

City of Olmsted Falls
Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at Olmsted Falls City Hall
26100 Bagley Road – Council Chambers, 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Ann Marie Donegan Council called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was conducted. Councilmen Jay Linn, Linda Garrity, Jim Haviland, Bob Sculac, Paul Stibich, Terry Duncan, and Kyle Miller were present.

Also in attendance: Gregory M. Sponseller, Law Director, Steve Presley, Finance Director, Mike DeSan, Asst. Finance Director, Joe Borczuch, Service Director, and Rosann Jones, Manager Business and Community Services. Audience: 3.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Duncan moved to **approve** the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of May 24, 2016; Mr. Stibich **seconded**. Ms. Garrity and Mr. Haviland indicated grammatical errors. Poll as amended: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Sculac moved to **approve** the minutes from the Special Council Meeting of June 7, 2016; Ms. Duncan **seconded**. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.**

Consideration of Amendment to the Agenda

Mr. Linn moved to **amend** the agenda to include Ordinance 38-2016 to New Business; Mr. Sculac **seconded**. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.**

Mayor's Report and Appointments

Mr. Linn moved to **ratify the removal** of Dan Gilles as Police Chief; Ms. Garrity **seconded**. Poll: 6 ayes; 1 nay (Stibich). **Motion carried.**

Ms. Garrity moved to **ratify the appointment** of William Traine as Interim Police Chief; Ms. Duncan **seconded**.

Mayor Donegan indicated that Mr. Traine could not be present this evening but will attend the June 28, 2016 Council meeting in order to be sworn in. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Donegan indicated that there have been some renewed conversations with Aleha Robb from WOW who will review the feasibility of offering competition in the City. Once the particulars are determined she would request that the Utility Committee become involved. If the information is received over the summer months it will be forwarded to Council and would welcome any member who would want to attend meetings.

She stated that there is a pre-construction meeting on June 16th regarding the Bagley Road Bridge. It looks as if the bridge will be closed June, July, August, and possibly September. We will be asking the county to consider an expedited timeframe as this project should have begun in May. This project

was delayed by the County and any costs born for overtime would be paid for by the county. All the particulars with garbage pickup for the residents in the affected area will be finalized.

She would like to bring Council's attention to the memo from Mr. Sponseller regarding the Charter amendments.

She stated that some of the affected parties regarding the East River Bridge are not in agreement. The City is attempting to resolve those issues with creative strategies. She is hopeful that this bridge will be rebuilt during this construction season.

She stated that Chief Munteanu submitted a request in a memo to Council regarding the sale of Squad #44 once the new one is delivered.

Mr. Stibich moved to **authorize** the placement of fire department squad #44 for sale on govdeals.com; Mr. Haviland **seconded**. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

Mayor Donegan indicated that the Planning Commission Clerk forwarded a memo to Council indicating that a meeting was held on May 25, 2016 at which time the Commission members considered a request to purchase land associated with Ordinance 26-2016. At this meeting there was a unanimous vote to recommend the purchase of parcels on Lewis Road to comply with the ODNR requirements regarding the Jenkins Center. Mr. Sponseller stated that per the Charter Planning Commission needed to recommend the purchase of the land to Council. Mayor Donegan stated that this involves two pieces of property on Lewis Road behind East River Road. When the City purchased the land the Jenkins Center sits on in the 70's it was purchased with federal monies. Since we are turning the Jenkins Center into a for profit area the City had to mitigate the footprint of that land somewhere else that is contiguous to City parks in order to satisfy the grant in perpetuity.

Communications from Residents - None

Approval of Bills:

Mr. Sculac moved to **approve** Pay Ordinance 2016-11; Ms. Duncan **seconded**. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

Officials Reports:

Rosann Jones, Manager Business & Community Services

Ms. Jones stated that the Evenings in Falls event last Thursday was a good kick off to the summer events. The individual who is working for the City with Northcoast Promotions estimated that there were 800 people in attendance. She stated that she questions that method as people walk back and forth. She stated that James Riddle did an excellent job at scheduling multiple activities that went on at different points of time. She stated that she sold Olmsted Falls cups and mugs to offset the cost for the event and she sold \$128.00 worth of cups. The next Evening in the Falls will be held on July 14th. This will be a larger event with activities spreading down to the bridge. On the bridge from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. the Chamber of Commerce will host a Power of More event, which will include five other Chambers in the area and a beer truck will be available. The Moosehead will also be grilling outside that evening and the other restaurants are being encouraged to bring food items outside as that was

the biggest comment from last Thursday's event. In Pinot's Palette Ricky Smith, Jr., who is a magician that has been on the Tonight Show, will be doing two shows on July 14th.

