

A regular meeting of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, in the Forum of City Hall, was called to order.

Roll call was answered by Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and President Copeland.

The invocation was offered by Mr. Copeland, who then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, members approved the minutes of the December 13, 2016, regular meeting as presented.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

FIRST READINGS—ORDINANCES

The following legislation was presented for the first time and requires presentation at a second regular meeting before vote on passage:

1-17 An Ordinance titled, "Confirming purchases and the obtaining of services for the City and providing for payments therefor."

22-13 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with Everett J. Prescott, Inc., for the purchase of water meter equipment, for an amount not to exceed \$250,000."

2-17 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Turner Foundation for a grant to partially support CultureFest 2017 in an amount up to \$1,000; and authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, and Director of Community Development to perform all acts and execute all documents they consider necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said grant and to comply with all relevant local, state, and federal legal requirements."

3-17 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an LPA Federal Local-LET Project Agreement No. 30081 between the City and the Ohio Department of Transportation to provide the City with eligible costs of up to a maximum sum of \$330,000 for the CLA Trail Maintenance Project, PID No. 104829; authorizing the City Manager, Law Director, and Finance Director to do all things they deem necessary to implement said agreement; and authorizing an expenditure up to \$82,500 to be used as matching funds in connection with the agreement to be entered into with the Ohio Department of Transportation."

4-17 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an LPA Federal Local-LET Project Agreement No. 30082 between the City and the Ohio Department of Transportation to provide the City with eligible costs of up to a maximum sum of \$1,883,730 for the CLA McCreight Avenue Project, PID No. 104831; authorizing the City Manager, Law Director, and Finance Director to do all things they deem necessary to implement said agreement; and authorizing an expenditure up to \$368,432 to be used as matching funds in connection with the agreement to be entered into with the Ohio Department of Transportation."

5-17 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an LPA Federal Local-LET Project Agreement No. 80083 between the City and the Ohio Department of Transportation to provide the City with eligible costs of up to a maximum sum of \$1,462,448 for the CLA Derr Road 0.00 Project, PID No. 104833; authorizing the City Manager, Law Director, and Finance Director to do all things they deem necessary to implement said agreement; and authorizing an expenditure up to \$300,612 to be used as matching funds in connection with the agreement to be entered into with the Ohio Department of Transportation."

6-17 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an LPA Federal Local-LET Project Agreement No. 30080 between the City and the Ohio Department of Transportation to provide the City with eligible costs of up to a maximum sum of \$1,042,360 for the CLA Yellow Springs Street Resurfacing Project, PID No. 104815; authorizing the City Manager, Law Director, and Finance Director to do all things they deem necessary to implement said agreement; and authorizing an expenditure up to \$214,240 to be used as matching funds in connection with the agreement to be entered into with the Ohio Department of Transportation."

☞☞☞ Next regular City Commission meeting: January 17, 2017. ☞☞☞

FIRST READING—RESOLUTION

The following legislation was presented for the first time and requires presentation at a second regular meeting before vote on passage:

7-17 A Resolution titled, "Declaring the necessity of an election on the question of approving an amendment of Section 196.012 of the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio; providing for a temporary increase in the tax on earned income of four-tenths of one percent (0.4%); and providing the effective date for said ordinance."

☞☞☞ Next regular City Commission meeting: January 17, 2017. ☞☞☞

SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

261-16 An Ordinance No. 17-1 titled, "Vacating the first alley north of Grand Avenue from South Limestone Street west for 150 feet to the first intersecting north-south alley."

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Martin, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

244-16 An Ordinance No. 17-2 titled, "Accepting the application for annexation of certain territory containing 20.19 acres, more or less, in Springfield Township and commonly known as the East Main Street Annexation Area to The City of Springfield, Ohio."

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mrs. Duncan, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

274-16 An Ordinance No. 17-3 titled, "Confirming and approving acceptance of a final distribution in the amount of \$199,100 from the estate of Janice M. Calcaterra to be used by the City of Springfield Fire Division and to be deposited into the 820 Janice M. Calcaterra Trust Fund."

