

FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 18, 2020

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL of 2020-2021 Councilmembers:

PRESENT: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser

ABSENT: Haas, Russel

President of Council Harrington pointed out that Councilman Haas and Councilman Russel had informed him that they would not be in attendance tonight. Councilman Slough moved to excuse Councilman Palmer and Councilman Russel, seconded by Councilman Greeno. All were in favor. Filed.

President of Council Harrington opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ACCEPTANCE/CHANGES TO PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Slough moved to accept the August 4, 2020 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes, Councilman Shindledecker seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA:

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

ADD-ONS:

- City of Findlay RLF Board 7/29/2020 report (*WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS* section).
- Letter from Mayor Muryn – zoning map timeline (*REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS* section).

REPLACEMENTS:

- Ordinance No. 2020-097 (*LEGISLATION* section)
 - Changed *Project No. 3560XX00* to now be *35602800*
- Ordinance No. 2020-098 (*LEGISLATION* section)
 - Changed *Project No. XXXXX* (2020 Emory Adams Parking Lot) to now be *31903800*
- Ordinance No. 2020-099 (*LEGISLATION* section)
 - Changed *Project No. 3XX0XX00* (MLK Parkway Improvements Restricted Account) to now be *32803100*
- Ordinance No. 2020-100 (*LEGISLATION* section)
 - Added *Project No. 31903900*
- Ordinance No. 2020-101 (*LEGISLATION* section)
 - Added *Project No. 31904000*

PROCLAMATIONS: none

RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS: none

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: none

PETITIONS:

Zoning amendment request – 525 and 529 Davis St

SRC Group LLC on behalf of Mark Snyder would like to change the zoning of 525 and 529 Davis Street to M2 Multiple Family District, High Density. It currently is zoned as R2 Single Family Low Density. Referred to City Planning Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee.

Alley vacation request – 811 Broad Ave

Donald G. Croy is requesting to vacate the east-west alley between Lots 12178 and 12179 in the Riverview Addition. Referred to City Planning Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Councilman Russel – PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE assignment

Councilman Haas has a standing conflict with the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE meetings which as thus far prevented him from attending. Councilwoman Warnecke has agreed to replace Councilman Haas on this committee for the remainder of the 2020-2021 term.

Discussion:

Councilman Shindledecker moved to accept the change in assignment, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. All were in favor. Filed.

The **CITY OF FINDLAY REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) BOARD** met on July 29, 2020 to review one (1) application from The West End Tavern for an \$85,000 loan from the Revolving Loan Fund. The loan is to purchase the business and the building. The Board is waiting on projections for the business and documentation of the corporation papers. The loan was held up waiting for environmental studies required by the State, therefore, a meeting did not take place on August 12, 2020. Calls were made to the State that day which confirmed that they were not needed in this case, so the loan is now coming to Council for a vote. The loan has been broken into two (2) parts:

West End Tavern II Inc.: \$60,500.00 for the purchase of the business assets.

- A) Term: 7 years
- B) Interest Rate: 2.25%
- C) 2nd position on the UCC filing

WET 2020 LLC: \$25,000.00 for the purchase of the building

- A) Term: 15 years
- B) Interest Rate: 2.25%
- C) 2nd position on 506 W Main Cross St, Findlay
- D) 2nd position on 16686 CR 12, Rawson, up to \$85,500.00

A Formal Bank Commitment letter, projections for the business and documentation that the business S-Corp and LLC had been established were received and were satisfactory for approval of the loan. The LLC will own the building while the S-Corp will own the business assets and rent the building from the LLC. Filed.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:

Findlay Municipal Court Activities Report – July 2020. Filed.

