

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
October 3, 2022

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:01 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.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Camp motioned to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Westmark. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes, Mayor Donnellon - yes. Motion carried.

### **Proclamation by Mayor Donnellon to Lt. Dan McCormick**

Mayor Donnellon read a proclamation for Lt. Dan McCormick, who is retiring at the end of this week. Mayor proclaimed Friday October 7, 2022 as Lt. Dan McCormick Day in the City of Deer Park and thanked him for his decades of service.

### **Mayor: Swearing in of New Police Officer James Murphy**

Mayor Donnellon swore in newest Police Officer James Murphy. Officer Murphy, with his fiancé in attendance, took the oath of office for our city.

**Public Comment – Citizens and Guests** – None

### **Standing Committee Reports**

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

##### **September 2022 JEDZ Report**

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the September 2022 JEDZ report. 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.

##### **September 2022 Income Tax Report**

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the September 2022 Income Tax Report. 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.

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

Mr. Camp announced that there is no report this evening.

#### **Public Works Committee \*Chairman Kathy Downs – OKI Grant Phase Two of Blue Ash Road \$5 million**

Ms. Downs reported phase two of Blue Ash Road has moved to the OKI board for approval of \$5,000,000.00. This will go from Duneden to the Silverton corp. line and will include a gateway entrance. The project date timeline is 2025, allowing additional solicitation for grant opportunities to offset the city's match.

#### **Sorta Grant for Oakwood \$1.8 million**

Ms. Downs reported that we also received news that SORTA is going to recommend the award of \$1,800,000.00 for improvements to Oakwood Ave. Like OKI, this funding will still funnel through SORTA's committee/board approval process. These funds are going to be available for construction next year at the earliest.

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

Mr. Feldhaus announced that the last Party in the Park was a complete success with the final raffle drawing. Boo Fest was this past weekend where we had a great turnout and amazing weather. On November 12 we

will have the armchair races in the Community Center. The Christmas tree lighting is scheduled for November 26 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and will be in person.

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

**Old Business** – Ms Westmark brought up concerns from residents on the short end of St Johns Terrace regarding people parking on the street for park events. Discussion ensued as to any possible solutions. Ms. Westmark also brought up the complaint from residents regarding the smell of marijuana in the Chamberlain Park parking lot during Little Cats practices. Lt. McCormick stated there could be extra patrols.

**New Business** – At 7:23 pm Mayor Donnellon motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of property acquisition and to include all city council members, Mr. Pacheco, Dr. Jetter and Mayor Donnellon. 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.

At 7:35 pm Mr. Daily motioned to come out of executive session. Mr. Kelly 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.

**Reports from Other City Officials**

**Solicitor** – Mr. Pacheco announced that the city of Deer Park received \$25,000 for Chamberlin Park that was left by the wishes of a deceased resident.

**City Manager** – Dr. Jetter announced that Sheena received a perfect audit and showed the Ohio Auditor of State Award that was presented to the City of Deer Park by Keith Faber, Auditor of State. Police contract bargaining begins tomorrow. Dr. Jetter will be out of the office on Friday October 7. Construction is beginning near diamond 2 for a new multi-function water fountain being installed.

**Mayor** – Mayor Donnellon noted that good things keep happening in our city and we are moving in the right direction with two grants in the works, paving some streets next year and Plainfield Rd. will get a new water main. Coming soon are the Holiday Spirit awards, much like the beautification awards in the summer, which will be given to those residents who are nominated for decorating for the holidays.

**Schedule**

October 10, 2022 BZA Meeting 6:00 pm  
October 17, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
November 7, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
November 8, 2022 Election Day  
November 21, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**Community Events**

October 18 Block Watch Community Center 7:00 pm  
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**

Ms. Downs 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 7:47 pm.

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John Donnellon  
Mayor

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Joan E. Perin  
Clerk of Council