

A regular meeting of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, 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 Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. Martin, members approved the minutes of the December 8, 2015, 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:

4-16 An Ordinance titled, "Confirming and approving a Contract For Purchase and Sale of Real Estate to sell certain property to SRPK Corp."

5-16 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of street materials with Shelly Materials, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$306,275."

6-16 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of street materials with A & B Asphalt Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$337,150."

7-16 An Ordinance titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of street materials with Valley Asphalt Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$70,000."

219-13 An Ordinance titled, "Confirming and approving Revised Change Order No. 1 (Final) to the contract between the City and Indiana & Ohio Railway Company for the Bechtle Avenue Bridge Project, PID No. 85172, to increase the contract amount by \$10,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$106,622.64; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Revised Change Order No. 1 (Final)."

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 \$183,000."

Next regular City Commission meeting: January 19, 2016.

FIRST READING—RESOLUTION

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

8-16 A Resolution titled, "Extending support from the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, to a tax-credit development proposed by Neighborhood Housing Partnership of Greater Springfield, Inc."

Next regular City Commission meeting: January 19, 2016.

SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

283-15 An Ordinance No. 16-4 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant from the ODOT Congestion Mitigation Air Quality and Surface Transportation Fund in an amount up to \$593,598 for public-transit-related expenses; authorizing the local matching expenditure; and authorizing the City Manager, City Engineer, and the Director of Finance to do all things necessary for the submission of the application and acceptance of the grant and to comply with all relevant local, state, and federal legal requirements."

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.

274-15 An Ordinance No. 16-5 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (FY2014 and FY2015) with Neighborhood Housing Partnership of Greater Springfield, Inc., in connection with the 2014 and 2015 HOME Program for an amount not to exceed \$36,023."

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.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

9-16 Emergency Ordinance No. 16-6 titled, "Providing for the transfer of monies among various funds, and declaring an emergency."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

10-16 Emergency Ordinance No. 16-7 titled, "Authorizing the payment of up to \$66,600 to The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Ohio, to obtain planning services from Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee ("TCC") for the 2016 calendar year; confirming and approving all expenditures incurred from January 1, 2016, 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.

11-16 Emergency Ordinance No. 16-8 titled, "Authorizing expenditures for purchases made under the City's Purchase Card Agreement approved in Ordinance No. 01-140 during the year 2016 for an amount not to exceed \$750,000, and declaring an emergency."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

12-16 A Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented in connection with the proposed issuance of \$39,325 Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter Special Assessment Note, Series 2016-15C, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds to pay the cost of constructing sidewalks, curbs, and gutters comprised in the sidewalk, curb, and gutter improvement programs at various locations throughout the City. The estimated life of the improvement is at least five years. The maximum maturity of the Bonds calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Ohio Revised Code is 20 years, but because the special assessments will be payable over a period of five years, and the Bonds are to be issued in anticipation of the collection of those special assessments, the maximum maturity of the Bonds is five years. The maximum maturity of the Notes is five years, provided that their maximum maturity is one year if the Notes are sold at private sale

Emergency Ordinance No. 16-9 titled, "Providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the maximum aggregate principal sum of \$39,325 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds to pay the cost of constructing sidewalks, curbs, and gutters comprised in sidewalk, curb, and gutter improvement programs commenced during 2015 at various locations throughout the City, and declaring an emergency."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

The Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented December 18, 2015, prior to the commencement of the City Commission meeting and prior to passage of the ordinance.

13-16 Emergency Ordinance No. 16-10 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of sand and gravel with Mechanicsburg Sand and Gravel, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$111,995; and declaring an emergency."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

14-16 Emergency Ordinance No. 16-11 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of sand and gravel with Enon Sand and Gravel, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$93,409; and declaring an emergency."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

15-16 Emergency Ordinance No. 16-12 titled, "Confirming and approving a Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force Obligation Document for the period of October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the United States Marshals Service; authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to perform all acts and execute all documents they consider necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said agreement and to comply with all relevant local and state requirements; 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.

16-16 Emergency Ordinance No. 16-13 titled, "Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with J & J Schlaegel, Inc. for the CLA-Little Miami Trail Extension Project, PID No. 82314, for an amount not to exceed \$872,394, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. Martin, 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:

17-16 Emergency Resolution No. 5913 titled, "Providing funding for an additional time, through December 31, 2016, to enable the National Trail Parks and Recreation District to equip, operate, and maintain parks, playgrounds, playfields, gymnasiums, swimming pools, recreation centers, golf courses, tennis facilities, and other related activities and facilities during that additional period of time, and declaring an emergency."

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

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

18-16 Emergency Resolution No. 5914 titled, "Appointing Rhonda Zimmers to the Board of Zoning Appeals, 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.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

13-16, 14-16 In response to Mr. Martin's inquiry, Service Director Moore stated that various types and quantities of sand and gravel are bid out to a variety of vendors, then the City accepts the best bid on the individual items. For 2016, contracts will be entered into with Mechanicsburg Sand and Gravel, LLC, and Enon Sand and Gravel, LLC.

16-16 In response to Mr. O'Neill's comment concerning security on the City's bike paths, Mrs. Duncan stated that the Bike Task Force studied the security issue. Task Force members heard from cyclists. Security was more a perception issue than one of reality. Bike officers patrolled during the summer months, and this was well received. The Springfield Conservancy District funded those patrol officers. Mrs. Duncan noted that cameras are in place along the bike paths.

17-16 Mr. Martin referred to the allocation provided to National Trail Parks and Recreation District and asked if the district would receive the amount specified during budget discussions, to which City Manager Bodenmiller responded in the affirmative. Mr. Martin went on to say that the district must live within its budget. Programming progress has been seen, but adjustments should be made early in the year to avoid any need to supplement that funding at year end.

Mr. Copeland stated that he agreed with Mr. Martin's position. He stated that a meeting would take place with NTPRD board members to discuss future options. The major difficulty is the golf courses. The City cannot subsidize golf operations any longer. Mr. Copeland asked if there was a general consensus regarding such a meeting. No objection was heard.

Mr. O'Neill stated that while he voted against the 2016 budget, he would vote in favor of NTPRD's annual allocation. The district should not be hamstrung when it came to paying its bills.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

19-16 Mr. Copeland spoke to the *Guidelines for Citizen Participation at Commission Meetings*. He stated that he would like to continue the procedure that allows citizens to speak to three items for no more than three minutes. No objection was heard. Mr. Copeland added that he would encourage the Commission to set that procedure as the policy.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

20-16 Mr. Raymond Upshaw, 325 West Liberty Street, stated that he has visions. It was his opinion that people are afraid.

Mr. Danny Tackett, 220 Montgomery Avenue, Apartment 105, addressed the gas line repairs completed by Columbia Gas, which include laying asphalt to replace concrete when a sidewalk was removed to effect a repair.

Mr. Copeland stated that Columbia Gas will replace the asphalt with concrete in the spring. The use of asphalt is not approved for the long term.

Mr. David Sanford, 514 Fremont Avenue, asked to obtain a copy of the City Charter and spoke to Ohio Highway Patrol officers patrolling inside the City limits.

Mr. Copeland stated that the patrol officers seem to be patrolling the areas closest to the interstate.



There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Duncan, the meeting adjourned.

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

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Handwritten signature of Karan R. Copeland in black ink.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Handwritten signature of Connie J. Chappelle in blue ink.

CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION