

At 5:10 p.m., Mayor Condrey called the City Council work session meeting to order in Conference Room 2C, Second Floor of the City Building.

City Council Members present: A. Vitori, M. Nenni, T. Moon, J. Mulligan, N. Condrey.

Mindy Muller, Community Development Professionals, presented information about the 2020-21 Annual Action Plan and the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan. She explained that the City receives an annual allocation of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funded activities align to the City's goal of creating a livable and sustainable community and these funds are used to create strong, sustainable and inclusive communities and affordable housing. She explained that the City receives two Entitlement Grants. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is used for a wide range of community development needs. The 2020-21 award amount is \$733,171. The HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) – used to create affordable housing for low-income households. The 2020-21 award amount is estimated to be \$263,833.

The Community Development Block Grant meets national objectives:

- Benefit low to moderate income
- Prevent slums or blight
- Address urgent community needs
- Used for eligible spending activities
- Not less than 70% of spending must benefit low to moderate income persons

The HOME Program is in consortium with Butler County and its eligible activities include:

- Rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing;
- Assistance to home buyers;
- Acquisition, rehabilitation, or construction of rental housing;
- Tenant-based rental assistance
- Benefit low-mod income households

She discussed the planning process for the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan; the five year community-based (place-based) planning document. The Consolidated Plan describes needs, resources, priorities, strategies, goals, and proposed activities for Entitlement Grant programs and includes mapping to see how funds are used geographically. It also identifies anticipated leveraged funds and describes how other planning efforts inform Consolidated Plan. The plan includes citizen participation such as:

- Community Conversations
- Current plans/existing reflections/responses
- Response to RFP/Surveys
- Public Hearings
- Written comments on ConPlan/Annual Action Plan
- Meet with City Council
- 30-Day Comment Period (3/9/20 – 4/8/20)
- All written comments (or oral at the public hearing) must be addressed in the final submitted plan.
- Copies of the plan to be placed at the library, senior center, community center and on the City's website during comment period.
- Public Hearings – March 3 and April 7, 2020

She explained the Consolidated Plan HUD Priorities/Requirements such as:

- Coordination with Existing Plans
- Collaboration with providers
- Cooperation with other public entities
- Leverage/coordination with other HUD programs/funding
  - BMHA/Section 8
  - CoC Funding
- Housing for LMI households
  - Special needs
  - Quality housing – decent, safe and sanitary
  - Availability
  - Access
  - Maintenance
- Fair housing – equal opportunity; address impediments to fair housing choice
- Activities and projects that benefit LMI residents

She discussed the emerging needs and priorities of the Consolidated Plan such as:

- Housing Activities
  - Down payment assistance (convert renters to homeowners)
  - Incentivize work/live households

## ROLL CALL

## PRESENTATIONS 2020-21 Annual Action Plan

## 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan

- Repairs/rehab for existing homeowners
- Competitive housing stock
- Workforce Development
- Youth activities/centers
- Social services
  - Mental health
  - Substance use treatment
- Removal of blight
- Street resurfacing/beautification
- Focus on Oakland Neighborhood

Coordination of existing plans such as:

- *What If* Middletown
- Chamber of Commerce Focus Areas
- City of Middletown Housing Policy
- Danter Housing Study
- Comprehensive Plan – Middletown
- United Way bold goals
- BCHHC CoC Plan

She discussed the planning process for the Program Year Annual Action Plan which implements strategies and identifies activities to address priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan covers May 1, 2020-April 30, 2021. Requests for proposals were advertised and disseminated and due January 31, 2020. There were nine subrecipient proposals received totaling \$400,914.

- Public Services = \$161,984
  - Public Facilities = \$168,930
  - Housing = \$70,000
- CBI Middletown                   \$60,000
  - HOME                                 \$7,000
  - PWC                                   \$50,000
  - Hope House (Men's)             \$79,984
  - Legal Aid                           \$15,000
  - SELF                                 \$20,000
  - Hope House (Women's)         \$49,000
  - Central Connections             \$69,930
  - Feed the Hungry                 \$50,000

She discussed the current activities for Program Year 2019 such as:

- Street resurfacing \$332,853
- Demolition \$100,000
- Emergency Home Repair
  - SELF \$17,500
  - PWC \$50,000
- Community Activities
  - Community Building Institute (CBI) \$60,000
- Fair Housing- Legal Aid \$20,000

