

FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL of 2024-2025 Councilmembers

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

ABSENT: DeArment

President of Council Harrington notified Council that Councilman DeArment informed him that he would not be in attendance tonight. Councilman Russel moved to excuse Councilman Greeno, seconded by Councilman Bauman. All were in favor. Filed.

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 15, 2024 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. All were in favor. Filed.

ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA:

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

REMOVALS:

1. Zoning amendment request – 533, 535, 539 Tiffin Avenue (*PETITIONS* section)

PROCLAMATIONS: none

RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS: none

PETITIONS:

Alley vacation request – West Main Cross Street/West Crawford Street

The Hancock County Commissioners' Office are requesting a vacation of a portion of the unnamed east-west alley between West Main Cross Street and West Crawford Street, running from South Cory Street westerly to the north-south alley lying between South Cory Street and South West Street. Referred to City Planning Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee. Filed.

~~Zoning amendment request – 533, 535, 539 Tiffin Avenue~~

~~Wade Verhoff of Veezy Investment Properties LLC would like to change the zoning of 533, 535, and 539 Tiffin Avenue to R3 Small Lot Residential. It is currently zoned as C2 General Commercial. Referred to City Planning Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee. This was removed from the agenda (see **ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA** section) above. Filed.~~

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: ~~see PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (oral) pg 6 under UNFINISHED BUSINESS.~~ This was moved up on the agenda.

Jamie Baker, HHWP Director of Transportation; Josh Anderson, President/CEO of HHWP Community Action Commission – public transportation

Mr. Anderson is the President and CEO of HHWP Community Action Commission and is before City Council tonight to discuss public transportation in Findlay, Ohio. He introduced his colleague Jamie Baker who is also before City Council tonight. HHWP Community Action Commission has provided public transportation under Hancock Area Transportation Services (HATS) since 1997. It has been a successful service for many years. It has been a demand response service which basically means that someone orders a ride, they pick them up at their door, and then drop them off at the location of their request. For the past several years, they have been looking at ways of how they can do better. While they run very efficiently, they are at max capacity to provide trips. So they have been working with the coalition, including members of the City of Findlay and the Community Foundation of Hancock County to discuss ways of how to get transportation to be better in the community. Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) funded a Transit Development Study that they have engaged in for the past eighteen (18) months. The results that came in recommended that the City of Findlay consider moving towards a fixed route transportation system. As kind of an anecdotal but important note, the City of Findlay is the only city of its size in the State of Ohio without some form of fixed route public transportation. The Transit Development Study outlined what they think would be best for the City and how HHWP thinks they can take the resources they have and provide more service. The system as it stands is maxed out. The first step for them to move forward is to look at acquiring vehicles that can be used should they be able to move towards a fixed route system.

Mr. Baker continued stating that they are looking at purchasing five (5) 16-passenger vehicles. They would be low-floor vehicles without a lift so passengers can get on and off them quickly and easily. Lifts are harder to get passengers on and off the bus, especially those that have mobility issues, wheelchairs, etc., so the fixed route service will be used with five (5) buses, four (4) of them for the fixed routes that are spread throughout the City of Findlay, and one (1) that would be their spare bus in case one breaks down. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) requires them to have a spare bus. If they do not go forward with a fixed route service because of it being an additional step to the first part of their plan for fixed routes throughout the City of Findlay, they could still use those buses on a daily basis with their demand response services in the City of Findlay. There is too much demand for what they can do with their demand response services or door-to-door service, so that is why they want to go to a fixed route service and are able to move more people.

Mr. Anderson continued stating that Community Action Commission's goal is to reduce poverty and improve lives. Their number one priority is to get more people to work. As the system stands right now, over seventy-seven percent (77%) of riders are either to work or to medical services. The majority of all rides are getting people to and from work, but they would like to increase that. They are working with the coalition of businesses in the City, so the time is now as they are at a crucial moment. They have some momentum and opportunity to apply for funding from ODOT. ODOT is going to match every dollar they can generate with local match of four dollars (\$4.00), so it is an eighty/twenty (80/20) split. They have some tentative commitments from the Community Foundation and the Hancock County Commissioners.

discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked how many vehicles HHWP currently has and if they will be able to stay in operation. Mr. Baker replied that they have twenty (20) vehicles in Hancock County, so with this Transit Development Plan, fixed route services in Findlay would also require them to provide complimentary transits in Findlay. They would do complimentary transits in Findlay with the vehicles they currently have. All of their vehicles are handicap accessible. They are also required to provide demand response transportation throughout the rest of the County (i.e. Arlington, McComb, etc.). Those vehicles will still be in use, but will not be used for the fixed route because of the lift and the time it takes at the bus stops to get that lift up and down to load people. Councilwoman Frische asked how many people those vehicles hold. Mr. Baker replied between eight to twelve (8-12) passengers. They do have one 14-passenger vehicle. Councilwoman Frische asked if they are phasing those out with these five (5) new vehicles. Mr. Baker replied no because they still have to provide paratransit services which require accessible vehicles, and that they have to serve the rest of the County.

