

# FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Frische, Harrington, Monday, Nichols, Russel, Shindledecker, Spence, VanDyne

**ABSENT:** Douglas, Klein

President Pro-Term Monday opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

## MINUTES:

- Councilman Harrington moved to accept the August 19, 2014 Public Hearing minutes as written for the rezoning of 115 Harrington Avenue. Councilman Nichols seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.
- Councilman Harrington moved to accept the August 19, 2014 Public Hearing minutes as written for the rezoning of 123 Walnut Street. Councilman Shindledecker seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.
- Councilwoman Spence moved to accept the August 19, 2014 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes as written. Councilman Nichols seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

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

Councilman Nichols moved to add the following to tonight's agenda. Councilman Russel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

### ADD-ONS:

- Oral Communications – Nikki Bonomo (Children's Museum) (**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** section).
- Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer letter – 2014 Street Resurfacing (**REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS** section).
- Fire Chief Thomas Lonyo letter – 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) (**REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS** section).
- Law Director Donald Rasmussen letter – Ordinance No. 2015-075 (**REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS** section).
- ORDINANCE NO. 2014-078 (2014 street resurfacing project = Bernard Ave from Parkside Pl to Vincent St) (**LEGISLATION** section).

**PROCLAMATIONS:** – none.

**RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS:** - none.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** – none.

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

**Nikki Bonomo (Children's Museum of Findlay) – hotel bed tax**

Ms. Bonomo, President of the Children's Museum of Findlay, informed Council of their intention to apply for funding from the hotel bed tax once the criteria is made available. She stated the functions of the museum. It is a non-profit organization that was established last year. It currently resides in the Findlay Village Mall and they are aiming to open a larger more permanent museum that will continue to provide the family time and education that has already been enjoyed by 2,500 individuals and 25 family memberships since July 11<sup>th</sup>. They have an interest in the funds that they recently learned might be available. They would use the funds to continue their project (i.e. exhibit development, programming, etc.). Their main goal is to continue on with the esteemed-based education that they have been providing to children and families of this area. They have received a lot of good feedback so far.

**Robert Kuhlman – committee report on Saratoga Bridge street light** (given during **COMMITTEE REPORT** section).

## PETITIONS:

**Zoning amendment request – 325 Emma Street**

Stephen Roepke is requesting a zoning change for 325 Emma Street. The property is currently zoned C-2 General Commercial District. He would like to change the zoning to I-1 Light Industrial. Referred to City Planning Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee. Filed.

## REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:

**Officer/Shareholders Disclosure Form from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control for C&D Stoney Tavern LTD dba The Old Stoney Tavern, located at 752 Howard Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Findlay, Ohio for a D2, D2X, D3, and D3A liquor permit.** This requires a vote of Council.

Gregory R. Home, Chief of Police – C&D Stoney Tavern Ltd dba The Old Stoney Tavern, located at 752 Howard Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Findlay, Ohio. A check of the records shows no criminal record on the following:

Darrin K. Karcher  
Cierra N. Karcher

Councilman Nichols moved for no objections be filed. Seconded by Councilman Harrington.

### Discussion:

Council President Slough noted that in The Courier today, there was an incident of beer bottles thrown inside the Stoney Ledge. Councilman Nichols added that even if there are any objections to be filed on an incident that Council President Slough stated, he does not believe they would get very far with it. There have been some liquor establishments in town that should be closed, but they have not gotten anywhere with them.

7 Council members in favor, 1 opposed. Filed.

**Findlay Fire Department Chief Tomas Lonyo – HPJ Industries Inc. donation**

On July 17, 2014, the Fire Department responded to a mutual aid request from the North Baltimore Fire Department to a fire which occurred at HPJ Industries, Inc. The company's main building was saved due to the efforts of multiple fire departments throughout Northwest Ohio.

