

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, July 8, 2019

Public Hearing (7:30 p.m.)

To consider the rezoning of 1088 S. Court Street from R-3, High Density Urban Residential to C-3, General Commercial.

For: Mr. Mendel this went to the Planning Commission on May 9th, 2019 at that time the Planning Commission recommended the rezoning to City Council. Jonathon provided the May 9th packet with all the information. This was reviewed on May 28th by the Finance Committee and the minimum 30 day public notice.

Justin Eddy from Tucker Ellis, Cleveland, Ohio - Land Use Council to the property owner. Proposed project in connection to Key Bank Kiosk not a bank but essentially a drive up. Justin went on to explain the zoning areas in relation to other businesses and feels C-3 General Commercial is appropriate for this parcel and is in conformance. He spoke of the property owners fundamental rights. He also addressed the Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2007 and acknowledges zoning change is appropriate in this case. One of the matters of concern that has been brought up at some meetings were from residents of the Pinewood Development is traffic. In this case they are only looking at 60 to 80 trips per day to this property and this is a passive use, it's not going to create more traffic in the area. Trillium Creek did not sue the city they simply appealed the BZA and Justin feels that appeal will most likely be dismissed.

Against: David Hoek resides at 28 Pinewood Drive – Member of Board of Trustees of the Pinewood Condominium Association. David is here in representation of the Pinewood Development and is against the rezoning at 1088 S. Court St. Concerns are traffic, the addition of two more access lanes would add to the already dangerous traffic conditions Closing the gravel road would only impact the use for the owner. Left turns are already difficult and this will only make it worse. They suggest a traffic study be done to monitor the traffic. David invited City Council to visit Pinewood themselves to experience the hazards the residents experience on a daily basis just trying to enter or exit their neighborhood. David also mentioned the trees that would have to be taken down to accommodate this Bank Kiosk.

Pat Ryan resides at 5242 Sharon Copley Rd. – Pat frequents the Pinewood neighborhood and has relatives and friends there. She spoke of her history in government service having over 25 years in. These homes are within 50 ft. of this property line where this proposed kiosk would go. It is not common practice nor is it wise to change zoning to such an intrusive C-3 zoning. Pat spoke of the dangerous traffic this would generate. A less intense zoning would not restrict the use of this kiosk. You must consider the future and what uses would be possible with the rezoning.

Julie Larabee resides at 36 Pinewood Drive – Safety is a concern there are too many driveways and Streets, 64 families in Pinewood. Julie experienced gridlock traffic just the other day in this area due to a UPS driver wanting to turn left.

Jim Bahr resides at 35 Pinewood – Spoke of blind spots and how hard it is to see vehicles coming and going.

Keith Racey resides at 908 Laurel Glens Dr. – Lots of traffic, lots of danger in that traffic.

Dar Jacobs – Presented Council with a typed statement.

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The public hearing was closed at 8:02 p.m.

Opening:

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday, July 8th, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 8.03 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne. Eagle Scout Eli Schmeller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The roll was called with the following members of Council present J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Keith Dirham, Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Chief Kinney, Chief Painter, Dan Gladish, Kimberly Marshall, Jonathon Mendel, and Mike Wright.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on June 24, 2019 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved. The roll was called and the minutes were approved by the yeas votes of D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose and J. Shields.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to this evening's Council meeting and will meet again on August 26th.

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

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb stated no meetings are scheduled until after the break but they do have Legislation tonight that was passed a month ago the LGTBQ protection legislation that is on the agenda for tonight. He and Councilman Heffinger did submit a request on demolition to try and put one more step in the process in getting approval for demolishing a building that is in the original Village of Medina. Bill also stated that he recently submitted an RCA for Council to review and update the Comprehensive Plan so we can hopefully avoid these issues of inconsistency.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Heffinger had no report or meetings scheduled.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mr. Starcher had no report or meetings scheduled.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report but will be scheduling after the break a meeting with Armstrong Cable to show what they are doing now recently announced bringing fiber into the City of Medina and we will be able to discuss what they have to offer.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