Councilman Hellmann asked where those five (5) routes are going to go to and from. Mr. Baker replied that they are hoping to have a hub in the center of town with routes going north, south, and east to Walmart, the hospital, etc. He has a sketched out route map that he could provide. It is in the final phase of the Transit Development Plan that shows what the routes will be. Funds from the Community Foundation will also be used towards a Transit Implementation Plan that will become clearer when they do the Transit Implementation Plan.

Councilman Russel noted that Mr. Baker had sent that plan out at one point in time in prep for tonight's meeting, but that he cannot find it. He asked Mr. Baker to re-distribute the transit plan to all of Council. Mr. Baker replied he will and thought he had emailed the draft version to Council which is a little bit different. He will send the full plan to all of Council.

Mayor Muryn clarified that the City is not committing to establishing a fixed route. She has been in discussion with HHWP about all the different elements of what that would entail including the long-term financial expenses, partners, sponsorships and all of the different elements. She asked Council to set that aside because tonight's consideration is for something different than what the City typically deals with. This is specifically related to purchasing the vehicles, in which they typically purchase on their own, a couple at a time, but that this opportunity has more up front costs all at once than what they have cash on hand to be able to cover. That is why they came to the Commissioners, the Community Foundation, and the City of Findlay to help support them and can leverage the 80/20 match. The vehicles still will be able to be used if the City chooses not to move forward with the fixed route in a usable fashion. If the City does determine in the next couple of years that they do want to move towards the fixed route, then the appropriate buses will be able to accommodate that. By doing this, it does not commit the City of Findlay to the program moving forward.

Councilman Palmer asked what the lifespan is for the buses the HHWP is going to purchase. Mr. Baker replied that they can keep them in operation for approximately ten (10) years. These buses are about double the cost of low-floor buses with the ramp which are the regular LTN buses with lifts that are seen on the street.

Councilman Russel asked what the status is of asking the Hancock County Commissioners and the Community Foundation for their contributions. Mr. Baker/Anderson replied that they met with the Community Foundation today who were very receptive to their ask. They are conditional based on the City and County also stepping up. Mr. Anderson added that he attended the County Commissioners meeting and does not want to speak for the community partners, but that each of the partners that they are coming to with this ask also want to see others participate, so it is a bit of a holding pattern, but as Mr. Baker noted, they feel good about the reception.

Councilwoman Frische noted that she is aware that the County financially supports HHWP on an annual basis and asked if they generally match funds or if the City does. Mr. Baker replied that they do their own matching funds. The only matching funds they receive are sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) from the United Way. The rest of the revenue they raise for their Federal match is through contract revenue. They do contracts with organizations, medical facilities, the Agency on Aging, and Job and Family Services. They do contract transportation for them. Because they do that contracted transportation at fully allocated costs, the Federal government gives them their local match dollar-for-dollar for that contract revenue. They received one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the County over the last three (3) years when some of the other non-profits had extra ARPA money, but that is the only support they received locally. Councilwoman Frische asked if any of the business partners that are using this transportation to get their employees to and from work are joining in since it will benefit their workforce. Mr. Baker replied not yet, but that they are working on that, the hospital, the university, etc. – those that are really going to use it when they get to the implementation of it. Findlay's workforce transportation is really scattered. It is everywhere. It is not just taking people only to Tall Timbers. It is taking people all over town (i.e. retail, service industries, restaurants, etc.). It is for those that make your hamburgers, bag your groceries, etc. Those are who are using public transportation in the City that is scattered all over, so it is difficult to pin point exactly when they are going to various locations. Councilwoman Frische pointed out that HHWP had issues with staffing in general and asked if they will be able to staff twenty (20) plus another four (4). Mr. Baker replied that they are fully staffed and turning people away.

City Auditor Staschiak appreciates HHWP's program. He will need to work with the Law Director's Office because cities are not allowed to participate in public transportation in terms of owning the system. He will need to get something stating the City is allowed to contribute if they choose to move forward with this. He asked if based on what HHWP is doing, if they will be able to continue into the future to be able to provide these services, or if based on studies, if they foresee it transition into a Transit Authority type program. Mr. Baker replied that he does not think it is going to be a Transit Authority type program. It is going to stay in Hancock County. It is Hancock County specific. They do transportation in Wyandot and Hardin Counties, but that those are a different animal, a different ball game. Each County has to be treated differently because their needs are different.

Councilman Wobser asked if HHWP has enough budget money for fuel, maintenance, and to pay their drivers with all these new vehicles. Mr. Anderson replied yes they do. Councilman Wobser asked where that additional funding is coming from. Mr. Anderson replied that they currently have a grant with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) that includes some Federal funds, some State match, contract revenue and fare revenue. It is built into the system as it stands. As it relates to an increased capacity, they will also be applying for an ongoing operational grant that they will apply for in December.

