

## FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 15, 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 opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Filed.

### ACCEPTANCE/CHANGES TO PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Palmer moved to accept the October 1, 2024 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Bauman. All were in favor. Filed.

### ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA:

Councilman Russel moved to replace the following on tonight's agenda, seconded by Councilman Wobser. All were in favor. Filed.

#### REPLACEMENTS:

1. Ordinance No. 2024-116 AS AMENDED – A1 Hangar door repairs (*LEGISLATION section*).

– header:

**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 METAL MONKEY WELDING & FABRICATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING HANGAR DOORS ON HANGAR A1 AT THE CITY OF FINDLAY AIPORT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

*to now be:*

**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 A CONTRACT **AMOUNT OF NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$98,505.00)** WITH METAL MONKEY WELDING & FABRICATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING HANGAR DOORS ON HANGAR A1 AT THE CITY OF FINDLAY AIRPORT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

– SECTION 1:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor, Service-Safety Director and/or City Engineer of the City of Findlay, Ohio be and they are hereby authorized to waive formal advertising and bidding and enter into ~~contracts~~ with Monkey Welding & Fabrication for replacement of existing hangar doors on Hangar A1 at the City of Findlay Airport.

*to now be:*

SECTION 1: That the Mayor, Service-Safety Director and/or City Engineer of the City of Findlay, Ohio be and they are hereby authorized to waive formal advertising and bidding and enter into **a contract amount of ninety-eight thousand five hundred dollars and no cents (\$98,505.00)** with Monkey Welding & Fabrication for replacement of existing hangar doors on Hangar A1 at the City of Findlay Airport.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**Mayor Muryn – Disabilities Employment Awareness Month**

WHEREAS: October 2024 marks the 79th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: The history of National Disability Employment Awareness Month traces back to 1945 when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month"; and

WHEREAS: Workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy; and

WHEREAS: Activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities and affirm Findlay, Ohio's commitment to increasing access to good jobs for all workers, including workers with a disability.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christina M. Muryn, Mayor of the City of Findlay, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2024, as:

**DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH**

In Findlay, Ohio, and hereby recognize and commemorate the 79th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month and call upon employers, schools, and other community organizations in Findlay, Ohio, to observe October with appropriate programs and activities, and to ensure that workers with disabilities have access to good jobs every month of every year; and encourage employers to take steps throughout the year to recruit, hire, retain, and advance individuals with disabilities and work to pursue the goals of opportunity, full participation, economic self-sufficiency, and independent living for people with disabilities.

*discussion:*

Mayor Muryn pointed out that Jennifer Dietrich with Blanchard Valley Center is in the audience to receive the proclamation as the City of Findlay celebrates individuals in the community that are working hard to better their own lives and the community, even though the individuals have disabilities, they are stellar members of the community. Filed.

**RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS:** none

**PETITIONS:** none

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** none

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **email - Laura Goetz, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Marketing Manager - immigration**

#### *discussion:*

Councilman Russel noted that this is from the sender personally and asked if Mayor Muryn has had any contact with Cooper/Goodyear concerning the topics that Ms. Goetz was raising. Originally reading this, he thought this was as a Goodyear position coming from a Manager and asked Mayor Muryn if she has had any contact with Cooper. Mayor Muryn replied that she has spoke with the Goodyear team regarding the immigrant community, as well as just providing a general community update. They were made aware of this email. It is not representative of the community's position. They did not express any concerns related to the Findlay's immigrant population or overall community safety. They continue to be a good community partner and did not have any concerns at this point.

Councilman Niemeyer moved to read the email in its entirety, seconded by Councilwoman Frische. Ayes: Frische, Niemeyer. Nays: Bauman, DeArment, Greeno, Hellmann, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser. Motion fails. The email was not read in its entirety.

Councilwoman Frische noted that this was a very disappointing vote. Council took a quick focus from Councilman Russel that this email came from a Goodyear email, regardless if it was the impression of all of Goodyear or just an individual in management, or an individual hourly employee, it deserved being read into the minutes. So that people understand what Councilman Russel was talking about and what the letter stated, she thinks it is very disappointing that eight (8) Councilmembers did not want the people's voice heard.

Councilman Bauman pointed out that he voted no because Council received an email from Ms. Goetz asking that Council remove the Goodyear Marketing reference from her letter which was not done, so that is why he voted no. Filed.

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

### **Findlay Police Department Activities Report - September 2024.**

#### *discussion:*

Councilwoman Frische asked that when looking at the Police reports if it is possible to list the previous year or the two (2) previous years on the report so that Council can see a comparison month to month. Mayor Muryn replied that that information is provided in the KPI data and that this report is a standard report that comes out of the Police Department system, so she suggested looking at the KPIs that are provided for trend data and comparison. Councilwoman Frische replied that she would rather have it in this report and asked if the Police Department has been providing this monthly report going on two (2) years now. Mayor Muryn replied they have been providing it longer than that. It is a generated report out of their system, so they would have to modify it. The same data is provided in a graph format with trend data on a quarterly basis as part of the Key Performance Indicators (KPI). Councilwoman Frische replied that she will ask the Police Chief to give her it. Filed.

**City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – September 2024.** Filed.

**Findlay Fire Department Activities Report - September 2024.** Filed.

**Precipitation and Reservoir levels report – third quarter 2024 (July-September).** Filed.

**City Planning Commission agenda – October 10, 2024; staff report – October 10, 2024; minutes – September 12, 2024.** Filed.

**Traffic Commission minutes – August 19, 2024; September 16, 2024.** Filed.

**A set of summary financial reports for September 30, 2024:**

- Summary of Year-To-Date Information as of September 30, 2024
- Financial Snapshot for General Fund as of September 30, 2024
- Open Projects Report as of September 30, 2024
- Cash & Investments as of September 30, 2024

Filed.

**Treasurer’s Reconciliation Report** – September 30, 2024. Filed.

**Findlay Municipal Court Activities Report** – September 2024. Filed.

**Mayor Muryn – CityTax software; Village of McComb start up fee payment**

In March this year via City Council approval, the City Income Tax Department started collection services for the Village of McComb income tax. This involved getting the Village of McComb set up in the City of Findlay City Income Tax’s computer system (CityTax). The City of Findlay received an invoice of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) from Innovative Software Services, Inc. to cover the set-up costs in CityTax. The invoice was paid out of the City Income Tax Department’s operating budget software expenses and the Village of McComb was also sent an invoice of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) from the City of Findlay. Payment for said invoice was received by the City Auditor’s office on May 13, 2024 and placed into the City of Findlay Income Tax Department’s professional service fee revenue line item. With the City of Findlay’s annual subscription for the CityTax software is coming up for renewal in December, it will be necessary to transfer the seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) that was paid by the Village of McComb from the professional service fee revenue line (041400) to the software expenses line (441700) of the City Income Tax Department operating budget. This appropriation cannot take place without legislative approval from City Council. Ordinance No. 2024-120 was created.

FROM: City Income Tax Fund	\$ 7,000.00
TO: City Income Tax (27047000-other)	\$ 7,000.00

Filed.

**Service-Safety Director Martin – insurance payment for repairs of CUBE’s HVAC system**

The City of Findlay has received payment from the City’s insurance company in the amount of sixteen thousand fifty dollars and seventy-five cents (\$16,050.75) for the replacement of the Building Automation System (HVAC system) at The CUBE from damage due to high voltage surge. These funds have been deposited in the General Fund. Legislation to appropriate funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2024-121 was created.

FROM: General Fund (insurance proceeds)	\$ 16,050.75
TO: Recreation Department #21044400-other	\$ 16,050.75

Filed.



The Blanchard bike paths expand to other multi-use paths from there such as Greenway. Councilman DeArment asked if the sidewalks to Speedway will have to be redone. City Engineer Kalb replied the curb ramps would have to be modified to be acceptable for a multi-use path in that area.

Councilwoman Frische asked how in-depth this project is. She asked if it is a basic asphalt project that is so far and so wide in width, and if rails will be put in like what was done heading down 568. City Engineer Kalb replied that the Greenway on 568 was more of a grate issue. That one is boardwalk system which is why the rails are on it. Decisions need to be made such as how much asphalt and concrete is needed, what the long-term maintenance needs are, how it is going to fit in with the neighborhood, etc. Those decisions will be made while going through the design phase on this. It will mostly likely be a ten foot (10') wide path on the north side. It will be a multi-use path that can be for bikes, inline blades, etc. Councilwoman Frische asked if usage is estimated in order to have the north side wider knowing that it is a wider width on the north side of Lake Cascades, as well as regular sidewalk, and a piece here and there. She asked if the sidewalks were originally the responsibility of those on the next street over or if the City originally installed them. City Engineer Kalb replied that the short section of the multi-use path that is there currently was a City program years ago – before he came onboard at the City. This project will be for connections. There are no connections from the West Park area right now. Lake Cascades stops and turns up to go towards the north at a certain point. This will place sidewalks on both sides of Sixth Street in some spots, and only on one side in other areas. It will give connection all the way through. There is a really wide right-of-way on Sixth Street that could be utilized for this.

Councilman Russel asked if the areas that are currently paved were part of the Safe Walks to Schools program done prior to reconstruction of the US 15/Western Avenue intersection. City Engineer Kalb replied that the City did the project and ODOT funded it. The pavement in front of Cooper existed and the City tied in with wider asphalt, and then headed north to the school which is why it stopped.

City Auditor Staschiak informed Council that the money put into the TAP programs is one-time money for the long-term reoccurring costs for maintaining this program and are amenities that are being put in the community. He asked if it is to the point where something should be included in the budget book that talks about where this is going, and possibly have City Income Tax Administrator Price work with City Engineer Kalb to include some long-term timelines of when the City will need to look at reinvesting into some of these areas because it is completely outside of the five (5) basic areas: streets, water, sewer, storm, Police and Fire. This adds a whole new long-term operational component with one-time money.

Councilman Wobser asked if this will fall under Park and Recreation once it is done. City Engineer Kalb replied no, it will be a Street Department maintenance item. Councilman Wobser asked if that is because of the size of it. City Engineer Kalb replied no, it is classified as being transportation of a person or traveling public that the Street Department would have to maintain. It considered more of a street than a park. Councilman Wobser pointed out that any time an asset is put in, there will be maintenance of that capital asset, even streets and this sounds like it is just a very narrow street that is being put in and walked on with no motor vehicles, although electric motor vehicles are already seen on walk paths such as the one on 568. He agrees with City Auditor Staschiak that those are costs that need to be included on the budget capture and the 5-year budget. There will be ongoing costs with the dry basin that will have to be budgeted for. Mayor Muryn pointed out that this is something that has been talked about. It has been discussed over the last couple of years that gaps in sidewalks need improved and how to address that as a community. That will be brought to Council for conversation as well as maintenance on some of these items.

One thing the Administration is hoping to do is partner with the University of Findlay to have some students put together a trail plan, and have been working with GIS the last couple of years getting the system updated so there is a better understanding of the multi-use path for sidewalks in order to set aside funds for operation and maintenance of the asphalt structure on them. They can look at what is involved with having five to ten (5-10) years without any maintenance on concrete structures. She asked Council to let her know if they want to see any line items listed. An operating Capital item for repairs related to different infrastructure or just building it into the budget are things they can provide some insight on.

Councilwoman Frische clarified that it cannot be stated that there will not be any maintenance because the Street Department employees are going to be responsible to do the snow removal and maintaining those areas on a regular basis which could lead into overtime and other things during the snow season. That needs to be figured out. She asked if the Parks Department did the maintenance on 568. City Engineer Kalb replied that the City maintains that because it is the City's infrastructure through there so it is the City's responsibility through ODOT funds. The City has to do the snow removal there which is coordinated through the Street Department Superintendent who ensures a plan of action that streets are cleared first, and then where to go from there. Councilwoman Frische replied that plows are doing a lot with snow removal in clearing main thoroughfares that are opposite of the City ordinance of removing snow for certain businesses and not all, and now will be having multi-use paths that will not be the responsibility of the property owner to maintain, which comes into overtime a lot, so there is maintenance that needs to be addressed.

President of Council Harrington informed Council that City Auditor Staschiak will be the last comment on this matter and that the ordinance can be discussed later.

City Auditor Staschiak notified Council that the City Street Department is subsidized by the General Fund. He will talk with both City Engineer Kalb and Deputy Auditor Sampson in more detail about how to track that money. He is unsure if it is best to put it in a line item or if it is better to split it out. He will look at that and some of the rules that are given by the State Auditor for dealing with those types of things, but he is glad this conversation took place tonight. Filed.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 to discuss the City's pre-budget and mid-year review. City Auditor Staschiak gave his mid-year update and a pre-budget review.

Councilman Wobser moved to approve the committee meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Russel. All were in favor. Filed.

The **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE** met on October 8, 2024 to discuss the implementation of a TIF District.

*We recommend to meet again once legislation is presented. No official vote was taken.*

Councilman Wobser moved to approve the committee meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman DeArment.

#### *discussion:*

Councilman Wobser pointed out that the Strategic Planning Committee has been reorganized. It was reorganized during the last meeting in the spring, so the letterhead on this is not correct as far as who is on the committee and who is not. It will be straightened out the next time around.

Mayor Muryn informed Council that she and the City Auditor are meeting tomorrow to work through the details coming out of that meeting on both the business case proposal and the ordinance. It is her hopes to be able to touch base with committee members by the end of day tomorrow and get something scheduled to follow up on that meeting prior to the first meeting in November. She reminded Council that the first City Council meeting in November is November 6, 2024 (Wednesday) given that Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> is an election day.

Councilwoman Frische noted that she attended this meeting, along with committee member Councilman Wobser, and that Councilman Russel was not there and was in Colorado, and that Councilman Bauman was not in attendance. They are important meetings. During the TIF discussion, she made sure she was in attendance because she thinks there is a lot that needs to be done before implementing any TIFs and that the public needs to understand how TIFs operate, and need to be talking with all of the entities on the property card to let them know that they will have an impact, big or small, that they need to understand that. It affects a lot of the operations County-wise. TIFs have a place in the community, but when doing four (4) of them, it appears as though the City is being very money-hungry. They also need to be sure that Van Buren Schools are on board. Mayor Muryn replied that she was going to wait until the end of meeting to congratulate Councilman Russel on his son's wedding in Colorado and that she is sure Councilman Bauman had a prior commitment, so she is giving her apologies for them not being able to attend. This certainly is an important topic, so she encouraged Council to read through this as more details are rolled out. TIFs are complex, but are ultimately something that can really benefit the community as a whole, and that property tax is also a complex topic and the revenue impacts to property owners. It is important to emphasize that it is not taking revenue away from entities. Millage is not just increasing the pool. While it can be seen as a negative impact to some, the incremental increases that are realized from that investment far exceeds the negative benefits. She and City Auditor Staschiak should be able to put together some material that helps explain it to the community to show that even though they are not added funds to the pool of funds for some of these County entities, it is beneficial to the community as a whole.

Councilman Hellmann pointed out that he was informed that the committee has been restructured and that the committee members now are chairpersons of other committees within City Council. Since he is not a chairman of any committees, he serves on several, but not as a chair, so that is why he was not there.

City Auditor Staschiak noted that he too is no longer on that committee, but was grateful for the opportunity to serve last year and be involved with the development of the initial strategic plan. The City hired Andrew Brossart and also Bradley Payne as a Municipal Advisor to be a fiduciary for the City, and to be a sounding board for Council to make sure Council is getting their questions answered that they want answered and the information they want. Mr. Brossart is a strong advocate of the TIF program and getting the City positioned to take advantage of some of these funds. With that being said and with the other comments given in the room tonight, if Council wants Mr. Brossart to continue to attend, they will need to contact him and lay the ground work to try and arrange that so Council has a resource whether that be at a Council meeting or committee meeting. He asked Council to give him plenty of time to invite him because he works with some very large entities on the financial work he does. Mr. Brossart is a phenomenal resource that he wants Council to take advantage of his knowledge in how to approach this and what to do so there is a sound basis moving forward.

All were in favor. Filed.



The **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request from Mohammad Khalil to rezone 1700 Western Avenue from I1 Light Industrial to C2 General Commercial.

*We recommend approval of the applicant's request to rezone 1700 Western Avenue from I1 Light Industrial to C2 General Commercial.*

Councilman DeArment moved to approve the committee meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Bauman. All were in favor. Filed.

The **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request from Paul Taschler to rezone 0 Glessner (parcel no. 560001008484) Avenue from I1 Light Industrial to CD Condominium.

*We recommend to approve as requested to rezone 0 Glessner Avenue from I1 Light Industrial to CD Condominium.*

Councilman Hellmann moved to approve the committee meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Greeno. All were in favor. Filed.

The **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request to continue September 12, 2024 discussions on cannabis dispensary zoning.

*We recommend to continue discussions on C2 zoning, overlay maps of distance from primary or secondary school, daycare, park or church (continue discussion on distance) using 500-1,000 ft radius from restricted institutions (focusing on Trenton, Tiffin, 99, W Main Cross at I-75).*

Councilman Russel moved to approve the committee meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. All were in favor. Filed.

The **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request to discuss American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds via Ordinance No. 2024-119.

*We recommend approval of the ordinance as written. Ordinance No. 2024-119 received its first reading during the October 1, 2024 City Council meeting and will receive its second reading during the October 15, 2024 City Council meeting.*

Councilman Wobser moved to approve the committee meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Palmer.  
*discussion:*

Councilwoman Frische pointed out that she was the nay vote at this committee meeting because of the ARPA Funds being re-appropriated to be used before the end of the year. The City Mission's request for their program made sense for the City to do because the City Mission is looking at moving the women and children's facility and having a low barrier facility put in. Not that she is a fan of all of those things, but that there are needs for that in the community going forward. However, she had an issue with Raise The Bar who works with the schools, HR, and within the community with job placement, etc. She has felt from the very beginning when Council approved giving thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to Raise The Bar several years ago to be used to pay for their operations and pay salaries for Raise The Bar, which is a non-profit and does not feel it is appropriate for the City to be getting into that business, or that the City needs to be opening the door and floodgates with everybody that is asking for money. Their request was ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00). During that discussion, Raise The Bar stated that if the City gave them the ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) for the next three (3) years that they would not be coming back to the City and would be done. Those were their words that she jumped on because she would like to see the ending of this program out of the City budget in which the committee went back and forth in stating it is unknown who will be on Council in three (3) years, so Council

could always come back and ask again. So, their needs to be verbiage in an Ordinance that it is clear that Council is completing their ties with Raise The Bar in supporting them financially. It is the smart thing to do. Whomever is on Council next can have that discussion and will know where Council was at, at that time. It was mentioned that it is unknown who will be on Council then, but that it is unknown who will be on Council in 2025, 2026, or 2027 to prepay the ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) in advance. It is an opportunity to use ARPA dollars instead of General Fund dollars to finish out this agreement even though Councilman Wobser had said that it is a year to year agreement with Raise The Bar, but that they are looking at other ways to get financing. They stated that they want their three (3) years, and then they are done. She likes those words and wants a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), but that those words were unfortunately not put in the committee's recommendation. The other items discussed were that the Police Department would like to update their response equipment and to have another recycle day in November, which made sense. Raise The Bar does not make sense unless it is specifically spelled out in an MOU that the City is ending those ties financially with Raise The Bar (RTB). Mayor Muryn replied that the reason the City has consistently contributed, as well as the County, is because with a lot of the grant funding for workforce development, they have to be able to show that there is governmental support from their community to be able to receive the funding that has happened. Raise The Bar (RTB) was formed out of a partnership between the nonprofit world, government, and the private sector to focus on workforce development for the County as a whole, so it works with those organizations to do cradle-to-career development that is working in the schools K-12 and working with higher education. They recently are doing a lot with the leadership development program and helping adults in the workforce or want to get back into the workforce, but have been struggling to do so. They are providing leadership development and soft-skill development, and are helping them get placed into jobs, as well as working with individuals from the City Mission and other stages of life. They offer a wide-breadth of services. The reason she had recommended moving forward with this financial contribution is because it would set them up to be able to leverage additional funds and hopefully not have to come back to the City. However, it is her understanding that the reason that there cannot be an agreement specifically stating that no future Councils of the City of Findlay will contribute towards a specific organization, which is what Councilwoman Frische is requesting, is a statement saying that the City will not give in the future, which cannot be done because Councils change and is a future Council decision. She sends a letter to Raise The Bar (RTB) stating what the City will give them and the time which it covers. The City Auditor's Office requires the City to sign the MOU each year so that they have the documentation on file. In the past, it has been a one-year agreement stating what the funding will be for the next three (3) years and that RTB cannot come back to the City, but that the City cannot make a commitment stating that future funds will not be contributed because that is not a decision of this Council.

Councilman Hellmann understands the issue. When Councilwoman Frische was bringing this up, it gave him a little bit of heartburn in that this present Council is speaking for future Councilmembers and future situations three (3) or more years down the road where it is unknown what that is going to be. If Council is going to limit it, he would just assume to limit it for one year at a time and make the appropriations as seen fit, at that point in time by this present Council and not three (3) years out.

Councilwoman Frische noted that Councilman Wobser kept stating that it is one year and the City is writing them a check, but then it was stated that the City is writing them a check for ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) for 2025 when RTB spoke to the committee that it is for three (3) years and then they would be done. They did talk about matching funds and doing things, but also stated that they received a million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in funding this year alone, so they are doing things, but are looking at different ways to get their funding. Her heartburn comes from the fact that there are many non-profits in the community that would love for the City to help pay their operational costs and the salaries for those that are running non-profits. The City's support and obligation ties in a lot with those different groups through public safety and other things.

There needs to be a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). She is not asking forever, but could do something for now. Council could pass an ordinance that states the City of Findlay is not giving money to non-profits. That discussion took place several years back when receiving the convention dollars that changed how the City was distributing them, which was under Councilman Wobser and Councilwoman Frische's first or second year on City Council. If Council agrees to contribute to RTB a year at a time and addresses it each year, then it should be addressed in budget. Council really never addresses anything in the budget down to the nitty-gritty like this, but if Council wants to do these three (3) years because they are ARPA dollars and are not coming from the General Fund as a one-time way to save in a different pot, that can be done but that it should be spelled out that it is ending this agreement. That is what RTB said. It was not her words. Those were their words in the committee meeting. She wishes Mayor Muryn could have been there to hear that. Mayor Muryn replied that RTB is discussed almost every year as part of the operating budget. It is a discussion point. She asked Councilwoman Frische if she wants language in the letter that Mayor Muryn executes notifying RTB to have language included in the MOU that specifies that this is for the next three (3) years.

President of Council Harrington asked as a point of order if his interpretation of Councilwoman Frische's request is that she is requesting legislation to state that or if it is just a recommendation to the Mayor to include that even though a committee has already determined that that is not needed and was voted on. Councilwoman Frische replied that it will not be legislation and will be a resolution which would be what Council's intent would be and would piggyback what the Mayor is doing. Both pieces are needed to dot "i's" and cross "t's". Mayor Muryn replied by asking if Councilwoman Frische would like it to state for the next three (3) years within the purview of Council. Councilwoman Frische replied that is correct but that the MOU is ending that agreement. Mayor Muryn replied that there is not an agreement in place, so Council cannot end an agreement, and would be stating that the funds are for a specified period of time. City Engineer Kalb clarified that Councilwoman Frische misspoke on what he had said. He had said that the MOU would state that the City's contribution to RTB is for the next three (3) years which covers 2025, 2026, and 2027 so that RTB understands that they cannot come back in 2026 asking for more funds. That is what that understanding was that he and Deputy Auditor Sampson had talked about. Councilwoman Frische asked if RTB would then present to Council and so forth, and then at that point, Council would make the decision. City Engineer Kalb replied that the Mayor stated that after those three (3) years, RTB would then have to come back to Council to decide if they (Council) want to contribute funds to RTB. The MOU is telling RTB that the City's contribution is covering them for the next three (3) years and to not come back to the City and ask for additional funds.

President of Council Harrington summarized this discussion for clarity in that the APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE is approving a specific recommendation of approval, and that Councilwoman Frische is asking for that approval to be changed even though it had already been voted on and was approved. Unless that committee meets again and comes up with a different recommendation, how and if Council can change that tonight with just discussion.

Councilman Wobser added that if Councilwoman Frische wants to make a recommendation to change the MOU, she needs to state what that is. Everyone is in agreement that it is for the next three (3) years, which is where the Mayor is at now. If Councilwoman Frische wants something more and above that to state it so that Council can have that discussion and make that decision as Council tonight. Councilwoman Frische replied that the reason for this discussion tonight is because she wanted the discussion during that committee meeting, but that they did not want to include that verbiage into the committee report and said to have it during Council on the record, which is why she brought it up tonight, and that Councilman Wobser wants her to clarify one more time. She would request that there is a MOU in the Council packet in the form of a resolution for Council to pass spelling it out and then Council voting on it.

City Auditor Staschiak noted that the good thing about doing it that way is that it goes to intent. Under 733.13, that is what we validate against and would poll it if certain members were not here or the memory not be there, then the City Auditor's Office would pull it and let Council know that there is a resolution out there that states it is this Council's intent that no more money be given in the next three (3) years based on the conversation at that time and would then need to address it in a different manner. It is a good way to go.

Ayes: Bauman, DeArment, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser. Nays: Frische. Filed.

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 028-2024** requires three (3) readings

***third reading - adopted***

*(CR 220/99 Sheetz annexation – services City will provide if annexed in)*

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 NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, AND THE NORTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 36, T2N, R11E, A TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF 21.724 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE CR 220/99 (SHEETZ ANNEXATION)).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 029-2024, AS AMENDED** requires three (3) readings

***third reading - adopted***

*(Howard Run Ditch cleaning)*

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 030-2024** requires three (3) readings

***second reading***

*(Weaver (6434 CR 18) annexation – services City will provide if annexed in)*

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 MARION TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF OHIO, AND BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, T1N, R11E, A TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF 1.480 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE WEAVER 6434 COUNTY ROAD 18 ANNEXATION).

*Second reading of the Resolution.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 031-2024 requires three (3) readings**

**second reading**

*(Cole (CR 212) annexation – services City will provide if annexed in)*

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 SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, T2N, R11E, A TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF 48.987 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COLE COUNTY ROAD 212 ANNEXATION).

