



CITY OF WORTHINGTON
Worthington City Council Minutes

April 2, 2018

6550 N. High Street
Worthington, Ohio
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CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Worthington City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, April 2, 2018, in the John P. Coleman Council Chambers of the Louis J.R. Goorey Municipal Building, 6550 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio. President Michael called the meeting to order at or about 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rachael R. Dorothy, Douglas Foust, Beth Kowalczyk, Scott Myers, David Robinson, Douglas K. Smith, and Bonnie D. Michael

Member(s) Absent:

Also present: City Manager Matthew Greeson, Assistant City Manager Robyn Stewart, Director of Law Tom Lindsey, Director of Finance Scott Bartter, Director of Service & Engineering Dan Whited, Director of Planning & Building Lee Brown, Director of Parks & Recreation Darren Hurley, Chief of Fire John Bailot, Chief of Police Jerry Strait, and Clerk of Council D. Kay Thress

There were twelve visitors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Michael invited all to stand and join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

VISITOR COMMENTS – No Comments

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- Good Neighbor Award – Bob and Jan Davis

Resolution No. 20-2018

To Congratulate Bob and Jan Davis on Their Recognition as Recipients of the 2017 Good Neighbor Award From the Worthington Community Relations Commission.

Introduced by Mr. Robinson.

MOTION Mr. Foust made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith.

There being no comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-2018 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Greeson introduced Jack Minor, Chair of the Commission Relations Commission who is in attendance to present the Good Neighbor Award. He will also provide members with an update on the Commission's work following the presentation.

Mr. Minor thanked President Michael and Council for having him. He invited Bob and Jan Davis forward and introduced them as the 2017 Recipients of the Good Neighbor Award. Mr. Minor read Resolution No. 20-2018 in its entirety and presented the couple with a certified copy.

Mr. Davis thanked the community for the honor. They have lived in Worthington a long time. They stay busy and follow the model of their denomination that says: God's work, our hands, which is what they try to do. He is also active in Habitat for Humanities. His group builds at least one house a year.

Mrs. Davis shared that she is overwhelmed by this recognition and very thankful. She and Bob will have been married 60 years in June. They have spent 50 of them in Worthington. They have seen many changes over those years and watched many children grow up. She introduced their neighbors, Chris and Susan Hinz and their daughter Alise. She thanked Council again for the recognition.

President Michael thanked them for all that they do for the community as it takes people helping people and neighbors helping neighbors to make Worthington the great city that it is.

Update – Community Relations Commission (CRC)

Mr. Minor reported that over the last several years they have tried to raise the visibility of that award. The recipients get to ride in the Memorial Day Parade and a sign is placed in their yard that recognizes them as the Good Neighbor. So it not only promotes the award throughout the City but also in their own neighborhood.

Mr. Minor reported that the CRC is charged with serving Council as well as City staff on Community issues related to fair and equal treatment of all persons. Their specific goal is to provide opportunities to foster understanding positive relationships and a strong sense of community among people of diverse, educational, racial, ethnic, cultural and economic backgrounds. Over the last year they have done a great deal to take that mission to heart by tying some of their programming back into the core history of the CRC. They are most proud of things they have done around redlining and institutional

segregation. Earlier in the year they had a program and talked specifically about the history of redlining. How it impacted the development of the Columbus suburbs, specifically the development of Worthington and how it continues to impact the development and growth of Worthington today.

There was a great community conversation as part of that presentation. What grew out of it was an opportunity to view the movie, “Free to Ride”. Free to Ride was a documentary that specifically showed how public transportation service and the lack of access to public transportation was really impactful on the success of the African-American community around job and economic development. What that meant for a suburb that was a lot like Worthington and the surrounding communities. That really hit home for those in attendance because of the similarities between Beaver Creek where the movie took place and Worthington, which is less than one hour away. It was a great opportunity to get back to the core of what we try to work on with CRC.

