

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, March 25, 2024

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 25, 2024 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. John Coyne III, President of Council, who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

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

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and approved by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated they will meet again in two weeks on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 instead of the 8th due to the solar eclipse.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

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

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

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

Water & Utilities Committee: Ms. Hazeltine was absent.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Ms. DiSalvo had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

24-067-3/25 – Budget Amendments

24-068-3/25 – PY22 CHIP Rehab – Amend Ord. 178-23 – 137 Oakleigh Dr.

24-069-3/25 – Then & Now – Rea and Associates – 2023 Audit

24-070-3/25 – Resolution supporting America250-OH

24-071-3/25 – Increase P.O. – Signal Service Co.

24-072-3/25 – Amend Ord. 124-18 – ODOT State Bike Route 71 – Realignment

24-073-3/25 – Purchase 2024 Ford F-350 – Forestry

24-074-3/25 – Amend Ord. 84-23 – Municipal Pool Rates

24-075-3/25 – Amend Ord. 113-22 – MCRC Membership Rates

24-076-3/25 – Amend Ord. 9-22 – MCRC Facility Rental Rates

24-077-3/25 – Construction Manager at Risk: Municipal Courthouse Renovation

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24-078-3/25 – Engineering Design Services for US 42 Resurfacing
24-079-3/25 – Increase P.O. #2024-1068 – Coulter Ventures (Rogue Fitness)
24-080-3/25 – Sale of Fire Department Trailer to EMA
24-081-3/25 – Transfer of Medina City Parking Lot

Confirmation of Mayor’s appointment:

Linda Williams – Medina County Advisory Board on Aging – Exp. 3-31-27
Mr. Shields moved to confirm the mayor’s appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,

- A. Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency NOACA will be mailing out travel surveys to randomly selected participants in a five-county region, including Medina County. Those selected are encouraged to participate.
- B. Please see all the weekend activities for the upcoming Solar Eclipse on April 6 – 8, 2024 on website www.medinaoh.org/city-hall/solar-eclipse-2024 Special thanks to Barb Dzur, and the collaboration from The Medina Area Chamber of Commerce, Medina County Visitors Bureau and many local businesses for support and advertising. Major Sponsors: Armstrong, Huntington Bank, Medina Co. Convention, Visitors Bureau, Root Candles, and Sweets and Geeks. We thank all of you for your generous support. Still in need of volunteers to help with a scavenger hunt. If you are available and interested please contact Barbara at bdzur@medinaoh.org or 330-722-9029.
- C. Children’s Center of Medina County Annual Pinwheel Walk on the Square to recognize child abuse cases April 14th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Each pinwheel represents a child abuse case that was opened in the past year.
- D. MSM is hosting Cars and Coffee on the square – April 21st, 8 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, reminded the residents of Medina City that the city does have an income tax and they are required to file with RITA.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, Kimberly stated the Kmart building is finally being demoed.

Matt Lanier, assistant Law Department, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, reported that last week there was a 9-year-old student hit in the square while walking to Garfield Elementary. In consultation with the family it was decided to

release the video to highlight how important it is to pay attention while you are driving inside the square. Fortunately, the child only received minor injuries but obviously could have been much worse. This was the third pedestrian hit in the square for the last two years. This location has clear pavement markings, traffic signals, crosswalk signals and audible signals for pedestrians. You must yield to pedestrians while they are in the crosswalk and most importantly pay attention to what is going on around you while you are driving through the square or turning at any intersection. The driver was charged with failing to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk, driving under suspension and driving without a drivers license.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, had no report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, reported in December of last year they issued Forestry Utility work permit to Ohio Edison Co. They are actively out notifying residents in performing vegetation maintenance in the right-of-way all throughout the city for the majority of the summer. If your home will be impacted by the work you will receive either a door hanger notification or someone will speak to you directly regarding the work. The one change for this year is they will be marking trees discreetly with red spray paint towards the base of the tree.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, reported they opened bids for the third columbarium wall at Spring Grove Cemetery and work is expected to be done by September.

Andrew Dutton, Planning and Community Development Director, had no report.

Notices, communications and petitions:

There were none.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

Introduction of Visitors:
(speakers limited to 5 min.)

Nancy Peacock – The Free Clinic of Medina County

Tom O’Connell – “Aging in Place” Program

Laura Toth – Executive Director, Office for Older Adults

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. 63-24, Ord. 64-24, Ord. 65-24, Ord. 66-24, Ord. 67-24, Ord. 68-24. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields,

D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 63-24

An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure to Rea and Associates, Inc. for the 2023 GAAP Conversion. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 063-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 063-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated he would like to cover this and the next ordinance together. Keith stated this one is for Rea & Associates for the GAAP Conversion and the next ordinance is the audit. Both of these are multi-year contracts that were approved last year, you would be approving the expenditure. The expenditure is a little over the contract amount and that is because there is a provision in the contract that they can charge a little more if there are new statements. Emergency clause is needed due to time restraints. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 063-24 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 64-24

An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of up to \$42,500 to Rea & Associates for the preparation of the annual audit for the City of Medina for the fiscal period ending December 31, 2023. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 064-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 064-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 064-24 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 65-24

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept the scope of services as set forth in the Engagement Letter from McDonald Hopkins, LLC, as it pertains to legal services pertaining to bond counsel matters related to the Courthouse Improvement Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 065-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Keith Dirham stated that we are not borrowing money for this project at this time, the city has sufficient money to pay for this project. What we are doing here is preserving the ability to borrow money in the future. Under Ohio law we can only borrow for certain limited things, one of those is acquisition of an asset so we can do it at the beginning but we could not come back and do a borrowing later unless we dot all the I's and cross all the T's legally in advance now, and this is to engage McDonald Hopkins, LLC to handle that so we are prepared if we decide in the future to borrow on this we can. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 065-24 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 66-24

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2024 F-150 4 x 4 Pickup Trucks from Montrose Ford for the Water Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 066-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated the purchase of these two vehicles were discussed in the water distribution budget in 2023. These new trucks will

be replacing a 2010 pickup and a 2011 pickup. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 066-24 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 67-24

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 190-23, passed November 28, 2023. (Amendments to 2024 Budget) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 067-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Keith stated there are a number of pass throughs of grants and donations in here. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 067-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and P. Rose

Ord. 68-24

An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Medina, Ohio, certifying that when a municipal obligation was incurred sums were lawfully appropriated in the funds to satisfy the obligation and sufficient sums currently exist to satisfy this obligation. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 068-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 068-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is to pay for the audit which was approved in the contract last year but the approval of the actual expenditure this year is now. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 068-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Council comments

Mr. Simpson – Be Kind to each other, it’s really easy to do.

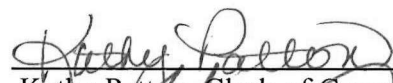
Ms. Haire reminded everyone that it is spring break time for city schools. Happy Easter.

Ms. DiSalvo expressed her hope that if the school levy should come up again this fall that we have a better outcome.


Mr. Rose reflects on this Holy Week, Happy Easter!

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, III, President of Council

