muryn added that any modifications to the zoning codes require a lengthy process consisting of public hearings, etc. That process alone will probably take three (3) months, and discussions on it would probably also take three (3) months. Mr. Coleman asked if the City knew this was coming and if they knew it was voted on. President of Council Harrington replied to Mr. Coleman that he has made his frustrations known . . . Mr. Coleman interrupted stating that he just wants to be clear that the City waited until the last moment to start making these decisions. President of Council Harrington thanked Mr. Coleman for his comments, but tonight's meeting is now moving on. Mr. Coleman replied "really, really". President of Council Harrington replied "sit down". Mr. Coleman replied "oh, sit down now", "that's what we're doing" "we do not get to have any kind of open debate" "we are all being adults here" "what's the problem". President of Council Harrington replied to Mr. Coleman that he is done and asked him to sit down. Mr. Coleman replied "I am far from done". President of Council Harrington replied "thank you", "thank you for your comments". Mr. Coleman replied "you will be thanking me when I am over there next time" (pointing to Councilmember seats). Filed.

Haydee Sadler – Ordinance No. 2024-099 (*CDBG administration for years 2024-2026*)

Ms. Sadler believes that this Ordinance is a gateway and an open door to start housing for illegal aliens, so she is asking City Council not to approve this Ordinance tonight that is authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Hancock Regional Planning Commission and the Ohio Department of Development to provide services related to the Economic Development Loan Fund programs. According to the 2020 housing assessment, she is sure Council is aware of it and encourages the public to read, Section 7 under Policy and Strategy Recommendations, where it states to rally stakeholders and build on momentum, establish a community development organization that puts together financing for affordable housing. According to all of her research, affordable housing ends up being housing for illegal aliens, displaced persons, asylum seekers, and migrants, which is her concern. A sidebar to this housing assessment would be to protect existing stock and energizing neighborhoods with landbanks that can aid in land assembly and blight mitigation efforts which are words that can be found in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program funded through the office of community infrastructure.

She is sure that Council understands this verbiage and that they are reading through all of the documents, but that the public does not understand causing some confusion when using all of those words, but that they all connected by one Administration bringing it down to another, which ends up being the build back agenda that she keeps talking about. She thinks the tendency is to confuse people. She asked if RLF funds subsidizes and provides incentives for builders to build homes and housing for asylum seekers, displaced persons, migrants, and/or illegal aliens. President of Council Harrington asked if that is a question to someone specifically. Ms. Sadler replied that she is addressing it to Council. President of Council Harrington replied that per the rules, Council does not have to answer if they do not want to, and that Mayor Muryn may respond if she so chooses. Mayor Muryn replied that she will take notes of Ms. Sadler's questions and will address them all at the end after Ms. Sadler finishes with her comments. Ms. Sadler continued by asking if the low paying jobs that are being brought in are being used to accomplish housing for the low to moderate income persons agenda and/or the base low-to-moderate income being the asylum seekers. She also wanted to make a comment about the AD-HOC COMMITTEE's new rules are giving the impression that Findlay has its own communist party.

President of Council Harrington pointed out that Ms. Sadler has approximately one minute and fifteen seconds to finish.

Mayor Muryn replied to Ms. Sadler's questions stating that the RLF program's specific guidance are on the Hancock Regional Planning Commission's website. The RLF program is available for entities that are needing gap financing when they are establishing a business. It has some specific fund utilization and that the City can support projects within low to moderate incomes. Historically, the City has done infrastructure projects related to the entire question and as she stated in multiple emails to Ms. Sadler, the City is not supporting or building housing for low income individuals and that the City is not in the development business, but does support private development. Programs are available through State entities where developers can get funding for price caps or housing that they can obtain funding support for their infrastructure buildout, but that this is not tied to that. That is not the agenda of anyone. Everyone in this room are Republicans that understand the principles that the City goes by, so that is not the case on this. The State and Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has been used for decades to do a lot of different things. It is a great program that the City has utilized for park projects, infrastructure projects, and supports non-profit needs. She understands that everyone makes ties to certain programs that she cannot speak to because that is not what is happening here. The RLF program is specifically focused on supporting gap financing and provides for low-interest, no-interest, and sometimes even granted funds to support economic development programs in the community. She is happy to answer any questions citizens have.

City Auditor Staschiak added provided comments that he had made to the housing study in 2020. He was very disappointed with the data from that study in that it did not hold water. That study argued that Findlay grew three percent (3%) a year for a number of years, and argued that the City's population was much bigger than the zero (0) growth that the last census showed, and that the entire track of recommended housing to the community was based on the assumption that Findlay grew three percent (3%) a year for a number of years. That study also had a number of other invalid data points once it was taken in line with the census that was out there, so there is some validity to the concern that the housing study is being used. Filed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: none

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:

Law Director Rasmussen – DFID Resolution No. 023-2024 and Ordinance No. 2024-090

Resolution No. 023-2024 and Ordinance No. 2024-090 will be on the August 6, 2024 Regular Session City Council meeting agenda. They are the last pieces of legislation for the Downtown Findlay Improvement District (DFID). Resolution No. 023-2024 is to provide enhanced public services in the DFID, and Ordinance No. 2024-090 allows the Clerk of Council to certify the assessments to the Hancock County Auditor’s Office. Notice of assessments were mailed beginning July 23, 2024, and while some question were asked, no one has filed an objection so far, but that not all notices have been delivered or picked up at the Post Office to date. Notices for pick up at the Post Office were left for those that had no authorized recipient available for hand delivery. He is requesting Council to give both pieces of legislation their first reading during the August 6, 2024 Regular Session City Council meeting to allow for any objections to be filed within the statutory timeframe, and then their second and third readings during the August 20, 2024 meeting so that they may be timely filed with the Hancock County Auditor’s Office. The filing deadline with the Auditor’s Office is September 9, 2024. Resolution No. 023-2024 and Ordinance No. 2024-090 were created. Filed.

Law Director Rasmussen - funds for postage for certified mail for DFID assessment via Ordinance No. 2024-091

Resolution No. 012-2024 was passed during the March 20, 2024 Regular Session City Council meeting for a renewal of the DFID assessment requiring a certified mailing to each property owner. Funds will be needed for this causing a shortage in Council’s budget. An appropriation of funds is requested to pay for postage and certified mail services for this assessment. Legislation to appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from the General Fund to cover the postage costs is requested. Ordinance No. 2024-091 was created.

FROM: General Fund	\$ 1,000.00
TO: Council #21001000-other	\$ 1,000.00

Filed.

Chief of Police Chief Mathias – Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Continuing Professional Training grant

The City of Findlay Police Department received ten thousand six hundred fifty-one dollars and nineteen cents (\$10,651.19) check from the State of Ohio that will be deposited to the ORC Police Department Required Training Project. These funds will be used to fund outside training for Police Officers. Legislation to be appropriated from the Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Continuing Professional Training Grant to the Findlay Police Department Training Program is requested. Ordinance No. 2024-092 was created.

FROM: Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Continuing Professional Training Grant	\$ 10,651.19
TO: 2024 ORC Required PD Training (31940600)	\$ 10,651.19

Filed.

City Planning Commission agenda – August 8, 2024; staff report – August 8, 2024; minutes – July 11, 2024. Filed.

City Engineer Kalb – Washington Ave storm sewer upgrades phase I, project no. 35512100

Ordinance No. 2022-143 authorized a bid opening that was held on July 14, 2024 for this project. Bids were received from four (4) potential contractors with bid amounts ranging from \$440,833.42 to \$566,871.57. The lowest and best bid was received from Fenson Contracting, LLC of Fort Jennings, Ohio. \$40,000.00 was previously appropriated to the project to account for project design and advertising. An addition appropriation is needed at this time to cover the construction cost and provide a contingency for the project. Legislation to appropriate and transfer funds for the capital expenditures is requested. Ordinance No. 2024-093 was created.

FROM: OPWC Grant (CM05Z)	\$ 300,000.00
TO: Washington Avenue Storm Sewer Upgrades Phase I, Project No. 35512100	\$ 300,000.00
FROM: Sewer Fund – Stormwater Restricted Account	\$ 350,000.00
TO: Washington Avenue Storm Sewer Upgrades Phase I, Project No. 35512100	\$ 350,000.00

Filed.

City Engineer Kalb – HAN-Melrose & Broad resurfacing PID117615 (32844200)

This project is eligible for Federal Highway Administration Funds administered through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). This project consists of the resurfacing of Melrose Avenue from Main Street to Broad Avenue, and Broad Avenue from Melrose Avenue to Trenton Avenue. At this time, the project is estimated at \$1,260,000 with eighty percent (80%) being funded by ODOT, and twenty percent (20%) by the City of Findlay. The City’s matching share is included in the 2024 and 2025 of the 10-year Capital Improvements Plan. Legislation authorizing the Mayor, Service-Safety Director, and/or City Engineer to enter into the project agreement with ODOT is requested. Ordinance No. 2024-094 was created. Filed.

City Engineer Kalb – Project Hat Trick, Project No. 35631500 appropriation of ODOT funds

As discussed in previous meetings, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has committed Jobs & Commerce Economic Development Program (JCED) funds towards the construction of the TR 230 Widening Project (Project Hat Trick). The City of Findlay has received a fully executed copy of the agreement, therefore, funds to the project to help cover some of the construction cost is needed. Legislation to appropriate funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2024-097 was created.

FROM: Ohio Department of Transportation, Jobs & Commerce	\$ 300,000.00
Agreement No. 41320	\$ 300,000.00
TO: Project Hat Trick, Project No. 35631500	\$ 300,000.00

discussion:

Councilman Russel asked if the money has already been transferred to the City from ODOT in that this request is to simply transfer money from one fund to another or if the City is still waiting for the three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) from ODOT. City Engineer Kalb replied that it was encumbered on their end. This is to move it into the project. The City sends an invoice down to them for payment. He was waiting for them to encumber the funds so that the City could utilize them. After the City receives the grant agreement and the letter from them, it is good to go.

City Auditor Staschiak asked if Sheetz has started their project which goes to some other ancillary points in regard to this. Mayor Muryn replied that they have not started turning dirt and are set to close tomorrow. Filed.

City Engineer Kalb – WTP High Service Pump Line Repair

As discussed during the July 31, 2024 WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE meeting, the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) had a line failure at one of the high service pumps. The suction line running from the clear well to high service pump no. 6 had a failure late Sunday night but that the WTP crew, along with a contracted diver, were able to stop any water loss on Wednesday afternoon. The WTP staff contacted a couple of contractors to provide pricing for the repair and received a quote from Mosser Construction Inc. for the necessary repairs. The cost of the repair is estimated to be two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00). The pipe needed for the repair has a six (6) week lead time. To ensure that the pipe can be repaired as soon as possible, it is desired to waive the formal bidding process and enter into a contract with Mosser Construction, Inc. to complete the work. Legislation authorizing the Mayor, Service-Safety Director, and/or City Engineer to waive all formal advertising and bidding requirements and enter into contracts and appropriate funds. Ordinance No. 2024-098 was created.

FROM: Water Fund \$ 200,000.00
TO: Water Treatment Plant #25050000-other \$ 200,000.00

Filed.

City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – July 2024. Filed.

Findlay Fire Department Activities Report - July 2024. Filed.

Hancock Regional Planning Commission Grant Administrator Kaysie Penzinski – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement

Attached for Mayor Muryń’s signature and City Council’s approval is an agreement in relation to the administration of the City of Findlay’s current and future Economic Development RLF program. As an eligible recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that may generate Program Income, this agreement will authorize the City of Findlay to administer the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) for the purposes stated below:

1. Encouraging the expansion and stability of the economic base of the designated area of the Economic Development RLF.
2. Encouraging increased employment opportunities, particularly for Low and Moderate Income (LMI) persons in designated areas of the Economic Development RLF.
3. Supporting community development initiatives with activities that benefit LMI persons and aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.

Hancock Regional Planning Commission (HRPC) respectfully requests that Findlay City Council pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Findlay, Ohio to execute an agreement with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to provide services related to the Economic Development RLF for program years 2024 through December 31, 2026, retroactively to January 1, 2024. Ordinance No. 2024-099 was created. Filed.

City Auditor Staschiak – Health Plan Third Party Administrator

Attached is a letter from the City of Findlay's health plan broker Risk Strategies explaining the need to change our current Third Party Administrator (TPA). Parsons Risk Strategies was hired as part of that process as a consultant to work with the broker and assist in protecting the City's interest. As explained in the attached letter, the process went very well. An overall improvement in customer service to City employees, improvement in administrative process flow, and anticipated overall administrative cost savings to the plan are expected. City Auditor Staschiak asks that he be contacted with any questions after reviewing the information and that with Council's agreement, it is important that legislation for this is passed no later than September 3, 2024. By doing so, it will enable the City Auditor's Office, the TPA, and the broker to complete all the needed work with open enrollment and the TPA transition to be in place for the 2025 plan year. He thanks Councilman Wobser for taking the time to meet with him and the broker to gain a more in-depth understanding of what has transpired in the TPA selection process. Ordinance No. 2024-100 was created.

discussion:

Mayor Muryn requested a committee meeting to discuss this. She and Service-Safety Director Martin were not included in any of the discussions. The City Employee Health Insurance Committee that typically would be included in some of the conversations was not included even though they met last week. It would be beneficial for the committee to be involved even though she does not see any significant concerns with the change, but that it would be beneficial for the Administration to be brought up to date and for employees to have an opportunity to ask questions before passing legislation. President of Council Harrington asked Mayor Muryn what committee it would fall under. Mayor Muryn replied the only one she can think of is the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

City Auditor Staschiak noted that there are a number of reasons that this was brought to Council in the manner it was, primarily because a lot of the data that is dealt with contains protected health information (PHI). As hiring and firing authorities, they are not allowed to provide a significant amount of information that is used by the broker to make these recommendations. It would be a zero (0) impact to the plan as it stands. It is exactly the same program, same benefits, and same costs with the exception that there will be a phenomenally better service that will address serious concerns that the City is having with the services that some City employees are receiving with the current provider. The existing third party administrator did a wonderful job when the City hired them back in 2016 and 2017, but as the ownership matured and changed, there was a change in the ownership of that business that has had a direct negative impact on the customer service the City has received which is why he made sure that Councilman Wobser had an opportunity to meet with them and get a good understanding of their services, ensuring that conversations occurred before his letter was provided to Council so that he would be in a position to make sure any concerns brought to Council were addressed ahead of time. This is an important step in protecting the benefits and costs the City has in protecting their price points in order to continue to provide the health plan and phenomenal benefits to City employees at one of the lowest price points in the State. He welcomes any discussion on it.

President of Council Harrington left it up to Council if they want this referred to the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. Councilman Bauman replied that he would feel more comfortable that way. Council can never just take the Mayor's word for it, so the City Auditor cannot ask Council to just take his word for it. The committee should look at this and then make a decision. He moved to refer this to the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

Councilman Wobser pointed out that he sat in on the meeting and spoke on the one change that is happening within this plan. It was an hour meeting on medical insurance, which was the Mayor's old forte, but that he received a quick lesson in insurance and how it works, which was quite interesting. This is a great move for City employees who will have the same exact coverage, but better service. He would be happy to sit down and talk about it as it not something that is undercover. It is very up front. Councilman Bauman replied that was not his assertion.

Councilwoman Frische recalled having a similar discussion in 2015 or 2016 when the City changed providers when the company came to Council giving a presentation and was just the Auditor's Office conducting regular business. She does not think it needs to go to the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, but that if the majority of Council wants to have the new party come to Council, that might be just as quick to take care of it.

City Auditor Staschiak noted that in preparation of this, he made sure that the broker was prepared to come and discuss their process, what they have done, their knowledge to a certain level without compromising any protected health information putting the City in a situation that could jeopardize rules that the City has to follow. Ben and Risk Strategies would do a wonderful job speaking to the committee if they choose to have a meeting.

Mayor Muryn would like employees to have the opportunity to ask some questions and understand it so that it provides support. It is the employees benefits. She is fine with it not going to a committee. There was a health insurance committee meeting last week, that had there could have been a 10-minute presentation about this change, she would not be requesting this. She asked if the City Auditor's Office is willing to have a 30-minute meeting where employees can stop in and ask questions that would go a long way when messing with employee benefits so that they are aware of any changes being made and what their concerns are. City Auditor Staschiak replied that is the wrong way to frame this that the City Auditor's Office is messing with employee's benefits. No one is going to see changes or messed with benefits. It concerns him that that has been stated. Employees were brought into that last health insurance meeting to voice their concerns and questions when employees were given the impression that they had to say over a management right and responsibility. It behooves the Administration to be a little more cautious on what impression employees are given when talking about decisions that are the management's purvey versus decisions that are employees purvey. He is not interested in having a Q&A that this Council wants to base a decision on about how to manage a six million-dollar (\$6,000,000.00) health plan. Once Council makes the decision whether or not they want to make this change based on presentation is what he is interested in. He is very interested in giving employees a huge amount of education on it. An open enrollment meeting is held every year and will be conducted live and not virtually to ensure that employees are very comfortable and have a very good understanding so that no loss occurs so that they see and understand why they need to change their medical card in their wallet this year, if Council chooses to pass this legislation.

Councilman Bauman withdrew his motion to refer this to the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE and instead just listen to what the provider has to say. Councilman Wobser feels that the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE is the right place to answer the Administration's questions. He will schedule a meeting towards the end of tonight's meeting. Filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Minutes of June 12, 2024 **WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE** meeting.

Councilman Russel moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Councilman Greeno. All were in favor. The committee report is accepted. Filed.

An **AD HOC COMMITTEE** met on July 22, 2024 to review the revised and finalized 2024-2025 Council's Rules of Procedures.

We recommend accepting the proposed changes to the Rules of Procedure for Council.

Councilman Palmer moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Councilman DeArment.

discussion:

Councilwoman Frische watched and listened to the livestream of the quick 15-minute meeting and asked if there were any changes made. Councilman DeArment replied that they are in the Council packet. Councilwoman Frische replied that they are not listed on the committee report and does not say what the committee did. The committee's recommendation is to accept the proposed changes, so it appears changes were made and that Council has followed those procedural changes for the last four (4) Council meetings as a trial, but that it sounds as though there were a couple more changes made during this AD HOC COMMITTEE meeting, and if so, that they should be listed instead of her looking through a 20-page document. Councilman DeArment read the changes made:

- pg 8 of 19 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (2 paragraphs)
 - all letters addressed to and received by Findlay City Council will be on display to the public during regular Council Office hours (added "in all cases"), letters that do not have a proper name, address, (added "phone number"), and signature of the sender will not be considered as sent to Council. Emails that do not have a proper name, address, phone number, confirmation email to the Clerk of Council or President of Council will not be considered.
 - No written communications will be read unless voted upon and approved by Council even if requested.
 - Deleted: ~~only those letters making a specific request for service or letter that should be referred to a committee of council will be placed on the agenda.~~

Councilman Russel asked what is meant by "confirmation email to the Clerk of Council or President of Council". President of Council Harrington replied that he requested that verbiage be put in. If he or Council Clerk DeVore receives a generic email with only a name (that it came from somebody), how they will know if it is legitimate or not. This will allow them to email or call them back to confirm it came from the person that sent it. It is no different than if someone signed a letter and sends it. It is just to confirm it. In email situations, a read receipt can be requested. Confirmation of who they said they were and that it is legit to go to Council.