Director of Public Service Thomas – Hancock Park District annual Community Park Improvement Program Grant

The City of Findlay Public Works Department once again is applying for the annual Community Park Improvement Program Grant through the Hancock Park District (HPD). The first request is for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for assistance in restoring the band shell at Riverside Park. The band shell was built in the 1940s and is in need of restoration. A local company will do the restoration work. The City will seek any additional funds available through the HPD for this year's projects. If no additional funds are available, the City will request six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for a second project to replace picnic tables. The current wood-style shelterhouse picnic tables will be replaced with green steel tables as part of a multi-year project plan. The HPD grant is offered each year to communities within Hancock County to improve their park systems. This grant is then divided among the communities that request the available funds. These funds are at no cost to the community and do not require matching funds. The City has completed many projects in its parks utilizing these grant dollars. One requirement of the grant is to obtain project approval during a public meeting from its governing body. Legislation authorizing the restoration of the Riverside Park bandshell and the replacement Riverside Park shelterhouse picnic tables through grant funds is requested. Requires Council's verbal approval to fund said projects by grant funds. Councilman Slough moved to authorize the Director of Public Service to apply for said grant, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser. Filed.

City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – July 2020. Filed.

Mayor Muryn – Hancock Regional Planning Commission Board appointment

Mayor Muryn is appointing Matthew Leddy to the Hancock Regional Planning Commission Board. His appointment will fill the unexpired term of Paul Craun through December 31, 2020. This appointment requires Council confirmation. Councilman Slough moved to accept this appointment, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno. Filed.

Findlay Fire Department Activities Report – July 2020. Filed.

Chief of Police Ring – Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Diversion Program grant

The Findlay Police Department has been approved to receive a fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000) grant from the Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Diversion Program. The purpose of this grant is to assist local agencies in their efforts to combat the opioid problem in their communities. The Findlay Police Department has collaborated with the Family Resource Center in operating a team called the Quick Response Team (QRT). This has been in operations since late 2017. Within seventy-two (72) hours of a person experiencing a drug overdose, a Coordinator from the Family Resources Center and a Findlay Police Officer will make contact with that person. The purpose of this contact is to make the person aware of the opportunities available for treatment and recovery. These funds from the Ohio Attorney General will be used to reimburse the Family Resource Center for the salary and expenses of a Coordinator. This is the third (3rd) year that the City has been awarded this grant. There is no City match for the grant, but it is a reimbursement grant where the City needs to pay the initial cost. A fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000) appropriation to the PD Quick Response Team Grant FY2021, Project No. 31903500 is requested to receive all three (3) readings during the next City Council meeting. Ordinance No. 2020-094 was created. Filed.

Chief of Police Ring – Northeast Ohio Medical University grant

The Findlay Police Department has been awarded a forty thousand dollar (\$40,000) grant from the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) to supplement the department’s Crisis Intervention Team Program. The purpose of this grant is to assist local agencies in their efforts to train Officers in the CIT curriculum, to purchase supplies for the training and to pay trainers to conduct training. There is no City match for the grant, but the City would have to make the initial payment for any costs incurred. NEOMED would then reimburse those costs not to exceed the grant amount. The Findlay Police Department has been involved with the CIT program since 2003. The CIT program gives officers training in de-escalating persons who are in mental crisis. This funding will help expand the program and its training reach. Legislation to appropriate forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to the 2020 Police Department CIT Support and Expansion Project No. 31903700 is requested. Ordinance No. 2020-095 was created.

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser informed Council that he intends to push the first request from Chief Ring through and that the second request does not need to be pushed through. Filed.

Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas – 2020 annual sewer and manhole lining project no. 35600600

By authorization of Ordinance No. 2020-014, a bid opening was held for this project on August 6, 2020. Bids were received from four (4) potential contractors with the base bid amounts ranging from \$267,928.33 to \$324,835.05. There were also five (5) alternates that were part of the bid. Alternate prices ranged from \$36,323.68 to \$109,498.80. The lowest and best bid was received from Miller Pipeline, LLC, of Indianapolis, Indiana. This project is included in the 2020 Capital Improvements Plan with an estimated cost of \$400,000. \$3,500 was previously appropriated for startup, putting together the plans and bidding of the project. Legislation to appropriate funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2020-096 was created.

