

## FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 15, 2019

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**PRESENT:** Frische, Harrington, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Wobser

**ABSENT:** Ostrander, Watson

President of Council Monday opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

President of Council Monday informed Council that Councilwoman Ostrander and Councilman Watson notified him that they would not be present at tonight's meeting, therefore, a motion to excuse their absence is requested and a voice vote is to be taken in order to excuse their absence. Councilman Russel moved to excuse Councilwoman Ostrander and Councilman Watson, seconded by Councilman Slough. All were in favor. Councilwoman Ostrander and Councilman Watson are excused.

### **Laurie Zydonik - Raise the Bar presentation**

Councilman Wobser introduced Ms. Zydonik, Executive Director, Raise The Bar (RTB). He reminded Council that the City has helps fund RTB since its inception by donating thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per year, along with other funders. Council appreciates having a representative come in to provide updates on what has been going on. This year has been a great year as there have been huge strides made moving forward on the Board's goals. Councilman Wobser is the Council Representative liaison to the Board. Ms. Zydonik also brought along Duane Jebbett, Chairman of the Board.

Ms. Zydonik informed Council that they are very grateful for the City's support over the last several years as one (1) of five (5) funders listed on the overhead. She thanked Mayor Muryn and Mr. Jebbett, President of the Board for their services. She also brought two (2) students: Taylor Stanforth – GSW and Justin Bennett – Soamona P who will speak to their experiences. She again thanked the City for their support. Their organization is still young and is still maturing. They are making progress in their activities of developing students and preparing them for the workforce. She provided handouts for Council and the Administration. One handout shows a visual on how RTB views workforce development. They support K-12, post-secondary, and career experiences for the youth. They start with the initiatives listed and follow along that pathway. Students are doing great in local schools, but there are areas where they still need help, which is what RTB does to prepare them for career opportunities that are available in Findlay as it is preferred that they stay here instead of leaving.

RTB offers various programs. One, being **pre-school scholarships** that are funded through the United Way and the Community Foundation. It has benefitted over three (300) hundred pre-school students who may not have had the opportunity to go otherwise and has resulted in a twenty percent (20%) higher kindergarten-readiness assessment result just this year when compared to those who did not attend pre-school. Another program they offer is **Leader-In-Me (LIM)** which is their largest initiative that addresses the lack of professional life soft skills. It teaches those soft skills through the seven (7) habits of highly effective people. It is an adotation and is meant to be implemented into the K-12 system. Reaching higher than their goal, Findlay City will now be their entire district that they will provide the leadership in the implementation. The goal was to install it by 2020, but instead began this year.

Every Findlay City student will have leadership and empowerment opportunities at every grade level, not just elementary, not just middle school, but will transition through graduation. The seven (7) habits of highly effective people translates to the business world when they graduate and look for jobs, which will be very effective in their workplace. RTB is very lucky to have the Findlay City Schools Superintendent serve on their Board. Mr. Ed Kurt has been an advocate for the youth and this program. Chamberlin Hill received the high distinction of lighthouse status which is the highest status that can be received for a LIM school. Only one (1) in three hundred (300) have locally received that status. On November 11, 2019, third (3<sup>rd</sup>), fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) and fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) graders will put on a Veterans Day presentation through the LIM programs. It is truly something to see.

Findlay's manufacturing industry is a tremendous asset in Hancock County. Incorrect perceptions that have been floating around for decades have only steered the youth in different directions. In the next ten (10) years, there will be a gap of about two million (2,000,000) manufacturing jobs nationwide, so they are answering that call head-on. They are exposing the youth to manufacturing and what it looks like. It is very important in Findlay. They want to support Findlay's manufacturers. They provide the manufacturing experience with a goal to change the perception of what youth can do when they grow up and work in a manufacturing facility in Findlay. During the first week of October, every Findlay and Hancock County eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grader had the opportunity to tour both Rowmark and CooperTire. They also toured Owens Community College where there were interactive exhibits with GSW, ValFilm and Whirlpool. Millstream Career Center also presented a professional behaviors competition where they tied the LIM with them because it is important to have soft skills no matter where you work. This early exposure and engagement is working. They set that as a goal early on and were waiting to measure that with what they get into later in their schooling. CooperTire brought in this event five (5) years ago that LIM expanded it to a community engagement three (3) years ago. This year, Millstream reported tremendous growth in their applications and are now up one hundred (100) students in their enrollment which is approximately a twelve percent (12%) increase, which is a big increase. Early exposure in this program is contributing to that.