She discussed the following recommended activities for Program Year 2020:

- Focus on Oakland Neighborhood
  - Continue emergency home repair
    - SELF \$20,000
    - PWC \$50,000
  - Continue down payment assistance (HOME funds = \$268,833)
  - Community Improvements
    - Beautification/ Street resurfacing
  - Continue Fair Housing
    - HOME \$7,000
    - Legal Aid \$15,000
- Community Activities
  - Community Building Institute (CBI) \$30,000
- Workforce Development
  - Community Building Institute (CBI) \$30,000

**2020 Annual Action Plan CDBG Budget**

Emergency Repair Assistance (SELF/PWC)	\$70,000
Fair Housing (H.O.M.E./Legal Aid)	\$22,000
Community Center Activities	\$30,000
Workforce Development (CBI)	\$30,000
Oakland Beautification/Infrastructure	\$434,537
Administration	<u>\$146,634</u>

(Anticipated) TOTAL = \$733,171  
Down Payment Assistance (HOME) \$268,833

At 5:45 p.m., Mayor Condrey called the City Council meeting to order in Council Chambers, Lower Level of the City Building.

**ROLL CALL**

City Council Members present: M. Nenni, T. Moon, J. Mulligan, N. Condrey, A. Vitori.

Mayor Condrey recognized the following student athletes that have signed letters of intent to play sports at the college level. Mayor Condrey stated that their City leaders are proud of them and happy to share their successes and to celebrate their futures.

- Tyree Hyman attending Tiffin for soccer, his parents are Amber and Jeremy Hyman.
- Cheikh Fall attending Eastern Kentucky University for football, his parents are Djily Fall and Rocinda Cain.
- Kylen McGill attending Urbana for football, his parents are Anthony McGill and Terri Mack.
- Arianna Layne attending Wilmington for softball, her parents are Charles and Eva Layne.
- Carly Metcalf attending IUPUI for softball, her parents are Laura and Christopher Metcalf.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
2020 ANNUAL  
ACTION PLAN**

The City of Middletown, as directed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is submitting its Program Year 2020 Annual Action Plan, setting the program activities and budget for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Ms. Vitori discussed implementing some version of a \$1,000 relocation incentive for people to move to Middletown. Ms. Cohen explained that there were restrictions on HUD money but that they could look at different options to create an incentive program. Mayor Condrey opened the public hearing at 5:52 p.m. and asked for those who wished to speak in favor of the Program Year 2020 Annual Action Plan; hearing none she called for those who wished to speak in opposition to the Program Year 2020 Annual Action Plan; hearing none, the hearing was closed at 5:53 p.m.

**Major Arrasmith  
Warren County  
Drug Task Force**

Steve Arrasmith, Warren County Drug Task Force Commander, thanked the City Council for their support and commended the Middletown Police Chief and the officers for their hard work. He presented the 2019 year in review and explained that the Warren County Drug Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional unit specializing in the investigation of drug trafficking, prescription drug diversion, money laundering and other drug related crimes. Our area of operation is all of Warren County and the City of Wilmington in Clinton County. The Warren County Drug Task Force continues to be an initiative of the Ohio HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area), based in Cleveland, Ohio. The HIDTA program provides assistance to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug trafficking regions of the nation. HIDTA assistance is granted through the Executive Office of the President of the United States, Office of Drug Control Policy. Our Drug Task Force has been a HIDTA Initiative since 2004. As a result of the HIDTA program, the Warren County Drug Task Force includes multiple local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, combining resources and working together toward a common goal which allows us to operate more efficiently. This allows us to target larger criminal organizations, some stretching to our southern-most borders of the United States and beyond. This collaboration of resources results in a better coordinated effort to address all levels of drug trafficking and abuse with a concentrated effort toward mid to upper level offenders. The Warren County Drug Task Force provides specialized drug enforcement services including a team of detectives & agents with advanced training in the area of covert law enforcement operations. This team uses a variety of techniques and tactics to target those involved in drug trafficking activities in our community. Also serving our jurisdiction is a full-time detective specializing in the investigation of prescription drug diversion crimes. We continue our highway interdiction efforts with the assistance of our Ohio State Highway Patrol partners who provide a full-time uniformed interdiction team with K9's to our task force. This highly trained team aggressively patrols the roadways of Warren County and southwest Ohio focusing on bulk shipments of illegal drugs in transit from various source cities across the United States. This team also provides full time support to task force operations, as plain clothes investigations oftentimes move rapidly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Enforcement and Investigative Operations are supported by a Criminal Intelligence Analyst provided by the Ohio National Guard, Counterdrug Unit and an Investigative Assistant from the Warren County Sheriff's Office. These support personnel provide ongoing assistance to investigators and are valued members of our unit. The Warren County Drug Task Force is governed by a controlling authority known as the Policy Board. During 2019, we welcomed the addition of the Harveysburg Police Department to our Policy Board. Our Policy Board currently consists of the Warren County Sheriff, Warren and Clinton County Prosecutor's, Clearcreek Township Police Department, Franklin Police Department, Hamilton Township Police Department, Harveysburg Police Department, Lebanon Police Department, Loveland Police Department, Maineville Police Department, Mason Police Department, Monroe Police Department, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), Springboro Police Department, Waynesville Police Department and the Wilmington Police Department. The Policy Board provides ongoing input and oversight regarding all Drug Task Force operations. It also establishes the policies under which our Drug Task Force operates. The Drug Task Force

