

City of Deer Park
Regular Council Meeting
City Municipal Building
September 14, 2009

President McGoron opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a prayer.

The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Allen, Mr. Comer, Mr. Diehm, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tegenkamp. Mr. Allen was absent. Mr. Diehm made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Allen. Seconded by Mr. Comer. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Mr. Comer made a motion to accept the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on August 10, 2009. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Mayor Collins presented Jim Lenihan a Certificate of Merit for his 17 years of service and dedication to the Chamberlin Park Board.

Katy Holm, Deer Park Branch Manager of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, gave a presentation about the library system and the upcoming levy that will be on the November ballot. Ms. Holm stated that the County's library system is one of the ten busiest in the country and that their funding has been reduced by 28%. They have already saved money by reducing hours and prolonging maintenance projects; however, no other reductions can be made without closing branches and eliminating services. Ms. Holm announced that they are asking for a 1 mil levy which amounts to about \$2.50 per month for a \$100,000 home.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance

Mr. Comer asked the Clerk to read Ordinance #09-19 by title only.

ORDINANCE #09-19 - ADOPTING A RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. So read. Mr. Comer moved that the 3 reading rule be suspended. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote. Mr. Comer moved that Ordinance #09-19 be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. **ORDINANCE #09-19** was hereby adopted by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Mr. Comer asked the Clerk to read Resolution #09-20 by title only.

RESOLUTION #09-20 - RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL ZONING VARIANCE TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF A 600 SQUARE FOOT GARAGE AT 7242 MARYLAND AVENUE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. So read.

Mr. Comer made a motion to waive the 24-hour notification rule. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote. Mr. Comer moved that the 3 reading rule be suspended. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote. Mr. Comer moved that Resolution #09-20 be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. **RESOLUTION #09-20** was hereby by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Mr. Comer made a motion to accept the August 2009 Tax Department Report and the Auditor and Treasurer's report from July 2009. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Mr. Comer asked the Clerk to read the Mayor's Monthly Report. The total collected for March 2009 was \$2,781. The total collected for April 2009 was \$4,729. The total collected for May 2009 was \$2,802. The total collected for June 2009 was \$3,218. The total collected for July 2009 was \$4,077, bringing the year to date total to \$23,704. Mr. Comer made a motion to accept the Mayor's Monthly reports. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Safety

Mr. Comer announced that the July and August monthly Police Department Report was available for review.

Public Works

Mr. Tegenkamp reported that the Galbraith Road project had begun and that work was being done on Plainfield Road as well.

Mr. Berens announced that the Galbraith Road project engineers have reported that they are already behind schedule and that the new anticipated completion date is in the Spring of 2010.

Mr. Berens reported that there will be no increases in the annual fee to the Hamilton County Storm Water District. Mr. Comer made a motion to accept and pay the annual fee to the Storm Water District. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Visitor Comments

Tony Thomas of CSI Waste Services stated that he is interested in bidding on the garbage collection for the City and that he wanted to know what the needs of the City are. He stated that CSI is the second largest waste hauler in the country. He announced that CSI would be interested in offering the 90 gallon waste containers to the residents.

New Business

Mr. Tegenkamp inquired about the closing of Remke Markets and asked if the City had spoken to their management. Mr. Berens stated that they are not making enough money to keep the store open and that the City is looking for development opportunities.

Mrs. Hedger announced that Archdiocese of Cincinnati will soon decide if St. Nicholas Academy will remain open.

City Officials

Mayor Collins announced that the Hamilton County Municipal League will hold their dinner meeting on September 29, 2009 at the new Blue Ash recreation center. Mayor Collins announced that the Deer Park High School Homecoming Parade will take place on October 1, 2009 and that

everyone needs to arrive at St. John's around 6:30 pm. Mayor Collins reported that Amber Park has invited everyone to the Grand Opening of their new Traditions Memory Care. The event will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 pm on October 1, 2009.

Without further business to be brought before Council at the time, Mr. Comer moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Pat McGoron
President of Council

Laura Hughes,
Clerk of Council