

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, April 25, 2022

Public Hearing

To consider the rezoning of 881 Lafayette Road, parcel numbers 028-19C-08-067 and 028-19C-08-005, from I-1 – (Industrial) to C-3 (General Commercial).

Medina Community Development Director, Andrew Dutton stated this is the property located on the north side of Lafayette and is a little over an acre, is currently vacant land and owned by Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority. Andrew supplied a packet explaining the differences between the districts, obviously industrial allows a lot more manufacturing, warehousing and those types of uses where as C-3 is a little broader with commercial residential. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their March 10th meeting and unanimously recommended for council to approve the application.

FOR the rezoning:

Skip Sipos – MMHA Executive Director

Applicant in this matter.

Three prong approach – 1) Study showed a need for emergency housing shelter. 2) Rapid Rehousing. 3) Permanent Supportive Housing.

Each of these prongs include wrap-around coordinated community services and that is what we do now. Skip stated that this project, in order to assure a cost-effective approach, the Medina County Commissioners donated half of the land that is in question tonight to the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority uses it as its unrestricted reserves to purchase the other parcel. With this we can build 11 units, 10 units to be designated for people with a federally qualifying disability. The most recent census data tells us that there are 2,147 Medina County households with incomes below the poverty level, that's almost 10%.

Steve Hambley - Medina County Commissioner

In favor and supports the rezoning application. Commissioner Hambley stated this is targeted to fit within the overall Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Hambley urges you all to consider the rezoning and would add, from his view point, the county commissioners did not donate the land for it to remain fallow. It should have a public purpose. This would benefit individual families as well as the community, by helping to make sure people have an affordable safe environment, a place to live and thrive.

Tom O'Connell – Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Medina County

Mr. O'Connell read a letter that Mayor Hanwell passed on to all the members of Council. (included in minutes for public record)

Mayor Hanwell – Dennis stated he has worked very hard with Skip and the local pastors here and many of the non-profits that for years have been taking care of the homeless and he simply will state on the record that it's our turn to step up and do what is necessary for this supportive housing, this is just one component of a multifaceted approach. This is a chance for us to make a difference. Mayor Hanwell thanked all the non-profits and the churches that for years have been using their own resources to help get us to this point and firmly feels it is time for us as a city to make this happen.

Paul Rose – On behalf of the Planning Commission this was passed unanimously because we all see the need for a facility such as this in the city.

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Jessica Hazeltine – stated the proposed location is in Ward 1 and the reason she is sitting here is that higher public service calling, this is her passion. She wanted a platform where she could help make things like this happen. Jessica is 100% in support of doing the rezoning for our residents.

AGAINST rezoning: No one came to speak against the rezoning.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:49 p.m.

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 2022 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:49 p.m. by Council President John Coyne III, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The roll was called with the following members of Council present R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Keith Dirham, Nino Piccoli, Patrick Patton, Police Chief Kinney, Fire Chief Walters, Kimberly Marshall, Andrew Dutton, Jansen Wehrley and Dan Gladish.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to this evening's Council meeting and will meet again in two weeks.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson had no report.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Bill Lamb stated last week was the first meeting on feeding wild animals/discussing reducing deer population within city limits. Second meeting is May 18th at 5:30 p.m. in the rotunda at City Hall.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mrs. Haire had no report.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mrs. Hazeltine has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the rotunda to discuss Medina TV and their budget.

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Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance

- 22-097-4/25 – Walmart Community Grant – Fire Dept.
- 22-098-4/25 – 2022 SPCA Contribution
- 22-099-4/25 – Increase Finance Dept. Petty Cash from \$125 to \$250
- 22-100-4/25 – MCDAC Grant Application – Police Dept.
- 22-101-4/25 – Real Estate Purchase Agreement – Airport
- 22-102-4/25 – Increase Expenditure – Firestorm Gear – Police Dept.
- 22-103-4/25 – Budget Amendments
- 22-104-4/25 – Memorial Pool Cabana Rental Rates
- 22-105-4/25 – Easement & Right of Entry Contract – W. Smith Reconstruction
- 22-106-4/25 – Wheeling & Lake Erie Water Line Crossing Agreement – W. Smith
- 22-107-4/25 – Wheeling & Lake Erie Letter Agreement – W. Smith
- 22-108-4/25 – Bids, Ray Mellert Parking Lot Expansion and Dog Park
- 22-109-4/25 – Amend Codified Ordinances – Section 941 - Garbage