The Findlay Fire Department received a thank you letter and a monetary donation in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from HJP Industries. Legislation to appropriate these funds to the Fire Department's #21014000-332300 is requested so that the department can purchase additional smoke detectors which will be provide to the community at no cost. The department will be able to purchase approximately on hundred (100) detectors for the upcoming fall and winter heating seasons. In the past, these types of requests have gone to legislation and have not typically been referred to the Appropriations Committee. Ordinance No. 2014-076 was created.

FROM: General Fund (donation) \$ 500.00  
TO: Fire Department #21014000-other \$ 500.00

Filed.

**City Auditor Jim Staschiak – 2015 budget schedules**

It is time to begin the process of putting together the City's budget for 2015. A schedule is listed below. There will be modification to the process this year because a two year budget is being prepared. Although the State statute only allows a single year of the budget to be adopted. The schedule will provide the operational considerations over a longer period giving an additional year for consideration of proposed priorities for 2016. Using a two year budget proposal brings the City closer to a best practice approach.

- 9/9/14 Pre-budget meeting as part of appropriations meeting. This is to allow Council to clarify assumptions developed for the overall budget preparation by the City Departments. It is also Council's opportunity to express concerns and establish priorities moving into 2015.
- 9/29/14 Departmental budget staff meeting. Present assumptions to department, distribute and review critical materials with departments, discuss technical aspects of budget entry and ending dates.
- 10/17/14 Departmental budgets locked so Administration can process budget correctness and completeness.
- 11/3/14 Administration budget locked; Auditor begins reconciliation of budget.
- 11/7/14 Auditor finalizes revenue estimates to reconcile with budget.
- 11/3/14-11/12/14 Statutory corrections made to budgets and finalized between Mayor and Auditor; Auditor determines projected carry-forward for 2015 beginning cash balance based on Mayor's and department's estimated remaining expenditures.
- 11/21/14 Auditor review completed and budget documents finalized.
- 12/2/14 Completed budget distributed to Council for insertion in "2015 FINANCE BOOK" (available to general public at this time).
- 12/11/14 Budget hearing – open public budget meeting; departments present budgets to Council for review/modifications/comment.
- 12/29/14 Numbers finalized for Ordinance No, 2015-001 by Auditor.
- 1/7/15 Permanent Budget Ordinance No. 2015-001 adopted by City Council.

Additional time has been provided should there be interest in obtaining public comments prior to the open meeting on 12/11/14. The public comment period is one of the final pieces needed to conform to the Government Finance Officers Association's best practices for municipal budgeting. Filed.

**City Auditor Jim Staschiak – Workers Compensation group retrospective rating program**

Legislation authorizing the City to participate in the Bureau of Workers Compensation group retrospective rating program is on the September 2, 2014 City Council agenda. It is necessary to have Council's approval each year to enroll in the program. The Ordinance must be passed by the first meeting in October with the emergency clause so that it is in effect for an October 31, 2014 filing deadline.

The financial benefits of each program the Bureau offers are reviewed and analyzed throughout the year by the Auditor's Office with the assistance of CompManagement, Inc., the City's third party administrator for Worker's Comp issues. Consideration was given to each option and it has been determined that the group retrospective rating program would best serve the needs of the City in 2015. This is the second year the City has participated in this particular program. Ordinance No. 2014-077 was created. Filed.

**Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer – Sutton Place and Greendale Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement**

Currently in the 2014 Capital Improvements Plan (Sewer Fund), there is a project identified as 2014 Sewer Lining with a budgeted amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00). Ordinance No. 2014-006 appropriated \$10,000 for design and project startup costs.

During the evaluation process, the sanitary sewer in the area of Sutton Place and Greendale Avenue was found to be in extremely poor condition and cannot be lined. At this time, the only option is to replace the sanitary sewer. In order to avoid affecting the overall budget amount in the 2014 Capital Improvements Plan (Sewer Fund), we are proposing to postpone the sewer lining program for this year and use the budgeted funds for the replacement project. Legislation to transfer ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the 2014 Sewer Lining Project No. 35641500 to the Sutton Place and Greendale Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project No. 35649900 is requested. After bids are received, an appropriation for construction funds and authorization to sign a contract will be brought before Council. Resolution No. 032-2014 was created.

