

## MIDDLETOWN, OHIO

March 20, 2018

At 5:30 p.m., Vice-Mayor Moon called the City Council meeting to order in Council Chambers, Lower Level of the City Building.

## ROLL CALL

City Council Members present: S. Bohannon, J. Mulligan, T. Moon.

Staff Present: Nadine Begley, Susan Cohen, Amy Schenck, City Manager Doug Adkins, Scott Reeves.

Mr. Bohannon moved to excuse the absence of Mayor Mulligan and Ms. Vitori. Mr. J. Mulligan seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Moon, Mr. J. Mulligan.

**ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS**  
**Warren County Drug Task Force**

Major Steve Arrasmith of the Warren County Drug Task Force provided the 2017 Annual Report. He thanked Council for their support of law enforcement and commented that the Warren County Drug Task Force works closely with the Middletown Police Department. He explained that the mission of the task force is to target mid to upper level traffickers.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

## Darrell Banks

Mr. Darrell Banks, 5918 Hayden Drive, reported that he will be sending emails to Council that show the eyesores as people enter Middletown coming off mile marker 99 from the MetroParks facility; some of the pictures are on Downtown Middletown, Inc.'s website. He discussed an old fence; unimproved roads, sidewalk and alleyways; the lack of maintenance and upkeep of some properties; the incomplete painting of the Forest Hills Club; and the litter, pollution and odor of the immediate area. He also discussed the lack of security in the downtown on a 24/7 basis or at least as long as the latest downtown business hours. He discussed three incidents in which he or his family did not feel safe downtown. His wife and son were approached by panhandlers leaving Triple Moon Coffee and will only return if they can park on the side street or in front of the shop, but not in the rear parking lot. His wife and mother-in-law encountered panhandlers coming out of the alley beside Grandpa Joe's Candy Shop. He also had an incident with his family leaving Blast Furnace Pizza; that suspect was apprehended by police. He stated that the City needs to put some of the millions of tax dollars received from new companies into improving the downtown. The websites and the City needs to be attractive for people to come and visit and spend money and want to return. He stated that he works for the construction industry which built the new Middletown Energy Center and Suncoke which should be coming off of their abatement soon. We have lifelong Middletownians who are praying for change in the City and some newcomers who have invested most of their life savings along with their hearts and souls on rebuilding this City. It is our responsibility to act in an efficient manner and ensure that time is managed well and money is well spent.

## Dora Bronston

Dora Bronston, 4817 Earl Avenue, reminded everyone that the Middletown NAACP and AK Steel will host the Louie F. Cox Scholarship Banquet on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at Central Connections, 3907 Central Ave. The program will begin with a social hour at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. She asked about the resignations of Dustin Hurley, Joe Mulligan, Ami Vitori, John Langhorne, and Craig Baldwin from the Middletown Visitors Bureau.

## CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Mr. Adkins responded that Joe Mulligan and Ami Vitori resigned from the Middletown Visitors Bureau because of their positions on City Council. He explained that as the Middletown Visitors Bureau gets into its final form, the number of members will decrease to about 7.

Mr. Adkins discussed a request from Alumcliff Industries LLC concerning a small sliver of land that comes off of a piece of property that the City owns. Alumcliff Industries LLC would get the property rezoned and the lot split at their cost if the City would be willing to deed the property to them. This would allow them to build two more new homes in the subdivision off Jackson Lane.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve the City Council Minutes:** February 20, 2018

**Confirm Board & Commission Resignations of:** Dustin Hurley, Joe Mulligan, Ami Vitori, John Langhorne, and Craig Baldwin from the Middletown Visitors Bureau

**Confirm the Personnel Appointment of:** Ben Weaver, Maintenance Worker, Public Works and Utilities

**To authorize the purchase of three sedans** off the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' (ODAS) Cooperative Purchasing Contract from Middletown Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$54,858.

**To authorize the purchase of a Ford Explorer** for Detectives off the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' (ODAS) Cooperative Purchasing Contract from Lebanon Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$27,599.

**Confirm the Board & Commission Appointments of:**

Kathleen Batliner to the Civil Service Commission

Timothy Blashock to the Building and Housing Board of Appeals

Mr. Bohannon moved to approve the issues and actions listed on the Consent Agenda. Mr. J. Mulligan seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Moon, Mr. J. Mulligan.

**MOTION AGENDA**

**Authorize Sale  
621 Waite**

To authorize the sale of a City-owned vacant lot at 621 Waite to the adjacent property owner, Jonathon Herald, for \$500.

Mr. Bohannon moved to authorize the sale of a City-owned vacant lot at 621 Waite to the adjacent property owner, Jonathon Herald, for \$500. Mr. J. Mulligan seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Moon, Mr. J. Mulligan, Mr. Bohannon.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS  
Mr. Moon**

Mr. Moon commented that the Community Baby Shower was a great event at the Community Center.

**Res. No. R2018-06  
Amend Appro.**

**Resolution No. R2018-06**, 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, 2018, was read for the second time. (General Fund)

Mr. Bohannon moved to approve Resolution No. R2018-06, 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, 2018. (General Fund) Mr. J. Mulligan seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. J. Mulligan, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Moon.

**Ord. No. O2018-07  
Auth. Contract  
Howell Contractors**

**Ordinance No. O2018-07**, an ordinance establishing a procedure for and authorizing a contract with Howell Contractors, Inc. for the repair of the East Middletown Interceptor Sewer and declaring an emergency was read with no action requested until April 3, 2018.

**Ord. No. O2018-08  
Auth. Contract  
OBR Cooling Towers**

**Ordinance No. O2018-08**, an ordinance establishing a procedure for and authorizing a contract with OBR Cooling Towers, Inc. for the repair of cooling towers at the City Building, and declaring an emergency was read with no action requested until April 3, 2018.

**Ord. No. O2018-09  
Annexation**

**Ordinance No. O2018-09**, an ordinance setting forth municipal services that will be provided to 3.089 +/- acres located in Franklin Township, Warren County, Ohio, as required by Section 709.023 of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency was read with no action requested until April 3, 2018.

**Res. No. R2018-07  
Amend Appro.**

**Resolution No. R2018-07**, 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, 2018, (General Fund) was read for the first time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:57 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned until the Council meeting of April 3, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

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**Lawrence P. Mulligan, Jr., Mayor**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_