

COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers @ 7:00 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER.** President of Council Loughry called the Council meeting of Thursday, January 13, 2022 to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
Pres. of Council: At this time, I would like to call to the lectern Mr. Andy Alberts, pastor of Tallmadge Lutheran Church and also the Lead of the Tallmadge Ministerial Association to open our meeting in a word of prayer.
Pres. of Council: I would like to have Ms. Abby Spicer who is a 5th Grader from Tallmadge Elementary School. She will be leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak – present. Everyone is here this evening. Also, in attendance we have our Administration members that normally attend. They are our guests. They do not have to be here. They come to help us and so please treat them as we would treat any other guest. There are also several Department Heads and the Police Chief and Fire Chief in the audience.
4. **Correcting and Adopting the Previous Meeting Minutes**
 12-9-21 Council Meeting Minutes.
 Mr. Bollas moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Seconded Mrs. Kilway. Roll Call: Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman – unanimous. **The 12-9-21 Council Minutes are adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

5. **Financial Reports:**

- **Fire & EMS Fund Transfer in the amount of \$60,000 to Council on 12-28-21.**
- **Street Maintenance & Repair Transfer in the amount of \$132,000 to Council on 12-28-21.**
- **Appropriation Report, Fund Report and Revenue Report for the period ending 12-31-21 to Council on 1-7-22.**
- **December Financial Reports to Council on 1-7-22.**
- **Tallmadge Recreation Center Profit and Loss Report for the period ending 12-31-21 to Council on 1-7-22.**
- **Income Tax Comparisons for the period ending 12-31-21 to Council on 1-7-22.**
- **Revenue Comparisons for the period ending 12-31-21 to Council on 1-7-22.**
- **Consolidated Investment Portfolio for the period ending 12-31-21 to Council on 1-7-22.**

Mr. Sisak moved to accept the Financial Reports as submitted. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas – unanimous. **The Financial Reports submitted by Dir. of Finance Gilbride were accepted by a vote of 7-0.**

6. **Public Hearings:**

**2021-118 - Tracked
PERSONNEL**

P.H. ON 1-13-22 @ 7:03 P.M.

At 3rd Reading.

Establishing the number of non-collective bargaining employees by department and position pursuant to R.C. 731.08 and providing for immediate enactment.

Pres. of Council: At this time, we have a public hearing for Ord. 2021-118. It is 7:05 p.m. and I would like to call the public hearing open. At this time if anyone would like to speak in favor of Ord. 2021-118, please come to the lectern. If anyone would like to speak against do the same.

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Pres. of Council (Cont'd.) Second time; anybody who would like to speak in favor? Anybody who would like to speak against? Third and final time; would anybody like to speak in favor of or against Ord. 2021-118? Seeing none, I will close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. and we will go into the Personnel Committee.

Mr. Bollas: I call the Personnel Committee to order this evening. We are all present. The ordinance was read into the record. Is there anyone on Administration or Council who has anything to say or comment on this ordinance.

Mayor: If you got this in your packet, this is . . . I am requesting another amendment on that ordinance. There are actually three modifications to this. This is the Computer Technician, Assistant Parks and Rec Manager and full-time Police Department Records Clerk. The Assistant Parks and Rec Superintendent will not be eliminated, and it will be the Assistant Parks and Rec Manager; two of those and then the Administrative Assistant for Parks and Rec would be eliminated.

Dir. of Law: (inaudible).

There was discussion regarding the amendment between Council and the Administration.

Mr. Sisak moved for the amendment to Ord. 2021-118. Seconded Mrs. Kilway. Roll Call: Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic – unanimous.

Ord. 2021-118 is amended by a vote of 7-0.

Pres. of Council: Before we go to Community Input, I failed to let everyone know that we are going into Executive Session before we adjourn this evening for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining matters.

7. **Community Input:**

Pres. of Council: This is the part of the meeting where the community is invited and encouraged to attend and let us know what is on your mind. When you do that, please address your comments to me and state your name and where you live and be cognizant that everything that everything, we do here is recorded and you can take up to two minutes. So, is there anybody who would like to speak to City Council this evening? If it is an item on the agenda, we ask that you please wait until that item is being discussed in committee.