Councilman Hellmann asked if the City were to approve this, if it could be made conditional upon the others coming through. He does not want the City to be the only one out there contributing and others backing off their commitment. Mayor Muryn replied yes the City can do that.

President of Council Harrington added that the City has done it that way before.

Councilwoman Warnecke asked what the ask amount is. Mayor Muryn replied it one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). Councilwoman Warnecke asked if the route shows where the bus stops are. Mr. Baker replied yes the plan he will send Council shows where the bus stops are. Councilwoman Warnecke asked if the bus stops will be on Main Street. Mr. Baker replied that is a preliminary route that they had come up with in the first transit development plan, but that they will do an implementation plan with tweaking the preliminary routes. Councilwoman Warnecke asked if having a bus stop will back up traffic since there is only one lane on Main Street. Mayor Muryn replied that is part of the conversations on working through the specific locations and determining where the best spots are, which is also part of their request for the easy loads because rather than having to wait for the lift to slowly come down and slowly go up, passengers will be able load quicker when the bus pulls up. When HHWP mentioned tonight about their operational grants, those funds are very standard for transportation systems to primarily be funded through State and Federal programs. Those grants confirm how they are sustainable and how they guarantee their revenue. There are a lot more components and a lot more conversations that Council will be able to be involved in.

Councilman Russel asked if the HHWP are fare-based or free-to-ride based. Mr. Baker replied it will be fare-based like all other public transportation. Councilman Russel replied that not all public transportation is fare-based. For example, Ft. Collins, CO is continuing to be not-fare based and are a two hundred thousand (200,000) person community. They are not fare-based because when the charge fares, their ridership plummets, so the City out there makes it free and absorbs that cost. There is a conflict there between fare and free ridership. He understands HHWP is going through an experimental process on this, and just wonders what the philosophy was on that versus free-to-ride. Mr. Anderson replied that he was not aware of what Colorado does and will look into it to see if they are a viable model for them. In HHWP's current system, they do charge fares and have a demand that exceeds the supply. They have the ability to set fares. There is a lot of flexibility that they have in conjunction with their local partners to establish a rate that makes sense which can be from free to whatever amount on where the demand curve can go. It can only go so high or no one will ride. Filed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

**email from Michael Vanhose, Diversified Restaurant Group, LLC
dba Not Your Mamas Grilled Cheese Truck – more food truck drama.**

discussion:

Councilwoman Frische reminded Council that she had brought this up a couple of weeks ago and asked for the status of where the review of the process is now that the Halloween parade is over. She asked if this is being moved up on the Administration's agenda. She realizes that the Fire Department, Police Department, and the Health Department all need to be involved, but need to make sure the City is treating everyone the same. Service-Safety Director Martin replied they had a meeting today to work through the process. It is his hope to have legislation and discussion for the first Council meeting in December to explain what the modeling is.

He communicated with Mr. Vanhooose (who this email was from) on his most recent email about his frustration with the flight house, but that it is not actually in the City limits, and that it does not take away from the City hardwiring the process. Mr. Vanhooose's original email pointed out suggestions that are very helpful for the Administration to hardwire what other communities are doing. He looks forward to having legislation for Council to discuss in the near future. Filed.

letter from Zachary Thomas – letter of support from the Center for Civic Engagement (CCE)

signed by:

Dr. Brian P. Treece, President & CEO, The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation

Kelley McClurkin, CEO, United Way of Hancock County

Dr. Katherine Fell, President, The University of Findlay

Myron D. Lewis, President & CEO, Blanchard Valley Health System

Precia Stuby, Hancock County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addition & Mental Health Services

Lindsay Summit, Commissioner, Hancock Public Health

Filed.

DFID Assessment Equalization Board – recommendations and findings from the DFID objection hearing held on October 18, 2024.

discussion:

Councilman Russel moved to accept the DFID Board's recommendation, seconded by Councilman Palmer. City Auditor Staschiak informed Council that if they pass this, since it is past the deadline for this year, the amount of the assessment has been calculated and determined, so the board would not have had the number to consider, and when it is sent over to the County by the Council Clerk, what was originally a five (5) year assessment will have to be compressed into a four (4) year assessment so that the dollar amounts will have to be a little bit larger each year and will have to meet the deadline so that it goes on next year for the first payment the following year.

Councilman Russel asked for confirmation on what City Auditor Staschiak just stated because the recommendation of the DFID Assessment Equalization Board is to make no change. Their recommendation was a denial of the request, so it should be the same as what was filed. City Auditor Staschiak replied that when the numbers were calculated and presented, no change means no change to the amount. There was no amount assessed to this property because of the deadline and not knowing what the board would do. Had that assessment been levied, the amount would have been charged regardless of the board's decision and that the board needed to meet before the amount was assessed.

Acting Law Director Feighner agreed with City Auditor Staschiak. The property owner was not assessed yet.

Councilwoman Frische asked that if Council were to accept this if it messes up whatever has to be done per the discussion that just took place. Mayor Muryn replied that all the City Auditor is stating is that the property will be assessed the full amount that is supposed to be assessed to the property because they were not assessed this calendar year and will have to pay the full amount assessed, but over four (4) years. Council accepting the report is stating that the property was assessed the full amount.