Oh! FAME (Federation For Advanced Manufacturing Education) is the pathway forward for the youth and the way they get into the workforce. They led the FAME implementation into the community. It was initially developed by Toyota about ten (10) years ago. They are the first in Ohio to begin this chapter. Their very first cohort started in August of this year. There are eleven (11) Advanced Manufacturing Technicians (AMT) who are sponsored by seven (7) sponsoring manufacturing companies (Ball Corporation, Nissin Brake Ohio, Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, Simona PMC, GSW Manufacturing Inc., Veoneer Nissin Brake Systems America, LLC, Romark). RTB partnered with Owens Community College to move the apprenticeship-style program forward. Students in the program work for three (3) days at their employer's facility where they were hired and then at Owens Community College labs/classes for two (2) days to develop their skill set development for in-demand job fields that it is known that there will be a gap. The curriculum was developed in conjunction with their sponsoring companies, so they know the content meets their needs. It is not a program only for high school seniors who are not sure what they want to do, but is also an opportunity for the business community to upskill their current employees who have been loyal to their company with in-demand job skills that they need.

Ms. Zydonik brought along two (2) AMT students who want to share what opportunities they have been given. They will discuss why they joined the program and how it has gone so far.

Taylor Sanforth informed Council that she has been employed by GSW Manufacturing Inc. for three (3) years. Before working for GSW, she was going to school, but being only nineteen (19) years old, she did not know what she wanted to do with her life, so she decided to put school on hold and applied at GSW instead. Now, three (3) years later, she has decided to she would like to go back to school, but now that she is working full-time and has moved out of her parents' home, it is more challenging to do so. GSW posted information about the FAME program, so she went to a meeting about it where she learned that she can go to school two (2) days a week and then work three (3) days a week at her current job with GSW paying for half (1/2) of her schooling, which is a great opportunity. She worked on the Camry production lines before she started the program and wanted to move up within the company. The only way to do that was to go to school. The FAME program allows her to move up in her company after graduation, allowing her to be more useful and successful.

Justin Bennett is a Soamona P representative and a FAME student. He joined the FAME program shortly after he was discharged from the United States Marine Corp. At that time, his skills sets had only reflected towards being a protective agent or a security officer. So, with very little skill set, he decided he needed to do something to develop his skills for a better future. He and his wife have been married for approximately five (5) years and now have a child. He was very interested in the new FAME program as a way to set himself up with a future. His influence in joining FAME was that he wanted to gain a skill set that he could use in Findlay, Ohio.

Ms. Zydonik noted that RTB is very proud of their AMT students and the great things they are doing in the community. There are nine (9) others just like them. Every Monday and Wednesday, they do a safety circle event at 7:30am. She invited everyone to attend.

Ms. Zydonik presented a video of what the RTB programs have been doing, followed by Board President Duane Jebbett to speak a few words about the organization.