She stated that on Sunday, June 26th the first Vintage Market Place will be held from Noon until 5:00 p.m. There will be 45 vendors at this event and being advertised in a lot of areas. On the same evening there will be Music at East River Park from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Donegan stated that the Park and Recreation Board is doing a phenomenal job at getting activities together. She would request that Ms. Duncan discuss, with the board, regarding requesting local vendors for food during the music concerts.

Ms. Jones stated that in addition to 26-2016 she would request that Council adopt 24-2016 for the Master Plan.

Joe Borczuch, Service Director

Mr. Borczuch indicated that he would like to request approval for a requisition to Aero-Mark. This work is for striping on the road improvements being made.

Mr. Linn moved to **approve** a requisition to Aero-Mark, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,815.20 for edgeline/centerline marking on Sprague and Lewis Roads; Mr. Stibich **seconded**. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Borczuch indicated that the new service garage should be completed in the next two weeks. Mayor Donegan indicated that she visited the site and is amazed at the job Mr. Borczuch completed while simultaneously installing banners, repairing roads, floods and ditches. The garage is impressive and is something the city can be proud of.

Mr. Stibich would like to know what is being done about the graffiti in Fortier Park. Mr. Borczuch stated that he contacted a couple of different agencies and was informed about a product he could use on the sandstone, which he picked up last week. Mr. Stibich stated that on Memorial Day he parked at East River Park and walked to the Village Green and the stairway is covered in graffiti as well. Mayor Donegan indicated that she has spoken with Chief Trainee and patrols will be increased in these areas. There have been some issue that he has recognized with the basketball court area after the park closes and he will be increasing night patrol in these areas. Mr. Linn suggested that Mr. Borczuch contact an alarm company and inquire if the City could place two motion activated cameras in these areas to help deter this activity.

Mayor Donegan indicated that new banners were put up this week and thanked the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis and Service Department for installing.

Mr. Borczuch indicated that once he has moved into the new service garage he will notify everyone of a date for an Open House.

Steve Presley, Finance Director – No Report

Mike DeSan, Asst. Finance Director – No Report

Councilman, Kyle Miller, Ward IV

Mr. Miller stated that he attended the Evening in the Falls event and would like to commend Ms. Jones on a great event. He arrived early with his family and his toddler enjoyed the music. He believes these events bring the community together and if there is an increase in attendance year after year the word is obviously getting out.

He also thanked the Mayor for all the help to resolve the Bakers Creek issue. He does understand that this project has been challenging. Mayor Donegan stated that Council will be apprised once an agreement is made with the residents involved.

Councilman, Jim Haviland, Council-at-Large – No Report

Councilman Charles R. Sculac, Ward I

Mr. Sculac moved to **acknowledge** receipt of the Statement of Cash Position dated 05/31/2016 in the amount of \$1,927,549.85; Ms. Duncan **seconded**.

Mr. Stibich indicated that there are numerous funds with negative balances with the Capital Improvement Fund being the largest. Mr. Presley indicated that the bond issue for the service garage will take care of that negative balance. Mr. Stibich asked if the bond issue would be paid for utilizing the general fund. Mr. Presley indicated that the capital improvement fund would be utilized which is collected from the proceeds of municipal income taxes. Mayor Donegan asked if Mr. Presley could distribute the projections on an annual basis. **Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.**

Mr. Sculac indicated that he also utilizes Northcoast Promotions for work at the Cuyahoga County Fair Ground. He stated that she is excited about working with the City.

He stated that a finance committee meeting will be held at 6:45 p.m. prior to the next Council meeting on June 28th. He has requested that Mr. Presley present a “mini-closeout” for the 1st and 2nd quarters.