FROM: 2014 Sewer Lining, Project #35641500 \$ 10,000.00  
TO: Sutton Pl & Greendale Ave Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project #35649900 \$ 10,000.00

**Discussion:**

Councilman Russel witnessed the cameras being put into these sewers where he could see the deterioration. Using the camera to check the sewers is a proactive way of finding issues before they become a problem. He thanked the Sewer Department and the Service-Safety Director for being proactive on this. He is pleased with the response to this issue which is to stay on budget and do the work where it is most necessary. Filed.

**Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer – Lye Creek Riparian Corridor, Project #31947500**

In accordance with Ordinance No. 2014-017 which was adopted on April 1, 2014, the grant agreement with Ohio EPA for this project was signed and accepted. As agreed, the grant will pay one hundred percent (100%) of planting ground cover, trees, and plants on the west side. Legislation to appropriate funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2014-076 was created.

FROM: Ohio EPA Grant #12GLRI-BLAN-03 \$ 35,741.00  
TO: Lye Creek Riparian Corridor Project #31947500 \$ 35,741.00

**Discussion:**

Councilman Harrington asked what the timing on this is since the road is currently closed for bridge replacement. He noted it might help if Council suspended the rules and moved this forward to allow them to get in there right away while everything is already closed. Councilman Nichols agreed with Councilman Harrington. Service-Safety Director Schmelzer was not present tonight, but he did email Council asking them to pass this now instead of wait until fall. Filed.

**City Auditor Jim Staschak – self-insurance health benefits program savings**

The City continues to work diligently to control costs of our City-ran self-insured health benefits program for City employees. There has been success over the last three (3) years through the combination of administrative efforts, service provider selection, employee contributions and continual efforts of the City's Health Insurance Committee which now consists of fifteen (15) members.

This year's plan costs are projected to be eight percent (8%) lower than last year and funds have been collected, therefore premium collections will be suspended for the next two (2) to three (3) months. It is projected the spend three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) less per employee in 2014 than in 2011 which is a total projected savings in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) between those two (2) years in addition to the savings achieved in 2012 and 2013. Since 2011, significant time and effort has been spent to accomplish this. Filed.

**Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer – USGS Stream Gauges**

The annual funding for the stream gauge maintenance has typically been a part of the Capital Plan. An appropriation of funds is being requested to cover the contract period of October 2014 to October 2015. The funding will then align with the contract term. It has been determined that this is better accounted for as a General Expense rather than a capital expenditure because it is ongoing annual maintenance. Legislation to appropriate funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2014-076 was created.

FROM: General Fund \$ 50,000.00  
TO: General Expense #21010000-other \$ 50,000.00

Filed.

**City Planning Commission agenda – September 11, 2014. Filed.**

**Findlay Fire Department Activities Report – July 2014. Filed.**

**Parks and Recreation Board minutes – August 18, 2014. Filed.**

**Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer – 2014 Street Resurfacing**

Service-Safety Director Schmelzer is requesting funds to be moved into the Street Resurfacing Program for 2014. The current program includes Bernard Avenue from Parkside Place to Vincent Street. Based on the amount of additional work the contractor can accomplish this year, it is prudent to make some changes to the order and complete the work north of Bernard Avenue. The following will be added to the program for this year:

- Concord Court from Parkside Place to Vincent Street
- Vincent Street from Parkside Place to Bernard Avenue

Bernard will be done from Crystal to the east end in 2015. With this deduct on the smaller section of Bernard Avenue at approximately one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), the remainder of the 2014 program and the additional work can be covered with an influx of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) to the project.

The current program for approximately one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) is on schedule. This additional amount will also cover any contingency for the project. Legislation to appropriate funds is requested.