They are also proud of the work they were able to do this year to incorporate an educational message into our Martin Luther King (MLK) celebration. Last year was a little different in that they did a series of topics and educational talks regarding the history of the African-American community in Worthington. There was a significant numbers of discussions both nationally and locally about civil war era statues and specifically confederate recognition of confederate soldiers and generals leading up to this year’s MLK celebration. They used that as an opportunity to determine what speaker to have at our MLK celebration. This year’s speaker spoke about how freed African-Americans during the civil war were able to raise up arms and fight as part of the union army. That was a significant way to weave an important and significant topic to share with this community.

Some focus areas that have been identified for the remainder of 2018 and 2019 include working with the Worthington Police Department in an effort to build on the positive relationship that our people have with our Police Department. A series of workshops are being planned on how to be ready in various situations and to be prepared to ensure your own safety.

We also offer a series of small neighborhood grants each year that we have been able to incorporate our mission into. The grants coincide with community development. Two years ago we also focused on promoting diversity. We have added a third category that the CRC will be able to change each year. Last year’s focus was on mental health issues. This year we are getting back to the roots of our “Hi Neighbor” program. That was what really put our organization on the map in many ways. Next year they are looking to do a series of small grants that promote specific neighborhood development. Programs that welcome new neighbors and that help foster a sense of community cohesiveness.

In closing he shared a personal story. He has lived in Worthington for many years and have even raised his family here. He and his husband were able to get married here a couple of years ago. Unfortunately, nothing related to their wedding, a hall, the rehearsal dinner, flowers, the cake, etc. came from businesses in Worthington because

they never knew if they were going to be discriminated against in those services. While he knows many business people here and doesn't think they would discriminate against him but he just really didn't know. He didn't want to be in a situation where the happiest day of his life was scarred with a memory of being turned away from a restaurant he loves or a court battle over a cake. He wanted to know that the city that he has put a lot of time and energy into really does welcome him as a community member and is a place where he can be proud that his family lives and excels here. In closing he challenged members to pass a non-discrimination ordinance in the City of Worthington. He encouraged Council members to partner with the CRC in the coming year to make that a reality. He thanked Council for their time and the opportunity to serve the City.

Ms. Michael thanked Mr. Minor and the entire Commission for all of the time and energy that they put into the community.

Mr. Robinson thanked Mr. Minor for his testimony and his challenge. It is a challenge that he accepts.

Ms. Kowalczyk asked Mr. Minor if he has a plan for how to present the anti-discrimination ordinance. Mr. Minor replied that they intend to meet with the law director to determine what that would look like in Worthington. They want it to be a statement of our values without it being an administrative burden.

When asked by Ms. Kowalczyk if he had some thoughts about the state law that is pending on a similar issue, Mr. Minor believes state legislation would be best for the state of Ohio. He thinks this is an opportunity for the City to send a signal. We believe in non-discrimination and we are telling others what we believe. It is also an opportunity for the City to pass legislation in support of the work that is happening at the state level. To show that it is not just something that communities believe in and value but also to emphasize that it is more easily administered at the state level than it is in smaller communities.

Mr. Myers reported being sad by what Mr. Minor shared. He just made a very compelling argument for this legislation. He appreciates Mr. Minor's service to the community. Mr. Minor thanked him for his comments.

Ms. Dorothy concurs with Mr. Myers' sentiment. She appreciates all of the work that he has been bringing forth for the community. She is aware of issues with new locations for bus turnarounds, possibly even evaluating the library again. She appreciates that he brought up the "Free to Ride" and she plans to be part of the bus stop conversation when it comes back. She added that giving people rights does not take away rights from anyone else. It says to her that Mr. Minor feels that way about Worthington and hopefully we can make a difference for the whole community. These are very tough issues and she is thankful that Council has the CRC to help guide and lead them through for the City.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Michael reported that Council seldom uses the Consent Agenda. Because of numerous routine items, Consent will be used tonight. She provided instructions for anyone who wishes to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda is comprised of the following items:

Resolution No. 22-2018 Designating Lynda Bitar to Represent the City of Worthington on the Worthington Farmers Market Advisory Board.

Introduced by Mr. Myers.