Mayor Donegan asked Mr. Sponseller to discuss what the City may expect from the dissolution of Olmsted Recreation as this will be germane to what we accomplish moving forward through the summer. She stated that the group voted to dissolve Olmsted Recreation, which she was not happy about, but does remain committed to the concept. She stated that the Summer Art Program and Bulldog Football Programs will be run exclusively through the City.

Councilwoman Terry Duncan, Ward III

Ms. Duncan would like to thank the Mayor, Service Department and the six Business Volunteers Unlimited individuals who assisted with the plantings of the Monarch Garden Way Station next to the parking lot behind the old library. She thanked the service department for watering the area as well. She stated that this garden has also been deer proofed. She stated that a Council woman from Brook Park was present who was interested in the BVU experience. She would request that a sign be installed to indicate why the planting was done. Mayor Donegan stated that this is the area in front of the Dan Waugh Nature Trail. The nature trail was also cleared by the volunteers.

Ms. Duncan wished everyone a Happy Flag Day which is 100 years old from the Woodrow Wilson proclamation.

Councilwoman Linda Garrity, Council Pro-Tempore

Ms. Garrity stated that NOCCA is planning a dinner meeting for September with a speaker from the Cleveland State Leadership Academy who will be putting on a mini crash course. They are hoping that new Council members from around Cuyahoga County attend that evening. This mini course will highlight topics that used to be covered in a more extensive leadership academy.

She reminded Council that the Narcan training will take place next Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m. and she is expecting a huge crowd. Mayor Donegan indicated that the City has requested 75 kits from Project DAWN.

Councilman Paul Stibich, Ward II

Mr. Stibich thanked the Mayor and the Service Department for the wonderful job installing the Historic marker at the Village Green which was dedicated on Memorial Day.

Mr. Stibich indicated that he would not be present for the June 21st special council meeting.

Councilman Jay Linn, Council President

Mr. Linn thanked Council for vetting a tough issue over the last few months and in his opinion he believes Council made the right decision last week. He understands that it is not a favorable position to be put in but does believe that everyone was paying attention and believes Council did what needed to be done.

He attended a meeting with Mr. Sponseller, the Mayor and Mr. Borczuch regarding Olmsted Recreation at the Township's Town Hall. It is unfortunate that this action had to be taken to disband the three parties that made up Olmsted Recreation. In his opinion, this group of people padded from one foot to the other and then back to the other until Mr. Sponseller finally asked eloquently if they were in or out. They then slowly backed out of their involvement with Olmsted Recreation and that made us more determined to make Olmsted Recreation work and we will make it work.

Mr. Sculac asked if the beer issue that Ms. Jones referred to taking place on the Bridge would need a temporary state license. Mayor Donegan indicated that the Chamber of Commerce is applying for a temporary liquor permit.

Gregory M. Sponseller, Law Director

Mr. Sponseller stated that he is sure that Ms. Jones is aware that the Department of Liquor Control will not issue a temporary permit without the area being adequately enclosed. The Chamber will have to meet the requirements that go into an application for a temporary liquor permit. Assuming they receive the permit any beer consumption must be within the confines of the area and no alcohol will be permitted outside that area. We want to make sure the event is legally compliant.

Secondly, regarding the Olmsted Recreation dissolution he has received a draft from the legal counsel for the school district. The draft is relatively a straight forward Articles of Dissolution which will dissolve the Olmsted Recreation Collaboration. We are in the process of finalizing which may require Council legislation. He is attempting to get all legislation presented to Council in order to prevent any special meetings throughout the summer.

The Bakers Creek bridge situation is continuing with the hope for construction of a bridge this year. This project will require Council's review and approval but he is unsure if the city will be at that stage before the summer recess as we are awaiting signature from one more resident.

The ODNR land swap will be finalized, upon the adoption of legislation this evening, which will allow the city to finalize the conveyances and get them properly recorded. If the Olmsted Recreation dissolution requires legislation he will attempt to present to Council by June 28th subject to tentative finalization of the agreement between the Township, City, and School Board.

Mr. Linn inquired as to the Board of Election's deadline for the Charter amendments. Mr. Sponseller indicated that he does not recall the exact date but it is included in the legislation.

