

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
October 17, 2022

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. The Clerk of Council read the roll. Mr. Camp, Mr. Daily, Ms. Downs, Mr. Feldhaus, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Westmark, Mayor Donnellon.

Mayor Donnellon wished Councilman Daily a very Happy Birthday.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Downs motioned to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Feldhaus. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

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

Ms. Downs introduced Ms. Joyce Kramer who has grown flowers and held sales to raise money for our Deer Park public library. Ms. Kramer spoke to council and explained that she recently celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and has been gardening since age 4! After 76 years of experience with plants and flowers, Ms. Kramer would like to come to Block Watch and offer to help others in the community with gardening advice and learn from others experiences as well.

Kerry Baker 4169 Webster Avenue – Ms. Baker noted that in England they have a lot of little towns with train stations that have flowers planted all around and she would like to see us do that. For example: at Blue Ash Road and Webster Avenue.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Legislative and Finance Committee \*Chairman Chris Westmark**

##### **September 2022 Fund Report**

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the September 2022 Fund Report. Motion seconded by Mr. Daily. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2022-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CHIEF OF POLICE SERVICES** Ms. Westmark asked the clerk to read Resolution 2022-20 by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for adoption of Resolution 2022-20. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC.**

Ms. Westmark asked the clerk to read Resolution 2022-21. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for adoption of Resolution 2022-21. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

#### **Safety Committee \*Chairman Tom Camp**

##### **September 2022 Fire Report**

Mr. Camp announced that in the month of September 2022 there were 99 EMS runs and 7 fire runs for a total of 106 runs in the city of Deer Park. There have been 818 runs in the city and 2604 runs in the

complete district this year through September of 2022. The Fire Board Meeting will take place tomorrow, October 18 at 4 pm.

### **September 2022 Police Report**

Mr. Feldhaus announced that in the month of September 2022 there were 785 calls for service. 238 on 1<sup>st</sup> shift, 367 on 2<sup>nd</sup> shift and 180 on 3<sup>rd</sup> shift.

### **Public Works Committee \*Chairman Kathy Downs –**

Dr. Jetter announced that the railroad repairs are in progress for a new track bed. The pedestrian crossing has been torn out at Blue Ash and Galbraith Roads however it will be replaced.

### **Park Board Committee \*Chairman Mark Feldhaus**

Mr. Feldhaus announced that on November 12 we will have the armchair races in the Community Center. The doors open at 6:00 pm with a 7:00 pm post time.

### **Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None**

### **Old Business – None**

**New Business** – Dr. Jetter announced that the Mayor and all of Council are signing and sending a letter to Senator Sherrod Brown expressing our concern regarding the Financial Data Transparency Act of 2022 being incorporated into the must-pass National Defense Authorization Act and would be costly and time-consuming for local governments and would create an unfunded mandate for the more than 730 cities and villages in Ohio.

Ms. Downs announced that we will start collecting can goods and other non-perishables to fill the police cruiser for the holidays.

### **Reports from Other City Officials**

**Solicitor** – At 7:27 pm Mayor Donnellon motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of pending litigation to include all city council members, Mr. Pacheco, Dr. Jetter and Mayor Donnellon. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

At 7:37 pm Ms. Downs motioned to come out of executive session. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Pacheco wished Mr. Daily Happy Birthday.

**City Manager** – Dr. Jetter announced that he has been notified on the aggregation for energy contract, which will expire in December. The recommendation is that everything go with Duke until we get a new contract as we are trying to get the best rate for our residents. The bid goes out again in March 2023. Residents do not need to take any action now.

**Mayor** – Mayor Donnellon reminded all that the weather is getting colder and to check on each other.

### **Schedule**

October 22 – We Thrive Event “Clean Up in the Park/Keep Cincinnati Beautiful” 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

October 31, 2022 Halloween (Trick or Treat) in Deer Park 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

November 7, 2022 BZA Meeting 6:00 pm

November 7, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

November 8, 2022 Election Day

November 21, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

November 22, 2022 Budget Meeting 4:00 pm in Council Chambers (Mr. Jetter asked Council to attend)

**Community Events**

~~October 18 Block Watch Community Center 7:00 pm~~ Cancelled

November 12, 2022 Armchair Races Community Center Doors open at 6:00 pm. Races start at 7:00 pm

November 15 Block Watch Community Center 7:00 pm

November 26, 2022 Christmas Tree Lighting 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm in person

December 12, 2022 Council Informational Session from 7:00 pm -8:00 pm at the Deer Park Library

**Adjournment**

Mr. Camp motioned to adjourn. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

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John Donnellon  
Mayor

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Joan E. Perin  
Clerk of Council