Resolution No. 23-2018 Designating Bonnie Michael and Anne Brown to Represent the City of Worthington on the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Worthington Board of Directors.

Introduced by Ms. Dorothy.

Resolution No. 24-2018 Designating Bonnie Michael, Doug Smith, Kathy Holcombe and Matt Greeson to Serve as the City of Worthington's Representatives on the Worthington Community Improvement Corporation Board of Directors.

Introduced by Ms. Kowalczyk.

Resolution No. 25-2018 Designating Rachael Dorothy and Jack Miner to Represent the City of Worthington on the Peggy R. McConnell Arts Center Board of Trustees.

Introduced by Mr. Robinson.

Resolution No. 26-2018 Designating David McCorkle to Represent the City of Worthington on the Old Worthington Partnership Board of Directors.

Introduced by Mr. Foust.

Resolution No. 27-2018 Designating Lee Brown to Represent the City of Worthington on the Worthington Resource Pantry Board of Directors.

Introduced by Mr. Smith.

There being no request for the removal of items, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda was moved by Mr. Myers and seconded by Ms. Dorothy.

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 22-2018, 23-2018, 24-2018, 25-2018, 26-2018 and 27-2018) carried unanimously by a voice vote. The resolutions were thereupon declared duly adopted and are recorded in full in the appropriate record books.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 12, 2018
- Regular Meeting – March 19, 2018

MOTION Ms. Kowalczyk moved to approve the aforementioned meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson.

There being no additions or corrections, the motion to approve the minutes as presented carried unanimously by a voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LEGISLATION

President Michael declared public hearings and voting on legislation previously introduced to be in order.

Ordinance No. 10-2018

Amending Ordinance No. 41-2017 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Cost of the Kenyonbrook Trunk Sewer Improvement Design Update and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 675-18)

The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.

Mr. Whited reported this legislation being for the Kenyonbrook and Hardy Way project design. Both were included in the CIP to be taken into design. The two projects were combined because of their proximity and efficiency effectiveness of doing them together. EMH&T conducted the initial southeast sanitary sewer shed evaluation study in 2010 that identified improvements that needed to be done. This will allow us to begin the design of the improvements. They are two large projects that will be somewhat intrusive. Public Information will be included as part of this process.

Mr. Whited agreed with Ms. Michael that this project is part of the EPA mandate for correcting sanitary sewer overflows in the community.

In response to Ms. Dorothy's question, Mr. Whited reported that design will begin approximately 20 days after the approval of this legislation. The design work will probably take 60 to 90 days. Construction will most likely begin next year. Phase II of the Northbrook sewer will be completed this year. This work will connect with that sewer.

There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 10-2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 Robinson, Kowalczyk, Foust, Dorothy, Smith, Myers, and Michael

No 0

Ordinance No. 10-2018 was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.

Ordinance No. 11-2018 Amending Ordinance No. 41-2017 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Cost of Energy Conservation Measures, Authorize the Execution and Delivery of an Energy Savings Contract, and to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 677-18)

The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.

Ms. Stewart reported staff has been discussing this project for some time with City Council. Given that this is the public hearing, the ordinance would appropriate funds and authorize the execution of the contracts associated with this project. ABM was selected by the City to do an evaluation of all City buildings for energy efficiency measures. The measures came back and ABM presented in detail on those recommendations during the March 12th Council meeting. The proposal is to move forward with the first phase of those recommendations that relate to the Community Center, the Griswold Center, and some work in the bay of the Fire Station. The recommendations include such items as HVAC improvements, lighting retro fits, reducing air infiltration/exfiltration and some water conservation measures. Staff recommends moving forward with this first phase. Phase II includes the remainder of the City's buildings and staff recommends that those improvements be considered as part of the CIP that will be prepared and updated later this year. Staff will bring back a proposed schedule on that at the time the CIP is presented. We are seeking authorization to move forward with Phase I. Representatives of ABM are here as well as staff to answer questions.

