



Caucus & Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 22, 2021
7:00 p.m.

CAUCUS:

The caucus meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: S. Scaffide, G. Bellan, D. Walker, M. Stauffer and B. Furey

ABSENT: S. Barr

ALSO PRESENT: David Maistros, Law Director
Sarah Buccigross, Finance Director
Shannon Collins, Clerk of Council
Mark Gutowski, Senior Communications Administrator

Presentations:

No presentations this evening.

Items for Discussion:

No items for discussion this evening.

Audience Participation:

Bob Thewes – 2229 Demi Drive

Mr. Thewes stated that it is important to remind residents of speed limit change. He stated that the speed limit seems to go up during the evening rush hour. Having a police presence periodically would be nice also.

Chuck Bonacci – 11327 Heritage Drive

Mr. Bonacci stated he came this evening to talk about the legislation before council regarding the meeting structure. He stated there is an opportunity for dialogue between residents and council and during the council meeting there is not the collaborative dialogue.

No audience participations this evening.

Pending Legislation:

Ordinance 44-2021 – Mr. Scaffide stated this ordinance is the annual recodification and editing of codified ordinance for the city.

Ordinance 45-2021 – Mr. Scaffide stated this is to amend the COT 111.01 regarding Council meeting start time. Mr. Maistros stated that the initial change was to eliminate the 20 minute gap between Caucus and Council. He stated the only difference between the caucus and council meetings is the discussion of the pending legislation. The other changes in this section are to incorporate council rules.

Mr. Furey stated he'd rather stay with the two meetings. Mr. Scaffide agreed and stated caucus is council's work session.

Mr. Bellan asked if there is a way to address the 20 or so minute gap with still keeping two meetings. Mr. Maistros stated that council wants to have a set start time for the regular council meeting and there will probably gap time then.

Council decided to keep the two meetings at the 7:00pm and 7:30 start times and will move forward with the other updates in section 111.

Ordinance 46-2021 – Mr. Scaffide stated this is regarding the 2022 Tax Budget. This needs to be passed by the July 15th deadline. This will incorporate the changes from the May election.

Resolution 49-2021 – Mr. Scaffide stated this resolution is regarding the broadband. Mr. Furey stated that the concern is that it may cut off future bandwidth for libraries and schools.

Miscellaneous:

No miscellaneous this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Regular Council Meeting:

Mr. Scaffide called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: S. Scaffide, G. Bellan, D. Walker, M. Stauffer and B. Furey

ABSENT: S. Barr

ALSO PRESENT: David Maistros, Law Director
Sarah Buccigross, Finance Director
Shannon Collins, Clerk of Council
Mark Gutowski, Senior Communications Administrator

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Bellan bestowed the Invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2021

Moved by G. Bellan, seconded by B. Furey

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:

Mr. Scaffide asked if there were any nominations for Vice President.

Mr. Scaffide nominated Mr. Furey for Vice President, Mr. Bellan seconded

Mr. Scaffide asked if there were any further nominations. There was none.

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS:

No awards or presentations this evening.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Bob Thewes – 2229 Demi Drive

Mr. Thewes talked about the Comprehensive Plan meetings. He stated he was on one in another city and they held public meetings to get the feedback of residents. He asked how many of our Comprehensive Plan meetings have involved residents. He stated just complying with Sunshine Law requirements doesn't qualify as seeking public input.

Chuck Bonacci – 11327 Heritage Drive

Mr. Bonacci stated that he was here to give an update on the Environmental Commission. At the most recent shredding event over 5,000lbs of material was shredded and recycled. These events help protect people's identity and also gets the items recycled. Thanked the Service Department for all their help. He stated that not everyone is available on the date of our event so he let everyone know that there is another event Twinsburg residents are eligible for on July 10th in Macedonia from 9:00am-12:00pm at Longwood Park. The city has done a great job at looking at energy efficient options when doing projects. Mr. Bonacci stated that when it comes to curbside recycling, residents need to know what can and cannot be recycled. This is posted on the city website. Household hazard waste is a county thing but is available in Stow on Thursday's from 2-7pm.

Bruce Baldwin – 3310 Cannon Road

Mr. Baldwin stated the Tinker's Creek Bridge at Cannon/Ravenna/82 is getting worse. He also said the building behind PNC bank has exterior issues that should be addressed. He also asked about the CIC properties near McDonalds.

Mr. Furey addressed Mr. Baldwin's question regarding the CIC properties. He said the CIC purchased those properties so that there is more control on what can go there.

Mr. Scaffide stated that there is a Comprehensive Plan meeting on June 24th at 6:00pm at City Hall and it is open to the public.