Mayor: I do have Chief Williams here to present a plaque and I was just informed that Jacob got called into work tonight, but I think the Chief would still like to address Council and show what we are doing for Jacob Spencer and why we are doing it.

- Presentation by Chief Williams to Jacob Spencer.

Chief Williams: I want to recognize a citizen tonight and I think he was looking forward to this, but unfortunately, he had to work, and he couldn't come. We decided to publicly recognize him anyway. On the morning of November 27th there was a car fire on I-76 that officers and fire personnel were dispatched to. A citizen driving by named Jacob Spencer saw the car on fire and he stopped and then went and looked in the car and he saw a man in the car trapped in the car and was having a medical emergency and he couldn't free himself. The car was on fire and it wasn't that bad yet, but the flames were coming up and they were in front of the driver and so Jacob Spencer took it upon himself to free the man from the car and drug him across the interstate to safety before Police and Fire . . . well, actually Police were just arriving at the time that this was happening and so we wanted to publicly recognize him for his selfless actions and so we created this plaque for Jacob that I will present to him at a later time. I am sorry he is not here, but we just wanted to recognize and say his name publicly. Thank you for your time.

8. **Agenda Additions:**

- Mr. Jerry Feeman from Summit County Council.

Pres. of Council: Mr. Feeman was invited to attend this evening. He is our Summit County Council Representative and he called me and said that another event came up that was pressing that he needed to attend and gave his apologies. So, going forward just so you will know the

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Pres. of Council (Cont'd.) structure of how we are going to operate. The first meeting of each month I will invite a local elected or an elected official that represents us or someone that serves on a Board or Commission that represents us or tied to us and they will have five minutes to speak to us.

Confirmation of Moral Claims Committee members. Finance Chair and one other member of Council.

Pres. of Council: Next ,we have the confirmation of Moral Claims Committee members. This is for the Finance Chair and one other member of Council. I would ask that Mr. Bollas and Mr. Sisak if they would be willing to serve on that committee.

Mr. Sisak: Sure.

Dir. of Law: (inaudible)

Pres. of Council: So, I would entertain a motion for the confirmation of Mr. Sisak and Mr. Bollas to the Moral Claims Committee.

Mr. Sisak moved for the confirmations to the Moral Claims Committee. Seconded Mr. Bozic. Roll Call: Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman – unanimous. **Mr. Bozic and Mr. Sisak are appointed to the Moral Claims Committee by a vote of 7-0.**

- Confirmation of one Council member to the CIC Board.

Pres. of Council: Presently it is Mrs. Allman. She has stated that she would like to continue. So, I will entertain a motion to appoint Mrs. Allman to the CIC Board.

Mrs. Kilway moved to appoint Mrs. Allman. Seconded Mr. Sisak. Roll Call: Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway - unanimous. **Mrs. Allman was appointed to the CIC Board by a vote of 7-0.**

- Confirmation of two (2) members of Council to the CRA Board (Community Reinvestment Area).

Pres. of Council: This is time sensitive. We need to do this this evening. I need two members of Council to the CRA Board, the Community Reinvestment Area, or basically our property tax committee that Mr. Springer runs. He has a meeting coming up. I was thinking that two good Council members for this because of where most of the CRA takes place would be Mrs. Kilway and Mrs. Gutman. Would you like to do that Mrs. Kilway?

Mrs. Kilway: Yes, I would.

Mrs. Guttman: Yes.

Pres. of Council: So, I will entertain a motion for that.

Mr. Bollas: So moved. Seconded Mr. Sisak. Roll Call: Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **Mrs. Kilway and Mrs. Gutman were appointed to the CRA by a vote of 7-0.**

- Confirmation of Board of Zoning Appeals member.

Pres. of Council: Mayor; are you ready?

Mayor: No, we are not ready for that.

Pres. of Council: So, we will just keep the appointment to BZA on the agenda. We are going to add two others to keep on the agenda until we are ready. That is the Board of Tax Review and the Veteran's Committee.

9. Reports of Administrative Officers:

- Mayor/Director of Safety:** Thank you Council. First of all, I would like to welcome the new Council members here and it is a pleasure to have all of you here on Council. Keep in mind that my Administration has an open-door policy and feel free to set up times or if you want to come in with any questions at any time, we are here for you and that is our job. We all represent the 18,000 people who got us here.