Mr. Jebbett pointed out that all newspapers and television reports have articles on workforce development. It is one of the most critical issues in the City, County, and State. The great news is that the State is stepping up and helping RTB, which is why they have they have the first FAME chapter. He and Ms. Zydonik met with two (2) ladies from Indiana who understand the need for workforce development. RTB does an incredible job in a very short period of time. They have taken an initiative that had been floundering. Ms. Zydonik's direction, along with the Board, have been able to utilize the funds given by the City. He recommended everyone visit Glenwood and watch the kids in the LIM program, as well as spend time with Taylor and Justin (who just spoke) to see what they do and what they already know about manufacturing. Mayor Muryn spoke to the FAME group where she did a phenomenal job of making sure that everyone there understood the importance of it. He feels he is lucky because he gets to be a part of it and watch the community grow. As he has stated many times, where there is no vision, people parish. We live in Findlay Ohio where there are folks who get it. They have great funders. Their organization continues to need the City's funds in order to create some great human beings for Findlay.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel pointed out that Ms. Zydonik stated that eleven (11) students are currently in the AMT program and asked what keeps it from growing to more. Ms. Zydonik replied that the limiting factor is businesses that are looking to sponsor them. There is a lot of demand for those positions because Technicians are the number one in-demand job. As long as a business wants to support them, they will continue to have cohorts. Councilman Russel asked if participants in FAME come from the business where the businesses get into the program, or if they hire individuals that are not yet employed. Ms. Zydonik replied that their first FAME cohort was half and half. Half came right out of high school and half who were incumbent. They had one individual who went to college, tried it, but did not work out and came back about a year later. Councilman Russel noted that Cooper has been doing the manufacturing program for five (5) years and are now seeing those that will be graduating from high school go into the program. He asked if there has been a noticeable uptick in those attending Owens or pursuing careers in manufacturing in Hancock County or if it is too early to tell. Ms. Zydonik replied that it is a little too early to tell, but are looking at indicators in the applications for Engineering programs and/or Millstream. RTB collects data from them afterwards to test their knowledge and what they retained from the visit. They will be collecting more now that they are starting to have graduating classes. She will report that back to Council after they graduate.

Councilman Hellmann noted that the representatives are an example of what RTB is doing. They are doing a good job. He thanked Ms. Zydonik for coming before City Council tonight and explaining what they do.

Councilman Wobser pointed out that at first, it was difficult to understand what this group was going to do, but as Mr. Jebbett alluded to, they were looking at the problem and looking into a solution. The goal was to get more into the trades and to become better employees for Hancock County. It is a fact that there are not enough Truck Drivers and Technicians. Those that do those jobs are coming in from other places. The Board is working with that issue right now. Many high school students do not want to go right to the workforce as they are being told by their counselors that they need to go to college, but the college drop-out rate has been huge for many years. To attempt to put a stop to that, RTB is trying to show them that there are other options. It has to start early which is what the LIM program does. It starts in kindergarten and follows them all the way through high school. It is the basis of what they learn coming through school with the LIM process where they are introduced to the manufacturing world that shows them that there is a lot of different things to do besides go to college. The committee that has now found its footing, has gained momentum and has accelerated, seeing results from a lot of years of hard work. The City needs to continue to fund this in order for the community to see the benefits of what the Board has done and what Ms. Zydonik has put in place. He thanked Ms. Zydonik and Mr. Jebbett for their hard work and that it will be in the form of pay back, ten-fold, to the City eventually.

Mayor Muryn pointed out that this organization is very important from the workforce development standpoint. Educators have really noticed the benefits from the emotional and soft skills that kids are developing. She has been going out to the schools and meeting with the kids where she can see a huge change in their confidence in themselves, as well as relationships they have with one another. It is the community working together among grades and different classes. She did not see a single child at Glenwood playing alone at recess. Whenever a child is by themselves, another child goes over to that child and gets them engaged. There is a huge emotional benefit to their success that will be evident coming out of it.

Councilman Russel asked what is next. Ms. Zydonik replied that FAME will be a framework for other sectors. It is a tremendous apprentice-style program that works very well for the AMT program and will be the framework for other areas in the community and not just Technicians such as Tool and Die, IT, Construction, etc. They continually hear that those types of positions are in demand. They are trying to create the framework to move that forward. It is the same scenario for current events that they are putting in place. They do not look at them as a one-and-done situation, but as a framework so they can be replicated in other areas. They would like to explore having a healthcare experience. When they look at installing programs, they want them to be repeatable and sustainable, which is their hopes for all programs. Councilman Russel asked that since the Manufacturing Days program is geared toward eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) graders, if there is another touch point with them in grades nine through twelve (9-12). It might be too long of a time in between eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade and graduation to go without informing them on what manufacturing has to offer. Ms. Zydonik replied that they agree. When the program first started, it appeared to be similar to a field trip and they did not like that concept, so they began working closer with the schools to try to prepare students ahead of time. Students go to a manufacturing facility, then two (2) weeks later, they take a tour of Millstream to remind them of those opportunities. At the end of eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade, they make decisions in their schedule of classes if they want to go into the Millstream program. The next thing they are looking at doing is putting them through a career assessment pathway to cover the gap area between eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade and graduation. The assessment is not a self-assessment, but an assessment from an aptitude standpoint to provide meaningful direction instead of something they like right at that moment.