Ms. Dorothy asked when work will begin and when it will be finished. Ms. Stewart replied that as soon as the appropriation becomes effective and the contract is executed

then they are prepared to move forward. Some of the work will be able to be achieved very quickly with the remainder being completed throughout the remainder of the year.

Mr. Myers asked if the \$2.3M appropriation amount had been budgeted in this year's CIP or are funds being moved. Ms. Stewart reported the amount being higher than what was projected in the CIP. We anticipate the bulk of the appropriation will be included in the bonding that will occur later this year. Mr. Myers concluded that we will debt finance a portion of this work as opposed to readjusting our capital budget. Ms. Stewart agreed.

There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 11-2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 Kowalczyk, Foust, Dorothy, Smith, Myers, Robinson, and Michael

No 0

Ordinance No. 11-2018 was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.

Ordinance No. 12-2018

Amending Ordinance No. 41-2017 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Design Costs of the East Wilson Bridge Road Waterline and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 678-18)

Ms. Michael requested an amendment to update the cost.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion to insert in Section 1 an amount not to exceed Eighty One Thousand Five Hundred Five Dollars (\$81,505.00). The motion was seconded by Mr. Foust.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Greeson reported there being a breakage history on this waterline. Because this road is in need of being repaved, staff wanted to repair the waterline before doing that work. This appropriation is for the design of the project. He invited Mr. Whited to explain the project and the amendment.

Mr. Whited reported being excited about beginning this project. An amendment was needed as the project costs for design had increased because of a change in how we were hoping to approach the project with the city of Columbus. Our proposed route didn't work so we will have to take a different route that will be a little more costly and a little more intrusive during construction but we will get it done. Design will begin in April

with construction beginning later this year. It is a very important project and staff is looking forward to getting Council approval to begin the design.

Ms. Dorothy commented that she is very aware of our aging waterlines. She asked if the life cycle of waterlines is known and how long before we will have to replace other neighborhood waterlines. Mr. Whited reported they tend to have a life cycle of thirty to fifty years if quality materials are used and construction is done well. There are other factors that play into that but he has assurances that MS Consultants will design it with those life cycle interests in mind.

Mr. Myers acknowledged being curious about his reference regarding Columbus. He asked for an explanation. Mr. Whited reported the change in approach was not because of a problem with Columbus but rather because it involved a risk that they would rather not take. It is not surprising and probably the same decision that he would have made as a department. Mr. Myers reported it being nice to hear that Columbus is working well with staff.

There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 12-2018 (As Amended). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 Foust, Dorothy, Smith, Myers, Robinson, Kowalczyk, and Michael

No 0

Ordinance No. 12-2018 (As Amended) was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.

Ordinance No. 13-2018

Approving the Installation of a Tree Dedication Marker on the Northeast Village Green to Recognize the Contributions of former Mayor Harvey Minton to the Worthington Community

The foregoing Ordinance Title was read.

Mr. Greeson reported that the recognition plaque will need to be 4”x 9” instead of 4”x 6” as originally thought in order to accommodate all of the words.

Ms. Michael shared that Mr. Minton was very involved in Arbor Day activities and our community. This recognition will be wonderful. When asked about the timing of this recognition, Mr. Greeson commented that it would be incorporated into the Arbor Day celebration. This idea emerged because Mayor Minton had always been very active in the tree planting ceremony along with the students from Evening Street Elementary. He enjoyed educating children about our urban forest.

There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 13-2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 Dorothy, Smith, Myers, Robinson, Kowalczyk, Foust, and Michael

No 0

Ordinance No. 13-2018 was thereupon declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.

NEW LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED

Resolution No. 21-2018 Amending the Staffing Chart of the City of Worthington to Provide for Twenty-six (26) Police Officer Positions in the Division of Police for up to a One Year Period.

Introduced by Mr. Smith.

MOTION Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-2018. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dorothy.

