

At 4:30 p.m., Mayor Condrey called the Special City Council workshop meeting with the students of the Robert Sonny Hill Leadership Academy to discuss the youth opportunities and space at the Community Center to order in Council Chambers, Lower Level of the City Building.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION

The students from the Robert Sonny Hill Leadership Academy shared their ideas about how to improve the facilities and opportunities for young people at the Community Center. These ideas included upgrades to the recreation room, basketball courts, kitchen area and restrooms, adding art and study centers, and providing more outdoor activities. They discussed the leadership program and the different things they have learned through it.

PRESENTATION

Dan Foley, Director of the Great Miami Riverway Coalition explained that the Great Miami Riverway is more than 99 miles of river and paved trails – it is the entire Riverway region. This includes the towns and nature connected by the Riverway, and the activities and events that happen along the Riverway. The goals of the Great Miami Riverway are to increase use of recreational, historical, and cultural assets, attract more visitors, support economic development and strengthen river corridor neighborhoods. He explained that our brand is strongest when public and private join together in a shared vision. Over the last five years, the Coalition members have invested \$1 million into this initiative. He discussed the importance of connectivity of land and water. The Great Miami River Recreation Trail has been named best in Ohio by Ohio Magazine and is Ohio's only federally-designated National Water Trail. Mr. Foley discussed the Miami Conservancy District flood protection system and the Great Miami Aquifer which supplies 1.5 trillion gallons of water and serves 2.3 million people. He discussed the growth that is occurring in the communities along the riverway. The gap between Middletown and Franklin is scheduled to be completed this year. He outlined the strategic priorities such as creating and nurturing connections between Riverway Communities, building on the identity and expand awareness of the Great Miami Riverway, increasing investment in riverfront development along the river and in our communities and restructuring the Riverway Coalition and broaden the funding platform. The Great Miami Riverway Coalition strives to build a strong, vibrant network of communities connected along 99 miles of river by increasing economic and community investment to attract customers, jobs, and talented workers to SW Ohio.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Adrienne Scherrer

Adrienne Scherrer, 1028 Central Avenue, Middletown, OH, commented that many people in her family had worked at the Armco Research Center. She asked what was going on with the buildings and asked why it was no longer included in the Oakland Historic District. Mr. Palenick will explain it when the topic comes up for Council action later in the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Vitori

Ms. Vitori thanked everyone that participated in Kara-Palooza downtown. She thanked the students from the Robert Sonny Hill Leadership Academy for coming to talk to City Council. She expressed her desire to do more and improve recreation opportunities.

Mr. Moon

Mr. Moon commented that he was very impressed by the students from the Leadership Academy. He also supports improving recreation opportunities in the community.

Ms. Nenni

Ms. Nenni thanked the students from the Robert Sonny Hill Leadership Academy for coming to talk to City Council and thanked Mr. Foley for providing an update from the Great Miami Riverway Coalition. She encouraged people to take advantage of the Sound the Alarm Program which provides free smoke detectors for Middletown homes. Installation of the smoke detectors is also available at no cost.

CITY MANAGER

Mr. Palenick explained that tonight City Council will consider legislation authorizing a memorandum of understanding with OneCity for Recovery which provides case management services as a tool to deal with homelessness. There will be legislation coming at a future meeting that deals with security issues associated with homelessness. The City is working with Downtown Middletown Inc. to see if the agency has interest in hiring private security for downtown and the City would provide the funding for it out of CARES Act funds. The Police Department doesn't have the manpower to do it.

ROLL CALL

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the City Council Minutes of March 2 and March 16, 2021

Receive and file the following Board and Commission Minutes:

Cemetery Board- January 20, 2021

Civil Service Commission- February 25, March 18, April 15, 2021

Planning Commission- March 10, 2021

Confirm the personnel appointment of Jason Mossbarger to the position of Senior Electronics Technician in the Department of Public Works & Utilities, Division of Electronic Maintenance.