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,

- A. **Memorial Day Parade- May 30-** I am happy to report that the Memorial Day Parade will take place this year as it had in past, prior to Covid. Lineup is from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Parade steps off at a little after 10 a.m. Starts at Broadway/Washington and goes west on Washington to Court; north on Court to Liberty; east on Liberty to Spring Grove; south on Spring Grove and into Spring Grove Cemetery. Ceremony at monument at Spring Grove will start about 11 a.m. or whenever parade completes. For veteran's groups interested in taking part, please contact Ed Zackery at the Medina County Veterans office.
- B. **Medina City Schools-** are conducting a facilities and redistricting survey this month. Residents are encouraged to go to the MCS website- www.medinabees.org or we have paper copies at Medina City Hall
- C. **Welcome Amy Hopkins-** Government Liaison for First Energy/OH Edison will speak during public comments on customer assistance offerings.
- D. **Prayers-** Respectfully ask all to keep the Ukrainian people in your thoughts and prayers as they experience this conflict and violence, both relatives here and those who reside in Ukraine or fled from same. Hopeful to bring this attack to an end as soon as possible.

Proclamation awarded to Kathy Patton from Mayor Hanwell and President of Council John Coyne in recognition of celebrating the 53rd Anniversary of Professional Municipal Clerk's Week.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, had no report.

Greg Huber, Law Department, was absent.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, reported that the Fire Department is continuing to accept applications for the position of part-time firefighter through the end of the month.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, the next round of ribbon cuttings is scheduled for Friday, May 6th starting at 1 p.m. Studio A Salon – 1162 N. Court St., 2 p.m. Buckeye Leaf Boutique – 119 Lafayette Rd., 3 p.m. Discount Tire – 1008 N. Court St., 4 p. m. Knot yourself – 238 S. Elmwood Ave.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, Last Friday was Earth Day, Jansen wanted to acknowledge Medina Early Childhood PTA as they came out and planted 60 trees at Reagan Park and raised all the funds for that project. This Thursday is Arbor Day in the City of Medina. Kiwanis will be providing seedlings to all the 3rd graders in the district. In addition, this Friday is National Arbor Day and we are doing an event with First Energy as well as Asplundh Tree Service gathering at Kuehn-Todd Conservation Area at 10 a.m. to plant 200+ trees with all their employees. May 1st we will have 9 Girl Scout troops also planting trees at a different area in Reagan Park. Outdoor pool season passes will go on sale beginning May 1st. and you can purchase those online.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, thanked Krista from the Health Department, she has been a great help over the last two years. Congratulations to Mrs. Patton for all she does here at City Hall.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, there are three projects currently in the bid process, the S. Court Water Tower Exterior Recoating, the Gates Mills Culvert Replacement Project, and the 2022 Concrete Street Repair Program.

Andrew Dutton, had no report.

Cindy Lastuka, Municipal Court, had no report.

Confirmation of Mayoral appointment

Brian Harr – CRA Housing Council – Exp. 12/31/24
Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine.

Notices, communications and petitions:

There were none.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

Introduction of Visitors:

Krista Wasowski from the Medina County Health Department stated that this Health Department has been serving Medina County for over 100 years. There is a levy on the ballot for May 3rd. The Board of Health is asking for a .7 mil renewal. That levy has been on the books since the 1950's and it is one of the many ways the Health Department has been funded as an agency. We also have a .15 increase attached to that request this time. Technology has changed so much in the last ten years since they've renewed and their servers, lap tops and anti-virus software and all the things that come along with that and we have to update in order to be a modern Health Department. With grants that they receive they have to put the money out first and then be reimbursed and that is a shift in the last ten years. They have over \$1 million dollars a year that they have tied up in that waiting process, these two reasons are why they need the increase and renewal.

