

At 5:30 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: Z. Ferrell, T. Moon, M. Nenni, N. Condrey.

EXCUSE ABSENCE

Ms. Condrey moved to excuse Mr. Muterspaw’s absence. Mr. Ferrell seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Ms. Condrey, Mr. Ferrell.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Moon

Mr. Moon expressed his appreciation to Marlon Styles for his work these last five years in the City. He became a friend and I certainly wish him the best in all that he does. He's very talented and I know he's going to be successful at whatever comes next. I also want to congratulate Deborah Houser on being selected as superintendent, I have always enjoyed working with her and I know she's going to do great things for our kids in the City.

Ms. Nenni

Ms. Nenni echoed Mr. Moon’s comments about the former and newly appointed school superintendents. We’re very lucky to have some people who care a lot about our kids and who work really hard on their behalf. I want to wish everyone a fun and safe St. Patrick’s Day.

Mr. Ferrell

Mr. Ferrell commented that St. Patty's Day is his favorite holiday. Congratulations to everybody that is moving on and moving up and happy birthday Councilwoman Nenni. Councilman Muterspaw and I met with people in the Amanda area a couple weeks ago to see how they feel about the City and what they're looking for. I’m going to try to go around to a couple of the different neighborhoods over the next year and see what the vibe of the city is in their opinion. When I came into this job, it was how do we do these grand things for Middletown and you learn by talking to people. Sometimes its things like a bus route or we're paying for septic inspections but originally, we were promised city sewer, little things like that is what people really care about. We're looking into a lot of the things they asked about. It's exciting to get out there and just talk to people and continue to listen and I think that's what our job is, so I appreciate everybody that came out to that.

Ms. Condrey

Ms. Condrey commented that she attended the Chambers K-12 Public Education Summit and learned that Middletown City Schools are being extremely negatively impacted by the use of vaping products. It's clogging the plumbing systems in the schools and costing tens of thousands of dollars and taking away from children's ability to be educated. All of these superintendents agreed that it is a problem. The City’s Board of Health and Health Department are working on a Tobacco 21 licensing program. We're currently in the education aspect of that and I believe next year is when we'll be rolling out the licensing portion. Currently vape shops don't really have any oversight so that will help that here in Middletown and hopefully we'll be able to curb at least the sales of vaping and tobacco to our underage (under 21) youth. On March 27th, I am meeting with Hamilton and Fairfield Mayors specifically about this topic and the ordinances that our cities are putting in place so that we can all kind of stay consistent and share best practices.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Lolli commented that St. Patty's Day is one of my favorite holidays too but also one of the saddest days to me. Even though I claim my Italian heritage my mother's actual name was Patty O’Flynn and you can't get any more Irish than that. Ironically, she passed away on 40 years ago on St. Patty's Day. She was a great woman.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Condrey moved to remove the City Council minutes of January 21, 2023 from the consent agenda. Mr. Moon seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Moon, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Ferrell.

Confirm the personnel appointments of Joseph Stafford to the position of Patrol Officer in the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police; Emmaline Meyer to the position of Fire-fighter-EMT in the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire; and Travis Banks to the position of Senior Account Clerk in the Department of Finance, Division of Water and Sewer Administration.

Confirm the promotional appointment of Crystal Combs to the position of Executive Account Clerk in the Department of Finance, Division of Tax

Receive and file an Oath of Office for Matthew Salyers

Appoint the following board and commission members:

Cemetery Board: Belinda Cox

Citizens Advisory Board to the Police: Paul Gomia

Ms. Nenni moved to approve the issues and actions listed on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Moon seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Condrey, Mr. Ferrell, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon.

MOTION AGENDA

Clayton Property Solutions Gateway

To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Clayton Property Solutions for the maintenance and enhancement of landscaping at the S.R. 122 and I-75 interchange, known as the Gateway in an amount not-to-exceed \$135,000 with the option to extend the contract and unit pricing, per the attached bid tab, for three additional twelve-month periods through