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Gas Aggregation: The gas bills are coming out and we are getting phone calls. If you remember, we entered into a three-year agreement with Constellation. The first four months would be variable and then after that it would be a fixed rate at \$3.74 per mcf. The rates are coming in almost like a variable. Someone got a \$4.09 rate this month and someone got a \$5.54 rate. The December rate is really \$4.94 and so we are working with Dominion to get that straightened out. They did send out credits for the people who were misbilled in the November billing.

Fire Station No. 2: They were setting the big beam. That beam is 11,000 lbs. It actually was a half inch too long and so they had to trim it a little bit. They are working on the archways.

If anyone ever wants to go through it and see it, I will happily take you through that, but it has to be by appointment because you can't just walk into the site because it is gated off and you have to have credentials to get in and you have to have a hard hat. It is also on You-Tube if you choose to look at that. Hopefully we will be moving the firemen in there at the end of July or beginning of August.

With that, I will entertain any questions that Council may have at this point.

Mrs. Kilway: I have a quick question on the gas aggregation. Is there any way, because I know because I negotiate our contract for our business. The earlier in the summer that you can get locked into a rate; the cheaper the gas price would be.

Mayor: Yes, we are constantly looking at doing that.

Mrs. Kilway: I know I was able to lock us in at \$2.89 per mcf until 2025.

Mayor: Those folks that you talk to do not do City aggregations and so therefore I can't get that rate.

- b. **Director of Administration:** Good evening everyone. Just two quick things. The collective bargaining agreement for the Teamsters has been ratified by the Union and it is before the Council I believe this evening.

The IAFF the Firefighter's negotiations continue, and we have a meeting scheduled for next week. That's all I have unless anyone has any questions.

- c. **Director of Public Service:** First off, I would like to request that Ordinances 2022 1-15 and 2022-24 are passed at 1st Reading tonight. Also, the Police Department Remodel update. We have not started yet. The materials and products that were in that bid became an issue. They are 12 weeks out if not more and so we are picking different material that is equal to what we expect to get here in a timely fashion. Hopefully next week.

The **Coffee Talk** for this month at the Rec Center has been cancelled. Family Fun Night, which was February 25th also has been cancelled and a lot of that has to do with Covid.

Moving forward with my monthly report; I am keeping it short. I did want to go over the **Leaf Removal Program** that we had for 2021. In 2021 we dialed into what we did last year, and you can see it takes less employees to do the pushing program. We can carry more with the pushing program. The big thing though is the efficiency. Everywhere we go now they want you to pay to dump the leaves. We are much more efficient, and the cost is better and the other thing too that would be different is that the seasonal rate has gone from \$15 an hour to \$21 an hour and so we would be paying more if we stayed with the vac. I will say that one thing that came out of this Covid is this new pushing method with the leaves.

Another one is the **snowplow routes**. The primary routes or the mains are the blue and the red are the secondary routes and that is a way in or out of the allotments to get everybody that is trying to get to work or home; at least you have a way in and out. Then the black routes are the allotment roads and those are last. So, when the snow hits, we do all the mains first and then we get to the secondaries and if the snow continues, we

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Dir. of Pub. Service (Cont'd.) have to get back on the mains. So, there are some snow events that we can never get off the mains. If you live in a cul-de-sac, it may take us two days to get there.

The second shift for the snow plowing starts Monday and that will be a 24-hour coverage so the first shift is 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and then the second shift starts at 6:00 p.m. and runs until 3:00 a.m. and then those four hours we will connect if we have to keep people for overtime.

I sent out an e-mail yesterday about the sewer rate increases. We are a master meter community along with Cuyahoga Falls, Lakemore and Summit County; we are all master communities, and this rate increase was passed to all of us, and it was given to us at the last moment in the last week of January of 2020. So that is a 32% increase, and the County is also affected by that. They are a master meter community, so they are being given the same increases and at the end of the day the County is doing a 16% increase the first year and a 16% increase the second year to try to smooth that out so you are not getting hit with a 28.5% increase right off the bat the first year.

d. Director of Economic Development: Let me touch a little bit on the **City-wide real estate** and just kind of give you an idea as to where we are currently. We try to take a look at this month over month. If you take a look at the industrial side of things, since we last spoke, there was a slight uptick, about a 3% increase in the vacant industrial land. That is partially due to 5 acres coming online over at Crystal Parkway. In terms of the existing building space, there is no change there. Industrial buildings are a hot commodity right now with the cost of materials.