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

Councilman Slough moved to accept the October 1, 2019 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes, Councilman Harrington seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

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

Councilman Russel moved to add the following on tonight's agenda, seconded by Councilman Slough. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

**ADD-ON:**

- Ordinance No. 2019-094 (**LEGISLATION** section) – performance audit for Water and Sewer Department

**PROCLAMATIONS:** none

**RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS:** none

**PETITIONS:**

**Zoning amendment request – 2321 North Main Street**

Ralph Vandervlucht would like to change the zoning of 2321 North Main Street to R3 Single Family, High Density. It currently is zoned as C2 General Commercial. Referred to City Planning Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee. Filed.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** none

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** none

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

### **Findlay Police Department Activities Report – September 2019.**

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that traffic stops were low for that month and that citations were high. He asked if those were related to school zones or what the reason was. Safety Director Schmelzer replied he does not know. Councilman Russel noted that he has received some phone calls and has had some conversations with the parents of some St. Mike's students who continue to have concerns with the speed on Bright Road. The portable traffic light on South Main Street facing south for northbound traffic is an effective tool to slow down traffic and asked if that will be used near the schools. Safety Director Schmelzer replied that has been done already. It was done last year. It is deployed where there are complaints of this nature. He asked if he should relay that complaint to the Police Department to put the portable traffic light there. Councilman Russel replied that while it does not have a long-lasting effect, it does provide an awareness and if any citations are given because of it, motorists may begin to be more aware of the speed limits in the area. Filed.

**City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – September 2019. Filed.**

**Findlay Fire Department Activities Report –September 2019. Filed.**

**Findlay Municipal Court Activities Report – September 2019. Filed.**

### **City Auditor Staschiak – summary financial reports**

A set of summary financial reports for the prior month follows including:

- Summary of Year-To-Date Information as of September 30, 2019
- Financial Snapshot for General Fund as of September 30, 2019
- Open Projects Report as of September 30, 2019
- Cash & Investments as of September 30, 2019

Filed.

### **Precipitation and Reservoir levels report – third (3<sup>rd</sup>) quarter July-September 2019.**

Discussion:

Mayor Muryn pointed out that the second page has some more meaningful information on water capacity, water levels, and what is processed on a regular basis. They would like some feedback from Council if what is provided is meaningful. Councilman Wobser feels it is interesting to see the amount of water usage over time which is an indicator of where the City is going. Filed.

**Board of Zoning Appeals minutes –September 12 2019. Filed.**

**Hancock Regional Planning Commission Director Matt Cordonnier – proposed zoning map update**

The Hancock Regional Planning Commission (HRPC) requests the review and discussion on a zoning map amendment. The map originally adopted in 1956 has had few updates since adoption which has caused a number of inconsistencies between current zoning, current property use, and actual zoning code. These inconsistencies are causing unnecessary time and money for residents having to request zoning amendments or variances. Additionally, they are restricting property owner’s utilization of their property due to misaligned setback requirements. Referred to the City Planning Commission (CPC). Filed.

**Hancock Regional Planning Director Matt Cordonnier – proposed zoning text amendment**

Hancock Regional Planning Commission (HRPC) requests the review and discussion for a zoning text amendment. The proposed amendment would make duplexes and triplexes a conditional use in the R3 Residential zoning district. Referred to the City Planning Commission (CPC). Filed.