Mr. Greeson reported there being two vacancies in patrol officer positions at this time due to retirements at the end of last year. We are currently going through a hiring process and think we are on the path to filling those two positions in the near future. Because we are anticipating additional retirements before the end of the year and the hiring process is extensive, we would like to increase the staffing chart so that we can hire the additional officers in advance of the retirements. We anticipate that move will significantly lower overtime costs. We believe that the budget savings from a Step A officer to a Step D officer would be sufficient to cover the cost of the additional two positions between now and whenever those retirements will occur. If we need minor adjustments later in the year we will come back.

Ms. Kowalczyk asked if the costs for the additional staff also includes health insurance costs and was that taken into consideration. Mr. Bartter reported that he looked at everything. There may be an issue with health insurance costs depending on their selection of coverage (family, single coverage or they opt out). If they elect family we may have to do some transfers or additional appropriation towards the end of the year but he doesn't foresee it being a problem.

Mr. Greeson explained that staff feels the benefits of effective planning for these positions outweigh any minor adjustments that may need to be made at the end of the year.

When asked by Ms. Michael if action will need to be taken to return the staffing chart to the appropriate number, Mr. Greeson replied that Council will adopt a new staffing chart as part of the budget project. The staffing chart will be looked at then. We are in a cycle where we will be facing these same issues next year.

Chief Strait provided additional information on the training and certification process.

When asked by Ms. Dorothy what might happen if we don't do this, Chief Strait replied that we will pay a great deal of overtime. Doing it earlier allows the new officers to work with knowledgeable officers which is beneficial in many ways. They can provide history and constant recognition of past practices on how we have done things. Mr. Greeson added that overtime taxes our work force, which we want to avoid.

Mr. Myers shared that many officers he has talked to recently report how difficult it is to recruit minority officers particularly in the suburbs. He wants to make certain we are doing our best effort to have a diverse force. Mr. Greeson agreed that it is a challenge. Highly qualified diverse candidates are hard to find and highly desired.

Chief Strait reported it being a challenge that other chiefs are experiencing as well which is why we actually hired an outside recruiting firm to assist. They specifically recruited in colleges, local churches, community centers, and the military. Officers even attend job fairs in an effort to recruit. The addition of national testing makes it even more challenging because people can pick the areas they want to work in.

When asked by Ms. Michael if he is finding that many potential candidates aren't even making it through because they can't pass the beginning written test, Chief Strait replied that he only sees the final number that pass. He guesses because of the aptitude and likeability of the city of Worthington we had 148 apply for our agency. He has heard of other agencies that only had 48 and sometimes less that have applied so it speaks to the city of Worthington and the quality here.

Mr. Greeson shared that we use the National Testing background so anybody in the country can access that. He appreciates Chief Strait's efforts to attend job fairs.

When asked by Ms. Michael how many officers will be hired, Mr. Greeson replied probably four this year. We are just in the process at this time.

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-2018 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 28-2018

Designating Three Consultants for the Northeast Gateway Project and Directing the City Manager to Proceed with the Next Phases of the Local Public Agency Programmatic Selection Process.

Introduced by Ms. Kowalczyk.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 28-2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Foust.

Ms. Michael reported this legislation is in conjunction with requirements from the Ohio Department of Transportation. Staff has reviewed proposals for consulting services for the right-of-way acquisition services. The three separate firms selected will provide three different phases of the acquisition: Identification, Appraisal and Securing of Right-of-Ways.

Mr. Whited reported this being an important step in this very big project. This legislation starts us down the road of acquiring one hundred twenty four parcels in different manners in order to be able to acquire right-of-way easement. The process through the local public agencies (ODOT and Federal Highway Administration) is called a quality bases selection process. That means that we will not see numbers until after we have made the selection of the firms based on their qualifications. Those three firms are TranSystems (Dublin) for right-of-way acquisition, Martin + Wood Appraisal Group LTD (Dublin) for the appraisal review and Heritage Land Services Inc. (Westerville) for relocation review. The next step in this process is to get together with ODOT and begin negotiations with these contractors who are all pretty qualified with ODOT who is very familiar with their work. That process will likely take a few weeks. We will then come back to Council with the finalization of that selection and make that appropriation. The process will begin approximately twenty days after that with the total acquisition process taking about eighteen months.