FROM:	Sewer Fund	\$ 345,000.00
TO:	2020 Annual Sewer and Manhole Lining #35600600	\$ 345,000.00

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser asked if there were any Ohio bidders on this. Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas replied that yes there were. He does not recall where exactly their bids came in at. The bidder the City went with was the lowest. Filed.

Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas – E Front St emergency sewer repair project no. 356002800

East Front Street is on the resurfacing list for this year. The curb has been replaced and the asphalt contractor would like to pave the street in a couple of weeks. During the curb replacement, the Engineering Department noticed some damaged area in the pavement. City crews televised the sewer in the street and discovered three (3) locations where the sewer needs to be replaced. Since the sewer is located within the pavement area, the repairs need to be completed before the street is resurfaced. The existing sewer is deeper than what City crews feel comfortable repairing, so a quote is being obtained from a contractor to do the repair work. An appropriation of funds is requested so that the contractor can begin work as soon as possible in order to complete paving work as soon as possible. This project is estimated to be completed for under \$45,000.00. Legislation authorizing the Service Director or City Engineer to enter into contracts for construction and to appropriate funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2020-097 was created.

FROM:	Sewer Fund	\$ 45,000.00
TO:	East Front Street Emergency Sewer Repair #35602800	\$ 45,000.00

Filed.

Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas – 5th Capital Improvement appropriation

Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas would like to transfer the 5th Capital Improvement allocation of this year to order more equipment and equipment vehicles that were ordered earlier this year and would like the rest of the planned funds to be placed into the Street Preventative Maintenance Project, as well as some funds to be placed in the 2020 Emory Adams parking lot project so that repair work may begin. Legislation to appropriate and transfer funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2020-098 was created.

FROM:	CIT Fund – Capital Improvements Restricted Account	\$ 203,000.00
TO:	Streets #22040000-other	\$ 158,000.00
TO:	Traffic Lights #22043200-other	\$ 45,000.00
FROM:	CIT Fund – Capital Improvements Restricted Account	\$ 255,000.00
TO:	2020 Emory Adams Parking Lot #31903800	\$ 10,000.00
TO:	2020 Street Preventative Maintenance #32800200	\$ 245,000.00

Filed.

Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas – MLK Parkway improvements project no. 32803100; ODOT FY21 resurfacing project no. 32801400

The County is finalizing the plans for the MLK Parkway Improvements. This project will elevate the East Main Cross/East Street/MLK Intersection and the MLK Clinton Court Intersection so that the roadway will remain open in a 100-year flood event. During Capital Plan discussions, it was mentioned that the County is paying all expenses for the design and construction of this project and that the City will bid the project and perform inspection services during construction. Legislation to appropriate funds into this project to enable the Engineer to bid the project when the plans are completed is requested. The Engineering Department is finishing up the plans for the ODOT FY21 resurfacing of Bright Road from SR 568 to Tiffin Avenue. While construction for this project will not be until the 2021 construction season, the Engineering Department would like to bid the project as soon as the plans are completed. Legislation authorizing the Service Director or City Engineer to advertise for bids, enter into contracts for construction, and appropriate and transfer funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2020-099 was created.

FROM:	CIT Fund – Capital Improvements Restricted Account	\$ 1,000.00
TO:	MLK Parkway Improvements Restricted Account #32803100	\$ 500.00
TO:	ODOT FY21 Resurfacing #32801400	\$ 500.00

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser asked Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas if any of his requests are time sensitive needing to be passed tonight. Service Director/Acting City Engineer Thomas replied that the only one that is time sensitive is the East Front Street emergency sewer repair. That sewer needs fixed before it can be paved. The request for the 5th Capital Improvement appropriation should not be passed tonight because there is not enough funds in the Capital Fund yet. It needs to wait until July funds are put into the fund. Filed.