*Second reading of the Resolution.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 032-2024 requires three (3) readings**

**second reading**

*(Vorheese (CR 212/TR 99) annexation – services City will provide if annexed in)*

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, BEING THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, T2N, R11E, ALLEN TOWNSHIP, PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4 AND PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, T1N, R11E, MARION TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF OHIO, A TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF 160.429 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS OF WHICH 159.288 ACRES LIE WITHIN SECTION 32, ALLEN TOWNSHIP, 0.027 ACRES LIE WITHIN SECTION 4 MARION TOWNSHIP, AND 1.114 ACRES LIE WITHIN SECTION 5 MARION TOWNSHIP (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE VORHEESE COUNTY ROAD 212/TOWNSHIP ROAD 99 ANNEXATION).

*Second reading of the Resolution.*

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-111 requires three (3) readings**

**third reading - adopted**

*(fifth 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 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.

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

*discussion:*

Councilwoman Frische asked if this ordinance is to move ARPA funds. City Engineer Kalb replied no, this is just a regular Capital appropriation. Councilwoman Frische asked for a summary of what these Capital appropriations are. City Engineer Kalb replied one is for a door lock project for the Municipal Building, roadway resurfacing within the Cemetery, Melrose and Broad Avenue resurfacing, advertising money for resurfacing, a couple waterline projects for design and construction, and a couple sewer projects for design.

Ayes: Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-111 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-113** (*Bank St/S Blanchard St vacation*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**  
AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PORTION OF A CERTAIN ALLEY (HEREINAFTER REFERED TO AS THE BANK STREET VACATION) IN THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

*Second reading of the Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-114** (*615 E Edgar Ave rezone*) **requires three (3) readings** **second 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 615 EAST EDGAR AVENUE REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED “R2 MEDIUM LOT RESIDENTIAL” TO “R3 SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL”.

*Second reading of the Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-115** **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**  
(*unimproved alley portion west of Sandusky St*)

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PORTION OF A CERTAIN ALLEY (HEREINAFTER REFERED TO AS THE UNDEVELOPED PORTION OF WEST SANDUSKY STREET VACATION) IN THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

Councilman Niemeyer moved to suspend statutory rules and give the Ordinance its third reading. Motion dies for lack of a second.

*Second reading of the Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-116, AS AMENDED** **requires three (3) readings** **second reading - adopted**  
(*A1 Hangar door repairs*)

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 A CONTRACT AMOUNT OF NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS (\$98,505.00) WITH METAL MONKEY WELDING & FABRICATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING HANGAR DOORS ON HANGAR A1 AT THE CITY OF FINDLAY AIPORT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*discussion:*

Councilman Hellmann asked for clarity of the amended Ordinance under section 1 of the first paragraph, third line down. The word “contracts” is scratched out. It states . . . are hereby authorized to waive formal advertising and bidding and enter into . . . with Monkey Welding & Fabrication . . . He asked what the City is entering into. He asked if the City is entering into an agreement, contract or what. City Engineer Kalb replied that this is over the threshold for bidding because he was only able to find two (2) contractors that do this type of work, so he added in the contract amount that will be waived for this, which is what the ninety-thousand five hundred five dollars (\$98,505.00) is. This is not being sent out to bid and is waiving the formal bidding process to allow the City to go with Metal Monkey & Fabrication for that amount.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend statutory rules and give the Ordinance its third reading, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment, Frische. The Ordinance received its third reading. Councilman Palmer moved 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 2024-116 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-118** requires three (3) readings

**second reading - adopted**

*(CSO long term control plan amendment)*

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*discussion:*

Councilman Russel pointed out that the data gathering for the CSO long-term control plan has already been done and this is the next phase of it. It is an EPA requirement to create this plan, so he is going to make a motion to suspend rules and adopt this ordinance tonight.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend statutory rules and give the Ordinance its third reading, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment, Greeno, Hellmann. Nays: Frische. The Ordinance received its third reading. Councilman Wobser moved adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-118 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-119** *(transfer of ARPA funds)* 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 ADVERTISE FOR BIDS WHERE REQUIRED AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS IN ORDER TO TRANSFER AND UTILIZE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (HEREINAFTER REFERED TO AS ARPA) FUNDS ON ADDITIONAL PROJECTS, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Second reading of the Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-120** requires three (3) readings

**first reading - adopted**

*(CityTax software; Village of McComb start up fee payment)*

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*discussion:*

Councilman Russel noted that since this is a simple transfer of funds from one account to another, he is going to make a motion to suspend 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 Councilwoman Warnecke. Ayes: Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment., Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Wobser moved adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-120 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-121** requires three (3) readings

*first reading - adopted*

*(insurance payment for HVAC system replacement @ The CUBE)*

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*discussion:*

Councilman Palmer noted that since this is just moving insurance money into the CUBE account, he will make a motion to suspend rules and give the ordinance all three (3) readings tonight.

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

*discussion:*

Councilwoman Frische asked what caused an insurance claim for the HVAC. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that as the letter described, there was a power surge that impacted one of the HVAC systems at the CUBE ice arena. This is their payment to the City.

City Auditor Staschiak asked if anything is being done to prevent a power surge again on that equipment since it is sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00), which is a pretty significant cost. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that the electricians that came in informed him that the CUBE will not have a power surge in the future.