No further public participation this evening.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS

Maureen Stauffer - Public Works, ARB, Twins Days, Compensation

- The next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be 6/24 at 6:00pm
- The JEDI Police & Justice subcommittee will meet on 6/28 at 6:00pm
- Attended the ARB meeting on 6/17. Next meeting will be 7/1 at 6:00pm.
 - Case 21-06-52- 1959 Summit Commerce Parkway-Approved as Submitted
 - Case 21-06-53- 2681 Creekside Drive- Approved as Submitted
 - Case 21-06-54- 8901 9799 Ravenna Road-Approved as Submitted
- Nothing to report this evening

Bill Furey – Environmental, Treasury Investment, Community Relations, Tax Incentive

- Attended the Planning Commission meeting on 6/21 where a lot split for 8181 Darrow Road was discussed and passed 4-0. They also had discussion regarding medical marijuana and will work on recommendations over the summer to present to council. Their next meeting will be 8/16.
- Attended the Community Relations meeting on 6/17. The city will be working on a ‘Storybook Park’ project in conjunction with the Library. Next meeting will be on 9/16.
- The next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be 6/24 at 6:00pm. Encouraged residents to come to this open meeting.
- When the community survey results came in one of the main things that residents had an issue with was wrong information on social media. Mr. Furey highlighted the city website and how to find information on it. The city has created a Communications Department to make things easier for our residents to find.
- Stated the general fund started the beginning of May at \$11,800,000 and the close was \$12,533,000. The city spends an average of 90-95% of their budget each year.

MOTION: FOR CITY COUNCIL TO BACK THE MAYOR AND MR. MAISTROS TO GO TO COURT REGARDING THE PUBLIC RECORDS FORMAL COMPLAINT

Moved by B. Furey, seconded by S. Scaffide

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

- Nothing to report this evening

Scott Barr – Finance, Public Safety, Planning

- Not in attendance this evening

Sam Scaffide – Finance, Capital Improvement, Public Works, Public Safety

- Stated the next Finance committee meeting will be on 8/24
- Attended the Public Works Committee meeting earlier this evening. Amy Mohr, City Engineer discussed the ADA Transition Plan. The city will be working over the next 10 years to update the

city. If you have suggestions on areas please email Ms. Mohr at amohr@twinsburg.oh.us They also discussed the railroad crossing updates. While the SR 82 tracks are complete, the Cannon Road ones will take a few days longer and hopes to be complete mid next week. The water main break on Glenwood Drive is still under Cleveland Water. When they are done, they will notify the city who will then repave the area.

- Stated Council will be on Summer Recess starting 7/14 and will return on 8/24
- Nothing further this evening

Daisy Walker - Public Safety, Parks & Recreation, Chamber, Community Relations

- Attended the Public Works meeting earlier this evening.
- Attended the Mayor Karabec dedication at Liberty Park on 6/12
- Attended the JEDI Community Outreach meeting on 6/21
- Read Jennifer Betenson's report for Parks & Recreation.
 - First Rock the Park concert went great! A packed house! Everyone excited to be out and about!
 - We have our Tom Petty Tribute band, King's Highway, this Friday June 25th. Have only 100 tickets left
 - We are still remaining a bit cautious in our capacity with 1250 instead of 1600, that may change as the season goes on
 - Our Cleveland Pops July 3rd show is sold out!
 - The first Safety town sessions are complete. A big thanks to officers Biada and Fruscella for running those. It was awesome to see the kids playing on the fire trucks and the school bus
 - Senior center has been open limited hours this month and the seniors are enjoying getting back to their routines. Had a group of 50 attend an Indians game last week. Laura has been holding Bingo and Coffee on the Patio. Our transportation program is really picking up.
 - Summer camp entered its 3rd week this week, all is going well.
 - WP is "winning" as Branden would eloquently put it. We will be announcing that beginning on July 5th Drop Ins will be allowed Monday – Friday 10am-5pm.
 - Fitness Center is busy with Jump Start Sports Camp, Cavs Camp and members are beginning to get back to a regular workout routine. Our visits are still on the rise and looking forward to continuing this trend into the Fall.
 - Beginning, July 5, 2021, we will be expanding our After Hours Access to the full 24/7 it was prior to March 15, 2020.
 - The Duathlon was on June 13th, had approx. 200 participants. This is always a fun event for our community.
 - Because our department never sleeps, we are already beginning to work on our Haunted Egg Hunt, Fall Family Festival (a.k.a Truck or Treat) and Luminocity.
 - Looking forward to seeing everyone out at our concerts and the waterpark this year!
 - Branden Burns reduced the 2021 Outstanding Service Award from USA Swimming for his work on the COVID -19 Layered Risk mitigation program for safe return to practice and competition. He was also nominated for the National Adolph Kiefer Safety Award but won't find out if he won until the National House of Delegates in late September.
 - Mariam Fahmy, one of our lifeguards and swim lesson instructors for participating and placing in the Twinsburg Duathlon.
- Nothing to report this evening