Hancock Regional Planning Commission Director Cordonnier – City of Findlay Revolving Loan Fund request for appropriation (West End Tavern II Inc.)

On July 29, 2020, the City of Findlay Revolving Loan Fund Committee awarded a loan to West End Tavern II Inc. in the amount of \$60,500.00. The funding will provide funds for business acquisition. The closing date for the loan has been set for August 21, 2020. Legislation to appropriate funds and waive the required three (3) readings and pass on an emergency basis in order to accommodate the timeline of the project is requested. The appropriation of City RLF funds have historically been passed on an emergency basis in order to accommodate the time sensitive needs of businesses and the bank involved in financing the project. Ordinance No. 2020-100 was created.

FROM:	City of Findlay Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 60,500.00
TO:	West End Tavern II Inc. #31903900	\$ 60,500.00 business application

Discussion:

Councilman Hellmann asked if this is for the purchase of the building. Director Cordonnier replied that is correct. There are two (2) loans for the Revolving Loan Fund, one (1) is for the purchase of the building and the other for the purchase of the business. Councilman Hellmann asked if the purchase of the building is for the existing West End Tavern that is there now. Director Cordonnier replied that is correct. Councilman Hellmann asked if this is for a new owner. Director Cordonnier replied it is for a new owner who will continue operation as is. Councilman Hellmann asked if this request will be considered a fixed asset and if the \$25,000 request is for operating funds. Director Cordonnier replied that the bank split the loan into two (2) parts: one for the building acquisition and one for the business acquisition, so the RLF followed suit with what the bank did. The Revolving Loan Fund always takes the second position to the bank. Councilman Hellmann noted that the Revolving Loan Fund has never had a problem with financing non-assets. Director Cordonnier replied that is correct. They do working capital, as well as a lot of different loans. For the building acquisition, the RLF takes a second on the building and file a personal guarantee and also a mortgage on their private property.

Councilman Slough asked what WET stands for. Director Cordonnier replied West End Tavern.

Councilman Wobser thanked Councilwoman Warnecke’s meeting minutes on this as it provided all the information he needed and answered all the questions he had.

Councilwoman Warnecke pointed out that both requests state that they provide for business acquisition and asked if they are both for the building. Director Cordonnier replied that the second request is for the building acquisition. President of Council pointed out that the legislation states them correctly. Filed.

Hancock Regional Planning Commission Director Cordonnier – City of Findlay Revolving Loan Fund request for appropriation (WET 2020 LLC)

On July 29, 2020, the City of Findlay Revolving Loan Fund Committee awarded a loan to WET 2020 LLC in the amount of \$25,000.00. The funding will provide funds for business acquisition. The closing date for the loan has been set for August 21, 2020. Legislation to appropriate funds and waive the required three (3) readings and pass on an emergency basis in order to accommodate the timeline of the project is requested. The appropriation of City RLF funds have historically been passed on an emergency basis in order to accommodate the time sensitive needs of businesses and the bank involved in financing the project. Ordinance No. 2020-101 was created.

FROM:	City of Findlay Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 25,000.00
TO:	WET 2020 LLC #31904000	\$ 25,000.00 building acquisition

Filed.

Mayor Muryn – 2020 budget plan related to COVID-19

Mayor Muryn provided a brief update of the City’s 2020 budget plan compared to the previously provided plan. It provides a summary of where the City is through July compared to target. Operational changes were in response to the expected decrease in revenues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The summary shows the City’s continued attention to the short term and long term financial position of the City of Findlay.

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser asked Mayor Muryn to recap the information she provided. Mayor Muryn replied that she has provided a representation of where the City is with revenues and expenditures to date. The light blue bar on the chart represents the 2020 budget as adopted. The green is the target or unofficial number that the City is working towards, and the dark blue bar are the 2020 year to date actual numbers. The City has limited control over revenues and the low area is the expenditures. Just over thirty-one million dollars (\$31,000,000) was adopted with a target of just over twenty-eight million dollars (\$28,000,000). The 2019 year to date actual was eighteen million four hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$18,415,000) and being just under sixteen million dollars (\$15,966,949) for year to date actual. The City of Findlay is trending below target at about fifteen percent (15%) which is where she expected it to be which has been managed well. The second chart is a snapshot by department. The bottom chart is the estimate of General Fund revenues and expenses from numbers provided by the Auditor. Filed.

Findlay Police Department Activities Report – July 2020. 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 July 31, 2020
- Open Projects Report as of July 31, 2020
- Cash & Investments as of July 31, 2020
- Financial Snapshot for General Fund as of July 31, 2020

Discussion:

City Auditor Staschiak pointed out that breakdown by cash & investments portion of this report lists the Coronavirus Relief Fund which is a State requirement to create this fund to allow grant dollars to be received and appropriated. Council did this several meetings ago, along with the committee report recommending to move forward with the expenditures and then utilizing what is left over on what the Administration would like to do with the Fire Department. Expenses have been significantly higher than what was initially anticipated. There is a balance of approximately three hundred forty-six thousand dollars (\$346,000) remaining of the five hundred thousand dollar (\$500,000) cash fund received through the CARES ACT. It is his hopes that the City is successful in retaining the entire grant amount which would give the ability to attain additional grant dollars later as long as it was for a proper purpose. Those funds should only be expended in ways that are proper. If the City is successful in retaining those dollars, they will not go into the budget and will not go into the Fire Department budget, but will instead be received as a revenue and will stay as a revenue and not as an expense. Those funds cannot be moved to be used elsewhere such as to build the STRICT Center which would take a total different legislative process. It will not be a part of the Fire Department’s budget. He is grateful that the Federal Government did what they did and provided this money and that there is still a significant amount of funds remaining in that relief fund. Filed.

Mayor Muryn – zoning map timeline

The process of updating the City of Findlay zoning map was discussed earlier this year and a timeline was brought forward to update the map by the end of 2020. A brief break was taken in pursuing this, but now the Zoning Department, Hancock Regional Planning Commission, and Mayor Muryn have prepared a new timeline to restart this process. Below is an outline of the plan. The timeline is slightly fluid based off of mailing timelines, participation in public meetings, etc.

- Week of 8/17/20 = news article, radio, social media
- Week of 8/17/20 = update zoning database published on City website
- Week of 8/24/20 = mailing with public meeting and opt out information
- Week of 9/7/20 = virtual public meeting (recorded and shared on website)
- 8/24/20-9/30/20 = individual meetings as needed
- 8/24/20-9/30/20 = newspaper, radio, and social media throughout to educate and remind folks of option to opt out
- 10/8/20 = update to Planning & Zoning
- 10/20/20 = City Council 1st reading
- 11/3/20 = City Council 2nd reading
- 11/17/20 = City Council 3rd reading
- 1/1/2021 = effective date

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request from Douglas and Karla Yoder to rezone 1028 and 1030 Hurd Avenue from R1 Single Family Low Density to R2 Medium Density.

We recommend approval as requested. Ordinance No. 2020-102 was created.

Councilman Slough moved to adopt the committee report, seconded by Councilman Shindledecker. Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Hellmann. Filed.

Discussion:

Director Cordonnier pointed out that this is a good example of what they are trying to do with the map update. This resident would not have needed to apply for a rezone with the map update because the property would be rezoned to the correct size for their lot. This is one example if the zoning map gets adopted, they would be in the correct place that they need to be. They need to be R2 zoning because the size of their lot does not match what they are zoned.

The **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request from Van Horn, Hoover & Associates, Inc. on behalf of Jack Jay McCracken to vacate a portion of the northern section of Lake Cascades Parkway's right-of-way (ROW) along Cooper Tire & Rubber, Co. facility up to Western Avenue (Lake Cascades north). The vacation will make the ROW a more uniform width.

We recommend approval as requested. Ordinance No. 2020-103 was created.

Councilman Slough moved to adopt the committee report, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Palmer, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer. Filed.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS: none.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-084 (*continue Workers Compensation programs*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR 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.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-085 (*Law Director budget - more funds for legal svcs (pending litigation)*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-086 (*Solid Waste svcs renewal*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FIVE YEAR UPDATE OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-092 (*water meter system replacement*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-094 **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
(*Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Diversion Program grant*)
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Wobser moved to suspend the statutory rules of Council and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Shindledecker. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXII, Page 2020-094 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-095 (*Northeast Ohio Medical University grant*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-096 (*2020 annual sewer and manhole lining*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-097 (*E Front St emergency sewer repair*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR THE EAST FRONT STREET EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR PROJECT NO. 35602800, APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Greeno moved to suspend the statutory rules of Council and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Niemeyer. Ayes: Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Shindledecker, Slough. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Greeno. Ayes: Wobser, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXII, Page 2020-097 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-098 (*5th Capital Improvement appropriation*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-099 (*MLK Pkwy improvements/ODOT FY21 resurfacing*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. 32803100, AS WELL AS THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY21 RESURFACING PROJECT NO. 32801400, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-100 (*West End Tavern II Inc. RLF*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman Warnecke moved to suspend the statutory rules of Council and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Hellmann. Ayes: Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilwoman Warnecke moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Wobser. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXII, Page 2020-100 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-101 (*WET 2020 LLC RLF*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman Warnecke moved to suspend the statutory rules of Council and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Hellmann. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Hellmann.

Discussion:

Councilman Hellmann pointed out that these RLF requests have all gone as emergency legislation and asked if that will always be the case for future requests and if so, what the reason is. Director Cordonnier replied that Revolving Loan Fund requests have always moved forward quickly. Businesses that request them do not like to wait four to six (4-6) weeks for the City to approve them because they have a closing date scheduled and are trying to make that deadline. The RLF does not want to move a lot slower than the banks do. They already have to wait a couple of weeks for the bank to approve their loan, so the RLF does not want to have to make them wait up to six (6) weeks more. Councilman Hellmann asked if the RLF can get the application any earlier. Director Cordonnier replied that the timing of the application is not significant. They have to have the bank as a partner who may tell them they will loan them a certain percentage of what they need, so the RLF aims to get them to one hundred percent (100%) of what they need.

Councilman Wobser asked if these RLF requests were all previously COVID related requests which was one of the reasons Council pushed them through and asked if this one is COVID related. Director Cordonnier replied it is not. Councilman Wobser asked if he would still like this to be pushed through. Director Cordonnier replied yes because the applicant is looking to close as soon as possible. If this is passed tonight, the applicant is looking at a closing date of this Friday.

Mayor Muryn reminded Council on what businesses typically apply for a RLF loan. Businesses have already gone to the bank and have secured their loan and are in need of additional funding to make a transaction move forward and have a closing date lined up, but need additional support which is what the RLF is for. The RLF tries to work with the businesses to back them up as a valuable resource in the community and is a proven business.

Ayes: Palmer, Shindledecker, Slough, Warnecke, Wobser, Greeno, Hellmann, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXII, Page 2020-101 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-102 (*1028 and 1030 Hurd Avenue 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 1028 AND 1030 HURD AVENUE REZONE) WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS ZONED "R1 SINGLE FAMILY LOW DENSITY" TO "R2 MEDIUM DENSITY".

First reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-103 (*Lake Cascades Pkwy ROW vacation*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**
AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PORTION OF A CERTAIN ALLEY (HEREINAFTER REFERED TO AS LAKE CASCADES PARKWAY VACATION) IN THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

Discussion:

Councilman Palmer asked why this is listed as an alley in the right-of-way. Director Cordonnier replied it is a clerical error. It technically is not an alley.

