

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, June 12, 2023

Public Hearing.

To consider an amendment to the contract establishing and governing the City of Medina-Montville Township Joint Economic Development District pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 715.72(L) to add certain property to the district.

Mrs. Marshall spoke in support and stated this is to amend the JEDD contract by bringing in property to the district that they refer to as their Expansion District Area. The property address to be added is 5827 Wooster Pike Road and is for the South Town Center LLC retail project. There was not a clear record of whether that property owner had the opportunity to agree to be part of the JEDD Expansion District. This Public Hearing is out of an abundance of caution to give a 30-day notice. This will be for a retail development that will consist of three standalone buildings.

No one spoke in opposition.
Public Hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 2023 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President John Coyne III who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Nino Piccoli, Patrick Patton, Joe Toth, Jansen Wehrley, Chief Kinney, Chief Walters, and Kimberly Marshall, Jarrod Fry.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated they met prior to the Council meeting and will meet again on June 24, 2023.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields stated possible meeting in July.

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

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb stated he has one item on the agenda this evening.

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

Water & Utilities Committee: Ms. Hazeltine had no report.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report. Stated the Emerging Technology Advisory Committee has a meeting at 5 p.m. on June 29th.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

- 23-115-6/12 – Medina Meow Fix – Additional Funding Request
- 23-116-6/12 – Bids, 2023 Broadcasting & Web Streaming Head End Video – Cable TV
- 23-117-6/12 – Pickleball Courts – ARPA Funds
- 23-118-6/12 – Donate PC’s to Medina City Schools
- 23-119-6/12 – Expenditure Over \$20,000 – Intertek PSI – Engineering
- 23-120-6/12 – Amendment to JEDD Contract – South Town, LLC
- 23-121-6/12 – Bids, Rocky River Stabilization at Huffman Cunningham Park – ARPA
- 23-122-6/12 – Courthouse Lease

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor:

- A. Medina Farmers’ Market will take place on Public Square on Saturdays through October 7th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- B. Medina Community Band Concerts on Friday Nights in June and July on the square, weather permitting, starting at 8:30 p.m.
- C. Medina County Road Runners held their Half Marathon and 5K on Saturday, May 27th and have donated over \$200K to local organizations as well as provided 8 sponsorships to high school graduates for college and will award 2 more in 2023.
- D. Had beautiful weather for the Memorial Day Parade, great participation and public turnout with a surprise fly over by our U.S. Airforce. Thanks to Service and Parks Departments for having the square and surrounding areas looking impeccable, well done!
- E. Medina’s second annual Juneteenth celebration will be on Saturday, June 17th on Public Square. The celebration will include guest speakers & live performances including Motown Jazz, food, music, youth activities, cultural and community celebration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All are welcome.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, Keith had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, spoke on behalf of Andrew Dutton the Community Development Director announcing the Meijer Retail Development for the former Kmart building had to go through site plan review and the project was approved unanimously. Part of their plans are to apply to demolish the former Kmart building this winter and then break ground in the spring. This should bring about 300 new jobs to the city.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

Joe Toth, LST Director, stated that through the month of May the Life Support Team went on 1,444 ambulance calls for the City of Medina and for all three entities a total of 2,166 calls.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, had no report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, stated they kicked off their Party in the Park series which is an eight-week series free to the community and sponsored by the Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital. Touch A Truck is at the rec center tomorrow and there are 350 children signed up.

Summer camp has begun, it is a 10-week series and there are still spots available.

Reminder to rec members that the indoor pools are closed through August 11th. Memorial outdoor pool is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Greenwood splash pad is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Seven days a week rain or shine. Ray Mellert splash pads are open from 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, was absent.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, stated they were awarded both ODOT Municipal Bridge funds for the replacement of Prospect St. bridge and South Huntington St. bridge. This comes to a little over \$3.5 million dollars in total for both bridges. This will cover 100% of construction costs. The city will be responsible for design and development costs for both projects.

Andrew Dutton, Planning and Community Development Director, was absent.

Notices, communications and petitions:

Liquor Permit:

Mr. Shields move to not to object to the transfer of a C1 and C2 permit from WJF Investment Corp, dba Medina Marathon, 429 S. Court St. to Shoreline Convenience LLC, dba Medina Marathon, 429 S. Court Street, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was call and passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Liquor Permit:

Mr. Shields move to not to object to a new C1 and C2 permit to Meijer Stores Limited Partnership, dba Meijer Store #335, 1105 N. Court Street, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was call and passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.-

Introduction of Visitors:

There were none.

Introduction and consideration of ordinances and resolutions.

Motion to suspend the Rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions: Ord. 99-23, Ord. 100-23, Ord. 101-23, Ord. 102-23, Res. 103-23, Ord. 104-23. Mr. Shields moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 99-23

An Ordinance amending Section 505.08 of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to Animals and Fowl – Feeding of Animals Prohibited, with the addition of a new Section 505.082. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 099-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Lamb stated he and the Law director worked together to come up with the language to help protect people's property and at the same time not make it overly burdensome. This is not to turn neighbor against neighbor. Mr. Lamb is voting against this ordinance. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 099-23 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine. B. Lamb cast a nay vote.

Ord. 100-23

An Ordinance amending Section 31.05 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Police Department Communication Operators. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 100-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney would like to amend the Salaries and Benefits Code to permit the increase of one communications operator to go from ten full-time communications operators to eleven. The reason is growth of our department and the surrounding departments that we dispatch for. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 100-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 101-23

An Ordinance authorizing the payment to Cleveland Communications, Inc. for the communications radio console upgrade for the Police Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 101-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this is for an upgrade in our dispatch center to the Harris B25 symphony consoles. Our at end of life and can't get parts for repair. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 101-23 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 102-23

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Dark Fiber Services Agreement with the Medina County Fiber Network to provide the Medina Police Department Communications Center LIT Fiber Services from Medina Fiber network to Parma. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 102-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this is the fiber connection from the Medina Police Department to Core of the radio system which is housed in Parma. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 102-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Res. 103-23

A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for grant assistance from the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Housing and Community Development, in connection with the Small Cities PY23 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 103-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 103-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 103-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

Ord. 104-23

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Mack TE Front Loader from Bell Equipment Company for the Sanitation Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 104-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated this will allow for the purchase of a 2024 Mack truck for commercial operations. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 104-23 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine.

Council comments

Dennie Simpson spoke of the Pride Celebration and the upcoming Juneteenth celebration. Dennie mentioned that the council's party affiliation doesn't get in the way of their work and he is grateful of that. Kindness goes a long way.


Regi Haire stated she was at the Pride picnic last week, and she thanked the community for their acceptance. It was very nice, pleasant and well attended event on the square. Regi encouraged the community to attend the Juneteenth event on Saturday.

Jessica Hazeltine stated she has never had anyone on council treat her differently because of her party affiliation and they all work together well.


Jim Shields mentioned that at the Kid's Day of Play that took place last Saturday he ran into some people that were visiting and they were amazed at how many events and different types of events that we hold on the square. They consider the people that live in Medina very lucky.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John Coyne, President of Council