- 19-121-7/8 – Intensive Supervision Probation Grant Renewal – Muni Court
- 19-122-7/8 – Exp. Over \$25,000 – Chippewa Roofing – Service Dept.
- 19-123-7/8 – Exp. Over \$25,000 – Main Street Lighting – Service Dept.
- 19-124-7/8 – Purchase 2020 Freightliner Rear Load Refuse Truck – Sanitation
- 19-125-7/8 – Grant Application – Assistance to Firefighter Grant – Fire Dept.
- 19-126-7/8 – 2020 Tax Budget
- 19-127-7/8 – Easements for West Smith Road Reconstruction – Phase 3
- 19-128-7/8 – Engine House Community Room Permit Approval
- 19-130-7/8 – Sale and Removal of Home at 347 N. Huntington

Special Legislation Committee

- 19-129-7/8 – Update Comprehensive Plan

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor, reported the following:

- 1) Parking Deck - Construction of parking deck south of Medina City hall will commence this summer. Parking will be very limited at Medina City Hall and lot between Sully's patio and Porter's Shoes. Available long term lots are at the southeast corner of West Liberty and South Elmwood; lot on west side of 200 block of South Elmwood (between Smith and Washington); as well as at the existing parking deck behind Common Pleas Courts. The project will last from August to likely spring, 2020.
- 2) Medina Community Band free concerts on Square each Friday night in July. Weather dependent. Starts 8:30 p.m.
- 3) Farmers Market each Sat. on Square 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 4) Ladies Night Out on Square- Thursday, July 11th 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- 5) Art in the Park on Square - Sunday, July 21st 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- 6) Public input meeting at Medina City Hall Monday, July 22nd 5:30 p.m. for Combined Courthouse - Common Pleas and Municipal Courts
- 7) Movie night on Public Square sponsored by Cool Beans Saturday, August 8th 9 p.m. – 11 p.m.
- 8) Affair on the Square craft show Sunday, August 11th – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- 9) Medina Fest on Square Saturday, August 24th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- 10) Proclamation - July is Small Cities Month by National League of Cities

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, Keith stated they have a budget meeting later this week.

Greg Huber, Law Director, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, stated Friday, July 12th there are a couple

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of ribbon cuttings. First one is at 1 p.m. for Molly's Fashion Boutique and Funtastic Toyz are both grand re-openings and are located at 140 Washington, then at 2 p.m. Candy Apple & Company located at 23 Public Square Suite 11, and hopefully Council will be able to join us.

Jonathan Mendel, Planning Community Director, had no report.

Chief Painter, Fire Department, had no report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, had no report.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, reported the last phase of the East Smith Road Reconstruction will happen starting this Friday to install the decorative sidewalk crosses at the end of the intersection of Broadway and Smith. Friday morning you will not be able to go north or south on Broadway.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, stated he will defer his report.

Notices, Communications and Petitions:

Liquor Permit:

Not to object to the issuance of a new D2 and D3 permit to Chancote LLC, 871 N. Court Street.

Mr. Shields moved not to object to the issuance of a D-2 and D-3 permit to Chancote LLC, 871 N. Court Street. Motion seconded by Mr. Simpson and approved by the yea votes of B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields and D. Simpson.

Unfinished Business:

There were none.

Introduction of Visitors:

Stacy Baker resides at 321 N. Elmwood – Speaking to update Council and the public on the Community Garden and Education Center. They are planning to sign their lease on July 26th and will be breaking ground on the first week in August.

Dale Hartle from Ohio Regional Development Corp., located at 200 Main St. in Coshocton, Ohio They administer the Community Housing Program for the City of Medina and Brunswick – Spoke on Fair Housing rights and passed out brochures.

Skip Baran resides at 536 N. Broadway St. speaking tonight on behalf of the Community Design Committee in reference of the rezoning of the three properties on South Jefferson Street. Reminded Council of their position in that they are opposed to the rezoning.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Res. 099-19:

A Resolution congratulating Elijah Schmeller on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 099-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 099-19 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson and B. Starcher.

Ord. 100-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the payment to Jen Met Construction LLC for the Private Home Rehabilitation at 3877 Miller Drive, Brunswick, Ohio as part of the PY18 CHIP Grant Program. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 100-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Mendel stated this is to get the contractor paid and it is a little over \$25,000. Emergency is needed to expedite the payment. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 100-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne and E. Heffinger. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 100-19 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher and J. Coyne.