When Ms. Michael inquired as to who is paying the bill for this process, Mr. Whited replied that this is paid through the process in general as part of all of the other funding mechanisms. Members will see properties come to us in packets that are approving the purchase price and acquisition of those particular properties.

At Mr. Myers inquiry as to the definition of “Local Public Agency Programmatic Selection Process”, Mr. Whited explained that it is that qualification based service selection process that he described. It is a fancy name for the selection process that requires you to base your selection on their ability to perform and not on costs. Given that type of selection process, Mr. Myers inquired as to what ability we have to control costs. Mr. Whited replied integrity of those firms. Mr. Whited agreed with Mr. Myers that this process is mandated by us using state and federal funds.

There being no additional comments, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 28-2018 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 14-2018

Amending Ordinance No. 41-2017 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the PACE Fund Unappropriated Balance to Provide Funds for the Payment of a Special Assessment to the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority

Introduced by Mr. Foust.

Ordinance No. 15-2018

Amending Ordinance No. 41-2017 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Costs of the Olentangy Parklands Restroom and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 676-18)

Introduced by Mr. Smith.

Ordinance No. 16-2018

Amending Ordinance No. 41-2017 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Additional Design and Engineering Services for the Upper Rush Run Stream Restoration Design and all Related Expenses with said Project. (Project No. 639-17)

Introduced by Mr. Myers.

Ordinance No. 17-2018

Amending Ordinance No. 41-2017 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Additional Design and Engineering Services for the NE Gateway Intersection Improvement Project and all Related Expenses with said Project. (Project No. 602-14)

Introduced by Ms. Dorothy.

The Clerk was instructed to give notice of a public hearing on said ordinance(s) in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter unless otherwise directed.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Information Item(s)

Mr. Greeson shared the following:

- He distributed two documents this evening
 - Council Retreat Report prepared by Management Partners
 - Memorandum from Matt Greeson about Community Visioning and Strategic Planning

Mr. Greeson reported that these two items will be included as part of the Committee of the Whole meeting next week.

- Additional topic of next week's Committee of the Whole is Tobacco 21.

City Intern, Ethan Barnhardt will be reporting on some of the research that he conducted after receiving feedback from Council members at his last presentation. We will also hear some testimony from the American Heart Association. Staff will be seeking Council's direction on whether to move forward with ordinance language as a follow up to that discussion.

- City of Worthington will be hosting Central Ohio Mayor and Managers Association (COMMA) later this week at the McConnell Arts Center. The main agenda item will be COMMA's legislative agenda for the year and how we might work with our fellow Mayors and Managers to influence the legislature.
- Next Monday staff will be interviewing three electric aggregation consultants. Recommendations will be brought back to Council in relative short order after those interviews.
- On Thursday, MORPC will elect new officers and he will pass the gavel. He appreciates Council's support while he has served as MORPC's chair the last two years.
- Staff had the opportunity to meet recently with the new Columbus Public Health Director and she provided a great update. Highlights from Columbus Public Health's efforts in Worthington in 2017 were distributed. It was a good meeting and they are interested in continuing a great partnership with us.

Mr. Hurley shared the following information:

- Concerts on the Green

Mr. Hurley announced that the City has its first full sponsorship for our summer concert series. President Michael and Mr. Greeson and staff received a large check for \$15,000 today from FC Bank. He thanked them publicly for their sponsorship of that event. Jenny Saunders, President of FC Bank has been a great partner in wanting to get involved with the City and supporting many of our activities. They will receive several benefits in terms of marketing. We are very excited to have them as a partner.

Ms. Michael mentioned that FC Bank asked that the City not release anything on Facebook or anywhere else until after they make their announcement. Mr. Hurley concurred with Ms. Michael's comments. He added that his staff will put something out after FC Bank does a release.

Mr. Greeson remarked that several years ago the City adopted a sponsorship guidelines policy to help guide how companies might sponsor city activities. For the last several years we have been successful in having single concert sponsors but not the whole series sponsors. Kuddos to our Parks & Rec staff for being successful in that endeavor. That

amount and the Concert on the Green is specific delineated in those guidelines as an opportunity that we could pursue.