Confirm the promotional appointment of John Clark to the position of Equipment Operator in

the Department of Public Works & Utilities, Division of Street Maintenance.
Receive and file Oaths of Office for Rachel Combs, Rashawn Coston, Ashley Kothman, Lisa Robyn Rawlins
Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with A&A Safety, Inc. to proceed with the 2021 Pavement Marking Program.
Proclaim May as Military Caregivers Month

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

Waive Charter

Mr. Mulligan moved to suspend the Charter provision that requires reading on two separate days and to declare Ordinance No. O2021-10, Ordinance No. O2021-35, Ordinance No. O2021-38 Ordinance No. O2021-39, Ordinance No. O2021-40, Ordinance No. O2021-41, Ordinance No. O2021-42, Resolution No. R2021-19, Resolution No. R2021-20, Resolution No. R2021-21 and Resolution No. R2021-23 emergency measures to be read one time only. Mr. Moon seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Nenni, Ms. Vitori.

**Ord. No. O2021-35
GET Grant Program**

Ordinance No. O2021-35, an ordinance creating the 2021 Growth Expansion Transformation Grant Program for small businesses and declaring an emergency was read.

Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Ordinance No. O2021-35, an ordinance creating the 2021 Growth Expansion Transformation Grant Program for small businesses and declaring an emergency. Ms. Nenni seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon.

**Res. No. R2021-19
Amend Appropriations**

Resolution No. R2021-19, 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, 2021 and declaring an emergency was read. (Street Levy Fund)

Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Resolution No. R2021-19, 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, 2021 and declaring an emergency. (Street Levy Fund) Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan.

**Res. No. R2021-20
Purchase Property**

Resolution No. R2021-20, a resolution authorizing the purchase of real property from Premier Health and Atrium Medical Center and declaring an emergency was read.

Mr. Moon moved to approve Resolution No. R2021-20, a resolution authorizing the purchase of real property from Premier Health and Atrium Medical Center and declaring an emergency. Ms. Nenni seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Ms. Condrey. Abstain: Mr. Mulligan.

**Res. No. R2021-21
Fire Station Locations**

Resolution No. R2021-21, a resolution identifying four sites to be used for the relocation of city fire stations and declaring an emergency was read.

Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Resolution No. R2021-21, a resolution identifying four sites to be used for the relocation of city fire stations and declaring an emergency. Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori.

**Res. No. R2021-22
Amend Appropriations**

Resolution No. R2021-22, 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, 2021 was read for the second time. (General Fund and Police Grant Fund)

Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Resolution No. R2021-22, 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, 2021. (General Fund and Police Grant Fund) Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Nenni, Ms. Vitori.

**Ord. No. O2021-36
Enact Chapter 832
Of Codified Ord.**

Ordinance No. O2021-36, an ordinance to enact Chapter 832 (Massage Parlors) of the Middletown Codified Ordinances was read for the second time.

Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Ordinance No. O2021-36, an ordinance to enact Chapter 832 (Massage Parlors) of the Middletown Codified Ordinances. Ms. Nenni seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon.

**Ord. No. O2021-37
Authorize Land Swap**

Ordinance No. O2021-37, an ordinance authorizing a land swap and development agreement with Dickie D. Brandon, Trustee of the O.L.C. Revocable Land Trust, Dickie Brandon and Phillip Brandon was read for the second time.

