

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of City Council

Held January 25, 2024

Regular Meeting Call to Order

Regular City Council Meeting Call to Order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call

Teri Murphy	Mayor	Present
Donald Burchett	At-Large	Present
Ora Allen	At-Large	Present
Mike Daugherty	Ward 1	Present
Dave Miller	Ward 2	Present
Shirley Whitt	Ward 3	Present
Jeanette Marcus	Ward 4	Present

Staff Members Present:

City Manager Michael Davis	Law Director Martina Dillon
Police Chief Craig Richardson	Deputy Fire Chief Traci Kuzminski
Finance Director Don Buczek	Street Superintendent Chris Dunn
City Planner Nick Sorice	Public Information Officer Aaron Vietor
Build. Maint. Supervisor Rocky Bangert	Clerk of Council Amy Brown
Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane	

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

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Mayor Murphy asked if there were any changes or corrections to the January 11, 2024 Regular Council meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Special Presentations

Oaths of Office for Police Officers Tyler He, Joshua Beaty, and Jason Lay

Mayor Murphy administered the Oaths of Office for Police Officers Tyler He, Joshua Beaty, Jason Lay, and James Johnson.

Miami Conservancy District Presentation

MaryLynn Lodor, General Manager with the Miami Conservancy District, was present this evening to discuss floodplain issues in the area and steps they are taking to update and maintain existing flood prevention measures in the region.

Reports from the Following

Finance Committee

No report.

Finance Director

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December 2023 Finance Director Report

Mr. Buczek stated his December 2023 report was included in the packet.

2023 Financial Summary

Mr. Buczek stated he wanted to provide Council with a summary of the finances for 2023. He noted the gross revenue was just over \$40.5 million and that means they collected a little bit more than their revenue budget. He explained the net revenue that they had was actually \$30.8 million, and they budgeted \$27 million, so that shows the strength of the revenues for 2023. He reported that the income tax made up 80% of their revenues, and added in the General Fund, the income tax makes up 89% of the revenue. He commented they collected \$27.8 million into the General Fund, and they budgeted \$23.5 million, so they were over what they were planning to collect for the year. He remarked they collected \$25.3 million in income tax for 2023, and added that has been on a positive trend over the last number of years. He stated that with expenses, they started the year with an initial budget of \$47.9 million and throughout the year, they reduced the budget to \$44.7 million. He noted of the \$44.7 million, they spent 74% of that budget. He reported 43% of the expenses are spent on personnel, which is very common for governments. He added another large chunk of expenses are in fund transfers as well as services and other operating expenses. He explained they also had over \$5 million in various projects and investments they are making in the community. He reported the General Fund was 22% below budget for the year and the fund balances have increased steadily over the years. He added the fund balances were currently at \$50.2 million at the end of the year, and noted 85% of that, \$42.7 million, is in the General Fund.

GFOA Certificate of Achievement - 2022 Financial Statements

Mr. Buczek reported he was notified last week that they received the Government Finance Officers Award Certificate of Achievement for the 37th year in a row for their 2022 financial statement. He noted this award was for the quality of their financial statements, which are made up of thousands of transactions every year that are audited. He added those statements are a representation of a lot of hard work from his department as well as all the departments in the City.

Committee of the Whole

Ms. Marcus stated the last Committee of the Whole meeting was on January 11, and added there would be a meeting following this meeting tonight.

City Manager

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Mr. Davis noted he had nothing beyond his written report.

Law Director

Ms. Dillon requested to add Resolution 8018-24 to the agenda, and added it concerns the engagement of Coolidge Wall as special legal counsel, with respect to legal services in connection with nuisance abatement. She stated Council previously adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Land Bank in order to address some of the nuisance abatement properties. She noted since Coolidge Wall is the counsel for the Land Bank, this Resolution would be appropriate in order to facilitate communication and address the legal issues. She added Coolidge Wall fees would be paid by the Land Bank.