FROM: Capital Improvement – CIT \$ 200,000.00  
TO: Annual Street Resurfacing/Curb Repairs Project #328421 \$ 200,000.00

Ordinance No. 2014-078 was created. Referred to the Appropriations Committee. Filed.

**Fire Chief Thomas Lonyo – 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)**

Fire Chief Lonyo anticipates the 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application period will be opening in the last quarter of 2014. The federal grant program provides funding for replacement of fire equipment. The Fire Department's inventory of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) now meets the age eligibility for replacement under the AFG guidelines. The department's inventory was last purchased in 2004 through the same grant.

In the past, the department has requested Council legislation authorizing to apply for grant funding that will replace their SCBAs, air bottles and masks. The grant has typically required a ten percent (10%) match from the City of Findlay. Their technician Troy Stoner is obtaining quotes from the vendor. At this time, the Fire Department has some firm numbers to discuss with the Appropriations Committee in September. An estimate would put the replacement of their current inventory in the neighborhood of four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000.00) and would require the City's ten percent (10%) match. Referred to the Appropriations Committee. Filed.

**Law Director Donald Rasmussen – Ordinance No. 2014-075**

Ordinance No. 2014-075 on tonight's agenda repeals sections 195.15 and 195.16 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Findlay. The original intent of these sections was to allocate bed tax monies to the Community Development Foundation (CDF), now defunct, and the Arts Partnership for tax years 2002-2004. Because these ordinances were not permanent in nature, they should never have been codified. In addition, these ordinances conflict with how Council currently allocates these tax funds and he recommends these sections be repealed. Ordinance No. 2014-075 was created. Filed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **STREETS, SIDEWALKS, & PARKING COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request to discuss a street light(s) on the bridge east of Saratoga Drive/Bright Road.

*We recommend a light be installed on Saratoga at or near the Rush Creek bridge.*

Councilman Shindledecker moved to adopt the committee report. Councilman Frische seconded the motion. All were in favor. Filed

### **Robert Kuhlman –Saratoga Bridge street light.**

Mr. Kuhlman presented his ORAL COMMUNICATION to Council during the COMMITTEE REPORTS section of Council.

Mr. Kuhlman was taken somewhat aback by the procedures and processes that took place on this. He spoke informally with Councilwoman Frische about a number of things going on in his neighborhood (i.e. speed of traffic, lack of lighting, etc.). His neighborhood is a Hancock-Wood Division. The lights that are currently there are not of much magnitude. They are orange and do not give off much light. There is no light at either intersection at the end of the street and on Scarlet Oak which is contingent. There are no lights beyond that down to Saratoga going west. He asked Councilwoman Frische for direction on how to go about this. The next thing he heard was that a committee established a date and time to discuss this. That meeting was at 4:30pm with another separate meeting following it at 5:00pm, so it was rushed and now is before Council asking to put a light on the Saratoga Bridge. That bridge is a dissecting point between AEP and Hancock-Wood. The light will be on a pole. If a light is erected on a pole and is within the Hancock-Wood area, it will have a mast that is very long with an orange light. Any house in the neighborhood has more light on it than that. While he is not opposed to lighting the Saratoga Bridge, but would like to have an ornamental light instead of the standard light. Something that would be decorative in keeping with the neighborhood. Putting a pole up with an orange light would not be a good fit for his neighborhood. He asked Council to slow down on this request. He quoted Section 1 and Section 2 of Resolution No. 005-2005 which states:

#### Section 1:

That all requests for street lights in new subdivisions, or in existing subdivisions currently without lights and all other newly developed areas such as industrial parks, or currently existing, etc. shall be referred to the administration who will in conjunction with the power company determine as to where said street lights shall be placed, etc.

#### Section 2:

The street lights shall be placed at intersections and/or at minimum spacing of three hundred twenty-five feet (325') or, if the administration after consultation with the power company determines a greater or lesser distance is proper, then that distance will control.