When you take a look at the **commercial** side of things, that is the retail and the office sectors and again, vacant land remains the same. There is a breakdown between the office which represents about 32% of what is currently vacant and then 67% is the retail space.

When we take a look at the **New Jobs Programs for 2021**, East End Welding was one of the recipients as well as Jet Pak Shipping. You have probably seen a lot of activity over at Jet Pak property which was formerly Waltco. They have begun moving in and we do anticipate some sort of a ribbon cutting grand opening some time in the month of February. So, we will let you know those details.

In terms of **2021 active CRA sites**, there were a total of 8 sites in Summit County and then 3 sites over in the Portage County side of the City of Tallmadge. We do anticipate one additional property coming online this year that we know of at this point.

I just wanted to thank everybody that came out for the Goodwill ribbon cutting. As you know they relocated from the Midway Plaza over to the South Plaza on South Avenue and this is a great addition.

On a bit of an update as to where we are with the **Summit DD site**; we are still on pace to close and have that property transferred into the City's ownership it looks to be the end of or possibly early third quarter of this year which it will transfer from Summit DD to the City of Tallmadge. Over the past year and a half, we have provided multiple tours to perspective end users to private schools, to brokerage firms to assisted living individuals that run those kinds of facilities. We have talked to quite a few different groups about perspective uses at this property. We asked the CIC if they would consider funding a market feasibility and economic impact study for this site and once, we do take title, we are going to have approximately 30 acres that are going to be deeded to the City and that includes the soccer fields as well as the 125,000 square feet that you see in this picture.

On the Maplecrest Development. There is still a lot of activity.

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- e. **Director of Finance:** You all received the **year-end financial reports**. We really had an unprecedented collection this year and so that left us looking well financially at the end. However, as I like to caution everybody, and people are probably sick of hearing me tell them that we will begin to see the changes for the working rules and where you are working and where your income tax will be withheld effective January 1, 2022. So, likely into the first quarter of this year we will start to see some of the impacts and what that is going to look like and we will also see as people start filing for tax refunds; everybody's City taxes are due April 18th for everyone due to Federal holidays and we will see what the refund requests are going to look like in terms of people who may have not been working in the City, but their employer was withholding and so I am hoping we will have a good idea and be able to adjust accordingly if we need to for that, but you know I will keep you updated. Finally, the final rule was issued by the Treasury Department for the **ARPA Funds, the American Rescue Plan Funds** that we received this year and will receive another distribution that we will receive this year. They have added quite a bit of flexibility to those rules that had not been there before including allowing for instead of following a very complicated revenue loss calculation, they have basically allowed all entities who received money claim up to a \$10 million revenue loss which then allows that money to be used for general government services instead of with all of the other strings attached and so in the next couple weeks, I would like to set up a **meeting with the Mayor, myself and the Finance Committee Chair to have a preliminary discussion about a process to go through to obtain input from our Department Heads and other Council people regarding how to use those funds**. It is about \$1.8 million so it is not going to . . . we are not going to be doing huge things, but we would like to be conscientious of what we are using them for and make good decisions for that money. That is the end of my report, and I will be glad to answer any questions if anyone has any.
- Mr. Sisak:** Does RITA retain any kind of percentage or is that just kept in the General Fund and you kind of know what chunk of money to expect or does RITA
- f. **Director of Law:** I am going to keep it very brief. The State legislature, as they normally do at the end of the year last year, passed quite a few pieces of legislation and I am monitoring that keeping track of what things we may need to take action on, and I anticipate there will be one or two things that need to be brought before you in the next few months. I will keep you apprised of that as that moves forward. I would be happy to answer any questions.
10. **Reports of Standing Committees of Council of the Whole:**
- a. **Planning and Zoning**
Carol Kilway, Chair
Rebecca Allman, Vice Chair
The Planning & Zoning Committee deals with land use, zoning, conditional uses, planning, economic and community development, public property.
Mrs. Kilway: I would like to open the Planning & Zoning Committee. We don't have any legislation at this time. Does Council have anything for Planning & Zoning? Does the Administration have anything?
Mayor: I would just like to make sure that Council did receive the **report** from Mrs. Hussing from the **Zoning Department**. She gives you a monthly update.
Mrs. Kilway: I will close Planning & Zoning.
- i. **Additional items:** None.