Mr. Lamb stated he has learned more about the Health Department in the last two years than he would have ever imagined and has learned to appreciate the services they provide.

Mrs. Hazeltine stated she is a big fan of Krista and all the employees at the Health Department. Jess stated that she has used almost every aspect of the Health Department.

Mr. Simpson stated this organization is such an asset to the County, thank you.

Michelle Mayor is a Brunswick resident and Keri Huff is a City of Medina resident and they represent Medina Meow Fix and came tonight to give some updates on numbers and statistics. City of Medina 357 cats. Working with SPCA, 43% have been adopted out. Starting to network with other people.

Michelle stated they are not just a TNR group they want to be able to educate and help people also. Her main goal this year is to go to the apartment complexes in Medina City to start and roll out an agenda of coupons. Everyone takes a deposit for a cat into an apartment whether it's a rental house or apartment and she wants to approach the apartments and ask them to put another \$70 on top of the deposit already required to have the cat spayed or neutered and microchipped. If they are not spayed or neutered they will then get a coupon to have it done at Mission Possible.

Steve Hambley spoke in favor of the Medina Health Department levy. The county commissioners are the taxing authority and place that issue on the ballot, they are not the budgeting authority. The budgeting authority actually goes to an appointed health department board that is selected by local governments. Steve feels that is an important distinction to remember because that is where the control or enforcement of state codes and other provisions of the law.

Sandra Varndell resides at 1014 Smokerise Dr.

Sandra spoke on the House Bills 454 and 616 brought forth by members of the Ohio State Legislators.

Lori Kotalac resides 317 Stratton Drive in Medina. She and her husband has lived in Medina for nearly 50 years and raised 3 children here. Lori shared her story through the eyes of a parent as one of their children is a trans-male. He was feeling extreme dysphoria and he described it as a

feeling of discomfort when your gender identity does not match the sex assigned at birth. After seeking more professional assistance and educating themselves on dysphoria and the transgender experience and with the information that was provided by an amazing local support group they began working with a group of four specialists. Her child told her that he wished he had studied harder in High School which he already had excellent grades but he thought he wouldn't still be here. Her son will graduate from The Ohio State University this year and will pursue his Masters Degree in Social Work. Having these medical specialists available to us during his early transgender journey literally saved his life. House Bill 454 will make it impossible for them to access life saving medical care they deserve. Lori is a suicide crisis counselor for the Trevor Project, the worlds largest suicide prevention in crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ young people. Please oppose House Bill 454 and 616.

Gretchen Long resides at 800 Woodhaven Ln. came today to ask to pass a resolution that tells our State we stand against suicide and bullying. Medina should be focused on conditions for all youth to thrive and feel safe regardless of people's opinions or beliefs. Ohio's house of representatives is bullying my child in a way that is very likely to lead to shame, depression and suicide.

Gretchen shared her story of her second-grade child, stating last year at 7.5 years old their child changed from being just a tom boy to living as the boy he feels he is. They immediately affirmed their child because they knew that 82% of transgender individuals considered suicide and 40% have attempted. It was a relief to them that they could advocate for appropriate medical care and sought gender affirming care starting with a psychiatrist and knew they would eventually need to introduce puberty blockers so their child can take this slowly giving his brain to mature before his body. Gretchen urges Council to pass a resolution against House Bill 454 so that her child does not become part of this political experiment that is not backed by science. She would like council to declare that Medina supports the research that providing gender affirming care reduces that suicide attempt, addiction and depression and to declare you want all our children to be happy and focus on learning not fearing that they would be reported by a teacher to the authorities. HB 616 Books do not teach children to be gender expansive. Her child feels this way because of his brain, because of what is inside of him. Cleveland Clinic has research that supports and demonstrates how the brain works. Books do not teach people to be who they aren't they teach people to be better versions of themselves. This bill isn't just about gender expansiveness it's also about other races and other nationalities.