Commander reports directly to the Policy Board, and ensures the board remains fully briefed on all Drug Task Force activities during monthly Policy Board meetings.

The Warren County Drug Task Force could not operate without the dedicated men and women assigned to our unit. Our staffing levels can fluctuate throughout the year, as member agency needs and detective rotations are oftentimes unavoidable. Rotating personnel presented challenges during 2019, as several experienced investigators and agents rotated back to their home agencies and/or retired. We continue to work through the necessary training to ensure our newly assigned staff is prepared for their new assignment. We began 2019 with a staff of 23 law enforcement and support personnel provided by the Warren County Sheriff's Office, Warren County Prosecutor's Office, Springboro Police Department, Lebanon Police Department, Franklin Police Department, Wilmington Police Department, Monroe Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP) and the Ohio National Guard, Counterdrug Unit. We are fortunate to have such a diverse and talented team of law enforcement professionals working to reduce the supply of illegal drugs in our jurisdiction. These dedicated men and women are committed to improving the quality of life in our communities and are proud to serve the citizens of Warren County and the City of Wilmington in Clinton County. We would like to thank these agencies for their continued support, and for providing these specially trained, dedicated and professional individuals.

Most personnel assigned to the Drug Task Force are fully funded by their home agencies. Because of the unique structure of our unit, some personnel as well as all operating expenses are funded by other means, such as grants and governmental entity contributions. The long-term sustainability of our task force remains challenging, however the commitment from our local communities and the Warren County Commissioners remains strong. Annual contributions are requested based upon one dollar per resident using the most recent Census numbers. Without these additional funds our Drug Task Force would be unable to safely and effectively operate. During 2018 and 2019, as a result of continued funding shortages, we asked each of our community partners to consider increasing their contribution toward our overall funding. Several communities graciously did just that and contributed more than the dollar amount requested. We remain thankful to each jurisdiction for their contribution, and continued partnership. The ongoing assignment of full-time personnel and the financial contributions from each of our communities sends a clear message of commitment to the mission of the Warren County Drug Task Force. Additional funding sources for the Drug Task Force include the Ohio HIDTA program, the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), the Drug Law Enforcement Grant (DLE), the Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement Fund, as well as annual contributions from the Warren County Commissioners. During 2019, we received financial contributions from the following entities: Board of County Commissioners (Warren County), Butler, Carlisle, Clearcreek Township, Corwin, Deerfield Township, Franklin Township, Hamilton Township, Harveysburg, Lebanon, Loveland, Maineville, Mason, Massie Township, Pleasant Plain, South Lebanon, Turtlecreek Township, Union Township, Washington Township, Wayne Township and Waynesville. The Warren County Drug Task Force remains committed to providing specialized drug enforcement services to the communities we serve. This continued partnership remains essential to our existence and is sincerely appreciated.