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b. Finance

Craig Sisak, Chair

Jonathon Bollas, Vice Chair

The Finance Committee deal with budget, appropriations and reappropriations, bonds, franchises, investments, and expenditures.

Sponsor: Mayor David G. Kline.

i. Third Readings of Resolutions and Ordinances

- A. 2021-117 & Exhibit – Tracked Exhibit –** Amending and supplementing Ord. 64-2020 to amend rates, charges, and fees for all recreational facilities and providing for immediate enactment.

Mr. Sisak: I would like to call the Finance Committee to order. We have 2021-117. Ord. 2021-117 was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway: I move to amend Ord. 2021-117. Seconded Mr. Loughry. Roll Call: Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak – unanimous. **Ord. 2021-117 was amended by a vote of 7-0.**

Mrs. Kilway moved to adopt Ord. 2021-117. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman – unanimous. **Ord. 2021-117 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

ii. Second Readings of Resolutions and Ordinances

- A. 2021-130 & Exhibit –** Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of Akron for Revenue Sharing Agreement related to occupation and use of joint PSAP public safety facility and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor David G. Kline

Mr. Sisak: Next, we have Ord. 2021-130. Ord. 2021-130 was read into the record.

Mayor: This will be a regional dispatch center on North Avenue and Howe Road in the vacant building that is there. The building is fully owned by Summit County. It is made up currently of Tallmadge, Cuyahoga Falls, Fairlawn, and Summit County will be renters of the COG.

There was further discussion on the COG.

Mr. Sisak: We will hold this for 3rd Reading.

- B. 2021-131 –** Accepting the donation of Parcel “A” .2705 acres located adjacent to 235 Northeast Avenue from Speelman Properties, LLC for purposes of a City Park to maintain a walking trail and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor David G. Kline

Mr. Sisak: Ord. 2021-131 was read into the record. Mayor?

Mayor: This is the property that we talked about at the last meeting. It is connecting Kent Road Park to Lions Park along the fence line where people now walk that trail; they are actually walking on private property to get back from one park to the other.

Mr. Sisak: So, can I get a motion?

Mr. Bozic moved for the adoption of Ord. 2021-131. Seconded Mr. Loughry. Roll Call: Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas – unanimous. **Ord. 2021-131 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

iii. First Readings of Resolutions and Ordinances

- A. 2022-9 –** Expressing intent to sell unneeded, obsolete, or unfit municipal personal property by internet auction in calendar year 2022 and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mr. Sisak: These next few ordinances I will kind of preface with the fact that these are housekeeping items and so we will go ahead and go through them.

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Mrs. Kilway moved to adopt 2022-9. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-9 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- B. 2022-10** – Expressing intent to sell unneeded, obsolete, or unfit motor vehicles and equipment by auto auction in calendar year 2022 and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mr. Sisak: Ord. 2022-10 was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-10. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-10 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- C. 2022-12** – Authorizing the Director of Public Service to negotiate and the Mayor to contract for various policies of insurance for the City and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service

Mr. Sisak: Ord. 2022-12 was read into the record. May I please have a motion on this?

Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-12. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-12 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- D. 2022-19** – Authorizing the Mayor to purchase online subscription services with Microsoft Corporation which are special in nature and not requiring a competitive bid and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor David G. Kline

Mr. Sisak: Ord. 2022-19 was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-19. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-19 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- E. 2022-20** – Authorizing participation in the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) and NASPO ValuePoint for the purchase of contracting with Verizon Wireless for telephone and internet services and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor David G. Kline

Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-20. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-20 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- F. 2022-22** – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract without competitive bidding and through the State Purchasing Program, or as authorized by R.C. 125.04(C), with Vasu Communications for the purchase of radio equipment, software licenses, and related equipment and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor David G. Kline

Mr. Sisak: Ord. 2022-22 was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-22. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-22 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

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- G. 2022-23** – Authorizing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and the Mayor to enter into a contract with the highest bidder for the purchase and sale of vacant Parcel 60-02371, located on Shanafelt Avenue, not needed for municipal purposes, and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor David G. Kline & Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mr. Sisak: Ord. 2022-23 was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-23. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-23 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- H. 2022-25** – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Graphic Enterprises Office Solutions, Inc. for the lease/purchase of copy and printing equipment through the State Purchasing Program and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor David G. Kline