Greg Bellan – BZA, Public Works, Fitness Advisory, Charter Review

- Attended the dedication for Mayor Karabec on 6/12.
- Attended the Public Works meeting earlier this evening.
- Attended the full JEDI meeting on 6/14 and the Community Outreach subcommittee on 6/21. Full committee will meet on 7/12 and then will recess until after Labor Day.
- Stated the BZA meeting was cancelled for lack of agenda items. Their next meeting will be 7/28
- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Scaffide stated that with Ms. McFearin stepping down from council he is going to appoint Mrs. Walker to the Finance Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Not in attendance this evening

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Sarah Buccigross – Finance Director

May Close

- Finance has closed May 2021 and the financials are available online.

June 2021 Income Tax Revenues

- June 2021 Income tax receipts total **\$2,103,932.55** compared to June 2020 receipts in the amount of **\$1,625,685.50**. This reflects an increase of **29.42%** or **\$478,247.05** compared to last year.
- YTD 2021 Income tax receipts total **\$12,077,186.62** compared to YTD 2020 receipts in the amount of **\$11,402,669.03**. This reflects an increase of **5.92%** or **\$674,517.59** compared to last year.
- Refunds in the amount of **\$39,403.00** are included in the June collections.
- The net change in distribution for this month for individual, net profit and withholder collectively is: **\$280,243.73**.
- Note: Filing Deadline in 2021 was May 17th, Deadline in 2020 was July 15th

Electronic Sewer Billing

- The implementation of an online sewer billing system is in progress. The system is currently expected to be available for a soft roll out/testing in summer with a tentative full roll out in Fall, 2021. The system should generate cost savings as emailed billings will be a smaller cost than the postage/printing necessary for paper billing. Paper billing will remain available to residents, the system will be voluntary sign-ups for emailed billings. Training is being finalized this month and testing on the live system will begin next month.

Information Technology

- Communications updates continue to be reviewed and implemented.
- Technology for summer operations has been installed and tested.
- IT information for the City's auditors was provided.
- Facility security system and training/streaming technology projects continue.

No further Department Head reports this evening.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 44-2021 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECODIFICATION, EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF TWINSBURG, OHIO (Stands on Second Reading)

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 44-2021

Moved by S. Scaffide, seconded by D. Walker

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 45-2021 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 111.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TWINSBURG REGARDING THE COUNCIL MEETING START TIME (Stands on First Reading)

Read by S. Collins

ORDINANCE 46-2021 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF TWINSBURG, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022, AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR (Stands on First Reading)

Read by S. Collins

RESOLUTION 49-2021 - A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROVISIONS OF THE OHIO SENATE OMNIBUS BUDGET AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD EFFECTIVELY PROHIBIT NEW CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLICLY-OWNED BROADBAND NETWORKS IN OHIO AND THE ONGOING PROVISION OF BROADBAND SERVICES PROVIDED BY PUBLICLY-OWNED NETWORKS THEREBY HARMING THE ABILITY FOR OHIO'S RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 21ST CENTURY DIGITAL ECONOMY

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 49-2021

Moved by S. Scaffide, seconded by G. Bellan

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Maistros

- Nothing further this evening

Mrs. Stauffer:

- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Bellan:

- Stated the combined Corbett's & Meadowood Garage Sale will take place August 13th & 14th
- Wished everyone a happy and safe Independence Day
- Nothing further this evening

Mrs. Walker:

- Stated the JEDI committee has been meeting. She stated a resident was talking to a current employee, the resident called the employee a racist name. She stated it is totally unacceptable.
- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Barr:

- Not in attendance this evening

Mr. Furey:

- Thanked Mrs. Walker for her comments.
- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Scaffide:

- Thanked Mrs. Walker for her comments.
- Stated that when the city enacted the food truck legislation it put regulations in place to help protect our brick and mortar locations. He said there was one vendor last year that was set up in Twinsburg but has since opened a brick and mortar location in another city. He is glad the regulations are in place.

MOTION: TO EXCUSE MR. BARR FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING

Moved by S. Scaffide, seconded by B. Furey

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

- Nothing further this evening

Mayor Yates:

- Not in attendance this evening

Mrs. Buccigross

- Nothing further this evening

Mrs. Collins

- Nothing further this evening

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:47pm.

Attest:

Sam Scaffide
President of Council

Shannon Collins
Clerk of Council