

President Hedger opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Lehane, Mr. Lenihan, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Perin, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell, Mr. Tolliver.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2016 City Council Meeting. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Comment – Citizens and Guests –**

*Dr. Robert Farris – 8026 Dalton Avenue* – Dr. Robert Farris introduced himself and stated that he runs a family foundation and is looking at investing in the CIC and creating a permanent student scholarship fund in Deer Park. Dr. Farris wanted to clarify some information including the median income for the city before his foundation's board meeting in March. Several council members along with President Hedger advised that the Census Bureau may be of assistance for this information. Mr. Randy Weeks, in attendance this evening, stated that the median income is about \$27,388. President Hedger mentioned that she has been in contact with Dr. Farris via email and will continue to do so if there are any other questions. Dr. Farris also mentioned that he would like to look into his foundation donating to the Park Board in the future, which should be an independent 501 C 3 organization. President Hedger and Mr. Perin stated that that process is very expensive as it was looked into in the past.

*Mrs. Ann Brookbank – 7218 Delaware Avenue* – Mrs. Ann Brookbank stated that she received a notice on her Cincinnati Bell bill that announced a franchise fee of 5% will now be charged by the City of Deer Park. President Hedger stated that this is not a city council issue and that Cincinnati Bell was not charging this fee previously as they were supposed to by law. This is a fee that all cities collect from Cincinnati Bell and Time Warner Cable etc. for the use of poles, wires, infrastructure, etc.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Legislative and Finance Committee**

##### **December 2015 Auditor's and Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the December 2015 Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

##### **Resolution 2016-03 Chamberlin Park Bike/Pedestrian Access Improvements - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY DIRECTOR OF SAFETY-SERVICE TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO HOUSE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CHAMBERLIN PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Tolliver asked the Clerk to read Resolution 2016-03. So read. Mr. Tolliver motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Tassell. Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tolliver motioned to waive the three reading rule and Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tolliver motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Perin. Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2016-04 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Michael J. Berens, Establishing Wages and Benefits for Safety-Service Director - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2019**

Mr. Tolliver asked the Clerk to read Ordinance 2016-04. So read. Mr. Tolliver motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tolliver motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tolliver motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Perin. Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2016-05 Authorization for the Police Department to Dispose of Unclaimed Bicycles - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONTRIBUTE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TO ST. VINCENT DEPAUL**

Mr. Tolliver asked the Clerk to read Resolution 2016-05. So read. Mr. Tolliver motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Ms. Newsom. Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tolliver motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tolliver motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Perin. Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

**Executive Session–RE: To Discuss Possible Purchase of Property -** At 7:34 pm, Mr. Tolliver motioned to retire to executive session to discuss possible purchase of property to include council members, Mr. Berens, Mr. Applegate, Mayor Donnellon, President Hedger, Ms. Perin-Seitz, Mr. Helmes, Mr. Langdon and Mrs. Bosse. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Mr. Lehane - yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin – yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

Executive Session concluded at 7:59 pm.

**Safety Committee**

Mr. Lehane stated that there is nothing to report tonight.

**Public Works Committee**

Mr. Tassell stated that there is nothing to report tonight.

**Legislative and Finance Committee**

Mr. Tolliver and council went over and discussed the expenditure projections for 2016 page by page to continue the discussion from the Legislative and Finance meeting from earlier this evening. These discussions included looking into seeing where possible changes can be made to save money.

**Report of Special Committees / Boards**

**Park Board** – Mr. Perin announced that Toni Price has been appointed to the Park Board by Mayor Donnellon to replace the opening vacated by Amy Hathorn.

The Park Board is having a fundraiser on March 26 at Strikes and Spares Bowling Alley. 50% of the open bowling proceeds will go to the Park Board.

**Infrastructure Committee** – Mr. Lehane announced that the Infrastructure Committee met and there will be more information to follow.

**Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far** – None

**New Business** – President Hedger announced that Student Government Night will take place on March 14, 2016.

Mr. Tassell announced that he started the process of exploring the possibility of vacating the railroad.

**Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous** – Ms. Perin-Seitz announced that the Ohio Municipal League sent a registration form in the mail regarding the dates for seminars for newly elected council members. A scanned PDF file of the mailing will be scanned and emailed to council.

**Reports from other City Officials**

**Treasurer** – None

**Law Director** – None

**Auditor** – None

**Safety Service Director** – None

**Mayor's Report** – None

**Adjournment**

Mr. Perin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tassell. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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Christine Hedger  
President of Council

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Joanie Perin Seitz  
Clerk of Council