Mr. Sisak: Ord. 2022-25 was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-25. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-25 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- I. 2022-26** – Authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Summit County Land Bank for grant funds for the Ohio Department of Development Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program for the demolition of the structures located at 735 Eastwood Avenue and 89 East Howe Road and enter into an agreement with the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation to demolish these structures and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor David G. Kline

Mr. Sisak: Ord. 2022-26 was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-26. Seconded Mr. Bollas. Roll Call: Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-26 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- J. R 2022-1** – Authorizing the Portage County Auditor to advance payment of local taxes collected for the 2021 tax year, payable in 2022 and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Finance Mollie Gilbride

Mr. Sisak: Resolution 2022-1 was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Res. 2022-1. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mrs. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway – unanimous. **Res. 2022-1 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- K. R 2022-2** – Authorizing the Summit County Fiscal Officer to advance payment of local taxes collected for the 2021 tax year, payable in 2022 and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Finance Mollie Gilbride

Mr. Sisak: Resolution 2022-2 was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway moved to adopt. Seconded Mrs. Allman. Roll Call: Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **Res. 2022-2 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

iv. **Additional Items**

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c. **Personnel**

Jonathon Bollas, Chair

Adam Bozic, Vice Chair

The Personnel Committee deals with personnel, labor relations, insurance claims, Rules of Council and State Statues.

i. **Third Readings of Resolutions and Ordinances**

- A. **2021-119** – Creating a voluntary Vaccination Incentive Program for City employees and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor David G. Kline

Mr. Bollas: Ord. 2021-119 was read into the record. I believe we have speakers in the audience.

Kelli Funk, 150 North Avenue, Tallmadge, Ohio. Kelli spoke in favor of Ord. 2021-119. You can hear her speech on the audio file on the City's website.

Tara Ripple, 150 West Avenue, Tallmadge, Ohio. Tara also spoke in favor of Ord. 2021-119. You can also hear her speech on the audio file on the City's website.

Tod Jordan, 314 Oakgrove Lane, Tallmadge, Ohio. I own several businesses in Tallmadge, and I just heard about this the other day, so I don't have anything prepared. It just depends on why you are voting on this and why you are doing it and that is all I will say.

There was additional discussion regarding the issue.

Mr. Bollas made a motion to Withdraw Ord. 2021-119 so that the committee can meet and determine the best use of the American Rescue Plan Act funds now, so they align with the best practices and uses of those funds.

Mr. Sisak: Point of order; I think we would just Reject it. The Mayor, as the author, would have to Withdraw it.

Mr. Bollas moved to Reject Ord. 2021-119. Seconded Mr. Sisak. Roll Call: Mrs. Allman – yes, Mr. Bollas – yes, Mr. Bozic – yes, Mrs. Gutman – yes, Mrs. Kilway – yes, Mr. Loughry – yes, Mr. Sisak – yes. **Ord. 2021-119 is Rejected by a vote of 7-0.**

- B. **2022-21** – Authorizing the Director of Finance to advertise for proposals and the Mayor to enter into one or more contracts for Major Medical, Dental, Eye, and Group Life Insurance various officials and employees of the City and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Finance Mollie Gilbride

Mr. Bollas: Ord. 2022-21 was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-21. Seconded Mr. Sisak. Roll Call: Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-21 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

ii. **Second Readings of Resolutions and Ordinances**

- A. **2021-125** – Authorizing an agreement with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 2764 and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor David G. Kline

Mr. Bollas: Ord. 2021-125 was read into the record. Ord. 2021-125 will remain at 2nd Reading.

- B. **2021-126** – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 436, and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor David G. Kline

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Mr. Bollas: Ord. 2021-126 was read into the record.

Mayor: At the end of Council's agenda tonight, we do go into Executive Session and as Dr. Cooper said we do have a tentative agreement with the Teamsters and so we will give Council the update on that and that is for your consideration.

Dir. of Law: You can keep that open.

Mr. Loughry: And then the previous ordinance, do we need to amend it? I don't know, but it says Ord. 2021-125 is amended.

Dir. of Law: There is nothing amended on it to my knowledge. So, if there is we can handle the next time. I will note that and make sure that we get clarification on that. I am not quite sure why that is.