Jessica Hazeltine stated that she 100% stands behind all that spoke today on the house bills. Jessica stated the idea of looking in the mirror and her outside not matching her inside she can't even imagine as a suicide survivor herself 20 years ago she was in a place of extreme depression and if she would have had that on top of that she doesn't know that she would still be here.

Council recessed at 8:41 p.m.

Jessica spoke of her father's wife that is transgender and she had access to gender affirming care from the age of 14 in a third world country. The idea that a country that is as progressed as we are could deny that is very scary to her and she does want the public to know and she wants everyone here to know that she does stand in support of the LGBTQ community as far as the house bills go,

Bill 454, the gender affirming one which is the one that really touches her heart, is currently in the Families Aging and Human Services Committee. You can google that phrase quickly and you will find all the people you need to email and she has already emailed all those folks that were mentioned earlier with her thoughts and feelings. Jessica invited everyone to enjoy some of the great things they have here in Medina that support our LGBTQ community and one of those things is an event sponsored by Out-Support, Medina County Health Department, the Pride Program at Hope Recovery, and herself on June 14th on the square. Jess is eternally grateful that for the first week and a half of June for the first time ever all 29 flags on the square will be replaced with pride flags.

Council reconvened at 8:44 p.m.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mr. Shields moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ord. 077-22, Ord. 078-22, Ord. 079-22, Ord. 080-22, Ord. 81-22, Ord. 082-22, Res. 083-22, Ord. 084-22, Ord. 085-22, Ord. 086-22, Ord. 087-22, Ord. 088-22, Ord. 089-22, Ord. 090-22, Ord. 091-22. The roll was called and the motion passed with the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 077-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to Lease Agreement (renewal) with Williams Scotsman, Inc. for the lease of a flex portable building for the Medina Municipal Court. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 077-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Cindy Lastuka stated this is to extend the lease on the building till the end of the year. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 077-22 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 078-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the payment to Solid Ground Construction for the Private Home Rehabilitation at 420 North Jefferson Street, as part of the PY20 CHIP Grant Program. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 078-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 078-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dutton stated this is a home rehabilitation project at 420 North Jefferson part of the PY20 CHIP grant program and the amount is \$67,000 plus a lot of work that is going into this home including hot water tank, new roof, gutters, downspouts, boiler, and windows. It is one of their larger CHIP program projects. This authorization would allow payment to Solid Ground Construction. Emergency is needed to pay in a timely matter. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 078-22 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 079-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$15,000.00 to Medina Excavating for the demolition of the building and restoration of the property located at 368 Foundry Street,

Medina. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 079-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this expense is to demolish the house at 368 Foundry Street which is in the process of being transferred to the city, upon completion of the project the parcel will be incorporated as part of the park and they are using ARP funds. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 079-22 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 080-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Client Professional Services Agreement with Poggemeyer Design Group for consulting services and to make an application for the PY22 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Grant Program. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 080-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 080-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dutton stated this is to enter into an agreement with Poggemeyer to apply for their program year 2022 CHIP Grant. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 080-22 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 081-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of forty-five (45) P25 Unication Pagers from Mitchell Communications for the Fire Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 081-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 081-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 081-22 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 082-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the South Prospect Street Reconstruction Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 082-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is a project that will completely rebuild South Prospect Street between West Smith Rd. and Lafayette includes new pavements, new water line and sanitary sewer and new storm sewer. Total cost of project is a little over \$1.6 million. Secured grant is \$493,940 for this project. The County will be responsible for \$350,000 for the sanitary sewer reconstruction. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 082-22 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Res. 083-22:

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a request for Federal Grant Funds for the State Road Reconstruction Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson.

Mr. Patton stated this is the second year in a row they are applying for federal funds for State Road. The project will extend from the railroad tracks south of West Liberty to Birch Hill and the total grant request is \$4.6 million. Total project cost is \$6.6 million. Emergency is requested due to grant deadline. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-22 passed by the yeas votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 084-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to grant a Fiber Equipment Easement for Medina Fiber to locate their facilities on City owned property. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 084-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated that Medina Fiber installed some of their equipment in the city right-of-way due to the conflicts with the waterline. We need to have that equipment moved, so this request will provide an easement so they can locate their equipment in front of the Wadsworth Rd. Fire Station. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 084-22 passed by the yeas votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

Ord. 085-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for sale and purchase of Real Property and a contract for Right of Entry relative to the West Smith Reconstruction Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 085-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 085-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is one of the properties they needed to acquire to complete the West Smith project. This particular one will allow them to align Baxter Street and Medina Street. This Federally funded project falls under the ODOT protocol with a strict deadline and the emergency clause is needed. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 085-22 passed by the yeas votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 086-22:

An Ordinance accepting a Right-of-Way dedication Plat of Part of Smith Road and Medina Street, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 086-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 086-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is for the same intersection with the same project. The City owns a very small triangle parcel and ODOT is requiring us to dedicate that as public right-of-way in order to complete the project. Emergency is needed due to time restrictions. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 086-22 passed by the yeas votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 087-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept Easements and a Contract for Right of Entry necessary for the West Smith Reconstruction Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 087-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 087-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated these are again for the West Smith Road Reconstruction Project and a total of three easements necessary for the completion of the project. Emergency is needed again for time restraints. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 087-22 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 088-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) EnviroSight Rover X System Sewer Camera from Best Equipment Company for the Street Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 088-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated they currently own a 2005 Camera and it is 17 years old and has served the city well but now is having problems. If passed tonight this will allow for the purchase of the camera with a \$10,000 trade-in. The camera is used to televise the city storm system, infrastructure and helps with residential / business problem solving. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 088-22 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

Ord. 089-22:

An Ordinance amending Ord. 55-17, passed April 24, 2017, relative to membership rates for the Medina Community Recreation Center. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 089-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this will remove the renewal rate option as part of their membership structure at the Medina Rec Center. This is to enable them to transition most of their membership sales online. New membership incentive for part time rec employees is the second half to this request. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 089-22 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 090-22:

An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinance No. 14-20, passed January 27, 2020 relative to the Sexual Offender Plan of Action Policy for the Medina Community Recreation Center. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 090-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this to update their plan of action to align with actually being done at the facility. The major change is that all new or renewed members will continue to be run against the National Registry, the only exceptions are large mass gatherings such as swim meets, basketball, or special events, and any large rentals we might have. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 090-22 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

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Ord. 091-22:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 201-21, passed December 13, 2021. (Amendments to 2022 Budget) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 091-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 091-22 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson congratulated Mrs. Kathy Patton for her proclamation tonight and stated none of them could do the job they do without her, thank you!

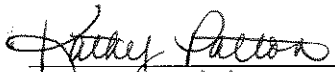
Mr. Rose stated Tuesday, May 3rd is Primary Day, vote on or before that date.

Paul thanked Kathy Patton. He also thanked Medina Meow Fix for the job they do.

Make Medina Better – Medina Kids Care is doing a horse show on May, 1st at the Medina County Fairgrounds. All proceeds go towards helping residents of Medina County Home.

Jessica Hazeltine also thanked Kathy Patton for all she does and encouraged all residents to please vote and vote for the Health Department levy.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9.02 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council

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Tom Kotick
Treasurer

Dear Mayor Hanwell & Medina City Council Representatives,

On behalf of the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your continued support of Habitat's work here in Medina County.

Habitat is committed to the vision to see a world where everyone has a decent place to live and views the entire housing spectrum from homeless prevention to homeownership as important to our county's success. This perspective led Habitat to participate in the development of the 'Coordinated Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness' through the Medina County Housing Network. One of the key components of the plan's housing crisis response system is the need for more permanent supportive housing (PSH) units here in Medina County.

- Dan Calvin
- Chuck Hollingsworth
- William Hutson
- Bill Laux
- Pat McNeill
- Pat Neal
- Jaclyn Ringstmeier
- Joan Rundle
- Tracey Ruffin
- Ashley Sorgen
- Cindy Steeb
- Jinny Widowski

Habitat for Humanity is aware of Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority's (MMHA) zoning change request for 881 Lafayette Rd. The approval of this change will allow MMHA to develop this site with 11-units of PSH. The Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors are in full support of this development and sees this as a vital part of the plan to prevent and end homelessness here in Medina County.