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

email from Cathy Weygandt – multi use paths. Filed.

UTILITY/CONTRACTOR COMMUNICATIONS (WRITTEN & ORAL): none

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:

Mayor Muryn – Hancock Hardin Wyandot Putnam Community Action Commission (HHWPCAC)/Hancock Area Transit Service (HATS)

This letter is to request a one-time one hundred thousand dollar (\$100,000) contribution to HHWP Community Action Commission in support of Hancock Area Transit Service (HATS). HATS reached out and shared that they have a unique opportunity to receive over one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in Federal funding support via the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to purchase five (5) replacement vehicles with a local match requirement of two hundred sixty-four thousand dollars (\$264,000). The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation (\$100,000) and Hancock County Commissioners (\$64,000) are also in discussions of contributing towards this project. In order to apply for this funding and begin the long lead time, the expected timeframe is eighteen to twenty-four (18-24) months, HATS has requested the funding be provided by the end of this year. The funds will support the purchase of five (5) new easy load, American with Disability Act (ADA) compliant short buses which can meet the existing needs of HATS, as well as, would be the appropriate vehicles for fixed route service should one be established in the future. The required local share typically comes from contributions made by the United Way of Hancock County, as well as, individual contributions made by the general public. These sources have been fully expended and additional support from other community stakeholders is needed. Given prudent management of this past year's Capital projects, sufficient funds from other projects have been returned to accommodate this one hundred thousand dollar (\$100,000) appropriation from Capital. Legislation to authorizing said contribution is requested. Ordinance No. 2024-126 was created.

discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked if the one hundred thousand dollar (\$100,000) request could have been used with ARPA dollars. The Ordinance is up for its third reading with Raise The Bar. She asked if there is any money still left and not used. Mayor Muryn replied that this may have been able to be considered but that she does not know and would have had to consult with the Deputy Auditor. This was only brought to her a couple of weeks ago and had already planned the distribution of American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA), so she does not recommend making changes here at the last moment. The only funds that are currently available through ARPA that have not been appropriated are still in the Demolition Fund and that there will be legislation to appropriate those at the next meeting for discussion.

Councilman Wobser moved to refer this to the STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMISSION, seconded by Councilman Russel. Filed.

Board of Zoning Appeals minutes – September 12, 2024. Filed.

Chief of Police Mathias – funds from the State of Ohio to Findlay Police Department for ORC required training

The Findlay Police Department received a forty-one thousand eight hundred eighty-two dollars and nineteen cents (\$41,882.19) 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 City of Findlay Police Officers. Legislation to appropriate these funds from the Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Continuing Professional Training Grant to the Findlay Police Department Training Program is requested. Ordinance No. 2024-127 was created.

FROM: Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Continuing Professional Training Grant \$ 41,882.19

TO: 2024 ORC Required PD Training, *project 31940600* \$ 41,882.19

Filed.

City Engineer Kalb – A1 hangar office/bathroom remodel, project no. 35245400

The A1 hangar currently has an office that was previously leased out to ProMedica for a doctor to conduct medical exams for Pilots. Since ProMedica moved out in 2008, the space has not been utilized by another entity. The City of Findlay Airport staff has been working with a doctor to lease this space to perform medical exams for Pilots. The prospective doctor is a certified medical examiner through the Federal Aviation Administration. With these funds, the block wall will be repaired, the flooring will be repaired and replaced, and the HVAC system will be upgraded for proper ventilation in the space. Legislation to appropriate and transfer funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2024-129 was created.

FROM: CIT Fund – Capital Improvements Restricted Account \$ 40,000.00

TO: A1 Hangar Office/Bathroom Remodel, *project 352454000* \$ 40,000.00

discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked if this is a hangar that has been sitting vacant that will now have medical exams for licensing for Pilots conducted in it. She asked if this a one-time thing. City Engineer Kalb replied that this hangar was always used before by ProMedica prior to 2008. Since then, that office was used as a medical examination area also for Pilots. Now, a doctor is wanting to lease it to perform examinations. The City wants to make sure it is in good space to be utilized for examinations. It is in need of block wall repairs, wall ventilation with HVAC upgrades, etc. Getting certified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for exams is not a normal thing to do. This is a specialized request. Right now, they come in at least three (3) Fridays a month to perform the exams. He is unsure how many total examinations they perform. He will gather more information on how often the space will be used, how many people come in, where do they come from, etc. Councilwoman Frische asked where they are currently performing those exams. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that is the plan. They currently are not performing them. They will be FAA physicals for Pilots that are a specific type of physical that they have to have.

Councilman Russel pointed out that it might be nice to have Airport Director McGee come to Council and provide an explanation on this. He emailed City Engineer Kalb some questions, but that Ms. McGee would be able to explain why this is necessary beyond the level of discussion that is taking place now. He asked if she could make the next meeting. Service-Safety Director Martin replied he will make that happen. Filed.