First reading of the Ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Wobser noted that the City Auditor would normally come to Council with the mid-year budget update, but since Council has been going over the City's budget almost every Council meeting lately, he recommended pushing the mid-year budget review to be with the pre-budget meeting instead. He asked City Auditor Staschiak what month the budget hearing is. City Auditor Staschiak replied it is usually in late September to early October.

Mayor Muryn is looking for feedback on the financial reports she has been providing. She is looking for confirmation that she is providing useful information.

Mayor Muryn reminded Council that it was discussed earlier this year to provide a zoning map timeline because the next step is to have a public meeting. Information will be sent out to properties that have a rezone associated with them and provide an opportunity to opt-out if they do not want a rezone of their property. There will eventually be a virtual public meeting or two depending on what is heard from them. Those meetings will be recorded and be available for the public to view. The Hancock Regional Planning Commission and the Zoning Department are available to answer specific questions.

Mayor Muryn informed Council that some citizens have reached out to her about the detox facility that was approved by the City Planning Commission last week. She informed Council that it is not a recovery facility and is a detox facility which are two (2) very different things. A detox facility is when someone has decided to get clean and start a recovery process and have made the decision to go through the withdrawal process. It is a short-term facility with a maximum 14-day stay with a very specific structure in the permit and conditional use that is given to them. It is not a long-term facility. The streaming of the City Planning Commission meeting on this contains a lot of really good discussion. This will be a valuable facility for the community that will help others. The City will keep a watchful eye on them and will work closely with them to make sure that it is an asset to the community and not something that causes issues.

Councilman Wobser asked Mayor Muryn if she is in favor of this change for that property. Mayor Muryn replied she is.

Mayor Muryn informed Council that there has been a recent development in the local news about the arrest of Father Michael Zacharias, former priest at St Michaels. She encouraged everyone to pray for those affected, the hurt that it causes, and recognize that behavior and this instance is unacceptable. As citizens, community leaders, children, parents, and friends, we have to make sure that we coming along side and upholding the knowledge that any sexual exploitation is not acceptable. We need to be the voice for those that are in troubling situations, and also make sure we create an environment for those put in those situations who are victims to those acts are able to come forward. It will be interesting to see how our community goes through this situation, but she encourages everyone to move forward as a community. We do not need to be placing blame. This is something that started outside of our community, but is ending here. While she is glad it is being brought forward rather than continuing, it will be tough. She appreciates everyone's thoughts and prayers for everyone involved. She is very grateful for the FBI and investigators who have had to witness this and investigate these types of situations on a daily basis.

Councilman Wobser asked if the Findlay Police Department was involved with this. Mayor Muryn replied they were not involved in the investigation and were just notified of it this morning just prior to the arrest. The Police Department has made themselves available if there is anything they can do to assist. Based off all the information they have received, these are incidents that have occurred prior to Mr. Zacharias coming to the community, but a full investigation will be done to ensure that nothing occurred here. All indications at this point show that the allegations happened before he came to our community.

President of Council Harrington asked if the Census is still going on. Mayor Muryn replied that the end date has been moved up and that it will no longer be the end of October that they will be wrapping it up and will be done the end of September. Hancock County is above the State and National average, but still has a way to go. Canvassers are in the area and are going to households that have not responded. She provided a press release last week that the Census Bureau had put out on their credentials that residents need to be looking for if someone comes to their home. She will email that out to Councilmembers so that they are informed and can share it with their constituents. Canvassers will not ask for political information, banking information, or social security numbers. If they ask for that information, they are not with the Census Bureau.

Councilman Niemeyer asked how abutting property owners are notified for re-zones and alley vacations. Mayor Muryn replied that notices are mailed to the abutting property owners that are populated from the County Auditor's website. They go to where the property tax bills are sent.

Councilman Palmer moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Slough. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

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