Thank you for your continued support of Habitat and all the organizations that work to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing for residents of Medina County.

Sincerely,

Tom O'Connell
Executive Director



A world where **everyone** has a decent place to live

4-25-22
Public Comment

Mayor Hanwell, Members of Council,

My name is Sandy Varndell, 1014 Smokerise Dr. Medina. I use she/her pronouns.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak this evening.

I am here tonight to talk about bills that have been brought forth by members of the Ohio State Legislators targeting the LGBTQ and African American communities. I am here to urge you to consider a Resolution condemning these bills, or if a Resolution is not an option, to draft a letter from Medina City Council opposing such Legislation to be sent to Speaker of the House Robert Cupp, Representative Sharon Ray, and Governor Mike Dewine.

There are 2 pieces of Legislation that I will speak about tonight, HB 454 and 616.

HB 454 would make it illegal for physicians, psychologists, or any healthcare providers to administer gender affirming care to transgender youth. Not only is this a major overreach of government that would interfere with the relationship between healthcare providers, parents and their children, taking medical decisions out of the realm of medical professionals and parents, but would put the health and well-being of hundreds of transgender children at risk, many of whom live in Medina. This is not experimental medicine, but is scientifically and time proven medical care.

In our area of Ohio, every major healthcare system offers medical care to transgender children. Akron Children's Hospital has a special department called The Center for Gender Affirming Medicine. That specialized department has so many youth seeking care that there is currently a 7 month wait time to see a specialist there. Similar wait times are at other hospitals for families seeking gender affirming care for their beloved children. The wait times wouldn't be if there were no children desperately needing the Life-affirming care.

HB 616 would take control of decisions about curriculum away from local school boards and severely limit what teachers can and cannot teach in the classroom. It is exceedingly vague but has the potential to censor any mention of race, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Our children go to school to learn how the world around them is, so that they will be well prepared to face the world as it is, not by how some would like it to be. Our public school teachers in Medina and all of Ohio work hard at teaching our children what they need to know about the world...that people that they will come into contact with include people of color, with vital histories that need to be taught in history classes. That they will come into contact with LGBTQ+ people, who have a rich history that should be taught in history classes. That their histories and experiences are part of America's history. These lessons should not be censored by politicians. Free speech would be greatly impacted if a child who has 2 mommies or 2 daddies could not talk about their families. A child who wants to read the book "I am Jazz" from the school library because it reflected who they see themselves to be, would be prohibited from having those types of books available. It's not hard to see that this bill aims to erase a child's life experience, and pretend that they do not exist.

A 2020 Gallup poll found that 5.6 % of Americans identify as LGBTQ+. If those polls are accurate, and Medina City's population is 25,671, that means that 1,437 Medina residents are potentially LGBTQ+, of all ages, 0-100. As Coordinator of OutSupport, Medina's LGBTQ Support, Information and Advocacy group, I have been given the chance to visit our local school's Gender and Sexuality Alliances at nearly every high school in Medina County, including Medina High School GSA, Highland High School, and Buckeye High School, as well as Wadsworth and Brunswick.

Each school that has a GSA confirms a minimum of 50 students active in that school's GSA. There are 3 Middle School GSA type groups as well, with numbers equalling the high school groups. On Friday, I was fortunate to visit the Highland HS GSA. Students there said that they are upset that adults don't understand what they experience and that they want to live as their authentic selves. With bills like this floating around the Ohio Statehouse, they are angry and

confused as to why the legislators are doing this to them. Parents that I talk to with younger students here in the county tell me that their children are crying themselves to sleep at night, wondering if they will be able to continue the medical care that they have been receiving for months or years.

These bills are unacceptable in a state that prides itself on its educational colleges and universities. I would like to think that both doctors and educators know what they are doing in a medical setting and teaching students in public schools, many training in Ohio higher education. Why would we not let them do what they do best already?

I ask that you do what ever you can to oppose these bills. Ohio children can't be traumatized and erased like these bills aim to do.
Thank you.