Councilwoman Frische noted that one of the discussions from previous meetings did not include the phone number because it would make it into public record. It is one thing to have someone's address, but should not have their phone numbers out there for anyone to call. On the confirmation of emails part, she recently had an email that came in from someone the Administration is familiar that was asking for their letter to be put into the packet that she forwarded to Council Clerk DeVore, but got an email back from President of Council Harrington that it was not accepted.

When the citizen that is submitting a request is known, their address can just be added if they are asked to do so. She thinks phone numbers are inappropriate. She thinks that was discussed in prior committee meetings when there was public input. President of Council Harrington replied that he contacted the sender of the letter Councilwoman Frische is referring to and let him know that it was not going to be accepted unless it was changed, but that he never received a response back from the sender. Councilwoman Frische was copied on that. It must not have been important or the sender would have replied. Councilwoman Frische replied that the sender's email was important and that Council's rules are just making it difficult. President of Council replied that fair for one, fair for all. If everyone else is expected to follow the rules, then why should someone be under a different set of rules than everyone else just because it is may be someone Council knows or has heard from before.

Councilman Russel asked if it is a requirement to provide a phone number in order to send an email or letter to City Council. Councilman DeArment replied that he thinks the phone number is a legitimate concern. He received the request to add the phone number in and is open to removing it. President of Council Harrington replied the suggestion is just a contact method. Councilwoman Frische's concerns about listing phone numbers is valid. Phone numbers would be open for public, so if anyone is uncomfortable with listing them, he has no problem with not listing them. It is just another way to contact them to confirm. The requests are to be given to the ward, so they need a method of getting ahold of the requestor. He is unsure if addresses and/or emails are enough. The request was not nefarious. Councilwoman Frische replied by asking President of Council Harrington not to state that as it insinuates something. She is just going back from the minutes of what the public addressed in committee meetings and that the committee made changes to the rules but did not put those changes in the recommendations and wants everyone to read it. That is all she said and asked to move forward.

Councilwoman Frische moved to amend the committee report to remove the phone number as a requirement, seconded by Councilman Wobser.

Councilman Wobser asked if there currently is a place to list a phone number on the form that the public fills out to speak during a Council meeting. President of Council Harrington replied that there is an area to write in a phone number on both the old and new forms. Councilman Wobser asked if the form becomes a public document and goes into the minutes. President of Council Harrington replied that it does not go into the minutes, but is a public record. Councilman Wobser does not think citizen's phone numbers should be made public. If it comes in on their email and they send it in, then that is fine. If Council requests it, then it needs to be redacted if going into public document. It falls under a certain amount of propriety that Council could easily take care of. He is unsure if that is something that needs to go back to committee to figure out exactly how that will work. Councilman DeArment replied he would prefer to do that now without going back to committee. President of Council Harrington replied that Council can just amend the rules.

Councilman Bauman asked if there is a way that phone numbers could be redacted on the public end and keep it private on Council's end so that if a Councilmember needs to contact them, there would still be a way to do so, or if that can be asked for separately away from that public document.

Councilman Hellmann suggested listing "optional" beside the phone number area on the form and that it be known that it will be a public document. If someone does not want to list their phone number, they do not have to.

Councilwoman Frische noted that part of the reason this became difficult was because it is assumed that emails that come in are fake and fraudulent. It would make sense for Council to just assume all emails from Findlay citizens are legitimate and just remove the phone number. President of Council Harrington replied that he personally likes the option to provide a phone number with the understanding that if a request comes in, it would be given to Council that might not have a phone number, but might request a Councilmember to contact them which would be one less tool to have. Councilwoman Frische replied that if made optional, it needs to be said in a response email that all information in the email becomes public. Councilman Wobser agrees with Councilwoman Frische's comment. He thinks it should be taken off. It doesn't need to be there. If someone does not want to give their phone number to be responded to, that is their prerogative. If they do not respond when a Councilmember contacts them back, then they just don't respond. He does not like the idea of having that information floating around. President of Council Harrington asked if there should be some kind of narrative at the bottom to indicate that this document is part of a public record and that information off of it can be requested by the public.

All were in favor of amending the committee report.

Councilman Palmer moved to adopt the committee report as amended, seconded by Councilman Bauman. All were in favor. The committee report is accepted as amended. Filed.

The **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request to discuss the installation of the HVAC system at Fire Station No. 4 via Ordinance No. 2024-086.

We recommend approval of the request in Ordinance No. 2024-086. Ordinance No. 2024-086 received its first reading during the July 16, 2024 City Council meeting, and is to receive its second reading during the August 6, 2024 City Council meeting.

discussion:

Councilman Wobser noted that this is an unusual request that came to Council through Fire Chief Eberle that would normally go into the capital budget, but that there are a couple of different reasons it is coming directly through City Council instead. He asked that if a request like this comes up again that it then be in the capital plan.

Councilman Wobser moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Councilman Palmer.

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

The **WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE** met on July 31, 2024 to discuss a Water Plant maintenance emergency.

We recommend approval of an appropriation of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) toward the emergency repair project and to waive the formal bidding process. Ordinance No. 2024-098 was created.

Councilman Bauman moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Councilman Russel.

discussion:

Councilman Russel received a phone call from Service-Safety Director Martin saying there was a small leak in a 20-inch pipe that needed to be fixed. This past Wednesday, Water Treatment Superintendent Phillips and City Engineer Kalb were able to meet with the WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE on short notice on this matter. In essence, there are not a lot of options on this. One of the pipes from the clearwell was compromised and two (2) pumps were taken out of service. This system normally runs on six (6) pumps, but is now running on four (4). A lot of the committee's discussions were about what happens next and what is being done to mitigate the risk of this happening again. Service to citizens was not impacted and were able to provide water to customers. This was an emergency situation that did not go out to bid, but that two (2) likely vendors (Mosser Construction, Inc. and also Kirk Brothers) were both on hand on short notice to assist with the evaluation. He thanked Mosser Construction, Inc. who is currently doing some work at the City's Reservoir, for responding promptly to this situation providing a scuba diver to help with the stop gap repairs, making it a priority, to help the City address the situation, due to the City's long-standing good working relationship with them. The City is a good client for Mosser Construction, Inc. and they are a good contractor for the City. When things like this happen, the City receives response and assistance from them. He appreciates their going above and beyond on this. Ordinance No. 2024-098 for this does need to be passed tonight on suspended readings. As soon as the part for this repair comes in, Mosser Construction, Inc. will be there ready to install it. City Engineer Kalb replied that this is an example of when the Administration brings requests to Council on an emergency and why legislation is pushed so fast on projects. The City has relationships with contractors in that they know that the City gets them the money and keeps them moving on projects which speaks a lot to contractors that they can set a schedule and keep moving. When emergency projects such as this happens, the City does not have to think twice about calling anyone for assistance because they will help at the drop of a hat to help. He appreciates Council pushing this along and appreciates Councilman Russel mentioning the City's relationships with contractors because that does go along way with projects like this that are needing done.