**Officer/Shareholders Disclosure Form from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control for WD RFP Findlay LLC, dba Rapid Fired Pizza, located at 2040 Tiffin Avenue, Findlay, Ohio for a D5 liquor permit. This requires a vote of Council.**

John E. Dunbar, Chief of Police – WD RFP Findlay LLC, dba Rapid Fired Pizza, located at 2040 Tiffin Avenue, Findlay, Ohio. A check of the records shows no criminal record on the following:

- Peter A. Wiley
- Byron C. Wiley
- Ross C. Wiley
- Helen M. Suniga

Councilman Slough moved for no objections be filed, seconded by Councilman Harrington. Filed.

**Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas – large meter testing/calibration, project #35794400**

Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas would like to utilize contractors to inspect, test, and calibrate the large water meters and fire line meters/connections located within the distribution system. It is very important for the City to ensure the accuracy of these meters since the large meters are being used by higher water users. It is also important to verify fire lines since they should not have domestic use off of them and are not billed. This project would inspect, test, and calibrate one hundred twenty-seven (127) meters that are three inches (3”) and larger, forty-eight (48) fire lines meters/connections and up to twenty-five (25) meters that are two inches (2”) in size. The work needs to be coordinated with the users to minimize any impact that the testing may have on City operations. In order to accomplish this, the work may need to be done overnight, on weekends, or even holidays depending on the user. If the work is completed overnight, it will also reduce the number of employees that would be available during the day to work on other projects or take care of issues that arise. This would make scheduling the work by City employees difficult and would result in additional overtime or holiday pay in order to get the work completed. It is difficult to estimate the labor cost that the Water Department would have if the project was done by their staff and would most likely be within ten percent (10%) of the cost that has been quoted by the outside contractor. Legislation to appropriate funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2109-093 was created.

FROM: Water Fund	\$ 95,625.00
TO: Large Meter Testing/Calibration Project #35794400	\$ 95,625.00

Filed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 to conduct a pre-budget meeting.

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

The **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request to discuss an emergency training center for Findlay and Hancock County's First Responders.

*We recommend proceeding with discussion of planning of the proposed STRICT Center.*

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

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 024-2019** (*walkable community*) **requires three (3) reading**  
**first reading**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES SURGEON GENERAL'S CALL TO ACTION TO PROMOTE WALKING AND WALKABLE COMMUNITIES.

Councilman Harrington moved to waive the statutory rules and give the Resolution its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Frische, Harrington, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Shindledecker, Slough. Nays: Russel, Wobser. Motion defeated.

First reading of the Resolutions

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-051** (*Utility Billing software*) **requires three (3) readings**  
**third reading – tabled after third reading on 8/6/19**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH MUNI-LINK FOR THE UPDATING OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY'S UTILITY BILLING DEPARTMENT'S SOFTWARE, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-081** (*payroll deductions for City employees*) **requires three (3) readings**  
**third 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.

Councilman Slough moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Russel. Ayes: Harrington, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Wobser, Frische. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2019-081 and is hereby made a part of the record.



**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-082** (*Speedway Dr 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 SPEEDWAY DRIVE REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED "C2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT" TO I1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL.

Councilman Slough moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Wobser, Frische, Harrington. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2019-082 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-083** (*640 Davis St rezone*) **requires three (3) readings**

***third reading - adopted***

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1100 ET SEQ OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE BY REZONING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY (REFERRED TO AS 640 DAVIS STREET REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED "R2 SINGLE FAMILY, MEDIUM DENSITY" TO "R4 DUPLEX/TRIPLEX".

Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Shindledecker. Ayes: Niemeyer, Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Wobser, Frische, Harrington, Hellmann. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2019-083 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-085** (*add new Chapter 331.45 – distracted driving*) **requires three (3) readings**

***third reading - adopted***

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE FIVE, CHAPTER 331 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY ENTITLED "OPERATION GENERALLY" TO DEFINE AND PROHIBIT CERTAIN VIOLATIONS COMMITTED WHILE DRIVING DISTRACTED.