The Warren County Drug Task Force remains the only unit within our jurisdiction conducting specialized drug investigations on a full-time basis. Our investigations continue to target all levels of drug trafficking with an emphasis on felony crimes, from the lowest level felonies to long-term federal conspiracy cases. The drug trafficking activities occurring in our jurisdiction remain much different than the open-air trafficking common in larger metropolitan areas. These factors contribute to the difficulty and length of time of our investigations. Many cases beginning this year will continue into 2020 and beyond. Drug trends remained consistent during 2019 with methamphetamine, fentanyl, LSD and prescription drugs being most prevalent. Our investigations continue to identify Mexico as a primary source of supply for the methamphetamine and fentanyl seized in our area. Drugs arriving from the southwest border continue to flow through the Cincinnati and Dayton areas, and remain readily available for use by our addicted population. Drug Task Force seizure numbers, as reported by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, indicate Warren County as the 11<sup>th</sup> highest county in the State of Ohio for methamphetamine seizures, 7<sup>th</sup> highest for fentanyl seizures and 1<sup>st</sup> in the state for LSD seizures in 2019. Aggressive enforcement, as well as increased treatment and prevention efforts, continues to positively impact the fentanyl crisis in our area. Although the opiate problem remains a significant concern, we are thankful to see these numbers decrease in comparison to years past. The combined efforts of aggressive supply reduction and increased treatment and prevention programs continue to be effective. The investigation of prescription drug diversion crimes remain a priority for the Drug Task Force. During 2019, Warren County ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the State of Ohio for the highest number of prescription opiate drug seizures (5,917 unit doses) and 3<sup>rd</sup> for the seizure of other non-opiate prescription drugs (9,123 unit doses). Prescription drugs remain common drugs of abuse for many, especially those employed within the medical profession with increased accessibility to prescription drugs. This specialized area of investigation directly impacts the continued addiction crisis involving prescription opiates. The Warren County Drug Task Force remains one of the few Drug Task Forces in the State of Ohio providing a full-time investigative focus to drug diversion crimes. As

specific drug threats change, our commitment to target drug trafficking activities is unwavering. The investigation of drug trafficking offenses remains challenging as drug traffickers continue to evolve and learn many of the covert tactics commonly utilized by law enforcement. The ongoing specialized enforcement efforts of the Warren County Drug Task Force are critical as drug traffickers' prey upon our addicted population and directly impact the quality of life in our communities. During 2019, our investigative activity included 479 new cases and drug tips from our detective unit, and 314 cases from our uniform criminal patrol staff. These combined cases resulted in 308 felony arrests, and 149 misdemeanor arrests. Overall enforcement efforts led to 66 search warrants, 56 firearms seized, 2,008 traffic stops and 288 K9 deployments/sniffs.

We continue to support and participate in drug education & prevention efforts throughout our combined jurisdictions. The Drug Task Force recognizes that drug education for our community, especially our youth, must remain a priority. We are committed to this ongoing process of stopping addiction before it starts and realize that aggressive enforcement efforts alone remain insufficient.

The Warren County Drug Task Force recognizes that in order to be truly successful in our endeavors, the support and assistance of the general public, our local governmental entities and the Warren County Commissioners is essential. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving you in 2020. Please continue to report drug tips to the Drug Task Force or to your local law enforcement agency. No one can identify suspicious activity in our neighborhoods better than those who live there. Please contact us by email at [drugtips@wcdtf.org](mailto:drugtips@wcdtf.org) or call our office at 513-695-0070.

Carolyn Tepe explained that the mission of the decennial census is to be the nation's leading provider of quality data of its people and the economy. The plan is to conduct a high quality 2020 census that fulfills our goal to count every person, once and only once and in the right place. The Constitution of the United States mandates in Article 1, Section 2 that an "enumeration" be made of the populous within every subsequent term of 10 years. She provided a brief history of the census. Census data accurately determines how many representatives each state has in Congress and inform the redrawing of congressional district boundaries. Census data is used as the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to states, counties, and communities to support resources such as schools, hospitals, and fire departments. It is also used to make informed business decisions, policy, community initiatives, and consumer advocacy.