Ord. 101-19:

An Ordinance adopting the City of Medina Community Development Block Grant Program Citizen Participation Plan. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 101-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 101-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Mendel stated it is required by the state of Ohio that they have a Public Participation Plan on the books which is typically good for five years. Emergency is needed so they can have it on the books and be consistent. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 101-19 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

Res. 102-19:

A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for grant assistance with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for a 2018 AFG Operations and Safety Equipment Grant for the Fire Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 102-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 102-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Painter stated this is to replace 15 year old breathing tanks. Emergency is needed due to grant cycle closing. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 102-19 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose and J. Shields.

Res. 103-19:

A Resolution adopting the Tax Budget of the City of Medina, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and submitting the same to the Medina County Auditor. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 103-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is the state's process that they lay out for us and this is something we have to do. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 103-19 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson and B. Starcher.

Ord. 104-19:

An Ordinance amending the agreement with Lafayette Township Trustees for Community Policing Law, Enforcement Services in its jurisdiction. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 104-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 104-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this will allow them to pay the salary of a Community Resource Officer out of the levy reserve, this will not affect our pass through from the levy revenues. Emergency is requested so that they can pay this as soon as possible. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne and E. Heffinger. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 104-19 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher and J. Coyne.

Ord. 105-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the South Broadway Street Reconstruction Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 105-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this will allow them to advertise for a bid. The total amount of project is projected to be \$1,245,500.00 and \$478,000.00 will be paid from an Ohio Public Works Grant. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 105-19 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

Res. 106-19:

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for grant assistance with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Municipal Bridge Program for the replacement of the South Prospect Street Bridge. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 106-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. ODOT comes out every year with a targeted bridge list and this year the South Prospect Street Bridge made that list meaning it is eligible for funding through the Ohio Municipal Bridge Program. It is a competitive grant. Since we are eligible we will apply for the application to try to get funds. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 106-19 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Ord. 107-19:

An Ordinance rezoning the properties located at 216, 222 & 226 S. Jefferson Street from R-3, High Density Residential to M-U, Multi Use. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 107-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Mendel stated this is a rezoning request, it went to the Planning Commission on April 11th and was passed along to City Council

for review. It hit the Finance Committee on May 13th, Public Hearing on June 24th, 2019 which brings us here tonight. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 107-19 failed by the nay votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose and J. Shields. B. Starcher cast a yay vote.

Ord. 108-19:

An Ordinance to approve, adopt and enact current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 108-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. These are codified records that we publish and keep on record for the City of Medina and every year we have to update them with new passed laws, resolutions and ordinances. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 108-19 passed by the yea votes of B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields and D. Simpson.

Res. 109-19:

A Resolution extending the Intensive Supervision Probation Grant for the Medina Municipal court through the fiscal year 2020 and 2021. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 109-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated he would like to address this and the next together as they are a pair. This is the grant that the court gets for the Intensive Supervision Probation Program. Emergency is needed due to the mechanism for this grant. The next ordinance is on the pay scales and he needs the emergency clause because otherwise when it does become effective, he would have to do a larger retroactive pay and that is just more work for his department for no real reason. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 109-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 109-19 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson and B. Starcher.

Ord. 110-19:

An Ordinance amending Section 31.02(B)(6) of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Intensive Supervision Probation employees for the Municipal Court. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 110-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 110-19, 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, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 110-19 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne and E. Heffinger.

Mr. Huber explained Ordinance 111-19 and Ordinance 112-19.

He stated these two ordinances were drafted to provide protection to the LGTBQ individuals with respect to public accommodations, housing and employment so that if a person applies for a job they can't be turned down for the job or fired from a job simply because they are gay or lesbian or LGTBQ and the same applies with respect to housing, renting and public accommodation that involves services and goods. Mr. Huber stated he thinks everyone recognizes the fact that there is an impasse and divide between some religious convictions and some religious belief with some

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churches and what the LGTBQ legislation seeks to accomplish. The first amendment constitution provides a broad level of protection to churches with respect to their religious convictions and so at this point there is a real uncertainty.