The Resolution leaves out the perimeters of what needs to happen in order to solve this. He is not opposed to having lights on this bridge as he has supported that for a long time along with Jeff Whitman and many of his other neighbors, but does not think a wooden pole stuck up on one side or the other will contribute or be beneficial to the neighborhood. He would like something that would look nice and is consistent with the neighborhood. He does not want to see a rushed judgment or get way ahead of where this needs to be which will preclude anything positive happening. Right now, there are kids running around the neighborhood all night long. His neighbor to the west of him leaves his residence by 4:00am to go to work. He often sits in his garage around 3:30am enjoying a coffee and a cigarette where he opens his garage door a little for ventilation, but within the last ten (10) days, he caught someone crawling underneath his garage door. He and his neighbors have noticed people wandering the neighborhood at night. West Chester Drive, Old Mill Road, and Windsor Place (west of the bridge) do not have any lights at all. A few years ago, there was a major national program to make the city safe. It was called Light the Night. Saratoga Bridge does need more light, but he would like to table this request and refer it to the Administration to meet Resolution No. 005-2005 standards that would be beneficial to the entire neighborhood.

#### Discussion:

Councilman Nichols drove out to the area the other night and noticed it is dark out in that area. He agrees with Mr. Kuhlman that a major engineering plan for the whole section is needed.

Councilman Shindledecker noted the issues of traffic control, vandalism, etc. is beyond the privy of the **STREETS, SIDEWALKS & PARKING COMMITTEE**. This committee report only indicates that a light be installed on Saratoga at or near the Rush Creek Bridge. It does not indicate what type of a light will be installed. Solar and/or decorative lights might be a possibility, but there is plenty of time to discuss those options. All the committee recommended was that lighting be provided. Mr. Kuhlman noted that he agrees but asked that Council recognize that they agreed on more things than they disagreed on. He asked to put all the things they agreed about together so that it makes sense to the neighborhood. Councilman Shindledecker added that would involve a lot more than the **STREETS, SIDEWALKS & PARKING COMMITTEE** can do. Mr. Kuhlman noted that it would involve the Police Department and pointed out that three (3) new Officers are being added which will help with traffic enforcement which is another component of this. The **STREETS, SIDEWALKS & PARKING COMMITTEE** is a vital piece of the process.

Councilman Harrington noted that at the meeting, Jeff Whitman was in attendance and was in agreement to propose legislation. Mr. Kuhlman echoed the exact same sentiments he is giving this evening. Councilman Harrington does not disagree with what Mr. Kuhlman is asking for, but the immediate need is due to safety concerns that both Mr. Whitman and Mr. Kuhlman pointed out to have a light at the bridge area due to the wooded area. So the committee took that as the action that was immediately needed. What Mr. Kuhlman is asking for can be referred to the Administration and looked at a different time.

Councilman Shindledecker discussed this issue with the Service-Safety Director prior to this meeting where he had no problem with the light, but he was not aware of any considerations for decorative lighting. Mr. Kuhlman replied that no one is in disagreement that there needs to be a light at the bridge. The issue is how it will look. He would like this issue slowed down.

A **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting was held on Thursday, August 28, 2014 to discuss downtown and CDBG programs. [Resolution No. 030-2014 was created.](#)

Councilman Harrington moved to adopt the committee report. Councilwoman Spence seconded the motion. All were in favor. Filed.

A **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting was held on Thursday, August 28, 2014 to discuss foreclosure, vacant, and abandoned properties. Councilman Harrington moved to adopt the committee report. Councilman Russel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Filed.

## LEGISLATION:

### RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 030-2014** (*Ohio Main Street program – downtown improvements*) **first reading** **adopted**  
A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE EFFORTS OF THE FINDLAY HANCOCK COUNTY ALLIANCE TO FORMALIZE A LOCAL MAIN STREET PROGRAM THROUGH HERITAGE OHIO AND TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO MAIN STREET PROGRAM TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL OHIO MAIN STREET COMMUNITY.