The Census Bureau recognizes a range of sociodemographic and other groups as hard-to-count. The following persons, many served or engaged by nonprofits, are at risk of being undercounted in the 2020 census. The following individuals are considered hard-to-locate; hard-to-contact; hard-to-persuade; and/or hard-to-interview:

- Renters
- Young, mobile persons
- Low income persons
- Young children
- Persons who do not speak English fluently (or have limited English proficiency)
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning persons
- Racial and ethnic minorities
- Persons with mental and/or physical disabilities

She discussed the importance of Census Ambassadors that help to increase participation by reducing the barriers and helping to address individuals' concern about data privacy and confidentiality, fear of repercussions, distrust of government, and feeling that it doesn't matter if you are counted. These Census Ambassadors increase the understanding of how the Census benefits everyone and secures the future for our communities.

Ms. Tepe discussed the importance of Complete Count Committees comprised of a broad spectrum of government and community leaders from advocacy, education, business, healthcare, and elected officials. These trusted voices develop and implement a 2020 Census awareness campaign based upon their knowledge of the local community to encourage a response.

The 2020 Census is easy, safe and important. People can respond:

- Online, for the first time ever, it is secure and accessible anytime and anywhere.
- Phone, toll free with support in 12 languages.
- By mail, short form mailed to those who have not responded by April 8<sup>th</sup>.

She reviewed the timeline for invitations to respond to the census and further communication for non-responses. She stated that any census worker that comes to your door will have a federal ID badge, a clearly marked Census cell phone and a Census logoed bag. She reminded everyone that the information collected by the Census is encrypted and cannot be released until 72 years after it is collected.

She discussed the American Community Survey that is going on simultaneously- it replaces the Census "long form." She discussed the way that the data will be available at [data.census.gov](http://data.census.gov). The Census

Carolyn Tepe,  
U.S. Census Bureau  
2020 Census

	is available to attend meetings and events and share census information. Census jobs are still available and people may apply online at census.gov.
<b>CITY MANAGER REPORT</b>	Acting City Manager Cohen invited Health Commissioner Phillips to provide an update on the Coronavirus.
<b>Novel Coronavirus</b>	Health Commissioner Jackie Phillips provided an update on the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus). She explained that all employers, schools, and agencies need to consider how best to decrease the spread of acute respiratory illness and lower the impact of COVID-19 in their workplace and represented communities in the event of an outbreak in the US. The objectives are to protect the community by reducing transmission and to maintain operations. She discussed the symptoms of a COVID-19 infection which include subjective or measured fever, cough, or difficulty breathing. If people feel feverish or develop cough or difficulty breathing, they should take their temperature, limit contact with others, and seek health advice by telephone from a healthcare provider or their local health department to determine whether medical evaluation is needed. She explained that some people who have the virus are asymptomatic but can still spread the virus to others. She discussed the 3 C's which to Cover your coughs and sneezes, Clean frequently wash your hands with soap and warm water and Contain your germs by staying home if you are sick. She explained that the Health Department is preparing in the event of an outbreak in the United States.
<b>Invoice Cloud</b>	City Manager Cohen introduced "Invoice Cloud" a new software program that will make paying utility bills easier and more efficient. Invoice Cloud provides pay on demand, pay by text, automatic billing and allows for a better rate on credit card charges to the City.
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>	<p>Receive and File Board and Commission Minutes:  Citizens Advisory Board- January 16, June 19 and December 18, 2019  Library Board- January 21, 2020</p> <p>To confirm the promotional appointment of Richard Clark to the position of Public Works Leader in the Department of Public Works and Utilities, Sewer Maintenance Division.  To approve the purchase a new Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD PPV off the ODAS Contract for the Division of Police in the total amount of \$36,481 from Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora LLC.  To approve a contract with Champion Cleaning Specialists, Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio, in the amount of \$49,780 for the cleaning of the clarifiers at the Water Treatment Plant.  To approve the purchase of upfit packages for four 2020 Ford PPV Utility vehicles from Phoenix Upfitters, LLC, of Middletown, OH, in the amount of \$50,520, including installation.</p> <p>Mr. Moon moved to approve the issues and actions listed on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Mulligan seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Nenni, Ms. Vitori.</p>
<b>MOTION AGENDA</b>	<p>To extend the DORA Hours in observance of St. Patrick's Day, beginning at 8 a.m. until midnight on Saturday, March 14, 2020.</p> <p>Mr. Mulligan moved to extend the DORA Hours in observance of St. Patrick's Day, beginning at 8 a.m. until midnight on Saturday, March 14, 2020. Mr. Moon seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon.</p>
<b>COUNCIL COMMENTS</b>	
<b>Ms. Nenni</b>	Ms. Nenni congratulated the student athletes and thanked Major Arrasmith and Carolyn Tepe for attending the meeting and sharing information. She invited everyone to attend the upcoming downtown First Friday events.
<b>Mr. Moon</b>	Mr. Moon congratulated the student athletes and wished them well. He offered his condolences to the Cohen family on the loss of Wilbur Cohen. There are few that have given back to their community the way that the Cohen family has.
<b>Ms. Vitori</b>	Ms. Vitori offered her condolences to the Cohen family and stated that Wilbur and the Cohens represent the best of what is possible in Middletown. She asked if Council Comments could be moved to after Citizen's Comments on the agenda. Mr. Mulligan and Mr. Moon concurred to make that change in the agendas going forward. She announced Thrive in the Hive, a special event focused on bringing women entrepreneurs to downtown.
<b>Ms. Condrey</b>	Ms. Condrey offered her condolences to the Cohen family and encouraged everyone to continue in his legacy of service.
<b>Waive Charter</b>	Mr. Mulligan moved to suspend the Charter provision that requires reading on two separate days and to declare Ordinance No. O2020-13 and Resolution No. R2020-05 emergency measures to be read one time only. Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan.
<b>Ord. No. O2020-13 Purchase Water</b>	Ordinance No. O2020-13, an ordinance establishing a procedure for and authorizing a contract with Badger Meter, Inc. for the purchase of water meters and declaring an emergency was read.