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

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 022-2024 (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 Wobser moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Palmer.

discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked what the invoice listed for Hartford Insurance Company for flood insurance is for. Service-Safety Director Martin replied it is a renewal. It was budgeted for, but that the timing of the purchase order was not in place before the invoice arrived.

Ayes: Bauman, DeArment, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, 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. 023-2024 (DFID – renewal petition) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**
A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ENHANCED PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE DOWNTOWN FINDLAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Resolution.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-080 (Tappan St vacation) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET (HEREINAFTER REFERED TO AS THE TAPPAN STREET VACATION) IN THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

Councilman Bauman moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: DeArment, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-080 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-081 **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**
(marijuana 12-month moratorium)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TWELVE (12) MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, OR DISPENSING OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF FINDLAY IN ORDER FOR THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO CONSIDER THE RAMIFICATIONS OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA AND POTENTIAL ZONING CHANGES THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman DeArment.

discussion:

Councilman Russel explained that the ordinance does not prevent a citizen from cultivating or growing marijuana at private residences. That was legal when it passed and that this does not affect that. His intent is to work towards supporting the retail establishments that want to come to the City of Findlay to be in the appropriate places as determined by Ohio Revised Code. The City of Findlay is still waiting on the State Legislature to provide us some guidance on this, as well as zoning, to support how the citizens of Findlay want this zoning to work. It is his hopes that there will be very little delay in accomplishing the zoning that will affect the change. This moratorium is a temporary measure until such time that the City can make an informed decision on zoning questions. He supports the moratorium and hopes that it does not end up lasting a year and instead, resolve it quicker than that.

Councilman Wobser is also in favor of the moratorium and wants to make sure that it is ultimately done correctly from the standpoint of where to put these types of businesses in the community. The City voted in favor of this, but the County did not, so the City does need to get this done and do it the right way. He asked how the tax distribution on marijuana will work. Mayor Muryn replied that there has been some discussion at the State that has a couple of levels of taxation. One of those levels has not determined how that would potentially be distributed and has not provided guidance on what additional taxes local municipalities may or may not be able to leverage on. That is what the City is still waiting on from the State, so she is not comfortable stating anything beyond that at this point. Councilman Wobser asked if the City has the ability to add an additional sales tax on from a municipality standpoint. Mayor Muryn replied that it is still illegal to smoke it on the streets which will continue to be illegal.

The City will be gathering information on any additional licensing or business permits, etc. that may or may not be allowed that could be a potential revenue source for the City of Findlay.

Ayes: Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment. Nays: Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-081 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-082 requires three (3) readings

third reading - adopted

(Traffic utility truck and equipment)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW UTILITY PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF FINDLAY TRAFFIC SIGNALS DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment, Frische. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-082 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-084 (*CUBE bldg generator*) requires three (3) readings

second reading

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE CITY OF FINDLAY CUBE BUILDING GENERATOR PROJECT NO. 31923000, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-086 (*FFD mechanic bay a/c unit*) requires three (3) readings

***second reading
adopted during OLD BUSINESS***

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW AIR HANDLER IN THE MECHANIC BAY AIR CONDITIONING UNIT AT THE CITY OF FINDLAY FIRE STATION NO. 4, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

discussion:

Councilman Wobser asked if this needs to be pushed through tonight. City Engineer Kalb replied that he would like it to be pushed through because of scheduling in that the those that would be installing it are there, so the City would not have to worry about mobilization. If it is readily available, they can get it done. It would not be the end of the world if it had to wait, but could get more usage out of it yet this year. August, September, and even sometimes in October can see warmer weather. Adopting it tonight would help with scheduling with the current contractor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-087 requires three (3) readings

second reading

(fourth Capital Improvement appropriation of 2024)

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 A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2024 DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT LIST, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR SAID CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-088 requires three (3) readings

second reading – adopted

(AIP-33 North Apron Rehab Construction)

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

discussion:

Councilman Russel explained that Helms Construction did the work at the Airport and is still waiting on ten percent (10%) of the final costs because the State has to sign off before they get the last ten percent (10%). This legislation helps them get paid sooner for work that they already completed. Helms & Sons Excavating, Inc. has been a great City partner.

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

discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked if the full amount is usually appropriated into the project when doing projects like this. City Engineer Kalb replied that since this is a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) project, ninety percent (90%) of it is paid through the FAA, but per their regulations, the City has to hold ten percent (10%) of the construction back because that is their retainage, but that the City does not appropriate the full construction amount. The City appropriates the funds and sends them to the FAA for them to reimburse. The City does not actually pay the contractor, and instead sends the invoice to the FAA who then sends it directly to the contractor. In this case, there is still ten percent (10%) out there because they have to finish their closing documents. The FAA accepted the project, Helms & Sons Construction is done with the project, and the City is good with its operation, so instead of holding the money back from Helms & Sons Construction, Inc. because of nothing that they have done, this request is to appropriate the money so that when the City receives the final invoice from the FAA, the City will just keep the money and be fully reimbursed. Councilwoman Frische asked if the City tells contractors how the grants work when projects like this are done. She asked if the FAA comes here does inspections to pay it. City Engineer Kalb replied that it is within the 500-page document, but that this project has taken a lot longer than what projects normally do. Because the FAA had to be reauthorized, the City called Detroit asking how long they thought it would take who replied that they have a huge que right now because they were not reauthorized causing all requests to be moved to their que and did not know how soon it would be available. It could be as soon as tomorrow or could be another six (6) months, so he does not want to hold the contractor up any longer. Construction-wise, the FAA is good with it and that this is just about closing documents on the City's end. Councilwoman Frische asked what the dollar amount is. City Engineer Kalb replied one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000.00).

Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-088 and is hereby made a part of the record. **Councilwoman Frische changed her vote to “Nay” during OLD BUSINESS.**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-089 requires three (3) readings

second reading - adopted

(5th St alley sanitary sewer replacement)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO WAIVE FORMAL ADVERTISING AND BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH HOHENBRINK EXCAVATING, LLC. FOR SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT IN THE ALLEY OF A SECTION OF 5TH STREET IN THE CITY OF FINDLAY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

discussion:

Councilman Greeno informed Council that this sewer is being held together with roots from a tree and may not last past the next heavy rain, so he is going to make a motion to suspend statutory rules and give this Ordinance its third reading tonight.

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

discussion:

Councilwoman Frische explained that the reason she voted against the suspension of Council’s rules was because while it is known there was an issue, it wasn’t leaking sewage and it did not go out for bid.

Ayes: Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-089 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-090 (DFID - certify assessments) requires three (3) readings

first reading

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE PROVISION OF THE ENHANCED PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE DOWNTOWN FINDLAY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-091 (DIFD postage costs) requires three (3) readings

first reading

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-092 requires three (3) readings

first reading - adopted

(Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Continuing Professional Training Grant)

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

discussion:

Councilman Russel pointed out that this is a simple transfer of money from one fund to another based on the Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement grant, so he will make a motion to suspend Statutory rules and give the Ordinance all three (3) readings tonight.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Bauman moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Warnekce, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-092 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-093 requires three (3) readings

first reading

(Washington Ave storm sewer upgrades phase I)

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-094 requires three (3) readings

first reading - adopted

(HAN-Melrose & Broad resurfacing PID117615)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HAN-MELROSE AVENUE AND BROAD AVENUE RESURFACING (PID117615) PROJECT NO. 32844200, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

discussion:

Councilman Russel asked if this is an agreement for the cost share on the project and not to appropriate money at this time, and it is not going out to bid. He asked if this is just the next step in the paperwork process. City Engineer Kalb replied that is correct. It is the project agreement with them to utilize large City funds received yearly to pay eighty percent (80%) of the project.

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

discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked what funds were used to receive money and what the eighty percent (80%) cost was from that fund. City Engineer Kalb replied that it is from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Fund which are Large City Funds that were received through ODOT. Eighty percent (80%) of the estimate right now was approximately a million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the Large City Fund. The City will be covering approximately two hundred fifty-thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) of that per the current estimate.

Ayes: Bauman, DeArment, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-094 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-095 (*Covington Greens replat #2*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DESIGNATED AREA AS SHOWN ON THE COVINGTON GREENS
SUBDIVISION 1ST ADDITION REPLAT #2 WHICH HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE CITY PLANNING
COMMISSION.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-096 (*Dale Park Subdivision final plat*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DESIGNATED AREA AS SHOWN ON THE DALE PARK SUBDIVISION FINAL
PLAT WHICH HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-097 **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
(*Project Hat Trick, appropriation of ODOT funds*)

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

discussion:

Councilwoman Frische noted that it was stated tonight that Project Hat Trick (aka Sheetz) has not closed on the property yet so she does not feel that there is an emergency to move these funds.

Councilwoman Frische moved to table to Ordinance. No second to the motion, motion is defeated.

discussion:

City Engineer Kalb replied that there are enough funds to cover three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00), but that this is what ODOT committed to the project, so for it to be passed now would ensure that the ODOT funds are accounted for which is why the project is still moving forward and is finally encumbered to the project. Moving ODOT's commitment to this project for the City's usage of reimbursement would be an advantage.

City Auditor Staschiak asked for a point of order on the use of the emergency clause. He is unsure that this would qualify. If that is the case, the emergency clause might want to be reconsidered for this when it was just stated on the record that it is not necessary. President of Council Harrington replied that there has never been an instance that an emergency clause was not needed on this kind of legislation. City Engineer Kalb added that there are enough funds in the project to cover through capital, but that the project is being done, so he needs to be able to have the funds available to send reimbursements to ODOT. There are also 629 Funds on this. He does not want to get to a point that the funds are being used up and are have to use Capital Funds on it. Reimbursement will go directly to the contractor, but if not allowed to utilize funds at this time, it will end up being the same as the FAA situation where the City is covering it and then reimbursing ourselves. It would be an advantage to have this as an emergency in order to keep financials in line and not overspending.

Councilwoman Frische is concerned that if they haven't closed on the site yet that there is a "what if" out there. She is not saying that "what if" is going to happen, but that there are processes in place and do not have the "I's" dotted and "T's" crossed. She asked if the money is encumbered if there still is a pause if they do not close. She pointed out that even though they signed their documents for grant dollars through the 629 Ohio Program, they still have to close on the site to build. There is a process in place and that she is glad that Council sometimes makes decisions to move forward, similar to what was done with the FAA, but wants to know what would happen if the FAA comes in and does not like how the project was done if the City would have just encumbered one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000.00) that might not get reimbursed. She does not think that is happening now with Helms & Sons Excavating, Inc. and she hopes that is not happening with Sheetz, but that there is a process in place for a reason and that City Engineer Kalb states that the emergency is not needed, so she will make a motion to table this Ordinance.

Councilwoman Frische moved to table the Ordinance. Motion dies for lack of a second.

discussion:

Mayor Muryn pointed out that when mentioning one of the reasons the City was comfortable moving forward with the infrastructure improvements because of the execution of that 629 agreement does provide for some reimbursement to the community if they do not meet their requirements and would be a behoove of the City to continue to move forward with the project because the infrastructure work that is being done needs to be done by the end of the year in order to keep them on their construction timeline. Councilwoman Frische replied that it was just stated that there is no rush for the funds and that there is plenty of time, so there is no emergency needed at this time. Mayor Muryn replied that what City Engineer Kalb stated is that there is money in the fund for the City to continue to pay with our own money and that this is receiving the State dollars, but that it would be advantageous of the City to use the State dollars before using our own local dollars, as much as possible, in order to continue to move the project forward. When the emergency clause is utilized, all that it is stating is that it is for public benefit and that it does not allow for the thirty (30) day waiting period. When looking at legal precedence, anything related to infrastructure improvements is a reasonable method to use the emergency clause.

