

MIDDLETOWN, OHIO

September 17, 2019

At 5:30 p.m., Mayor Mulligan called the City Council meeting to order in Conference Room 2C, Second Floor of the City Building.

ROLL CALL

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

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Mr. Adkins explained that the non-public safety budget would be presented on October 1st and the public safety budget would be presented on October 15th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles DeMario explained that Independent Energy Consultants are pioneers in the field of government energy aggregation. Independent Energy Consultants (IEC) specializes in managing electric and natural gas aggregation programs. IEC designs, implements and administers government energy aggregation programs to offer lower rates than what residents can get on their own. IEC has saved over \$200 million for the residents and small businesses that we serve through these programs and are confident that we can provide savings to Middletown.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the City Council minutes from August 20 and September 3, 2019
 Confirm the following personnel appointments:
 Jesse King to the position of Assistant Information Systems Director in the Department of Information Systems;
 Joseph Lietz to the position of Corrections Officer in the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police.
 Approve the purchase of liquid chlorine (Sodium Hypochlorite) from Miami Products & Chemical Co., of Dayton, Ohio, in the amount of \$0.82/gallon for use at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 Receive and File an Oath of Office for Johnathan Winkler
 Receive and File Board and Commission Minutes:
 Library Board- March 19, April 16 and May 21, 2019
 Board of Health- August 13, 2019

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, Mr. L. Mulligan, Ms. Vitori.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Vitori Traffic

Ms. Vitori discussed the need for traffic calming downtown and reported that there had been a light pole damaged and several instances of cars crashing into buildings. She commented that semi-trucks should not be on Central Avenue and that the current traffic pattern contributes to the number of accidents. For sixteen months downtown business owners have been asking for help. Mr. Adkins discussed the timeline of the transportation study, developing a plan and then presenting that plan to Ohio Department of Transportation. Ms. Vitori asked for more enforcement to deter speeding. Mr. Adkins reminded everyone that officers dedicated to traffic enforcement are included in the 2020 budget.

Summit

Ms. Vitori discussed putting together a Middletown Summit to get all of the stakeholders at the table quarterly or semiannually to share calendars and discuss upcoming events throughout the City. The initial meeting will be held in early December.

Parks/ Recreation

Ms. Vitori discussed the contract between Middletown Youth Soccer and the City to use Smith Park that expires in April 2020. She discussed some issues that had come up; Mr. Adkins encouraged her to send any issues to him, and that he will handle them as they come up. She stated that residents want more options for recreation in the City and requested a feasibility study for recreation. She announced that Dog Days Downtown was coming up on Friday, September 20th and that the Chamber Steak Fry was a great event.

Waive Charter

Mr. Moon moved to suspend the Charter provision that requires reading on two separate days and to declare Ordinance No. O2019-50, Ordinance No. O2019-51, Ordinance No. O2019-52, Resolution No. R2019-28 and Resolution No. R2019-29 emergency measures to be read one time only. Mr. Bohannon seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Moon, Mr. J. Mulligan, Mr. L. Mulligan, Mr. Bohannon, Ms. Vitori.

Ord. No. 02019-50 Adopt 2019 Supplement (S-12)

Ordinance No. 02019-50, an ordinance enacting and adopting the 2019 Supplement (S-12) to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Middletown, Ohio, and declaring an emergency was read.

 Mr. Moon moved to approve Ordinance No. O2019-50, an ordinance enacting and adopting the 2019 Supplement (S-12) to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Middletown, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Mr. J. Mulligan seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. J. Mulligan, Mr. L. Mulligan, Ms. Vitori, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Moon.

Ord. No. 02019-51

Ordinance No. 02019-51, an ordinance authorizing a collective bargaining agreement with AF-

Auth. CBA with AFSCME Local 856

SCME Local 856 (Public Works) for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, and declaring an emergency was read.

Ms. Vitori moved to approve Ordinance No. 02019-51, an ordinance authorizing a collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME Local 856 (Public Works) for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, and declaring an emergency. Mr. J. Mulligan seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. L. Mulligan, Ms. Vitori, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Moon, Mr. J. Mulligan.

Ord. No. 02019-52 Contract for Natural Gas

Ordinance No. 02019-52, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the lowest cost supplier for the purchase of natural gas supply by the City of Middletown beginning September 21, 2019 and declaring an emergency was read.

Mr. Moon moved to approve Ordinance No. 02019-52, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the lowest cost supplier for the purchase of natural gas supply by the City of Middletown beginning September 21, 2019 and declaring an emergency. Mr. J. Mulligan seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Vitori, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Moon, Mr. J. Mulligan, Mr. L. Mulligan.

Ord. No. 02019-53 Intersection Improvements

Ordinance No. 02019-53, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation for safety improvements to the intersection of State Route 122 and Breiel Boulevard was read for the second time.

Mr. Moon moved to approve Ordinance No. 02019-53, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department Of Transportation for safety improvements to the intersection of State Route 122 and Breiel Boulevard. Mr. J. Mulligan seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Moon, Mr. J. Mulligan, Mr. L. Mulligan, Ms. Vitori.

Res. No. R2019-28 Grant for Runway Safety Area

Resolution No. R2019-28, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant and to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Aviation for the remediation of the runway safety area at Middletown Regional Airport and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Vitori moved to approve Resolution No. R2019-28, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant and to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Aviation for the remediation of the runway safety area at Middletown Regional Airport and declaring an emergency. Mr. J. Mulligan seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Moon, Mr. J. Mulligan, Mr. L. Mulligan, Mr. Bohannon, Ms. Vitori.

Res. No. R2019-29 Grant for Runway Markings

Resolution No. R2019-29, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant and to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Aviation for the rehabilitation of runway markings at Middletown Regional Airport and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Bohannon moved to approve Resolution No. R2019-29, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant and to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Aviation for the rehabilitation of runway markings at Middletown Regional Airport and declaring an emergency. Mr. J. Mulligan seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. J. Mulligan, Mr. L. Mulligan, Ms. Vitori, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Moon.

Ord. No. 02019-54 Bridge Rehab

Ordinance No. 02019-54, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the rehabilitation of the bridge on eastbound State Route 122 over University Boulevard was read for the first time.

Ord. No. 02019-55 Amend PBO

Ordinance No. 02019-55, an ordinance amending the pay and benefits ordinances, Ordinance No. 02019-81 and Ordinance No. 02019-82 was read for the first time.

Ord. No. 02019-56 Shepherd Chemical

Ordinance No. 02019-56, an ordinance authorizing a development agreement with Shepherd Chemical to waive permit fees was read for the first time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:07 p.m. Mr. Moon moved to adjourn to executive session under the authority under the authority of O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage. Mr. J. Mulligan seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. L. Mulligan, Ms. Vitori, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Moon, Mr. J. Mulligan.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:40 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned until October 1, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Lawrence P. Mulligan, Jr., Mayor

Attest: _____