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

Discussion:

Councilwoman Frische asked what the changes are. Law Director Rasmussen replied that there are no changes to the public because it is a State Code that the City is putting in their code so that they can enforce it here locally and keep the fees here. Councilwoman Frische asked what the code is. Law Director Rasmussen replied that it is in the text of the ordinance: when using hand-held electronic wireless devices to use voice operated hands-free devices instead. Ear phones in one or both ears at the same time. In another words, not paying attention when driving.

Ayes: Russel, Shindledecker, Slough, Wobser, Frische, Harrington, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXI, Page 2019-085 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-086** (*salary ordinance*) requires three (3) readings

***second reading***

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS, PAY RANGES, SALARY SCHEDULES AND OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY AFFECT PAY, FOR ALL NON-ELECTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-123 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-093** (*large meter testing/calibration*) requires three (3) readings

***first reading***

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-094** (*performance audit*) requires three (3) readings

***first reading***

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A PERFORMANCE AUDIT AGREEMENT WITH THE AUDITOR OF THE STATE OF OHIO FOR AN AUDIT OF THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS, FOR THE CITY OF FINDLAY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Hellmann asked if the zoning map amendments and/or zoning text amendments requests should go to the PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE. Matt Cordonnier from the audience replied that they should go to both the CITY PLANNING COMMISSION and also the PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE. All zoning amendments go to both committees.

Councilman Russel added that it goes to the PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE after it has gone through the CITY PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman Harrington noted that the last time the PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE met on this matter, it was determined that they were not finished discussing it and would be discussed at a further meeting. This request does need to go the PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE for further discussion. He has no issues with it going to the CITY PLANNING COMMISSION. The PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE will give their recommendation back to City Council in addition to the meetings they have had already. Council President Monday asked if this can be referred to both committees right now with the PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE picking it up later. Councilman Harrington replied that will be fine. Council President Monday referred both requests to the PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE.

Councilman Harrington noted that during the last City Council meeting, a couple of Councilmembers requested an audit agreement with the Auditor of State for a performance audit. He asked why that is warranted, who will do it, what the cost will be, and if it should have gone to a committee prior to Ordinance No. 2109-094 being on tonight's agenda. Mayor Muryn replied that when it was requested at the last meeting, Safety Director Schmelzer reached out to the Auditor of State to try to get a quote and more information on how it was previously handled. There was an audit done back in 2012 on the Water and Sewer Fund. The cost then was eighty-four thousand dollars (\$84,000). Safety Director Schmelzer replied that it was paid through the City's General Fund and not through the Water and Sewer Fund.

City Auditor Staschiak noted that he has the information on it from the time it was quoted. The quote from the Auditor of State indicates that water and sewer are enterprise funds and are self-sustaining, so they were omitted from the initial scope that was done back then. If it is an area that the City wants done, then that can be accomplished cost. It was a ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) cost at that time, so it is most likely a little more than that to do now. It is an area that State Auditor Faber would like to concentrate on and feels it should be done more around the State.

Councilman Harrington asked if the City's Water Department is in a position that a performance audit is needed or if it is being requested based on a recommendation from the State Auditor. He asked if there are improprieties or areas that need to be improved. He asked why any money is being spent to do something that might not be needed. Councilwoman Frische replied that it was not a recommendation of the Auditor, but a recommendation from her as Chair of the WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE and a recommendation from conversations with other Councilmembers. Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) is very doable when looking at finances as a whole, when looking at the operations of the Water and Sewer Department, especially when there is an ordinance that has been tabled for approximately fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) and constantly wanting to make sure that the infrastructure in the Water and Sewer Department has a good plan going out several years, which has not been done, so she is unsure why Councilman Harrington is against doing a performance audit that would be in the City's best interest as stewards of the finances for the City of Findlay.

Councilman Russel asked for a point of order. The Ordinance has received one (1) reading, and has not received three (3) readings, so to debate about the Ordinance now goes against Robert's Rules of Order.

Councilman Monday asked Law Director Rasmussen that since tonight's meeting is now in OLD BUSINESS, if Council can debate the business about this and are not debating the Ordinance. Law Director Rasmussen replied that is correct.

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