Nays: Frische. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-097 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-098 requires three (3) readings

first reading - adopted

(WTP High Service Pump Line Repair)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO WAIVE FORMAL ADVERTISING AND BIDDING AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH MOSSER CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR REPAIRS TO ONE OF THE HIGH SERVICE PUMPS AT THE CITY OF FINDLAY WATER TREATMENT PLANT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment. Nays: Frische. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Bauman moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment, Frische, Greeno. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-098 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-099 requires three (3) readings

first reading

(CDBG administration for years 2024-2026)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HANCOCK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS HRPC) AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS ODOD) TO PROVIDE SERVICES RELATED TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) PROGRAM YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2026 RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-100 requires three (3) readings

first reading

(Health Care 3rd party administrator change)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO CONTRACT WITH MEDBEN AS THE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR (TPA) AND OTHER HEALTHCARE PLAN RELATED SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF FINDLAY'S HEALTHCARE PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Frische asked to go back to the FAA moving of funds for Helms & Sons Excavating, Inc. (AIP-33 North Apron Rehab Construction) via Ordinance No. 2024-088 so that she can change her vote to a "nay" on the adoption of the ordinance. Notation of her change from "aye" to "nay" was noted under ORDINANCE NO. 2024-088 (LEGISLATION section). Filed.

Councilwoman Frische pointed out that the RaNik property has been filled in and now has green grass growing. She has been asking for a month now for the final test bores that is being refused to her. She was supposed to get a letter, and wants to know, and the public needs to know, that the property is cleaned to a level for persons to be on it. She asked for that information. Mayor Muryn replied that she has spoke with Hancock Regional Planning Commission Director Cordonnier who informed her that Mike Coonfare, who presented on the previous environmental work, has been doing the work and is finalizing his report that will include the testing. He has been asked to provide a letter that will be included in the Council packet, hopefully for the next meeting. If necessary, he will come in and present the findings. Councilwoman Frische noted that the contractor was paid, so she assumes they had the samples and does not understand why it is taking so long to respond. She does not need a letter, per se, and would like to have the sampling information in the meantime. She asked if the same engineering firm that the County is using is being used for this or if the City ended up with a different outside company to get an independent conclusion. Mayor Muryn asked if Councilwoman Frische is asking what engineer or environmental consultant. Councilwoman Frische replied environmental consultant. Mayor Muryn replied that the environmental consultant Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc (CEC) has been doing a lot of work for both the County and the City. The County has been handling this specific project, so all the reports and invoices for the RaNik project have been ran through the County Commissioners. Because they were using grant funding, the Hancock Regional Planning Commission was involved for the administration of that. She has also not seen the final report.

A high-level report has been provided showing the property is good and are not going to fill it in until the work is completed. It is environmentally clean for Parks and Recreation for high child exposure, as all properties in that area will be, as it continues to move forward with the environmental cleanup, so there is not a report to be provided to Council at this point in time which is why Council has not received it. The City has been working with the CEC. One of the outstanding items she is waiting on from the County is an agreement for an environmental consultant that will represent the City through the benching work. That has not been brought back to Council because she has been discussing some items with the County and would like it to be bundled into the MOU agreement for the benching project as was with the Phase I benching. It is the cleanest way to do it. It is still on her radar and will be brought to Council when appropriate. Councilwoman Frische replied that she wasn't at the one meeting when the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE agreed to hire an independent consultant to act on the City's behalf and asked if it is the same company. Mayor Muryn replied that the City has not hired anyone which is what she is talking about now. It will be a discussion point that will be brought back to Council. Filed.

Councilman Wobser moved to reconsider Ordinance No. 2024-086 (FFD mechanic bay a/c unit), seconded by Councilman Russel. Ayes: Bauman, DeArment, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser. Nays: Frische. The Ordinance is reconsidered. Councilman Wobser moved to suspend statutory rules and give the Ordinance its third reading, seconded by Councilwoman Warnecke. Ayes: DeArment, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman. Nays: Frische. The Ordinance received its third reading. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno.

discussion:

Councilman Hellmann asked what the reason is for reconsidering this ordinance. Councilman Wobser replied that those that are going to do the work are already onsite and can order what is needed to get it in place and get some use out of it while the weather is still hot. As City Engineer Kalb's letter states, the mechanics bay at Firestation No. 4 is a box that has no ventilation to it beyond heating, which during hot days such as today, is not a good thing and are trying to get that area into a workable situation for them who do an outstanding job of keeping the fire trucks moving in a very cost-effective manner.

Councilwoman Frische was surprised by Councilman Wobser's suspending statutory rules because there was an in-depth committee discussion on it. It was not originally put in the capital budget and the department has not had air conditioning in that area for twenty (20) years. Council moved a fire truck appropriation forward by a year or two, purchased some swans, swan house and fencing that were not planned for. While some may feel it is not a big deal because those were just minor dollar amounts, every time that is done, it changes what was planned for the year. While she is not wishing the City's Firefighters to melt and die, this request did not go out for bid. Yes, it is under the bid amount, but it was not planned for, so she cannot support suspending statutory rules and not let discussion on this go through. At this point, Clouse Construction is doing the electrical work and All-Star is installing the air conditioning unit. Both have done work for the City in the past, but it was not planned for. If Council is going to push this forward and eliminate all of Council's processes, she cannot support it. She would have supported it if it had gone through all three (3) readings.

Councilman Wobser explained that there are ten (10) Councilmembers who can make informed decisions which is why it was brought up to allow Councilmembers to make an informed decision given all the facts.

Councilman Russel asked those on the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE that voted in favor of forwarding a recommendation to Council what the thought process was on why it didn't need to go through capital planning. It should have been on the capital plan. He asked why this is now being requested when it has been hot in the mechanic bay over the years. Councilwoman Warnecke (APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE) replied that City Engineer Kalb informed them that money had come back on a couple of projects in the capital plan, so there is money there for this. While government does not work the same as a business, things come up that are not in the budget that need done. She is thankful that when her business's garage door got stuck last year that they fixed it that day instead of waiting six (6) weeks. She would vote for this. She was very upset that there was such a discussion on it and that it keeps being brought up that it did not go out to bid when it is not over the allowed bid amount. Putting things out to bid that does not need to be sets a bad precedence.

Councilwoman Frische noted that Councilman Russel had pointed out why it was not in the capital plan which was also discussed because it has not come up as a priority. The Fire Chief was there and spoke about it. He understood where she was coming from in the discussion they were having. Councilwoman Warnecke had mentioned that the City Engineer informed them that money came back to capital, but that there is a fire truck to pay for. The money is not just sitting there. This request was not in the capital plan because it was not a priority for the Fire Chief and that it is a small amount that he could have put in his operating budget, so she asked him what he has left in his operation budget this year and if the Fire Department needs sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00) to which he responded that they do not have anything to move this forward. If this is not done now, it could be a capital project next year or could be in the Fire Department's operational budget and moves through. Even though money came back, money is still being spent in other places such as fire trucks.