Mr. Bollas: OK. Thank you. So that will stay, so Ord. 2021-126 will stay open for this meeting. Are there any additional items for the committee?

Dir. of Law: If I may, I actually do now remember what the issue is with that. It was several weeks ago; the last time we met was in December. It was actually an issue with the wording of that. It does need to be amended tonight and the reason is that it was mirrored the last year's and we had to adopt it in a different manner because we had to go to fact finding and we are not at that point now, so we actually needed to revert the language back to the appropriate language for our current situation. So, I would ask you to consider amending this evening.

Mr. Sisak moved for the amendment of Ord. 2021-125. Seconded Mr. Loughry. Roll Call: Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas – unanimous. Ord. 2021-125 is amended by a vote of 7-0.

iii. **Additional Items:** None.

d. **Community Issues**

Mary Gutman, Chair

Carol Kilway, Vice Chair

The Community Issues Committee deals with Parks and Recreation, civic affairs, and liaison between Council and the Recreation Board and intergovernmental affairs

Mrs. Gutman: I call the Community Issues Committee to order. We are all present and we have no legislation at this time as you mentioned. Is there anything to come before the committee.

i. **Additional Items:** None.

e. **Safety**

Adam Bozic, Chair

Craig Sisak, Vice Chair

The Safety Committee deals with Disaster services, communications, fire and paramedics, police, and health

i. **First Readings of Resolutions and Ordinances**

- A. **2022-16** – Authorizing the Director of Law to negotiate and to enter into a contract with Oriana House, Inc. to provide for a misdemeanor work release program, halfway house, and home incarceration for misdemeanor offenders and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Law Megan E. Raber

Mr. Bozic: I would like to open the Safety Committee. We have Ord. 2022-16 which was read into the record.

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Mr. Sisak moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-16 at 1st Reading. Seconded Mr. Bollas. Roll Call: Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-16 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- B. 2022-17** – Authorizing the Director of Law to enter into an agreement with Summit County Public Defender’s Commission, authorizing payment therefore, and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Law Megan E. Raber

Mr. Bozic: Ord. 2022-17 was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-17. Seconded Mr. Sisak. Roll Call: Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-17 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- C. 2022-18** – Authorizing the Mayor to contract with Kastner, Westman & Wilkins, LLC for legal services and consulting services and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor David G. Kline and Director of Law Megan E. Raber

Mr. Bozic: Ord. 2022-18 was read into the record. Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-18. Seconded Mr. Sisak. Roll Call: Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-18 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

ii. **Additional Items:** None.

f. **Public Service**

Rebecca Allman, Chair

Mary Gutman, Vice Chair

The Public Service Committee deals with streets, highways, sidewalks, buildings, and improvements; water, sewer, electricity, gas, energy resources, recycle, waste, and trash.

i. **First Readings of Resolutions and Ordinances**

- A. 2022-1** – Authorizing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and the Mayor to enter into a contract for pavement maintenance and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mrs. Allman: I call the Public Service Committee to order. Ord. 2022-1 was read into the record.

Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-1. Seconded Mr. Sisak. Roll Call: Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-1 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- B. 2022-2** – Authorizing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and the Mayor to enter into a contract for pavement marking and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mrs. Allman: Read Ord. 2022-2 into the record.

Mr. Sisak moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-2. Seconded Mrs. Kilway. Roll Call: Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-2 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- C. 2022-3** – Authorizing the Director of Public Service to advertise and solicit bids and the Mayor to enter into a contract for concrete projects on public property and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

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Mrs. Allman: Read Ord. 2022-3 into the record.

Mr. Sisak moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-3. Seconded Mrs. Kilway. Roll Call: Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-3 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

D. 2022-4 – Authorizing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and the Mayor to award a contract for temporary labor and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mrs. Allman: Read Ord. 2022-4 into the record. Mr. Sisak moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-4. Seconded Mrs. Kilway. Roll Call: Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-4 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

E. 2022-5 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Prime AE Group, Inc. for general traffic engineering and consulting services for various streets and projects and other general engineering services and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mrs. Allman: Read Ord. 2022-5 into the record. Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-5. Seconded Mr. Sisak. Roll Call: Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-5 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