Ayes: Bauman, DeArment, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-121 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-122** requires three (3) readings

*first reading*

*(Airport snow removal equipment building)*

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

*First reading of the Ordinance.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-123** requires three (3) readings

*first reading - adopted*

*(HAN-Lake Cascades & Sixth St improvements, 2024 TAP application)*

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) FUNDS, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT AND UTILIZE FUNDS FOR THE HAN-LAKE CASCADES AND SIXTH STREET IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*discussion:*

Councilman Russel noted that this is simply to apply for the TAP funds, so he going to 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 Councilwoman Warnecke. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment. Nays: Frische. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilwoman Warnecke moved adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman DeArment.



*discussion:*

Councilwoman Frische asked what the match on this is. City Engineer Kalb replied it is a ninety-five percent/five percent (95/5%) split.

Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, DeArment. Nays: Frische. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-123 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Frische moved to create legislation amending the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) stating what Council's intent is on the ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) via Ordinance No. 2024-119. She would like to add language in the MOU stating that for the next three (3) years, the City of Findlay will not be contributing to Raise the Bar, Councilman Niemeyer seconded the motion.

*discussion:*

Councilman Russel asked City Auditor Staschiak to clarify what he meant when he mentioned that having a resolution helps with determining intent per Ohio Revised Code (ORC) to help with that. He asked if the ORC recognizes approved minutes for a similar purpose on Council's intent because if not, why resolutions are not done for all MOUs. City Auditor Staschiak replied that when he is looking at things, particularly from the past as there have been a number of issues over the last year, he reads the minutes, and committee reports when available. Depending on the different Council issues, they can be very scant, as well as the ordinances themselves. It is easiest for the City Auditor's Office to have an actual ordinance in place that spells it out clearly so when questioned why he pays something, he has the legislation telling him to or not to. Legislation is not always done for MOUs when they are very clear and very detailed. For example, an MOU might state which department is buying a white, 4-wheel double axle, one-ton pickup truck, with 4-wheel drive, but if only 2-wheel drive vehicle shows up, it will not match what is in the legislation for it. It is for clarity. Filed.

Councilwoman Frische asked to go back to the TIF discussion. Councilman Wobser had mentioned putting other projects into the Capital planning (i.e. dry basin) which would circle to the WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE when remembering that water rates were raised fifty percent (50%) earlier this year, that the City had a carry-forward of approximately five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00), and when starting to do TIFs and putting in infrastructure, that those finances come out of the Water and Sewer Fund, so there needs to be some deep discussions about capital planning, the General Fund, and the Water and Sewer Funds before moving forward on any TIFs so it is known how it will be financed because the City is paying for the infrastructure up front. Findlay is one of the only communities that has a City-wide CRA that are being utilized in those areas. The Port Authority is also being used for sales tax being deferred on construction, so when those ten (10) years fall off and then the TIF comes into play for ten to thirty (10-30) years, it is another hit on taxes. While the City is making money over time, it becomes a vicious cycle. For instance, when schools are asking for levies or income tax on the ballot because they are coming up short, the TIF is going to affect more than just the schools. Van Buren is going to be the hit for most of these areas because the forth (4<sup>th</sup>) one is the downtown park that will be used for residential/commercial use.

All of Council needs to understand TIFs before putting any of these projects into ordinances to run through and pass before the end of the year. Some might not be appropriate and some might not need to be rushed on, but when it comes back to the budget, especially the dry basin that is a hefty number and when talking about replacing the City's water facility, etc., there is a lot of money moving that adds up and has to be paid up front.

Councilwoman Warnecke pointed out that Mr. Brossart and Mayor Muryn made it very clear at that meeting that the schools are going to be made whole with this so that there is no damage to Van Buren School.

Councilwoman Frische noted that it was also discussed to maybe sit down with Van Buren Schools and having a side agreement to make sure that they are whole. It is not just one. She asked what will be said about ADAMHS or the Blanchard Valley Center as they are both impacted on the property tax card. No matter how big or how small, there is an impact that everyone needs to understand, especially every taxpayer. The City needs to understand their budget, and dig deep looking at planning. If wanting to go after TIFs, maybe not go after a downtown park or maybe not focus on a basin. It has to keep a balance going.

Mayor Muryn pointed out that Councilwoman Frische just brought up a lot of very important things for the community and that she hopes she heard her wrong that she will not move forward with flood mitigation (not doing the basin) because that would be extremely detrimental to the community. Councilwoman Frische brought up a good point that is extremely critical that every individual in the community and Council understand how property taxes work and the impact on the different entities. Property taxes are very complex, but that it is worth noting tonight that when a school passes their levy at a millage and the value at that point in time, they receive the money that that millage generates for that property and that they do not receive extensive increases. They may receive some incremental additional outside millage, but to state that the schools are being negatively impacted, is misrepresented. The schools do have a levy on and is wise that they are moving towards an income tax levy, but that implying that by doing a TIF, the schools are negatively impacted is not correct. As Councilwoman Warnecke stated, she explicitly stated in the agreements that are drafted, the schools would be made whole as part of the TIF agreements. Stating that these TIFs are going to negatively impact the schools is misrepresenting and inappropriate because we do all have a responsibility to accurately educate the public and those impacted.

She will not get into a back and forth on this as everyone can read the documents as they come out and/or Google how property taxes work and should not state that the City is not taking these things seriously. She agrees that money needs to be set aside, but the City does not need a new Water Treatment plant or a new Water Pollution Control facility. Yes, the City does need to be investing, and yes the City is carrying over five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00), but that is because the City needs to be setting aside money for a significant investment into the Water Treatment plant. She appreciates that Councilwoman Frische is stating facts, but that she is also misrepresenting them and thinks that is unfair to the public.

President of Council Harrington pointed out that this discussion needs to wrap up as it is just becoming an argument. Councilwoman Frische responded that it is not an argument and that she would like to respond. President of Council Harrington replied it is a hearty discussion.

Councilwoman Frische pointed out that she did not appreciate Mayor Muryn mentioning Findlay City Schools when she specifically talked about Van Buren. When she mentioned people go for income tax, she was being generic. When there is a CRA across the entire City and the City constructs over in the industrial areas, it freezes the property taxes of farm ground value for up to ten (10) years. While there are taxes being paid, they do not have fifty million dollar (\$50,000,000.00) or one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000.00) structures on them. When that ten (10) years falls off and a TIF comes into play, it is going to capture that money at that point making the City player #1. She asked if that is correct. Mayor Muryn replied Councilwoman Frische is correct that the City of Findlay would receive that revenue, however, it is not taking money away from the schools. Councilwoman Frische replied by asking if it is impacting every party that is on the property card. Mayor Muryn replied it is not adding new money to the pot of funds. They are not receiving funds. Councilwoman Frische replied that they are being impacted by not getting the larger amount to get their piece of the pie, so there is an impact. She is not trying to mix words or misrepresent anything. The three (3) TIFs are impacting Van Buren Schools. Millage discussions is a completely different discussion than their levies, so she is not mixing her words. She wants to be a good community partner throughout the City of Findlay and Hancock County. She wants to make sure the City does not appear as a money hog, which is what it kind of looks like. There is a purpose for a TIF and have to make sure the City is maintaining a balance. Her father was the first one who did it in this town that worked fabulous. She understands TIFs.

It was not her words at all when Mayor Muryn hoped she misunderstood her saying she was not for flood mitigation being completed. She was using generic topics and should not have included that one to confuse her, but that when talking about the dry basin, it is an expensive thing that the City is going to maintain down the road that is not in the Capital planning, but when doing TIFs, it will move money in order to do a one hundred fifty thousand dollar to one and a half million dollar (\$150,000-\$1,500,000) project that comes out of the money. That was how wanting to raise water rates ended up because of the meter project that was fast forwarded took funding down. She has sat in water committees that talked about budgeting and planning for new facilities. They talked about infrastructure and continuing to maintain that. There is a lot to this. She is not against all TIFs, but that there is a budget process to them. Council needs to understand TIFs and the budget of planning going forward. Council will not see that until the end of November or December. Council does not have all of the pieces together yet. Mr. Brossart would be helpful in explaining things and not just decide to do this because it would be great for economic development. The City does not have people to work to fill jobs right now. There is a lot to discuss. Budgeting is a big piece of it for Council. Filed.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

Councilman Russel congratulated Habitat for Humanity and two (2) new home owners on Bishop Lane. Habitat for Humanity has been tackling low-income housing in the community for over twenty (20) years, completing house #60 and #61.

Councilman Bauman echoed Councilman Russel's comments in that he is excited to see what they can do with this new development concept. They are doing great things. Filed.

Mayor Muryn gave a shout out to Airport Director Amanda McGee. Women in Aviation Day was this past weekend. Ms. McGee is currently serving as the President of the Ohio Aviation Association. She represents Findlay well. Mayor Muryn asked Council to reach out and congratulate her. She was also down at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. She is an Air Force veteran. Filed.

Mayor Muryn informed Council that the City's Public Works Department planted three hundred forty-seven (347) trees of thirty-two (32) different varieties this week and last week throughout the community. The City is hoping to continue to move that forward as a recipient of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry grant. Over the next couple of years, the Shade Tree Commission will be working with them to be able to do additional planting, so those that did not yet get their tree and are interested in getting one, to visit the City's website and request one while the City continues to build that program out and do a tree inventory and a community urban forestry plan. Filed.

Mayor Muryn noted that the City is also out painting fire hydrants on the south end of Findlay. Filed.

Mayor Muryn reminded Council that the Halloween parade is on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 7:00pm and that Trick-or-Treat is on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. That time was chosen to both create a safe environment and yet have some darkness. Filed.

Mayor Muryn pointed out that when flood mitigation was discussed, the Stormwater Fund was mentioned as a mechanism for funding the maintenance of the current estimated expense for the City to be able to maintain the basin for approximately sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) annually, which is worth the cost and are fortunate to have the expertise on the City's team. Filed.

Mayor Muryn reminded Council that when preparing for budget season, there is a 10-year Capital Plan that can be looked at at any point. It has been made clear to department heads that as they are working on that, there will be some items that might be able to wait on, but then might pop up later in the year, such as air conditioning in fire bays, so that Council is aware of them when working through the Capital Plan. The team worked vigorously to plan for our departments, and though we are not able to predict the future, she is really proud of the work that has been done to be able to continue to build that out. She thanked them for the work they do each and every day. Filed.

President of Council Harrington informed Council that George Whitson passed away. He was a great steward of the City and County. He has properties on the corner of Trenton Avenue and I-75. He spent thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars decorating the City with ponds, flags, and welcome to Flag City signage, all at his own expense. He loved Findlay, Ohio. He also loved his Michigan State Spartans. He asked Council to send his wife Shirley a note of condolences. He was a great Findlay citizen. Filed.

Councilman Bauman moved to adjourn City Council at 7:16 pm, seconded by Councilman Russel. All were in favor. Filed.

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