Old Business

Resolution 11-2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LATERAL SEWER AND WATER LINE MARKETING LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH UTILITY SERVICE PARTNERS PRIVATE LABEL, INC. D/B/A/ SERVICE LINE WARRANTIES OF AMERICA FOR PURPOSES OF OFFERING HOMEOWNER WARRANTIES FOR LATERAL WATER AND SEWER LINES **Tabled on Third Reading (04/12/2016)**

Remained tabled.

Ordinance 24-2016

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2016 OLMSTED FALLS MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY **Tabled on Third Reading (05/24/2016)**

Mr. Stibich moved to **remove** from table; Mr. Haviland **seconded**. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**. Mr. Stibich moved to **adopt**; Mr. Linn **seconded**. Mr. Sponseller stated that the recommendation has been received by City Council from the Planning Commission who have recommended approval. A public hearing was held earlier this evening to satisfy the City Charter and Ordinance requirements. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

Ordinance 25-2016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1260, MUPD MIXED USE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND RE-NAMING AND RE-CONSTITUTING CHAPTER 1260 MUTND MIXED USE TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT, AND AMENDING SECTIONS 1232.05, 1232.06 AND 1444.04 AND REPEALING SECTION 1272.04(E) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE FOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MIXED USE TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICTS AND CRITERIA THEREFOR **Tabled on Third Reading (05/24/2016)**

Remained tabled.

Ordinance 26-2016

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF TWO PARCELS OF

VACANT LAND FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR REPLACEMENT OF PARK LANDS UPON THE ELIMINATION OF A PORTION OF THE FORMER "JENKINS CENTER" PROPERTY FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Third Reading**

Mr. Linn moved to **adopt**; Mr. Haviland **seconded**. Mr. Stibich indicated that the price for these parcels is \$12,000.00. Mayor Donegan indicated that was correct. The city completed a survey and a lot split and consolidation was approved by Planning Commission. She stated that Ms. Jones worked with ODNR to complete this purchase and this was a budgeted item. Mr. Stibich asked if this would essentially expand East River Park. Mayor Donegan indicated that was correct. Mr. Stibich stated that the Jenkins Center is now a commercial building. Mayor Donegan replied only the footprint of the building. In other words, where the building sits and perhaps a patio. The area behind the old public library and the gardens are still public. Mr. Stibich inquired as to the length of the lease for the Jenkins Center. Mayor Donegan replied the lease with the Wine Cellar is for five years and has two options for extensions. Mr. Sculac stated that the city does retain the use of the parking lot. Mayor Donegan replied that was correct. **Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.**

Ordinance 27-2016

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND THEREAFTER **Third Reading**

Mr. Sculac moved to **adopt**; Mr. Linn **seconded**. Mr. Stibich stated this will increase the salary to \$80,000 per year for the next Mayoral term. There are escalation clauses of 2% for each year thereafter. He feels that this is too large of a salary and will be voting against this issue. Mr. Miller stated that he hopes by adopting this ordinance the City will be able to entice more individuals to look into civic office, especially, as he has mentioned many times, more younger people within the heart of their careers. Mr. Sculac indicated that a salary increase was adopted for Council members prior to this Council term. Mayor Donegan stated that salaries for elected officials can become a political issue. Mr. Stibich stated that the \$80,000 Mayoral salary combined with the safety director's salary will allow the Mayor to earn over \$100,000.00 per year. This also brings up the question as to if the City needs a safety director and if that should be a different person rather than the Mayor as it has traditionally been done. There are plenty of people that might take the position at the salary on a part time basis that have the skill sets and experience. Mayor Donegan indicated that she would agree with Mr. Stibich. Ordinance adopted by Council show a salary range which now gives an opportunity for someone to fill the safety director position, which is a chartered position. If Council feels that the Charter should be changed that would require a vote of the residents. As we pass potential charter recommendations that a group has worked on for many years this is certainly something that we may want to take up next year with the Charter Review Commission. Mr. Linn stated that he recalls there was a lot of discussion regarding re-visiting the Safety Director issue when the Mayor takes the new salary in 2018. Ms. Garrity would like to note that the Mayor's salary has not been increased since 2002 and Council was looking at 14 years without any increase which weighed into the decision to bring this salary up to a 2016 level. **Poll: 6 ayes; 1 nay (Stibich). Motion carried.**