Service-Safety Director Martin – 2025-2027 Fire and Police union contracts

The current three-year contract for both the City of Findlay Police and the Findlay Fire Unions expire on December 31, 2024. Over recent months, Service-Safety Director Martin, Fire Chief Eberle, Police Chief Mathias, Human Resource Director Essex, as well as both Fire and Police unions have been negotiating respective new contracts for a three-year term to include years 2025-2027. The negotiations went well, and all parties feel the contracts are amicable. It is imperative to continue to collaborate with the union bodies to find common ground balance. Both contracts are fair and will benefit not only attracting talent, they will compensate the City's existing talent competitively based on the understanding of the current labor market, prioritizing recruitment, and retainment efforts of high quality talent.

Both the Police and Fire tentative agreements have been voted on by each respective body and were ratified. Legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into contracts with both City of Findlay Firefighters union and also the City of Findlay Police union is requested. Ordinance No. 2024-131 for Fire union contract renewal; Ordinance No. 2024-132 for Police union contract renewal were created. Filed.

Mayor Muryn – appointment to Board of Zoning Appeals

Mayor Muryn is appointing Andrew House to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals filling the unexpired term of Kerry Trombley who was appointed to the City Planning Commission. Mr. House has a Civil Engineering degree from The Ohio State University. He was employed with Marathon Petroleum Company for eight (8) years in various roles including Engineer/Project Manager, Operations, and lastly in a commercial function. He worked in the renewable energy for Independent Power Producers (IPPs) for the last three and a half (3.5) years evaluating, siting, designing, and permitting various energy projects across the country. He has worked with numerous zoning and permitting bodies in many state which gives him a unique perspective/benefit to Findlay. Mr. House has an interest in getting more engaged in the community and feels this role is a perfect fit for him. Mr. House's appointment will be effective immediately through December 31, 2025. This appointment requires Council's confirmation.

discussion:

Councilman Russel moved to accept this appointment, seconded by Councilman Bauman. All were in favor. Filed.

Findlay Fire Department Activities Report - October 2024. Filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS:

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

third reading - adopted

(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).

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

discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked if there are projects for all three (3) of these Resolutions for annexations, and if not, do they need to be asked for right now. Mayor Muryn replied that all it means is that when it is requested then those services will be provided.

Ayes: Bauman, 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. 031-2024 requires three (3) readings

third reading - adopted

(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).

Councilman Palmer moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Nays: Frische. Ayes: 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. 032-2024 requires three (3) readings

third reading - adopted

(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).

Councilman Palmer moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman. 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. 033-2024 *(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 Palmer moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXV, and is hereby made a part of the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 034-2024 requires one (1) reading

first reading - adopted

(clarify terms of City of Findlay's contribution to Raise the Bar)

A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-119 AS IT PERTAINS TO THE APPROPRIATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO RAISE THE BAR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Bauman moved to adopted the resolution, seconded by Councilman Palmer.

discussion:

Acting Law Director Feighner informed Council that he reviewed the minutes from the October 15, 2024 City Council meeting in order to get a good grasp on what the purpose of the request for memorializing the ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) request in Ordinance No. 2024-119 expecting no further financial request for three (3) years. While the resolution memorializes that and shows the intention of this Council for anyone to see down the road, he wants to make sure that other Councilmembers know it certainly isn't necessary. Future Councils can still conduct whatever business they want, they could repeal a resolution if Raise The Bar comes back asking for more funds, possibly if they forgot to ask for a certain amount of funds or did not know they needed it, so Council could still repeal this Resolution, vote and decide to give them money, but that for the purpose of wanting to memorialize what this Council's intent was, it gets that job done. That was his understanding from reading the October 15, 2025 City Council meeting minutes.

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

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-113 requires three (3) readings

third reading - adopted

(Bank St/S Blanchard St vacation)

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

Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-113 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-114 *(615 E Edgar Ave rezone)* requires three (3) readings

third reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1100 ET SEQ OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE BY REZONING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY (REFERRED TO AS 615 EAST EDGAR AVENUE REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED "R2 MEDIUM LOT RESIDENTIAL" TO "R3 SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL".

Councilman Bauman moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-114 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-115 requires three (3) readings

third reading - adopted

(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 Palmer moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno.

discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked where this is located. City Engineer Kalb replied it is west of Findlay out by where Marathon has their fuel tanks. It is abutting up to another property. It is a dead end leading to nowhere.

Ayes: Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-115 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-119 (*transfer of ARPA funds*) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO 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.

Councilwoman Warnecke moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bauman.

discussion:

Councilwoman Frische informed Council that she will vote in favor of this tonight even though she is not in favor of Raise The Bar being a part of it.

Ayes: Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-119 and is hereby made a part of the record.

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

(*Airport snow removal equipment building*)

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

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-124 **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**

(*0 Glessner Ave – parcel no. 560001008484 rezone*)

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 0 GLESSNER AVENUE REZONE, PARCEL NO 560001008484) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED "I1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL" TO "CD CONDOMINIUM".

