

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
March 7, 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.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Westmark motioned to approve the minutes from the February 21, 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.

### **Presentation Chamberlin Park Master Plan**

Human Nature gave a presentation, along with a packet, of information regarding improvements for Chamberlin Park. Three public input sessions took place over the last year with the focus on phases of awareness, exploration and vision for the future of the park. Slides were shown with simulations of the images in mind by our residents and design team. The master plan was finalized with a level cost estimate, included in the packet, and serves as a road map to make the “living room” of our community a beautiful place to come together. A music pavilion, fountain, expanded parking, a dog friendly area, outdoor event/reception space, inclusive play area and memorial gardens are just some of the great ideas in place. Finding funding will make it a reality. Discussion ensued.

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

## **Standing Committee Reports**

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

#### **February 2022 JEDZ Report**

Ms. Westmark announced that the JEDZ is down a little this month. Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the February 2022 JEDZ Report as submitted. 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.

#### **February 2022 Fund & Income Tax Report**

Ms. Westmark announced that we are at \$140, 139.79 which is above where we were at this time last year, which was \$79,000. Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the February 2022 Fund & Income Tax Report as submitted. 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.

#### **February 2022 Auditor’s & Treasurer’s Report**

Ms. Westmark announced that all is in balance. Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the February 2022 Auditor’s & Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Ms. Downs 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 NO. 2022-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO R.C. 4929.26 AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH THE WINNING BIDDER TO CONTINUE A NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WHEN THE CURRENT SUPPLY AGREEMENT ENDS**

Ms. Westmark asked the clerk to read Resolution 2022-05 by title only. So read.

Ms. Westmark motioned to waive the two-reading rule on Resolution 2022-05. 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. Mr. Jetter explained Resolution 2022-05 and discussion ensued. Ms. Westmark motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-05. 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.

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

#### **February 2022 Police Report**

Mr. Feldhaus reported that in February 2022 there were 546 calls for service. 186 on first shift, 277 on second shift and 83 on third shift. There was a report of stolen checks, and the investigation continues.

#### **February 2022 Fire Report**

Mr. Camp reported that the February 2022 Fire Report will be given at the March 21, 2022 council meeting.

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

Ms. Downs stated that there are some catch basins in the area that are being cleaned. All other road plans are being worked on and nothing has been finalized yet.

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

Mr. Feldhaus announced that the Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 9, 2022 at 11:00 am. The Armchair Races are scheduled for April 23 in the Community Center at 7:00 pm. The Park Board recently acquired a new golf cart that is street legal. Ms. Westmark said that the trash barrels are frequently blowing over and she inquired if there is a way to keep those from tipping over. Mr. Jetter stated he would talk to the service department.

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

### **Old Business**

The Charter discussion update has been moved to the March 21, 2022 agenda.

### **New Business**

#### **Council Member Monthly Events**

Mr. Pacheco stated that it will be acceptable to host the meet the council member events at the Deer Park Public Library. Mr. Kelly asked council if a quarterly schedule and Mr. Jetter's idea to name this event the "Council Informational Session" is agreeable to all. Discussion ensued and all of council stated they liked this idea. The planned first session will be Monday April 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Pacheco cautioned against council members discussing feedback received from residents until the actual council meeting.

Mr. Camp stated there was a mailing issue with our newsletter since some residents did not receive the first edition, himself included, and asked if there were any updates. Mr. Jetter stated that he talked to Karen Applegate, and we are working on it.

Mr. Camp asked the clerk to have the minutes completed in a timelier manner and stated that if the City Manager would have been on vacation on Friday, the day the minutes were submitted, we really would have been behind the eight ball. Ms. Perin stated that she has been working lots of overtime in her other jobs and apologized for previous delays.

Mr. Daily and Ms. Downs both commented on how the local mail delivery is down to three days a week and wondered if this is what affected our newsletter. Many residents have been mentioning this mail delivery slowness on social media and some they have reached out to council members. Discussion ensued.

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

**Solicitor** – Mr. Pacheco announced that on the city council meeting on March 21, 2022 we will have a resolution to authorize the city's agreement to be part of the OneOhio MOU funding which will assist in fighting the opioid addiction crisis.

**City Manager** – Mr. Jetter stated that we will be working with the 501c Foundation to find funds for Chamberlin Park for the upcoming improvements.

The "Back in Only" parking signs are now visible from the North and South directions on Blue Ash Road. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Jetter has an upcoming meeting regarding the townhomes project. He stated that he has had enough from the developer and anything else that goes wrong by them is on their dime as we are not paying anything more after we have done our part. The electric was put in today.

The 2022-2023 budget is still being formulated with our CPA.

Mr. Jetter will be out of the office on March 9, 10 and 11. We have a part time employee in our office as of March 14. They will be helping the tax and front offices.

**Mayor** –Mayor Donnellon reminded all that the renewal of the operating levy is on May 3, 2022. Please spread the word that this is only a renewal.

**Schedule**

March 21, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

April 4, 2022 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

April 18, 2022 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm (Student Government Night)

**Community Events**

March 15, 2022 Block Watch at the Community Center 7:00 pm

March 17, 2022 We Thrive Meeting at the Deer Park Public Library 6:30 pm

April 9, 2022 Easter Egg Hunt in the Park 11:00 am

April 11, 2022 Council Informational Session at the Deer Park Public Library 7:00 pm

April 19, 2022 Block Watch at 7:00 pm at the Community Center

April 21, 2022 We Thrive Meeting at the Deer Park Public Library 6:30 pm

April 23, 2022 “We Thrive” Clean Days in the Park from 10:00 am – Noon

April 23, 2022 Armchair Races at the Community Center 7:00 pm

May 21, 2022 Party in the Park with The Remains 7:00 pm

May 30, 2022 Memorial Day Parade 10:00 am

Mr. Camp announced that the Memorial Day Parade will kickoff at the Silverton Memorial and will take the same route as last year. We welcome clubs as well as girl/boy scout troops. This is not a political event.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Feldhaus motioned to adjourn. Ms. Downs seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

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John Donnellon  
Mayor

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Joan E. Perin  
Clerk of Council