Maintenance Contract	<p>December 31, 2026, by mutual agreement of the parties.</p> <p>Ms. Nenni moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Clayton Property Solutions for the maintenance and enhancement of landscaping at the S.R. 122 and I-75 interchange, known as the Gateway in an amount not-to-exceed \$135,000 with the option to extend the contract and unit pricing, per the attached bid tab, for three additional twelve-month periods through December 31, 2026, by mutual agreement of the parties. Mr. Moon seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Condrey, Mr. Ferrell, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon.</p>
Waive Charter	<p>Ms. Nenni moved to suspend the Charter provision that requires reading on two separate days and 30 days to enactment and to declare Resolution No. R2023-05 an emergency measure and read one time only. Mr. Moon seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Ferrell, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Ms. Condrey.</p>
Ord. No. 02023-12 CDBG Funds Action Plan 2023	<p>Ordinance No. 02023-12, an ordinance authorizing the submission of an application for federal assistance, an Action Plan and a Projected Use of Funds, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended for Program Year 2023 was read for the second time.</p> <p>Ms. Nenni moved to approve Ordinance No. 02023-12, an ordinance authorizing the submission of an application for federal assistance, an Action Plan and a Projected Use of Funds, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended for Program Year 2023. Mr. Ferrell seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Ms. Condrey, Mr. Ferrell.</p>
Ord. No. 02023-13 Create North Union TIF	<p>Ordinance No. 02023-13, declaring the improvement of certain real property located in the City of Middletown, Warren County, Ohio to be a public purpose; declaring such property to be exempt from real property taxation; designating specific public infrastructure improvements that, once made, will directly benefit the parcels for which improvement is declared to be a public purpose; requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; establishing a Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund; authorizing payments to the Franklin City School District and the Warren County Career Center; and providing related authorizations pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40(B), 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.832 and 5709.85 was read for the second time.</p> <p>Ms. Nenni moved to approve Ordinance No. 02023-13, declaring the improvement of certain real property located in the City of Middletown, Warren County, Ohio to be a public purpose; declaring such property to be exempt from real property taxation; designating specific public infrastructure improvements that, once made, will directly benefit the parcels for which improvement is declared to be a public purpose; requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; establishing a Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund; authorizing payments to the Franklin City School District and the Warren County Career Center; and providing related authorizations pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40(B), 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.832 and 5709.85. Mr. Ferrell seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Nenni, Ms. Condrey, Mr. Ferrell. Abstain: Mr. Moon.</p>
Res. No. R2023-05 SAFER Grant	<p>Resolution No. R2023-05, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a SAFER Grant from the Department of Homeland Security and declaring an emergency was read.</p> <p>Ms. Nenni moved to approve Resolution No. R2023-05, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a SAFER Grant from the Department of Homeland Security and declaring an emergency. Mr. Moon seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Condrey, Mr. Ferrell, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon.</p>
Res. No. R2023-06 Amend Appropriations	<p>Resolution No. R2023-06, a resolution to make adjustments to appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Middletown, Counties of Butler and Warren, state of Ohio, for the period ending December 31, 2023 and declaring an emergency was read with no action requested until March 21, 2023. (General & Capital Improvement Funds)</p>
Ord. No. 02023-16 Contract with Trane HVAC City Building	<p>Ordinance No. 02023-16, an ordinance establishing a procedure for and authorizing a contract with Trane U.S. Inc. for the replacement of the HVAC system at the City Building and declaring an emergency was read with no action requested until March 21, 2023.</p>
Res. No. R2023-07 Amend Appropriations	<p>Resolution No. R2023-07, a resolution to make adjustments to appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Middletown, Counties of Butler and Warren, State of Ohio, for the period ending December 31, 2023 was read for the first time. (General Fund)</p>
Ord. No. 02023-17 Amend CBI Contract	<p>Ordinance No. 02023-17, an ordinance establishing a procedure for and authorizing an amendment of the contract with Community Building Institute for operation of the Community Center was read for the first time.</p>

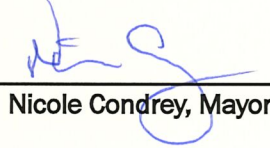
NEW BUSINESS

City Council discussed the neighborhood survey that is available now and the importance of getting as many responses as possible. It could be the first step in developing an organizational structure for a neighborhood commission to get our neighborhoods well represented and working together in our community.

There was also discussion about possibly subsidizing pool memberships for kids this year with ARPA funds. They asked members of the community who may have experience in this area to provide advice and guidance. There was additional discussion about providing programming such as swim lessons and water safety and the possibility of having more kids apply for subsidized memberships than was logistically realistic. Mr. Lolli will follow up with Forest Hills and report back to City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:37 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned until March 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.



Nicole Condrey, Mayor

Attest: Amy Schenck