Ordinance 29-2016

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO CERTIFY TO THE FISCAL OFFICER OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY UNPAID CHARGES AND/OR OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES APPLICABLE TO DELINQUENT OWNERS OF LAND FOR LEVY AND COLLECTION ACCORDING TO LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Third Reading**

Mr. Stibich moved to **adopt**; Mr. Linn **seconded**. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

Resolution 31-2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (CDBG) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017, ACCEPTING SAID GRANT IF AWARDED, REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Second Reading**

New Business

Resolution 32-2016

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **First Reading**

Ordinance 33-2016

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 4.03 AND 5.03(a) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY TO CLARIFY AUTHORITY AND STREAMLINE THE PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENTS TO AND REMOVAL FROM CERTAIN CITY POSITIONS BY EXTENDING COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS TO AND REMOVAL FROM NON-ELECTED CITY POSITIONS TO THE POSITIONS OF DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, PROVIDING FOR ALL NECESSARY PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **First Reading**

Ordinance 34-2016

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 5.03(a) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY TO CLARIFY AND EXPRESSLY STATE THAT ALL LEGISLATIVE POWERS OF THE CITY ARE VESTED IN COUNCIL, PROVIDING FOR ALL NECESSARY PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **First Reading**

Ordinance 35-2016

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 5.03(g) AND 8.05 OF THE

CHARTER OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE THAT ONCE COUNCIL APPROVES THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR SALARIES, WAGES, AND BENEFITS NO FURTHER ACTION OF COUNCIL IS NEEDED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PAYMENTS FOR SALARIES, WAGES, AND BENEFITS, PROVIDING FOR ALL NECESSARY PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
First Reading

Ordinance 36-2016

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE X, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, AND SECTION 5.06(2) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY TO ABOLISH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD, THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS BY CONSOLIDATING THEIR DUTIES AND ESTABLISHING ONE NEW COMMISSION, THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, ELIMINATING APPEALS TO CITY COUNCIL, PROVIDING FOR ALL NECESSARY PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **First Reading**

Ordinance 37-2016

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN VACANT LAND IN THE CHANDLERS LANE SUBDIVISION ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM IN 2009 AS FORFEITED PROPERTY TO BE CONVEYED TO THE CHANDLERS LANE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO CONSUMMATE THE SAME **First Reading**

Ordinance 38-2016

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,700,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW BUILDING TO HOUSE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CITY'S SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **First Reading**

Miscellaneous New Business

Mayor Donegan stated that a retirement luncheon will be held for firefighter John Karl tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. She invited everyone to attend. She will present him with a key to the city and a proclamation.

She has met with Eliza Jennings and Southwest General related to the Community Paramedicine program. These meetings are two fold one, to bring some potential energy to our senior program and similar things as other various communities have done with recreation powered by the YMCA. We are also looking at senior and adult services potentially powered by Eliza Jennings.