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-125 (*1700 Western Ave rezone*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1100 ET SEQ OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE BY REZONING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY (REFERRED TO AS 1700 WESTERN AVENUE REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED "I1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL" TO "C2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL".

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-126 requires three (3) readings

first reading

(City's contribution to HHWP Community Action Commission in support of Hancock Area Transit Service (HATS)

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-127 requires three (3) readings

first reading - adopted

(funds from the State of Ohio to Findlay Police Department for ORC required training)

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

discussion:

Councilman Palmer pointed out that since these are State funds to pay for Police training, he is going to make a motion to suspend rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings.

Councilman Palmer moved to suspend statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Bauman, Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Greeno moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Frische, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-127 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-128 *(ee payroll deductions for HSA)* requires three (3) readings ***first reading - adopted***

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO MAKE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ENROLL IN THE HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT (HSA) PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that since this is standard business that Council does every year, he is going to make a motion to suspend rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Palmer moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Warnecke, Wobser, Bauman, Frische, Greeno. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2024-128 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-129 *(A1 hangar office/bathroom remodel)* requires three (3) readings ***first reading***

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

discussion:

Councilwoman Warnecke asked what the proposed lease amount is. City Engineer Kalb replied he does not know, but will make sure Airport Director Manager McGee has that information when she comes to City Council.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-130 requires three (3) readings

first reading

(BRWP \$5,000/year renewal for three (3) years)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO EXTEND ITS FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO THE BLANCHARD RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP (BRWP) OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) PER YEAR FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-131 (2025-2027 Fire union contract) requires three (3) readings

first reading

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A THREE (3) YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 381, AFL-CIO, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025, EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-132 (2025-2027 Police union contract) requires three (3) readings

first reading

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO THREE (3) YEAR CONTRACTS WITH THE OHIO PATROLMANS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISIONS OF DISPATCH, PATROL OFFICERS, SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANTS IN THE FINDLAY, OHIO POLICE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025, AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Frische pointed out that Trick-Or-Treat went well and had great weather. She always Trick-Or-Treats with the kids and hands out candy in her Ward (Ward 1). While talking with the residents, they gave her a short list of some things that needs to be done. She is able to contact Public Works Superintendent Honse at any time and talk her language to him to explain where something is at in which he is his own built-in map. He was able to get four (4) of those things on that list done right away. She thanked Public Works Superintendent Honse for his hard work. Filed.

Councilman Wobser asked why Trick-Or-Treat was moved to a different night when most others have it on the 31st. Mayor Muryn replied that it previously was always the last Thursday of October, but was switched to the weekend because it has been better received by the community, but that this year, she realized that it could have been done on the 31st being that it was a Thursday. It is up to the discretion of what worked well for the team. It most likely would not be done on a Sunday because it is not typically a day that the City would have Trick-Or-Treat on, but will look at when to have it moving forward. She is not opposed to having it on the 31st, but that it can wreak havoc on children, and that teachers generally do not enjoy week day Trick-Or-Treat. Filed.

City Auditor Staschiak reminded Council that he had mentioned at a couple prior meetings and through working through the budget process performed by the Administration, that the City will not likely be receiving revenue or that the plan is not to request revenue from the DFID moving into 2025. He has requested and the Administration has agreed to provide him a budgetary list of items that would be expended moving into next year, so that it complies with audit and the State Auditor's requirements on monies that are expended in non-typical taxpayer situations because the Downtown Findlay Improvement District (DFID) was created and money was collected to pay for flowers, watering, etc., but quickly found out that there is not enough money to do everything, so the City got involved, which is what it has evolved into today. He has also been informed by some employee departments that there are some other areas that the City provides services for, some are known, some are not, and some are even outside City limits. He believes this should be discussed in the budget meeting because of the appropriation legislation that will be needed and will not be part of the first piece of standard general appropriation legislation next year. It will not be included in that. These things have to be split out and need to be proactive. If City employees go out and perform a services outside of the taxpayer norm, it would be considered a diversion of a use of funds or not a proper public purpose. Even it is passed retroactively, he is being told by the State Auditor's Office that he cannot pay it, so he wants to make sure it is clear, up front, that Council has an understanding that they are conscientiously approving those types of things proactively and not retroactively. He is not saying that anyone has been doing anything wrong and is just letting Council know that the State Auditor is focusing on that and that he is certain that is correct because of his fiduciary responsibilities.