**Meters**

Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Ordinance No. 02020-13, an ordinance establishing a procedure for and authorizing a contract with Badger Meter, Inc. for the purchase of water meters and declaring an emergency. Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey.

**Ord. No. 02020-05  
Designate the Oakland  
Historic District**

Ordinance No. 02020-05, an ordinance designating properties located in an area generally bounded by First Avenue to the north, Verity Parkway, south-side of Woodlawn and Parkview Avenue to the West, the Pioneer Cemetery property, Cohen Brothers, Inc. and the west-side of Lamneck Street to the east and Calumet Avenue to the south as the Oakland Historic District was read for the second time.

City Manager Cohen acknowledged that there was a delay between the first and second reading of this legislation. AK Steel requested that two properties be removed from the local Historic District. The removal of these two properties will not negatively impact the local Historic District. These properties will be included in the National Registry. She explained that this is a good compromise.

Mr. Mulligan commented that he had received some questions and concerns and he explained that smaller homes are part of the historic fabric of the community and that this area redeveloping and these smaller homes may be attractive to new families.

Mr. Moon thanked City staff and Dan Barton and Dan Mayzum for all of their hard work. I believe that this project will be transformational in the history of Middletown.

Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Ordinance No. 02020-05, an ordinance designating properties located in an area generally bounded by First Avenue to the north, Verity Parkway, south-side of Woodlawn and Parkview Avenue to the West, the Pioneer Cemetery property, Cohen Brothers, Inc. and the west-side of Lamneck Street to the east and Calumet Avenue to the south as the Oakland Historic District. Mr. Moon seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:41 p.m. Mr. Mulligan moved to adjourn to executive session under the authority of O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Mr. Moon seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Nenni, Ms. Vitori.

At 6:54 p.m. Mr. Moon moved to return to regular session. Mr. Mulligan seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon.

**Res. No. R2020-05  
Accept One Ohio MOU**

**Resolution No. R2020-05**, a resolution to accept the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding between the state of Ohio and other local governments in Ohio and declaring an emergency was read.

Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Resolution No. R2020-05, a resolution to accept the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding between the state of Ohio and other local governments in Ohio and declaring an emergency. Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**


At 6:56 p.m. Mr. Mulligan moved to adjourn to executive session under the authority of O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (8) To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply:

(1) The information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715., 725., 1724., or 1728. or sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project.

(2) A unanimous quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project. Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:28 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned until March 5, 2020 at noon at the Marcum Apartments in Hamilton, Ohio.

  
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Nicole Condrey, Mayor

Attest: 