Mayor Muryn pointed out that when working with departments through the capital budget, things are pulled out of it and wait on them and adjust to have accounts balance, have carry over and reprioritize. They have been working in the mechanics bay for a period of time without air conditioning, but are consolidating the number of individuals in there for longer prolonged periods of heats that they deserve a good working environment. The Administration takes full responsibility in making this adjustment that was not carried over into the capital budget and should add a buffer line for these types of random things that come up, but that this is what it is and now need to make a decision. It is advantageous to move forward with this in an expedited fashion to get the work done while saving money by not having to remobilize crews knowing that the cost is only going to increase. It does not make sense to wait on something as insignificant as this. While money is important and that the City needs to save every dollar, this is a lot less expensive than having someone have a heat stroke in the working bay because they are working under a truck for three (3) hours in ninety degree 90° heat.

Councilwoman Frische pointed out that during the committee meeting, it was mentioned that it is not an emergency. The Fire Chief said it could go through three (3) readings and that he understood. Councilman Wobser also seemed to be on that page during the committee meeting. Mayor Muryn noted that department heads are always going to defer to allow for a longer amounts of time but that does not always mean that it is the right operational decision. Moving forward on this and getting it done is the right decision.

Nays: Frische, Russel. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-086 and is hereby made a part of the record.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Bauman wished Public Works Superintendent Dave Honse a happy birthday. He is a resident of the Fifth Ward (his ward). Filed.

Councilman Wobser will be calling an **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** meeting and will let Council Clerk DeVore know when the date, time and location are determined. He will invite Ben Otley to attend.

agenda: Ordinance No. 2024-100 (*Health Care 3rd party administrator change*)

City Auditor Staschiak noted that he has asked Mr. Otley to reserve the night of the third reading (9/3/24) which is when he is planning to come to City Council that evening to answer any questions. It would be convenient to have the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE meeting just prior to the City Council meeting that evening. Filed.

Mayor Muryn noted that there have been planning efforts on cleaning up the river, including litter, but also doing brush clearing along the river banks. That may begin soon. The goal is to keep the larger trees and clean out some of the overgrowth, with native plant planting in future years along the river banks that are less invasive and help with water quality bank integrity and water quality. Cleaning out tires and other large objects that collect in the river have been on the list of things to do. There is a group of young individuals in the community that reached out to the City wanting to help with this. They are a fishing group that does volunteer work in community. It is led by Ari Goldstein. Mayor Muryn will share some pictures with City Council. They have cleaned along the river banks from Lye Creek, Eagle Creek to Walmart collecting approximately 175 tires out of the river, bicycles, trash, debris, etc. Those collections can only occur when the water is low. This group were in boats along the river banks cleaning it up. She thanked them for their efforts that are helping the City move forward with their initiative. The City coordinates with Hancock Soil and Water, as well as other entities, that are involved with the river to continue to clean it up to make it a better asset than a liability. Councilman Hellmann asked if there is a way to triple littering fines or somehow discourage littering. Mayor Muryn replied that unfortunately, most times it is difficult to catch the individuals littering as they could be littering under the cover of darkness or that some of it, such as tires, roll out to the river banks, etc. She is unsure how the litter makes its way to the river, but increasing a fine when unable to impose fines if it cannot be determined who is littering will not help much. If it can be determined who is doing it, she then would be happy to triple fines. City Auditor Staschiak pointed out that there are a couple of buried landfills where there are tires along creeks where tires pop out and go down the creek and down into the river. A lot of the tires in the river come from there. Filed.

Mayor Muryn informed Council that the Unhoused Coalition (homelessness) has been effective and that the City is continuing to look at the new Supreme Court ruling for what ordinances may need to be put in place to help with some of the public camping, individuals sleeping on public streets, etc. and want to address it in a comprehensive manner and not make homelessness a crime as that is not the way to address it and need to have resources and ways to direct them ensuring they have safe environments to go to. Progress continues to be made on this and that there still are some homeless individuals that are sleeping on the streets and sidewalks, etc., but that has decreased and that the City is continuing to work with local resources to put together a comprehensive plan to address it. Filed.

City Auditor Staschiak noted that the Administration provided informational meetings for City employees with some discussion about preserving the City's high cash balances by issuing debt and making money on interest, which with only rare exception, cannot be done. He receives regular emails from Key Bank, that he has to validate via paperwork, that none of the money the City is investing in our savings into bond proceeds was money from bond proceeds that were issued for debt. Discussions need to evolve around where the City is going long term with cash balances and cash flow long term. Discussions need to revolve around cash flow long term and how to protect large amounts of cash, how to use them properly, and if there is more cash than can be used, what to do for the taxpayer. The Administration has almost no role in debt issuances. The role is that of the Fiscal Officer, Law Director, and City Council. The Administration has a political side and an operational side to it, but when talking about debt, if Council is involved in a conversation about issuing debt down the road, the City Auditor's Office needs to be involved up front. Mayor Muryn replied that employee communication picnics were recently held where she had shared that the City is fortunate to have been able to build up a strong cash flow position. Her thought process on how to continue to manage that wisely is to keep a strong financial reserve so that in economic downturns, which do happen because the economy is cyclical, the City wants to not have to make any significant operational changes at a whim. The next thing is how to invest those remaining dollars into things that are going to provide an economic financial return to the City and continue to build our income tax revenue base. There also needs to be a conversation around debt. The Administration has met a couple of times with the Municipal Financial Advisor that the Auditor has brought in to talk about policies and things that the City might be doing, if anything different to support economic development as a City, but also looking at how to manage cash flow long term and what the City should be doing. With the current market, there is an opportunity to utilize debt rather than continuing to spend cash and by protecting the City's cash position and putting out debt wisely, which is a benefit to the City. The City is able to incur interest on the cash that is being protected. There are a couple of different operational things the City is working on that are not quite ready to come to Council, but are trying to determine priorities, big ticket items, and what types of items are in the bond market that are looked favorably upon. She has shared those with City Auditor Staschiak, Councilman Wobser, and Andrew Brossart (Municipal Financial Advisor). Once a more refined proposal is defined, it will come to Council, through the City Auditor's Office, of a couple of different options that the Administration would recommend, long term cash flow impacts of that, the economic impact provided to the community, and why the Administration is recommending them. That is the overarching conversation that she had with City employees. She understands the different avenues and are not using bond proceeds to invest in the market, but that the City can borrow at a lower rate than the investment or interest income that would generate off of maintaining cash in bank accounts. The Administration will come to Council through the City Auditor's Office for a comprehensive conversation. She understands the importance and responsibility the City has if that conversation takes place. Filed.

Councilman Bauman moved to adjourn City Council at 7:45pm, seconded by Councilman Russel. All were in favor. Filed.

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