

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
November 6, 2023

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

The clerk read the roll. Mr. Kelly, Mr. Daily, Ms. Downs, Mayor Donnellon, Mr. Camp, Mr. Feldhaus, Mr. Daily. Ms. Downs and Mr. Feldhaus were absent. Mr. Daily motioned to excuse Ms. Downs and Mr. Feldhaus. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Donnellon noted that the executive session on the agenda is cancelled.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Daily motioned to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2023 Council Meeting. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests

Marcy Grigsby - 6 Wentworth Lane

Ms. Grigsby noted corrections to her name and address that we included in the minutes from a previous meeting. Ms. Grigsby also made note that comments made by Mr. Anadon at a previous meeting were regarding Ryan Homes, not the developer. Ms. George stated she would include the corrections in the minutes from this evening's meeting, as the other minutes have already been approved by Council.

Ms. Grigsby thanked Dr. Jetter for his help with the CRA issue for the Wentworth Townhomes. Ms. Grigsby clarified that 25% abatement will be in place until the TIF terminates, at which time the residents will be eligible for the 100% abatement until its expiration. Dr. Jetter told Ms. Grigsby that the fence that will encompass the development has been addressed and re-enforced with the builder.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark –

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the October 2023 Income Report. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the October 2023 Auditor Report. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the October 2023 JEDZ Report. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-20 RESOLUTION ADOPTION OF THE 2023 HAMILTON COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. George to give the reading of Resolution 2023-20, by title only.

So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage of Resolution 2023-20. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO OFFER FOR AUCTION THROUGH THE HAMILTON COUNTY ON-LINE PUBLIC AUCTION: A 2002 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK, A 2005 F-250 PICKUP TRUCK, AND SIX APPLE I-PADS.

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. George to give the reading of Resolution 2023-21, by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage of Resolution 2023-21. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-22 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. George to give the reading of Resolution 2023-22, by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage of Resolution 2023-22. Mayor Donnellon seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR A MUSIC PAVILLION IN CHAMBERLIN PARK.

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. George to give the reading of Resolution 2023-23, by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage of Resolution 2023-22. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp -

No report.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs -

Dr. Jetter gave the Public Works Department report:

- The GCWW Plainfield Road project is under construction in Silverton now, heading north towards Deer Park.
- Glenway and Lafayette are almost done, re-paving could take place late 2023 or in the spring of 2024.
- The paving for the GCWW project on Plainfield will be done in the spring.
- The city is working on Blue Ash Road Phase II, utilizing SORTA funds and OKI funds. Deer Park needs to get funding for the remaining \$1 million of the \$5 million project.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus -

Mayor Donnellon gave the Park Board Report.

- Arm Chair races are November 11, 2023. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a 6:30 p.m. post time. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Chamberlin Park.

- The Park Office building has been painted to match the rest of the park buildings. It looks great.

Diversity & Inclusion Steering Committee – Neil Kelly

Mr. Kelly reported that the committee met on Thursday, October 26. The committee expects to be ready to present to council on November 20. The steering committee will ask council to vote to create a formal Diversity, Inclusion and Equity committee and future committee members will need to be selected.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor –

No report.

City Manager –

- A CEDAP grant has been awarded to Deer Park for improvements to Chamberlin Park.
- An ODNr grant application has been submitted for the music pavilion in the park.
- New fencing and lighting will be installed at the ball diamonds.
- The sidewalk program has received approximately \$7000 in application in 2023.
- The CIC is working on economic development interest within the city.
- An inquiry for a development of 55 townhomes was made about the bowling alley & movie theater property.
- Dr. Jetter is looking into a program that would help get funds for improvement along Blue Ash Road. This could possibly be used instead of a TIF.

Mayor -

- Election Day is tomorrow – get out and vote!
- Mayor Donnellon reviewed the upcoming calendar of meetings and events for the remainder of 2023.

Schedule

November 7, 2023 – Election Day

November 20, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

November 23-24, 2023 – Thanksgiving holiday – Offices closed

December – Installation of new council members, election of vice-mayor – time TBD.

December 4, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

December 18, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

December 25-26 – Christmas holiday – Offices closed

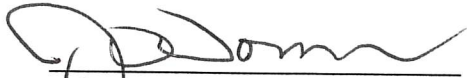
Community Events

November 11 – Armchair Races – Doors open at 5:30 p.m., first race at 6:30 p.m.

November 21 – Block Watch – 7:00 p.m.
November 25 – Tree Lighting – 7:00 p.m.
December 11 – Community Info Session – Library at 7:00 p.m.
December 19 – Block Watch – 7:00 p.m. – Possibly a pot luck dinner. Stay tuned for more information as the date nears.

Adjournment

Mayor Donnellon motioned to adjourn. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



John Donnellon
Mayor



Meredith George
Clerk of Council