<p>Ord. No. 02021-10 MOU with OneCity For Recovery</p>	<p>Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Ordinance No. 02021-37, an ordinance authorizing a land swap and development agreement with Dickie D. Brandon, Trustee of the O.L.C. Revocable Land Trust, Dickie Brandon and Phillip Brandon. Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan.</p>
<p>Ord. No. 02021-38 Amend PBO</p>	<p>Ordinance No. 02021-10, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a memorandum of understanding with OneCity for Recovery and declaring an emergency was read.</p> <p>Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Ordinance No. 02021-10, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a memorandum of understanding with OneCity for Recovery and declaring an emergency. Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey.</p> <p>Ordinance No. 02021-38, an ordinance amending the pay and benefits ordinances, Ordinance No. 02020-69 and Ordinance No. 02020-70, as amended, and declaring an emergency was read.</p> <p>Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Ordinance No. 02021-38, an ordinance amending the pay and benefits ordinances, Ordinance No. 02020-69 and Ordinance No. 02020-70, as amended, and declaring an emergency. Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori.</p>
<p>Ord. No. 02021-39 Central Connections</p>	<p>Ordinance No. 02021-39, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with Central Connections and declaring an emergency was read.</p> <p>Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Ordinance No. 02021-39, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with Central Connections and declaring an emergency. Ms. Condrey seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Nenni, Ms. Vitori.</p>
<p>Ord. No. 02021-40 CBI Grant</p>	<p>Ordinance No. 02021-40, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with Community Building Institute and declaring an emergency was read.</p> <p>Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Ordinance No. 02021-40, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with Community Building Institute and declaring an emergency. Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon.</p>
<p>Ord. No. 02021-41 Co-op Agreement Port Authority</p>	<p>Ordinance No. 02021-41, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Middletown Port Authority and Warren County Port Authority related to port authority projects within their legally-authorized jurisdictions and declaring an emergency was read.</p> <p>Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Ordinance No. 02021-41, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Middletown Port Authority and Warren County Port Authority related to port authority projects within their legally-authorized jurisdictions and declaring an emergency. Ms. Nenni seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan.</p>
<p>Ord. No. 02021-42 CBA Fire</p>	<p>Ordinance No. 02021-42, an ordinance authorizing a collective bargaining agreement with the International Association of Firefighters, Local #336 for the years January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 and declaring an emergency was read.</p> <p>Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Ordinance No. 02021-42, an ordinance authorizing a collective bargaining agreement with the International Association of Firefighters, Local #336 for the years January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 and declaring an emergency. Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey.</p>
<p>Ord. No. R2021-23 Purchase Property</p>	<p>Resolution No. R2021-23, a resolution authorizing the purchase of real property from CERTA Middletown, LLC and declaring an emergency was read.</p> <p>Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Resolution No. R2021-23, a resolution authorizing the purchase of real property from CERTA Middletown, LLC and declaring an emergency. Mr. Moon seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori.</p>
<p>Ord. No. 02021-43 2021 CDBG Annual Action Plan</p>	<p>Ordinance No. 02021-43, 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 2021 and declaring an emergency was read with no action requested until May 18, 2021.</p>

Res. No. R2021-24
Amend Appropriations

Resolution No. R2021-24, 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, 2021 and declaring an emergency was read with no action requested until May 18, 2021. (General & Storm Water Funds)

Ord. No. O2021-44
Contract to Purchase
5 Buses

Ordinance No. O2021-44, an ordinance establishing a procedure for and authorizing a contract with MCI and Butler County Regional Transit Authority for the purchase of up to five 45-foot heavy duty commuter coaches was read for the first time.

Res. No. R2021-25
Amend Appropriations

Resolution No. R2021-25, 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, 2021 was read for the first time. (Appropriation Transfer - Downtown Improvement Fund)

Res. No. R2021-26
Purchase 69 Main St.

Resolution No. R2021-26, a resolution authorizing the purchase of real property known as 69 S. Main Street from The Hutch, LLC. was read for the first time.

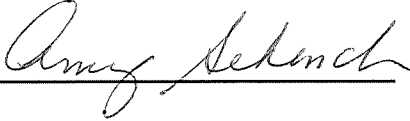
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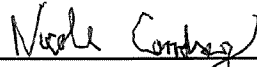
Mr. Mulligan asked about the process to make changes to the Urban Core Central (UCC).

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:52 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned until May 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Attest:





Nicole Condrey, Mayor