Councilwoman Frische asked for clarity of what City Auditor Staschiak stated about the DFID as they have money coming in to beautify downtown businesses, but that they are not going to give the City money for the City employee that provides those services. Mayor Muryn replied that the DFID previously had someone that would pay for the flowers, fertilizing, and pay someone to clean downtown (i.e. pick up trash, additional mulch clean up, etc.). The City always put the mulch down, pruning, picking trash out of the mulch, daily watering, etc. When that individual retired, there were challenges on maintaining the flowers and were dying regularly. The City has a team member that was interested in being able to help with that who has the ability to be there on a daily basis because he was already going downtown to prune plants, provide some cleanup, etc. The City of Findlay took that over for the last year and a half in which the DFID had said they would help offset that cost, however, to comply with some of the requests of the City Auditor's Office, it has become very cumbersome for the City's team to track every minute of where the individual is spending his time. Maintaining the downtown is in the City's strategic plan, so to ensure that the City is protecting the heartbeat of the community and is investing in the maintenance of different items, it is easier and cleaner to instead of having the DFID cover an employee that the City has had regardless and now just expanded the scope of his responsibilities, to instead have the DFID direct their funds to specific projects. The DFID would pay for the flowers, fertilizer, Christmas decorations, etc., things that are over and above and unique to the downtown area. Instead of them providing general funds that the City then has to account for every minute of the City employee's time, which is cumbersome, she would prefer that to be covered by the City of Findlay as part of maintaining the community, and the DFID's funds could go to specific items. She is working through this with her team and will discuss it with the Law Director and the City Auditor, when necessary, to determine how to handle it, and will bring to Council any legislation that is necessary to be able to do that. She is working through the details to be able to bring a proposal to Council.

Councilwoman Frische reminded Council that she used to operate a business in downtown that included the DFID for removing snow, salting, etc., things that are above and beyond beautification of the downtown. While she is all about having a downtown that is beautiful, she takes issue with the City renewing a contract with the DFID if the City is going to handle it all with the DFID contributing something to Christmas lights or pay for the mulch up front. She asked where that money is going if the City is going to be doing all the maintenance in the downtown. Mayor Muryn clarified that the City is not renewing a contract with the DFID, and is certifying the request of downtown property owners to tax themselves to provide above and beyond services to the downtown district. Councilwoman Frische replied that the City was getting paid by them. Mayor Muryn replied that is correct and that she would prefer to not deal with the headache of them providing additional funds to support things that should probably be general operations, and instead, direct those funds to things that are over and above to benefit the entire area.

City Auditor Staschiak pointed out that this is exactly where the Administration is not clear. It is not general operations to pick and chose sections of town that get services that are beyond the normal for the taxpayer. What will have to happen, based on what Mayor Muryn has described, is that she will have to put together a personal service and other detailed budget in an ordinance for Council to pass stating that a certain amount of money is going to be appropriated for those DFID services that the City intends to provide, and that Council will have to prove that. The City cannot spend that money because he cannot do it because of government accounting. It is government funds accounting. It is the way the City needs to do things. If the City provided the same services through the whole City, then it would be a proper public purpose, but that watering flowers and doing things with taxpayer money that the taxpayer intended for another use, may or may not be a proper public purpose. It defined to him by the State Auditor's Office as the legislative authority that decides if it is a proper public purpose. Not the Administration, including the lawyers. It needs to be presented to Council and Council needs to approve it. If it is clean, proper and right, the community will endorse it and there will not be a problem, and he will pay it. This needs to be done right and the way the State tells the City that it has to be done. Mayor Muryn replied that per her last email to City Auditor Staschiak, the Administration is working to put that together. Filed.

Mayor Muryn informed Council that Human Resources Director Essex has accepted a new position. It is a great decision for him, but that the City will miss him. A search for his replacement has begun. There will be an email invite for his open house next week. She invited Councilmembers to stop by and wish him well. Filed.

Mayor Muryn asked Councilwoman Frische for clarification on why she voted nay on all of tonight's annexations that were requested by the property owners. Councilwoman Frische replied that they were requested, but that the City is increasing their property lines which is more property for the City to maintain for safety services, and that there currently are no projects going on those parcels, so she is not a fan of annexing properties unnecessarily. She would like to see better accountability and public safety before annexing more properties into the City. Filed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Wobser informed Council that he will be calling a Strategic Planning meeting after he sends an email out to the group to find a date that works for everyone. Filed.

Councilman Niemeyer noted that he has been asked by some of his constituents if there is a leaf pickup this year and that he has noticed some have raked their leaves close to the curb. He asked if there will be a leaf pickup this year and if so, when the City be picking their leaves up. Mayor Muryn replied that the City is doing a leaf pickup across the entire community from November 18, 2024 through December 6, 2024. Leaves must be bagged. Limbs can also be put out there. It is not advised to just put them at the curb. She asked residents to be sure to have leaves away from storm drains. President of Council Harrington added that the leaves have to be in paper bags and not plastic garbage bags. Filed.

