

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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June 6, 2006

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:34 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	Samuel D. Keller
President of Council	Michael J. Mestemaker
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Council 1 st Ward	Ryan T. Zech
Council 2 nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 rd Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

Mrs. Zech made a motion to excuse Mr. Stautberg with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of May 16th, 2006 were approved. President Mestemaker called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

No one from the public wished to speak.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal did not forward a report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller updated Council on the proposed Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council. He informed Council that the CRAHC will consist of two members appointed by the Mayor, two members appointed by City Council, one member appointed by the Planning Commission of Cheviot, and that the CRAHC will then appoint two residents of the City of Cheviot as members of the Council for terms lasting three years. He then informed Council that a Tax Incentive Review Council shall be established consisting of three representatives appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, two representatives of the City of Cheviot appointed by the Mayor with City Council's concurrence, the County Auditor or his designee, and a representative of the Cincinnati Public Schools Board of Education. The Mayor informed Council that at least two members must be residents of the City of Cheviot, and that the Tax Incentive Review Council shall review annually the compliance of all agreements involving the granting of exceptions for commercial property improvements and make written recommendations to the CRAHC as to continuing, modifying, or terminating an agreement based upon performance. The Mayor informed Council that he has appointed Mr. James Morganroth and Mr. Mike Murray to the CRAHC. The Mayor recommended that Council appoint two of its own members to the CRAHC. Mr. Mestemaker asked if anyone on Council would like to volunteer, to which Mr. Braun and Mr. Norman said that they would. The Mayor said that he would meet with everyone to recommend the final appointments. The Mayor then informed Council that he would be asking for a brief Executive Session to discuss the Police and Fire Department contract negotiations, as well as the salaries of the City's part-time paramedics. He then informed everyone that the proposed TEL Amendment petition has been withdrawn and will not be on the ballot in November.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters had no formal report.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech read a report of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee into the record. Mr. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-

0 by voice vote. Mr. Zech said the next Parks and Playgrounds Committee meeting would be held jointly with the Police and Fire Committee to discuss issues relating to Harvest Home Park at a time of Mr. Sunderhaus' choosing. Mr. Zech said that he has submitted the Property Housing Standards Ordinance to the Law Director for his review and that he hopes to be able to move forward on it soon. He then updated Council on the Westside Streetfest, saying that all plans are moving forward as scheduled. Mr. Waters informed Council that recent changes to State Law may impact the form of the Property Code Ordinance Council is working on.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. He did read a copy of the proposed Project Impact agreement from the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission and asked the Law Director to take a look at it and give his opinion on the agreement. Mr. Dinkelacker called a meeting of the External Affairs Committee for Wednesday, June 14th at 7 P.M. to further discuss the issue. There was much discussion about Project Impact and the proposed agreement. Mr. Dinkelacker then wished his son Dominic a happy 14th birthday.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report. Mr. Sunderhaus called a Police and Fire Committee meeting for Wednesday, June 14th at 6:30 P.M. He requested Finance Committee members, as well as Police Chief Voss and Fire Chief Voss attend to discuss issues surrounding paramedic salaries as well as a proposed Begging Ordinance. Mr. Zech asked that all members of the Parks and Playground committee attend as well. Mr. Sunderhaus informed Council that the American Legion will be honoring part-time Firefighter Jeff Kappan on June 19th as the Cheviot Firefighter of the Year for his work on the community CPR program.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg did not forward a report. Mr. Norman made a motion to introduce for Mr. Stautberg *A Resolution Approving The Update Of The Solid Waste Management Plan Of The Hamilton County Solid Waste District* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES 06-07.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech read a report of the Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee into the record. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech gave the first reading of the rough draft of the proposed Sign Ordinance. Mrs. Zech informed Council that a public hearing will be held on the proposed Sign Ordinance but that it will not be called until final changes have been made to the rough draft. Mrs. Zech made a motion to introduce the Sign Ordinance with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 06-14. President Mestemaker informed the public that this constitutes the first reading of the proposed Ordinance, and that the second reading will follow at the next regular meeting of Council. Mayor Keller commended everyone who has worked on this ordinance for their hard work and informed the public that Council has made a specific effort to have three readings of this ordinance in case anyone from the public wished to come forward and voice any concerns. Mr. Dinkelacker recognized Chris Baker of CWCA for her efforts on the Sign Ordinance, as well.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman read a report of the Finance Committee into the record. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Amend The Annual Appropriations; To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 06-15. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES 06-08. Mr. Norman informed Council that he met with Mr. Don Driehaus and Mr. Pete Witte of the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority regarding public housing in Cheviot, and that they informed him that CMHA will not be purchasing anymore public housing in the city.

Council at Large - Mr. Braun had no formal report.

Further Business

Mrs. Zech asked President Mestemaker if there would be a regular meeting of Council on July 4th since it falls on the first Tuesday in July. President Mestemaker said that there wouldn't and asked Council when they would like to take summer recess. It was agreed that the first week of August would be the best time.

Mr. Norman made a motion to receive and file the February, March, and April 2006 Treasurer's Reports with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the May 2006 Mayor's Court Receipts with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

A Legislative Bulletin from the Ohio Municipal League and five Property Maintenance Reports were received.

Mr. Zech made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus and a third from Mrs. Zech. Council adjourned into executive session at 8:21 P.M. and returned at 8:42 P.M.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Matthew D. McGowan
Clerk of Council

Michael J. Mestemaker
President of Council