Spoke in favor of Ordinance 111-19 and Ordinance 112-19:

Pam Miller - 450 Woodland Drive
James Knapp - 2016 Smith Rd.
Rev. Keith Rasey - 908 Laurel Glens Dr.
Kristin Kranz – Deer Path Trail
Matt Weiderhold – 426 E. Liberty St.
Kelly Parker – Ryan Rd.
Rev. Lornell Brady – 80 Highpoint Dr.
Ian Haberman – 1150 Sharon Copley Rd.
Amy Panchumarti – 889 Lawrence
Leah White – 3530 Huffman Rd.
Pastor Pam Brandsken – 6480 Livia Lane
Charles Ramer 141 S. Prospect
Lance Traves – 239 S. Court St.
Bill Jones- Ex Principal Cloverleaf HS.
Jack Patrella – 234 W. North St.
Amy Demlow – 763 Victoria Circle

Spoke against Ordinance 111-19 and Ordinance 112-19:

Chris Long – President Ohio Christian Alliance
Mike Ryan – 155 Roshon Dr.
Dr. Bill Smallman - 201 Roshon Dr.
Sue Symonds – 2884 Remsen Rd.
Joan Campbell – 1111 Woodglen Cir.
Anne Bednarski – 105 Sturbridge Dr.
Kathy Bridge - 1074 N. Court
Jason Myers – Pastor at Bethel Baptist Church
Rev. Tony Sejba – 606 E. Washington
Kevin Burke – Saint Francis Xavier Attorney

Ord. 111-19:

An Ordinance amending Section 541.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio to Prohibit Intimidation on the basis of Sex, Gender Identity or Expression, or Sexual Orientation. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 111-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 111-19 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Ord. 112-19:

An Ordinance adopting a New Chapter 717 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio to Prohibit Discriminatory Conduct of the basis of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity or Expression. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution

No. 112-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Rose thanked everyone for being here tonight. Paul stated he does not believe that any beating heart should suffer from any discrimination. Paul stated he is a firm believer in educate, don't legislate. He has spent the last 42 years in business the last 18 of it in technology and stated, "you always want to be on the leading edge of something but you never want to be on the bleeding edge of something". Mr. Rose stated "Make yourself the most valuable employee your employer has and you don't have to worry about getting laid off". Mr. Coyne then asked the audience to be civil. Mr. Rose doesn't think this legislation will solve a problem and feels it will only relieve the symptom and stated to solve any problem the root of the problem must be corrected before any lasting resolution can be seen. Mr. Rose spoke of his reading during his nephew's wedding.

Mr. Simpson thanked everybody for their comments tonight. There are some folks out there that feel like they have not been involved in this process even though it's been going on for most of a year now and doesn't know what more could have been done with being on the local TV networks and local, Akron, Cleveland newspaper print. He doesn't understand how one would not have been able to know about this, especially with social media. Dennie is aware some people would like to see this move slower and disagrees because we are at a moment that we need to move forward with this. The law makes a difference and this legislation may not stop haters and bullying, but there is some teeth to it and he is proud to be one of them that will support this tonight. Treat everybody the way you want to be treated and you will have a good life.

Mr. Heffinger stated he has a list of things he was going to say tonight but a lot of it has already been said and he doesn't want to repeat. Eric stated that this is what democracy looks like. We are all here with each other to talk about this and that's the start. The next step is that we can have these discussions and that people feel comfortable coming out as gay. Nobody's mind was changed here tonight. Eric spoke of his own person journey when his best friend came out to him as gay a long time after he should have. In high school he didn't think he knew anyone that was gay. Through him and through the many other friends he later learned were also gay, his attitude has changed and that took years. He sincerely hopes that we pass this and are saying as a community that you are welcome here and though the person working next to you in that cubicle or that seat at that school is different than you but you can say who you are and what you believe in, whether that is your Christian belief or non, whether you are gay, straight whatever but you can talk about that and that's the next step is that we create a better community. Our moto here in Medina is preserving the past and forging the future and he believes that passing this will forge that future.