On motion of Mrs. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Martin, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

8-17 Emergency Ordinance No. 17-4 titled, "Authorizing expenditures for purchases made under the City's Purchase Card Agreement approved in Ordinance No. 01-140 during the year 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$750,000; confirming and approving any related expenditures made from January 1, 2017, to the passage of this ordinance; and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mrs. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Martin, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

9-17 Emergency Ordinance No. 17-5 titled, "Providing for the transfer of monies among various funds, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

10-17 Emergency Ordinance No. 17-6 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to sign a release to FirstEnergy Corp. in connection with receiving payment for the City's costs to repair damage to a sewer lateral at 1524-1526 West North Street during the month of December, 2016, in the amount of \$2,079.62, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Duncan, the ordinance passed.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

11-17 Emergency Resolution No. 5958 titled, "Appointing Jeff Smith to the Springfield Historic Landmarks Commission, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the resolution was adopted.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

12-17 Emergency Resolution No. 5959 titled, "Reappointing Valerie Moore to the Board of Health of the Clark County Combined Health District, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Martin, the resolution was adopted.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

13-17 Emergency Resolution No. 5960 titled, "Consenting to the reappointment of Kathryn Lewis-Campbell to the City Planning Board, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. Martin, the resolution was adopted.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were ordered received and filed:

67-16 Minutes of the November meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

3-17, 4-17, 5-17, 6-17 City Engineer Shanayda reported that the Trail Maintenance Project would commence during ODOT's fiscal year 2020. The McCreight Avenue, Deer Road, and Yellow Springs Street projects would commence during ODOT's fiscal year 2021. All the projects require the City to enter into LPA Federal Local-LET Project agreements and Ohio Department of Transportation agreements. All projects required City matching dollars.

7-17 Finance Director Beckdahl reported that legislation has been prepared to place an income tax levy on the May ballot. The proposed issue is a temporary five-and-one-half-year levy for an additional four-tenths-of-one-percent tax on earned income. If passed by the voters, the tax would go into effect on July 1, 2017, and end on December 31, 2022. In the tax year 2017, taxpayers would be required to pay 2 percent on earned income for the first six months of the year and 2.4 percent on the last six months of the year, or an average of 2.2 percent for the full year. It is recommended that collection of withholdings at the higher rate begin in July rather than waiting until January of 2018 because revenue is needed as soon as possible. Finance Department staff members will work with employers to ensure that they are aware of the half-year tax increase.

City Manager Bodenmiller stated that collection should begin in July to ensure that essential services continue. If the levy passes, the fire station on Commerce Circle and the police substation will reopen. Funding will also become available for neighborhood streets, and the Police Safe Streets Task Force will be reinstated.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

7-17 Mr. Andy Rigsby, a representative of Firefighters' Local 333, stated he also spoke for police unions and AFSCME Local 1608. He urged the City Commission to vote in favor of placing the proposed income tax increase on the May ballot in order to let voters decide. Vital services are being cut. Violence and drug use are increasing steadily. The City cannot afford to let its coverage lapse.

Mr. David Estrop, 1736 Audubon Park Drive, urged the adoption of the legislation placing the question of a temporary income tax increase on the ballot. Springfield is in a difficult position. Revenue is needed for the future of our community. Voters need a chance for a second look at this issue.

244-16 Mr. Jim Peifer, 20 South Limestone Street, spoke to the annexation of 20.19 acres on East Main Street and stated that City staff members will administer the current township zoning for the parcel, which is light industrial.

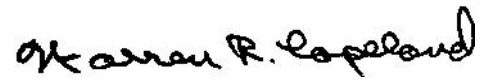
14-17 Mr. Andy Rigsby, a representative of Firefighters' Local 333, addressed the continuing threat to reduce City employees' benefits and longevity pay. Employees are feeling attacked. Longevity pay is not a Christmas bonus, but a tool for employee retention. Retention is a grave problem for the City. It has lost mid-level and senior-level employees in both divisions of the Public Safety Department. Extensive training is needed before new employees can function at the optimum level. Benefits, such as health care and longevity, help to get and keep quality employees.

15-17 Mr. Raymond Upshaw, 325 West Liberty Street, offered comments on the county's criminal justice system.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the meeting adjourned.

Yeas, Mmes. Chilton, Duncan, Messrs. Martin, O'Neill, and Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Handwritten signature of Karen R. Copeland in black ink.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Handwritten signature of Connie J. Chappell in blue ink.

CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION