

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
July 22, 2019

President Daily opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

The Clerk of Council read the roll. Mr. Camp, Ms. Culver, Mr. Gavin, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell. Ms. Culver motioned to excuse Mr. Gavin. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Tassell motioned to approve the amended minutes from the July 8, 2019 City Council Meeting and the July 11, 2019 Special Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Rapp. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – no, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Helmes introduced Mr. Chris Liu as a great asset to our city. Mr. Liu stated that he lives in the City of Deer Park. He also addressed recent questions as to whether or not we have a new prosecutor and stated that he is the newest one to lead Mayor's court and President Daily announced that Mr. Liu is appointed by the Chief of Police and the Law Director. Ms. Culver, Ms. Newsom and Mayor Donnellon thanked Mr. Liu. Discussion ensued. Mr. Tassell motioned to ratify Mr. Liu's appointment. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

***Eileen Thorpe – 7607 Plainfield Road*** – Ms. Thorpe asked if there is a limit on election signs being placed in yards. She also asked and expressed concern regarding the growing deer population.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

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

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

Mr. Tassell announced the Legislative and Finance report. Ms. Culver asked questions on outstanding checks, STOTA dues and two recent charges along with inquiring on what is US Bank's institutional plan. Mr. Tassell stated that the June 2019 Legislative and Finance report is filed as reported.

#### **June 2019 JEDZ Report**

Mr. Tassell stated that the June 2019 JEDZ Report is filed as reported.

### **RESOLUTION 2019-17 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 (SECOND READING)**

Mr. Tassell motioned for adoption of Resolution 2019-17. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Ms. Culver stated that she is voting no on this due to the Auditor's salary not having a separate resolution outside of this one and because she is concerned that the Auditor underestimates and overestimates our budget and she cannot vote for a deficit

budget. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – no, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2019-20 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS CLIFFORD ROAD FUND FOR THE CLIFFORD ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. CB09w/CB10W WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Tassell motioned for adoption of Resolution 2019-20. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2019-21 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, OHIO, THE QUESTION: “SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER?” AND FOR THE ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHARTER COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Tassell motioned to amend Ordinance 2019-21 with the addition of 14 names for the Charter Commission. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. The names are: Mark Manning, Joe Comer, Donna Reno, Tom Reno, Mike Icenogle, Jackie Jarvis, Casey Berling, Chris Hedger, Carl Marshall, Regina Tassell, David Kreuter, John Lavalley, David Chachoff and Maryhelen Tegenkamp. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Tassell motioned to amend Ordinance 2019-21 with the addition of a 15<sup>th</sup> name, Mark Harris. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Tassell motioned to move Ordinance 2019-21 to the third reading. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

**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**

Mr. Tassell motioned to waive the three reading rule for Ordinance 2019-22. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – no, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion not carried. Mr. Tassell motioned to move Ordinance 2019-22 to the second reading and was seconded by Ms. Newsom. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2019-23 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY'S CREDIT/DEBIT CARD POLICY AND VOUCHER AND REIMBURSEMENT POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOUSE BILL 312 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Tassell motioned to waive the three reading rule for Resolution 2019-23. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Tassell motioned for adoption for Resolution 2019-23 and was seconded by Mr. Camp. Ms. Culver asked questions regarding who has a city credit card and who is the compliance officer of these cards. Mr. Camp – yes, Ms. Culver – yes, Mr. Lehane – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Rapp – yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

**Safety Committee \*Chairman Tom Camp**

Mr. Camp announced that there is nothing to report at this time and offered to answer any questions anyone might have however no questions were asked at this time.

**Public Works Committee \*Chairman Mike Rapp  
2019 Road Project**

Mr. Rapp announced that the road project begins the week of August 12, 2019.

**FW: 190313**

Mr. Jetter gave an update on the 7/16/19 preliminary construction meeting on the Blue Ash Road project along with other timeline updates on Duke Energy and Cincinnati Bell work being done as well.

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

**New Business**

**Charter Form of Government**

Mr. Tassell stated now that we have our 15 volunteers as we get closer to the next steps of the Charter Commission process we will get periodic updates about the timeline as we go.

**OML/BWC**

Mr. Tassell mentioned that we have received emails that PTSD is not being covered for employees. He encourages the fire department to move in that direction of getting assistance for employees that need PTSD help and stated that we will have conversations coming up.

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

**Reports from other City Officials**

**Treasurer** – Mrs. Chachoff mentioned that the Dryer family needs help getting their house ready for their son coming home from the hospital.

**Law Director** – Mr. Helmes stated that he will not be at the August 5, 2019 meeting.

**Auditor** – Mr. Applegate announced that the state audit is still ongoing.

**Safety Service Director** – Mr. Jetter announced that he is involved in a study for wound and septic care with UC Health and introduced a portable light/wand that is being used in this research project.

**Mayor** – Mayor Donnellon announced that he received an email from Ms. Culver this week regarding an award that was presented to our city last December by We THRIVE! In the email it shows that Mr. Gavin accepted this award on council’s behalf and had his photo taken that appears in a newspaper article. Mayor Donnellon asked Ms. Culver why the rest of city council was not notified nor invited. Ms. Culver stated that everyone should have received an invitation. Ms. Culver is our contact person for the We THRIVE! program. Mayor Donnellon wondered where the award is now and inquired of Ms. Culver if she is an admin on the We THRIVE! Deer Park Facebook page or not? Ms. Culver stated yes, she is one of the administrators or not. When Mayor asked who else is an administrator of the page Ms. Culver refused to provide the other admin’s name(s). Mayor Donnellon also stated that this award does not appear on the We THRIVE! Deer Park Facebook page and stressed the importance of transparency as Mr. Gavin refers to frequently.

### **Schedule**

August 5, 2019 Council Committee Meeting 7 pm  
(Brad Ruwe from Dinsmore Law Residential TIF Presentation)  
August 12, 2019 Council Meeting 7 pm

### **Events**

July 31, 2019 Hamilton Cty. Library Listening Session Amity Elementary 6:30–8:30 pm  
August 2 and 3, 2019 Days in the Park Festival  
August 8, 2019 We Thrive! Meeting in the Community Room 7 pm  
August 17, 2019 Music in the Park - Paisley Caine 8 - 11pm  
August 22, 2019 World Trade Center Committee in the Community Room 4 pm

### **Adjournment**

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

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President of Council

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Joan Perin  
Clerk of Council