Councilman VanDyne moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Russel. Ayes: Frische, Harrington, Monday, Nichols, Russel, Shindledecker, Spence, VanDyne. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXII, and is hereby made a part of the record.

**RESOLUTION NO. 031-2014** (*over PO limit*) **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).

Councilwoman Spence moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Harrington. Ayes: Harrington, Monday, Nichols, Russel, Shindledecker, Spence, VanDyne, Frische. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXII, and is hereby made a part of the record.

**RESOLUTION NO. 032-2014** (*Sutton Place & Greendale Ave sanitary sewer replacement*) **first reading** **adopted**  
A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN APPROPRIATED FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman Spence moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Resolution its second and third readings. Councilman Russel seconded the motion. Ayes: Monday, Nichols, Russel, Shindledecker, Spence, VanDyne, Frische, Harrington. The resolution received its second and third readings. Councilman Harrington moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilman Russel. Ayes: Nichols, Russel, Shindledecker, Spence, VanDyne, Frische, Harrington, Monday. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXIII, and is hereby made a part of the record.

### ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-041** (*Sixth St vacation – public hearing on 8/5/14; tabled*) **tabled**  
AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN ALLEY (HEREINAFTER REFERED TO AS SIXTH STREET VACATION) IN THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-070** (*mid-year reallocation*) **third reading** **adopted**  
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Harrington moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Russel. Ayes: Russel, Shindledecker, Spence, VanDyne, Frische, Harrington, Monday, Nichols. Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume VV, Page 2014-070 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-072** (*400 Cherry St rezone*) **second reading**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1100 ET SEQ OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE BY REZONING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY (REFERRED TO AS 400 CHERRY STREET REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED "R3 SINGLE FAMILY, HIGH DENSITY" TO "C1 LOCAL COMMERCIAL".

Second reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-073** (*Olney Avenue vacation*) **second reading**  
AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN AVENUE (HEREINAFTER REFERED TO AS OLNEY AVENUE VACATION) IN THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-075** (*allocation of funds to CDF & Arts Partnership*) **first reading**  
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 195.15 AND 195.16 OF ORDINANCE NOS. 1994-105 AND 2002-009 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-076** **first reading** **adopted**  
(*HPJ Industries Inc donation; Lye Creek Riparian Corridor; USGS stream gauges*)  
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman VanDyne moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the ordinance its second and third readings. Councilman Nichols seconded the motion. Ayes: Shindledecker, Spence, VanDyne, Frische, Harrington, Monday, Nichols, Russel. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Nichols moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Shindledecker. Ayes: Spence, VanDyne, Frische, Harrington, Monday, Nichols, Russel, Shindledecker. Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume VV, Page 2014-076 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENROLL THE CITY OF FINDLAY IN THE BUREAU OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION (BWC) GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the ordinance its second and third readings. Councilman Nichols seconded the motion. Ayes: VanDyne, Frische, Harrington, Monday, Nichols, Russel, Shindledecker, Spence. The ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Nichols moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman VanDyne. Ayes: Frische, Harrington, Monday, Nichols, Russel, Shindledecker, Spence, VanDyne. Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume VV, Page 2014-077 and is hereby made a part of the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-078** *(2014 street resurfacing project = Bernard Ave from Parkside Pl to Vincent St)*  
**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**first reading****Discussion:**

Councilman Nichols asked if this ordinance needs to be adopted tonight. Law Director Rasmussen replied that he talked to the Service-Safety Director this afternoon about it. There is no issues with it only receiving its first reading and being referred to the Appropriations Committee, then at the next meeting, adopt it on an emergency in order to utilize the contractors while they are still in town. Councilman Monday noted that this has already been referred to the Appropriations Committee when the letter was reading during the REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS section of tonight's meeting.