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Ms. Marcus made a motion to add Resolution 8018-24 to tonight's agenda.

RESULT: Passed, *(Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: None
AYES: Teri Murphy, Donald Burchett, Ora Allen, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus
NAYS: None

Mayor

Mayor's Court Monthly Report - Dec 2023

Mayor Murphy reported for the month of December 2023, Mayor’s Court received \$15,485.00. She noted after various expenses and disbursements, a total of \$11,210.00 was deposited into the General Fund.

Guest Speakers - None

Business

Ordinances

An Ordinance establishing a maximum age limitation for an original appointment as a Police Officer to the Moraine Police Department in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 124.41.

Mrs. Whitt reported this Ordinance would establish a maximum age limitation of 50 years of age for an original appointment in the Police Division in order to attract a broader range of potential Police Officer applicants. She noted this was on for a first reading, and added the second reading and final adoption would be at the February 8 Regular Council meeting.

Resolutions

A Resolution approving construction of improvements to Germantown Pike (S.R. 4), an agreement with the Ohio Director of Transportation for said construction, and appropriating funds for said project.

Ms. Marcus explained this Resolution allows for an agreement with the Ohio Director of Transportation for pavement improvements to State Route 4 within City limits. She added this was a budgeted item.

RESULT: Passed, *(Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Jeanette Marcus
AYES: Teri Murphy, Donald Burchett, Ora Allen, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus
NAYS: None

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Montgomery County Microfilming Board for services and supplies for 2024.

Mrs. Allen stated this Resolution approves an annual agreement with the Montgomery County Microfilming Board for services and supplies for 2024. She added this was a budgeted item.

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RESULT: Passed, *(Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Ora Allen
AYES: Teri Murphy, Donald Burchett, Ora Allen, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus
NAYS: None

A Resolution approving the engagement of Coolidge Wall Co. L.P.A., as special legal counsel to provide legal services to the City in connection with nuisance abatement. (To Be Added By Law Director)

Mr. Burchett noted this Resolution authorizes an agreement with Coolidge Wall Co. L.P.A. for legal services relating to nuisance abatement matters in conjunction and cooperation with the Montgomery County Land Bank.

RESULT: Passed, *(Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Donald Burchett
AYES: Teri Murphy, Donald Burchett, Ora Allen, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus
NAYS: None

Persons Appearing Before Council - None

Any Other Business

Fire Department - No report.

Police Department - No report.

Building and Maintenance Department - No report.

Street Department - No report.

City Planner - No report.

Mr. Shane stated the Payne Rec Center is set to be the primary polling place for March, and added that date is March 19.

City Manager - No report.

Law Director - No report.

Finance Director - No report.

Clerk of Council - No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mrs. Allen thanked Mr. Shane for the beautiful new furniture at the Civic Center, and added she has received many positive comments on it.

Ms. Marcus - No report.

Mrs. Whitt congratulated the four Police Officers that took their oaths of office, and welcomed

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them to the City of Moraine. She thanked Nate Buchanan for attending this evening. She thanked the Police, Fire, Streets, and Parks and Rec Departments for doing a fantastic job during the cold spell, and added she prayed everyday that they would be safe because the weather was brutal. She thanked them for a job well done.

Mr. Miller thanked the Finance Director and his staff on their award, and stated they did a great job.

Mr. Daugherty thanked the Parks and Rec Department for their Live Action Clue Event this past Saturday. He stated it was a lot of fun and he enjoyed himself. He stated the new furniture in the Civic Center is a great improvement.

Mr. Burchett - No report.

Mayor Murphy congratulated the four new Police Officers. She congratulated Mr. Buczek on the achievement award. She thanked the audience that was in attendance this evening. She thanked the Miami Valley Communications Council for broadcasting this meeting live as well as any future rebroadcasts.

Executive Session - None

Adjournment

Adjournment at 6:53 PM



Mayor Teri Murphy



ATTEST: Clerk of Council Amy Brown