City Auditor Staschiak noted that much like the structure of the City Income Tax Department, there have been some issues from an audit perspective, his perspective, and some concerns from an employee perspective, and even administratively, that Council might want to give some thought and have the STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE consider splitting the Human Resources position out from under the Administrative's responsibility and make it more independent. It could be done similar to the City Income Tax Department and could be a stand alone official. There could be a special way of appointing that group or have a board much like the City Income Tax Department does. He thinks there would be some value at this point in time because of the nature of the world, the litigiousness of the world with the types of issues seen and some of the things discussed, to consider making HR and independent or more independent function of the City of Findlay. Taxpayers would be better served if Council were to consider that. Filed.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (ORAL)

~~Jamie Baker, HHWP Director of Transportation; Josh Anderson, President/CEO of HHWP Community Action Commission — public transportation.~~ This was moved up on the agenda under ORAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Patty Klein – oral communication form

Patty Klein is before City Council tonight to talk about the really serious process of changing the way that oral rules were done through the AD HOC COMMITTEE where people were pretty interested in that whole process, and she too was interested in that whole process. She felt privileged to be able to help redesign the ORAL COMMUNICATIONS form, so she thought she'd follow up and see how it was going. She requested and received sixteen (16) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS forms from the time it was trialed through last month. A couple of them were from utilities in which they would not have a ward representative provide a follow up. There were a couple of forms that were used with the old form, possibly because they were printed online because the online form is still the old form as of last week when she checked. The new form is not online. The remaining twelve (12) forms are the new form in which no Councilmember has filled out where it states "action taken by Council Representative" and a place for a signature.

She is unsure why that portion was included on the form when the form was redone, and/or if Councilmembers are possibly not getting them, or what, but her thought on that, as it was discussed and when she came up to the podium during one of those meetings, was Councilmembers to show accountability that they are communicating with residents, but that there has been this breakdown of communicating with residents. This is just a little piece that Council could give back. She is unsure if Councilmembers have or have not received the forms and that she hopes it is not that they just do not care. It is her hopes that Councilmembers will do their part. It would be an opportunity for them, if they run for office again, to have this to show that they have communicated with the sixteen (16) different residents who came and spoke. It would show that they care because it looks as if Councilmembers do not care when there are twelve (12) blank forms. When she helped revise the form, her thoughts were that Councilmembers would just write on the form that they talked to the residents and sign it, but at this point, that would be an improvement. Something other than blank areas for Councilmember follow up would be nice by updating that on the computer.

discussion:

President of Council Harrington pointed out that Ms. Klein handwrote on her form that she filled out for tonight's ORAL COMMUNICATION "use the forms" under the "submitter's requested action". He asked that in this scenario if she (Ms. Klein) wants the 3C Ward representative to contact her about tonight's discussion and/or if she wants the same thing for the other twelve (12) forms. If they asked for requested action, that is one thing, but that a blank form or if they did not ask for anything and just spoke about a subject and did not ask for a specific action is a different thing. There is room for improvement. He and the Council Clerk can communicate that to the Council Representative, but that it has to be a specific request or follow up. It cannot obviously be a phone call because Council requested that information not be put on the form. There are some questions for improvements to be made that he would like to work with Ms. Klein on. Ms. Klein replied it is about communication whether it happens in City Council meetings or privately. She would be fine with her Council Representative writing on her ORAL COMMUNICATION form "spoke with resident at meeting" and sign off. It is not something Council is required to do. There is no law that states Councilmembers have to fill the form out. It is just about accountability if the Council Representative sent an email, spoke with the resident, or whatever way they communicated with them. It would show some sort of effort that Council is building bridges and making relationships between them and residents.

Councilman Palmer noted that he has not received any ORAL COMMUNICATION form to fill out and that one of his constituents did not want any action taken on one of the times he spoke.

Councilwoman Frische noted that if Councilmembers are not getting the form, it might be a Council President duty to distribute them back over since there was so much time taken to change the process of public comment. President of Council Harrington replied that if she would like to stop at her desk on the way out the door, he would be more than happy to provide any copies of the ORAL COMMUNICATIONS forms that were given to him. Councilwoman Frische replied that none of them were for her ward and that she talks with her constituents all the time. She was just stating that Councilman Palmer had stated that he had not received any and that Councilmembers might have forgotten what was passed in City Council. Council took all this time and effort in an AD HOC COMMITTEE meeting and received constituent input and embraced it, so as Council President, he can send the forms to Councilmembers, or can give the responsibility to the Council Clerk. They could be posted somewhere, maybe on the City Council portion of the City's website. President of Council Harrington replied that it will be worked on and will let Council know. Filed.

President of Council Harrington informed Council that the Mayor and the Administration have requested to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the Fire and Police Union contracts.

Councilman Russel asked Acting Law Director if it is a valid reasons to adjourn into executive session to discuss contract issues. Acting Law Director Feighner replied yes, it falls under 121.22(G) as one of the exceptions for contracts with public employees unions. It is confidential, so it is proper. It should be stated for the record that it is the purpose of going into that Executive Session.

Councilman Russel moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Police and Fire Union contracts with no further Council business to be conducted after the Executive Session at 7:06pm, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor. Councilman Palmer moved to adjourn out of Executive Session at 8:20pm, seconded by Councilman Greeno. All were in favor. Councilman Russel moved to adjourn City Council at 8:22pm, seconded by Councilman Palmer. All were in favor. Filed.

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