Mr. Starcher stated they are here to make laws so they are led by their Law Director and he said two things tonight – There is a real uncertainty in the law and that this is a new area of law that is why it is so contentious. There are many civil rights here colliding with each other at this point in time and history and that is why 31 states don't have a law pertaining to this. October 7th and 8th the Supreme Court will hear 3 cases on these issues and will establish Federal law, Federal Anti-discrimination Law which will set the standard for every state and every city in the country. We've worked on this for longer than it's going to be until the Supreme Court comes out with their decision. Everyone agrees that Medina is a great place to live, work and visit.

Mr. Shields stated they've heard so many great speakers on both sides of the issues and he

appreciates everybody's view. Jim stated he would like to end with something positive if at all possible tonight and that is a reflection of the lesson he and the Mayor do with 3rd graders at City Hall talking about Government and what it is all about and one of the things he always most proud about this Council in the 18 years is they don't always agree, they do the best they can to come up with legislation that at least four of them agrees with so that it becomes legislation here in Medina. At the end of the day they all love Medina, they care about Medina, but after they walk out of here tonight they have always respected one another, we have listened to each other and although we may not agree with each other, we put it aside and they do what is best for Medina. They represent the 26,000 people who live here in the city, it is their job to come up with the best legislation possible. You elect us to represent you. Tonight he is asking all 26,000, and everybody else here, to leave here and continue to respect each other and try to learn from one another, try to listen to each other's side because that is what it is all about and what makes Medina special.

Mr. Lamb stated that Councilman Heffinger pointed out that this is what democracy looks like and he has another example of democracy and how it works best. He said something at the last meeting that he regrets and called Father Tony and sat down with him for an hour and a half for a discussion. While he understands that not everybody is in agreement with the formation of the ordinance now after the involvement of the Diocese in a real sense it was out of that participation of the Diocese that we were able to make some changes in the ordinance that in all likelihood enabled the legislation to be passed, and it is that kind of dialog with all the people that have come here. Bill stated that over the period of 9 months, this piece of legislation has gestated about the same amount of time it takes to have a baby. This was brought to them, they considered it and had two Special Legislation Committee meetings and in the second meeting, it was voted out of committee with three votes and it was a public meeting as was the previous meeting, and was well advertised such as multiple times on the front pages of newspapers and Cleveland.com. It is unfortunate if anybody was not aware of those meetings because they were open to the public. We have to listen to each other and work to achieve a goal and he believes tonight they are going to achieve that goal. Bill stated he has been involved in education, government, community organizing in Medina for 50 years. Bill stated he knows a lot of you. He has done a couple things since he has been here but this to him is the most important, this is something that directly affects the rights of individuals that live in this community. He doesn't feel that they are special rights. Bill stated he is comfortable in who he is and he wants everybody to have that opportunity to be comfortable in who they are. We believe in this, we believe in equality and we believe that we represent the better interest of everyone not just some people but everyone. We all walk under the same umbrella for jobs, for public access, for who you think you are this will provide that level of protection and he is proud of this legislation, he lead it through Special Legislation. A lot of people deserve credit for putting this together way more than his participation. He feels this is a good thing for our community and is happy to vote in favor of it.

Mr. Coyne thanked everyone on council for their opinions and working together with the administration and Mr. Huber and outside council in going over this for many months now. This may not make everybody happy, but what he learned early on is being raised Catholic and going to church and being raised on a farm is we are all here together. We all work together and are under one God so what does that mean, it means we should all be treated the same, there should be no discrimination out there. John's evaluation of this process was he didn't think discrimination

is anything that is ever appropriate in this country because we aren't founded on any type of discrimination. Medina is a place of inclusion rather than a place of exclusion. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 112-19 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and J. Shields.

Ord. 113-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the sale and removal of the City-owned house located at 347 N. Huntington Street. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 113-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 113-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated the reason for the emergency clause is they need to get this document out to bid and accomplish while Council is on break and this permits them to do that. Subject to the Law Director's approval because there are still some discussions with the school on the restoration of the lot. Mr. Shields will abstain from voting due to his employment with the Schools. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, D. Simpson and B. Starcher. J. Shields abstained. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 113-19 passed by the yea votes of B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose and D. Simpson. J. Shields abstained.

Council Comments:

Adjournment:

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council

John M. Coyne, President of Council