First reading of the Ordinance.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Frische brought to Council's attention that Bernard Park has been trying to revamp things in order to improve the neighborhood. She met with Al DeLaCruz who has a ministry in Findlay. He did an event in Bernard Park for those residents. There were all kinds of non-profit organizations, as well as Owens Community College, City Mission, Hancock Saves. There were games for kids. It was a great way to bring people together. She got to meet a lot of residents in that area and got to listen to their concerns. Later in the month, they had a second event that was a city-wide event. She sent an email to Council about their back-to-school event. It was a great success. Barb Wilhelm from the City Health Department was in attendance and gave out helmets. She has never seen so many kids light up from getting a helmet. Free haircuts for kids were given out for those going back to school. Toothbrushes and toothpaste were handed out. Hancock Saves was there talking about portion food items. She thanked Mr. DeLaCruz for everything he did. He will have a crime stoppers city-wide event to try to make neighborhoods more proactive in keeping crime out. Plans will be put together for this event next week. Once she has the details, she will email them to Council. She encouraged anyone who can make it to go.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Shindledecker made a motion to excuse the absence of Councilman Douglas and Councilman Klein. Seconded by Councilman Nichols. All were in favor.

Council President Slough: **BUDGET HEARING** on December 11, 2014 at 4:00pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building (CR1).

**Discussion:**

Councilman Russel asked if the budget hearing could be split into two different meetings. Council President Slough replied that has been talked about before because of the length of the hearing. Councilman Harrington added that it does not give the departments near the end of the hearing justice as everyone wants to wrap it up after being there so long. All departments deserve their full attention. Council President Slough replied that one meeting does make for a long evening, but as Councilman Monday and he can attest to, recent budget hearings are nothing compared to what they used to be. Councilman Nichols added that there was a time when the hearing was two different meetings which seemed to work better. Councilman Monday added that one year, the budget hearing went on so long that they went out to breakfast after it was over. Councilman Russel added that by splitting the budget hearing into two evenings towards the end of the year will allow Council to give full consideration to the departments who present their budget towards the end of the evening and would make it easier for the public to attend. He suggested having the safety/service departments on one evening and the other services and administrative services on another evening. Even though splitting the budget hearing up commits everyone to two evenings, once a year he is available to dedicate more time especially to something as important as the City's budgeting process. Council President Slough noted that he will give the information everyone has provided to the Mayor and the Service-Safety Director. Councilwoman Frische added that last year was her first year attending the budget hearing. It was a long process, but she still likes the idea of having it all in one evening to get all the way through it, but she would like to see a follow up meeting so that they can gather up questions that be addressed before the end of the year and before the first reading in January. Budget hearings are overwhelming and she has more questions later after the budget hearing.

Councilman Harrington congratulated Mayor Mihalik on the birth of her daughter.

Councilman Monday noted that tonight will be Courier Reporter Joy Brown's last City Council meeting. He congratulated and thanked her for the many articles she wrote that were fair, concise and good. Ms. Brown announced that she will be working for the University of Findlay as their Media Relations Coordinator. Max Filby is her replacement. Councilman Nichols noted that Mr. Filby will have tough shoes to fill as Joy attended every meeting, was always on time and usually the first one there. Councilman VanDyne thanked Joy for the great job she did. Council President Slough added that he hopes The Courier realizes what they are losing. He has known Joy for many years. She has done a phenomenal job. The University of Findlay should feel good about getting a lady of her caliber.

Councilman Monday: **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** meeting on September 9, 2014 at 4:30pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building (CR1).

- agenda: 1. 2014 Street Resurfacing  
2. 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Councilman Monday: **PRE-BUDGET** meeting on September 9, 2014 immediately following the **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** meeting in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building (CR1).

agenda: presentation given by Auditor Staschiak

President Pro-Tem Monday adjourned Council at 8:23pm.



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