Such other business that may come before Council

Mr. Reichle stated that the downtown business organization held their organizational business meeting and rolled out what we are going to be and who we think we are which will be given to our membership. We have some concerns regarding the closing of the Bagley Road bridge. We have not received any information regarding traffic patterns or signs that will re-route customers and she asked if the City had any plans to send businesses notices. Mayor Donegan stated that there will be a pre-construction meeting on June 16th at which time we will learn the timeline. We had anticipated that this project would begin in May or June but there were delays involving the County. Mr. Borczuch indicated that the last detour route he was informed of was to keep traffic on the main routes, Columbia Road to Cook to Mapleway and around that way and southbound traffic would use Columbia to Sprague to Usher. Mayor Donegan asked Ms. Reichle to determine if the business owners could submit to her areas they would like to see signs posted. Ms. Reichle indicated that the businesses would like some sort of communication as to what's going to happen so we can make plans with customers. This would also help us determine if anything would need to be done internally to handle the detours, for example, she has delivery drivers and on top of the trains blocking the tracks and it is concerning her as to what will happen with all the traffic coming from Usher Road. Mayor Donegan stated that this issue has been discussed for a number of years and we are working on finalizing plans. The City will also utilize the Ready Notify system to notify residents and businesses. Mr. Linn stated that he believes what always happens in every city that has construction traffic will follow, like electricity, the path of least resistance and after a few days people will figure it out. He hopes that traffic will not utilize Elmer to Mapleway, but if they do the residents will have to understand and suggested a temporary no parking zone. Ms. Reichle stated that her biggest concern is the semi's that come out of Vitamix; where are they going to be sent in another direction. Today she witnesses one driving down Mill Street turning onto Orchard he then turned around and came back down Orchard, she was unaware that he had a delivery there but to watch him attempt to cut that corner it was difficult for him. Mayor Donegan asked Ms. Jones to contact the businesses directly once all of these issues have been determined. We will attempt to make every effort so that this is palatable for everyone. Ms. Reichle stated that it is already hard enough to get across Columbia Road as a pedestrian because people do not slow down and if you there will be additional traffic from this project this will be horrific. Mr. Linn suggested having a traffic engineer look at this scenario and ask for his professional opinion. Mr. Sculac suggested a temporary traffic light be installed at Mill Street. Mr. Borczuch hopes that having no thorough traffic signs on Brookside and Mill will help deter everyone into using the detour routes. Ms. Garrity suggested signs indicated that the local businesses are open during the construction. She suggested they be placed on Cook and Columbia Roads.

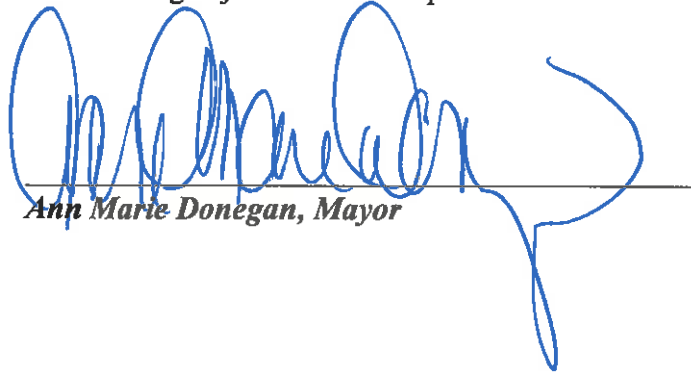
Mr. Linn requested that Council pay special attention to Ordinance 36-2016 as this will be a major change as to the structure of how our city government has worked for years by combining various boards and commissions. Instead of having many boards with big timelines for developers this combination will be far better. This will combine three boards into one commission with a group of experts. He does not feel that the city needs five or seven people on every board or commission some do well with three but with this big of a board we may need to increase the size of this board to seven or nine, whatever would be appropriate. The volunteers on this new commission should have some type of expertise in development, sewage, and infrastructure. He believes this new commission will streamline the process. The most important change will be that appeals, which waste a lot of Council's time, will be eliminated and the appeal process will go directly to County Court. Mayor Donegan indicated that this combination was strongly recommended by Santo Incorvaia, who serves

as the lawyer for other Planning Commissions. It is our job to make sure these boards are stocked with smart people and it is very difficult to find volunteers. We also need to devote time and money to make sure these volunteers are well trained and well versed on the ethical dilemmas. Since 2014 the administration has researched how do streamline this procedure to make it easier for the consumer, the customer, and the businesses and being able to do everything in a uniform way. We tend to forget that Environmental Protection has a role and that role often gets overlooked and some recent construction issues might have been avoided if there had been a referral to Environmental Protection.

Ms. Duncan asked if this information was shared with the current boards and commissions. Mayor Donegan stated that she has been speaking with them. Ms. Duncan suggested sending a copy of the legislation to BZA, PC and especially the Environmental Protection Board. Mayor Donegan indicated that this issue has been discussed for a number of years and does not believe the volunteers will be shocked, but, she will definitely forward the information to the respective boards.

Ms. Duncan moved to **adjourn**; Mr. Stibich **seconded**. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Ann Marie Donegan, Mayor



Angela Mancini, Clerk of Council