

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

The clerk read the roll. Mr. Camp, Mr. Daily, Ms. Downs, Mr. Feldhaus, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Westmark, Mayor Donnellon. All members present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Westmark motioned to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 Public Hearings, and the April 17, 2023 Council Meeting. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

### **Oath of Office – Police Chief David Battin**

Mayor Donnellon administered the Oath of Office to Chief Dave Battin. Mayor Donnellon congratulated Chief Battin his promotion and thanked him for his leadership and dedication to the City of Deer Park. Chief Battin thanked his family, friends and Deer Park officials and staff for their support and looks forward to continuing the tradition of leading an excellent police department and serving the residents of Deer Park.

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

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark** –

#### **ORDINANCE 2023-06 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK RELATED TO ZONING.**

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. George to give the second reading of Ordinance 2023-06, by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage of Ordinance 2023-06. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION 2023-11 A RESOLUTION ADDING STREETS TO RACK AND BALLAUER EXCAVATING COMPANY, INC.'S AGREEMENT FOR THE 2023 DEER PARK ROAD PAVING PROGRAM.**

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. George to give the reading of Resolution 2023-11, by title only. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

### **Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp**

Mr. Camp noted the April police and fire reports were not complete yet due to the meeting occurring so early in the month.

### **Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs** –

Ms. Downs reported the railroad crossings at Clifford, Duneden and 8212 Blue Ash Road will be replaced at the city's expense and will be leased to the railroad.

### **Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus -**

Mr. Feldhaus reported the first Party in the Park is Saturday, May 6, featuring “Music in the Vinyl Countdown”. Come enjoy music with your friends and neighbors. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

### **Diversity & Inclusion Steering Committee – Neil Kelly**

Mr. Kelly reported the first meeting of the Diversity & Inclusion Steering Committee was held last week. Montgomery Councilman Ken Suer attended to offer advice and ideas for the committee to consider as they develop their vision and action plan. The committee meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to attend.

### **Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous –**

None.

### **Old Business –**

Dr. Jetter encouraged anyone who is accessing their city email due to the new system to call Intrust for help. Mr. Feldhaus noted that he contacted them and they were able to help him get into his city email.

### **New Business**

At 7:29 p.m., Mayor Donnellon motioned to retire to executive session to consider the employment of a public employee or official, per O.R.C. 121.22(G)1. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

At 7:45 p.m., Mayor Donnellon motioned to conclude the executive session and resume the regular meeting. Ms. Downs seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

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

#### **Solicitor –**

Mr. Pacheco commented that it was a pleasure working with Chief Schlie on establishing the charter for the City of Deer Park. Mr. Pacheco added that he is looking forward to working with Chief Battin and is grateful to serve the elected officials, staff and residents of Deer Park.

#### **City Manager –**

- Dr. Jetter noted the city received 9 applications for the maintenance worker position and 3 applications for the tax clerk position. Interviews will be scheduled soon.
- The bid to pave the pathway area by the service entrance came in very favorable, under \$10K.
- The contract for the new music pavilion will be executed this week.
- There have been discussions with the school regarding their purchase of the adjoining property and impending request for additional parking. Dr. Jetter informed the school they will have to partner with the city on resolving the existing parking lot repairs, or the city will make the repairs and they will have to lease parking from the city.

#### **Mayor Donnellon –**

- Mayor Donnellon encouraged everyone to venture out for the first Party in the Park on Saturday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

### **Schedule**

May 15, 2023 Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

**Community Events**

May 16, 2023 Block Watch 7:00 pm at the Community Center.

May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day Parade begins at Silverton Train Station at 10:00 a.m.

**Party in the Park**

May 6

May 20

June 3

June 17

July 1

July 22

August 19

September 23

**Days in the Park Festival**

August 4 & 5

**Adjournment**

Ms. Downs motioned to adjourn. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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John Donnellon  
Mayor

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Meredith George  
Clerk of Council