- Earth Day / Arbor Day activities
 - Tree Planting around Olentangy Parklands (Parks & Rec, FLOW and Green Columbus) – April 14 & 15 from 1 – 4 pm
 - Moses Wright Nature Area cleanup (Parks & Rec and Sustainable Worthington sponsored) – April 21 from 9 am – Noon
 - Lunch to be provided by Dewey’s Pizza
 - Arbor Day Celebration – April 27 beginning at Noon on the Northeast quadrant of the Village Green. An American beach tree will be planted to honor the late Mayor Harvey Minton.

REPORT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Law Director Tom Lindsey – Provided an update on the Liquor Control hearing concerning the Monkey Bar. The hearing has been continued to a later date for us to work out the details of an agreement proposed by the permit holder’s attorney. The chief has had some subsequent conversation with the permit holder about the possibility of having a restaurant at that location that does not serve alcohol. We will evaluate that further. Our initial concerns were related to the liquor license itself since that is where our authority was.

Tax litigation regarding H.B. 49 – The Stay as requested was denied. It was not a surprise. The concern the courts had was that there was really nothing to stay.

Mr. Foust - *Requested to be excused from the April 9th meeting as he will be traveling.*

Mr. Smith - *Reported that last week he had his “Get to Know You” meeting with representatives National Church Residences. They got him thinking about the Council Retreat and what was said about Steiner. He thinks it has been three weeks since the retreat and he recalls that we should be communicating our movements with the public. He still stands by that as a communications professional. He thinks it would be wise to let those in the community know that those two properties are being talked about. It could be something as simple as we don’t know what is going to happen but we are talking with people. Mr. Greeson reported that Ms. Brown is working to update the website on both of those matters. It will be factual information for those concerned. Notices will likely go out to those who signed up for the information.*

Ms. Dorothy

WIFA – *The 2018 Mayoral Delegation from Sayama will be visiting from October 1st to October 5th. The particulars are still be planned. The delegation will include the Mayor and his wife and five other people. A reception is being planned for either October 3rd or 4th. Council and staff will be invited. More information to follow.*

May 14th there will be a program on the Koreans at the Worthington library. They are still looking at a June date for an immigration panel at Old Worthington Library. The October 16th program will be on Bangladesh or Madagascar.

Walnut Grove / Flint Cemetery Board – One of the outbuildings on the recently acquired Ozem Gardner home property has been fixed up enough that the facility is secure and staff will be able to store internment equipment in the building. They are still working on public outreach regarding the rehabbing of the Gardner property.

Ms. Kowalczyk – Old Worthington Partnership is exploring the extension of the Farmer’s Market for another hour during June through August. The Methodist Church has also expressed an interest in the Market being extended down towards them. So they are working on those possible changes.

Ms. Michael reported on the following items:

- Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) – At the end of the most recent meeting that she attended, Mindy Mace (Executive Director) and Mike Clevenger (Treasurer) announced that they had turned in their resignations effective the end of April. A follow up meeting is being planned in the near future to discuss the next steps. She will keep members informed.
- Meeting scheduled next week between representatives of the City of Columbus, City of Worthington, Worthington School Board and SwimInc. to discuss the next steps for SwimInc.
- Readiness Training – She and Chief Strait have talked about some training for Council members should they encounter danger/dangerous individuals.

Chief Strait talked about a modified ALICE training program. That training would take about 1 ½ hr. of members time and potentially another 30 minutes to discuss certain aspects associated with ALICE. Staff would be glad to host that. A determination would need to be made as to whether this constitutes a meeting or not. Ms. Michael thinks that it would be a good idea to include various board/commission members as well in the training.

After some discussion, members decided that it would be better to have such a training separate from a public meeting because of some of the issues that would likely be included. Mr. Lindsey believes we can get where members want to get in terms of a non-meeting but it will be with the caveat that council members should not engage in a real discussion of what would be public business during that training.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Foust.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
16th day of April, 2018.*

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
Council President