

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
September 9, 2019

President Daily opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer followed by a moment of silence for Ross Bachman, former owner of Chicken on the Run, and for Tom Adamec, Mayor of Blue Ash, who both recently passed away.

The Clerk of Council read the roll. Mr. Camp, Ms. Culver, Mr. Gavin, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell. Mr. Lehane motioned to excuse Mr. Rapp. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver– yes, Mr. Gavin– yes, Mr. Lehane– yes, Ms. Newsom– yes, Mr. Tassell– yes. Motion carried.

### **Proclamation by the Mayor**

Mayor Donnellon did a proclamation for Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and Suicide Prevention Month, both for September 2019.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Tassell motioned to approve the amended minutes from the August 12, 2019 Council Meeting minutes and the minutes from the September 3 Committee Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Lehane. For August 12, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes: Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver– yes, Mr. Gavin– yes, Mr. Lehane– yes, Ms. Newsom– yes, Mr. Tassell– yes. Motion carried. For September 3, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes: Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver– abstain, Mr. Gavin– yes, Mr. Lehane– yes, Ms. Newsom– yes, Mr. Tassell– yes. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – Kerry Baker – 4169 Webster Avenue –**

Ms. Baker cautioned about people who may stop taking their depression and anxiety medication and could be in danger of suicidal thoughts or tendencies as they may not check warning labels. Ms. Baker said that her nephew committed suicide and suggests that people check with their loved ones and friends to make sure that they don't stop taking their medications.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Legislative and Finance Committee \*Chairman Charles Tassell**

#### **JEDZ Report July 2019**

Mr. Tassell presented the July 2019 JEDZ Report and it is filed as reported.

#### **Auditor's and Treasurer's Report July 2019**

Mr. Tassell presented the July 2019 Auditor's and Treasurer's Report and it is filed as reported. Ms. Culver asked about the outstanding checks to a funeral home and if it was for an indigent death. Mr. Jetter stated that it indeed was. Ms. Culver asked about the custom design benefits charge and Mr. Jetter replied that it is our COBRA/Benefits.

### **ORDINANCE 2019-22 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK TAX ADMINISTRATOR AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY(THIRD READING)**

Mr. Tassell motioned to adopt Ordinance 2019-22. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Ms. Culver requested that we remind the audience what this ordinance entails. Mr. Jetter gave a brief explanation. Mr. Gavin requested that the tax administrator provide a quarterly report that is in more detail, rather than just a monthly report, so that we may closely verify. Mr. Camp added that this Ordinance is for the Tax Administrator's salary increase and not their performance. Discussion ensued. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2019-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WILLIAM A. JETTER, SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Mr. Tassell motioned to waive the three reading rule for Resolution 2019-24. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Ms. Culver verified that this was for the St. John's project. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tassell motioned to adopt Resolution 2019-24. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-25 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY'S CAPITAL ASSET POLICY** Mr. Tassell motioned to move Resolution 2019-25 to the second reading. Seconded by Ms. Newsom. Discussion ensued. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-26 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (OML) POSITION ON H.B. 49 AND H.B. 5 (CENTRALIZED TAX COLLECTION) AND ASKING THE OML TO INCLUDE DEER PARK AS A MUNICIPALITY SUPPORTING THE OML AMICUS BRIEF BEFORE THE OHIO SUPREME COURT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Mr. Tassell motioned to waive the three reading rule for Resolution 2019-26. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Ms. Culver asked a question regarding our previously joining this. Mr. Helmes addressed the question by stating that we need this to show support and continuation of the Ohio Supreme Court's position and there is no additional cost required. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tassell motioned to adopt Resolution 2019-26. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

**Safety Committee \*Chairman Tom Camp**  
**July and August 2019 Police Report**

Mr. Camp asked if anyone on council had questions regarding the July report. No questions asked. Ms. Newsom reviewed the August 2019 Police Report: The Days in the Park Festival went really well with no problems. School opened in mid-August. There were 764 calls for service including 278 on 1<sup>st</sup> shift, 328 on 2<sup>nd</sup> shift and 158 on 3<sup>rd</sup> shift and included psychiatric emergencies, auto accidents and a runaway hospital patient that caused a minor injury to one of our police officers.

**August 2019 Fire Report**

Mr. Camp reported that in the month of August there were 73 EMS runs and 10 Fire runs for a total of 83 in Deer Park, 249 in the entire district and 1661 details year to date.

**Public Works Committee \*Chairman Mike Rapp**  
**Road Project Update**

Ms. Culver stated that the road project begins tomorrow per Mr. Jetter. Ms. Culver asked questions about Clifford Road and patchwork.

**Speed Humps/Bumps**

Mr. Camp spoke about speed deterrent devices on Monticello from St. John's to Matson and on Hegner from Maple to corporation line and noted we are getting some background information from Chief Schlie from some resources. Mr. Jetter will be getting these answers.

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

**New Business**

Mr. Gavin motioned to keep the current rate of pay for all city elected officials for the next unexpired term. Ms. Culver seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Tassell motioned to refer to committee. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – no, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Gavin motioned that we repeal Ordinance 2019-10, as he stated was recommended by Mr. Helmes. Ms. Culver seconded the motion. Mr. Helmes noted that Ordinance 2019-10 did not actually pass. Discussion ensued. Mr. Helmes stated he needs time to research and will present to council at the next meeting. Ms. Culver motioned for Mr. Helmes to look into proper procedure for repealing Ordinance 2019-10 and to present it at the September 23 council meeting. Mr. Gavin seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

### **Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far**- None

### **Reports from other City Officials**

**Treasurer** – None

**Law Director** – None

**Auditor** – None

**Safety Service Director** – Mr. Jetter updated and showed a presentation on the Blue Ash Road project and goal date information of April 2021.

**Mayor** – Mayor Donnellon announced that City Council is invited to participate in the Deer Park High School Homecoming Parade on Friday October 4. Please meet in St. John's Church parking lot at 5:15 pm. The parade begins at 5:50. Music in the Park is Saturday September 14 featuring the Remains.

### **Schedule**

We THRIVE! September 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room

Block Watch Meeting September 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm Community Center

WTC Meeting September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 4:00 pm Community Room

September 23, 2019 Planning and Zoning at 5:30 pm

September 23, 2019 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

October 7, 2019 Council Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

October 14, 2019 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

October 28, 2019 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Deer Park Business Association Chili Challenge November 9<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6pm Community Center

### **Events**

Music in the Park September 14, 2019 from 8 till 11pm (The REMAINS)

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Tassell motioned to adjourn. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Gavin – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr.

Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

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President of Council

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