F. 2022-6 – Authorizing the Mayor to contract with CT Consultants for engineering and consulting services relating to development and other general engineering services and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mrs. Allman: Read Ord. 2022-6 into the record. Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-6. Seconded Mr. Sisak. Roll Call: Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-6 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

G. 2022-7 – Authorizing the Mayor to contract with Burgess and Niple, Inc. for engineering and consulting services relating to water system development, general engineering services, and planning and zoning consulting and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mrs. Allman: Read Ord. 2022-7 into the record. Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-7. Seconded Mr. Sisak. Roll Call: Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-7 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

H. 2022-8 – Authorizing the Mayor to contract with GPD Group for engineering and consulting services relating to general engineering services and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mrs. Allman: Read Ord. 2022-8 into the record. Mr. Loughry moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-8. Seconded Mr. Sisak. Roll Call: Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-8 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

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- I. **2022-11** – Authorizing the Ohio Director of Transportation to complete the mowing of IR76 within the City limits and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mrs. Allman: Read Ord. 2022-11 into the record. Mr. Sisak moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-11. Seconded Mr. Bozic. Roll Call: Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-11 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- J. **2022-13** – ODOT Salt & Brine – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into the necessary contract or resolution for the purchase of salt and salt brine through the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program and other intergovernmental purchasing programs and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mrs. Allman: Read Ord. 2022-13 into the record. Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-13. Seconded Mr. Bozic. Roll Call: Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-13 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- K. **2022-14** – Chip Sealing-Parking Lots – Authorizing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and the Mayor to enter into a contract for chip sealing of parking lots and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mrs. Allman: Read Ord. 2022-14 into the record. Mr. Sisak moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-14. Seconded Mr. Bozic. Roll Call: Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-14 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- L. **2022-15** – Authorizing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and the Mayor to award a contract for trucking and hauling and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mrs. Allman: Read Ord. 2022-15 into the record. Mr. Sisak moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-15. Seconded Mr. Bozic. Roll Call: Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-15 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

- M. **2022-24** – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into the Ohio Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network Mutual Aid Agreement and providing for immediate enactment. Aid.

Sponsor: Director of Public Service Michael Rorar

Mrs. Allman: Read Ord. 2022-24 into the record. Mrs. Kilway moved for the adoption of Ord. 2022-24. Seconded Mr. Sisak. Roll Call: Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman – unanimous. **Ord. 2022-24 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

11. **Reports of Special Committees:**

Pres. of Council: I am forming one called the Council Operations Committee and it will be comprised of myself, Mr. Sisak and Mr. Bollas. The primary purpose of the committee will be working to get this video project done and then Mrs. Conti will be our internal inside person working with us along with her other duties will be working on this project.

Mayor: Are you also going to assign her to operate the equipment during the Council meeting?

Pres. of Council: Well, whatever we need to do.

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Mr. Bollas: I just wanted to add that I know we have the trial period, and I also would like to get more information from Mr. Davis as a part of the committee to understand the standard operating procedures and instruction manuals and things like that to see how we can form, I don't want to call it an easy button, but we will get there. But, the objective is to make it as manageable as possible.

Pres. of Council: We will do whatever we need to do Mayor . . . whatever, I'm not sure how this is all going to shake out, but we will take it one step at a time, and I guess we will be billed accordingly.

12. Announcements:

Pres. of Council: At this time, I will go ahead and entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining matters.

Mr. Sisak: So moved. Seconded Mrs. Kilway. Roll Call: Mr. Loughry, Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway – unanimous.

Pres. of Council: It is now 9:32 p.m. and we are going into Executive Session. For the audience, just to let everyone know that when we come back, we will do one last piece of business.

Pres. of Council: It is now 9:44 p.m. and we are back on Council floor, and I will recognize the Personnel Committee; Mr. Bollas.

Mr. Bollas: I call the Personnel Committee to order. After the Executive Session, I will move for the adoption of Ord. 2021-126. Seconded Mr. Bozic. Roll Call: Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **Ord. 2021-126 is adopted by a vote of 7-0.**

13. Adjournment: Mr. Sisak moved to adjourn. Seconded Mrs. Kilway. Roll Call: Mr. Sisak, Mrs. Allman, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Gutman, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **The Council meeting of 1-13-22 adjourned at 9:49 p.m.**

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Adopted:

Susan E. Burton, Clerk of Council

Dennis K. Loughry, President of Council